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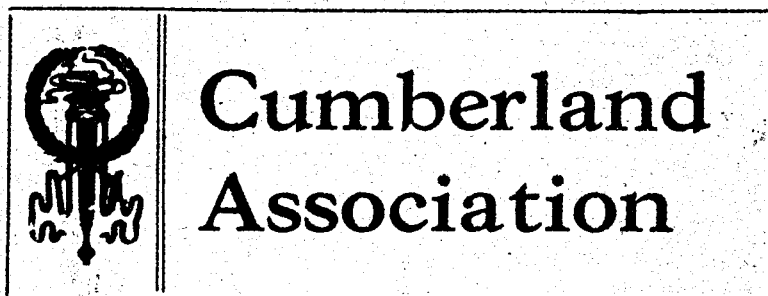
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Roll Call.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Appointment of Devotional Committee.
5. Appointment of Committee to Arrange Committees.
6. Reading letters from various Churches.
7. Reading letters of petition and requests.
8. Reading of various reports.
9. Adjournment.

Thursday

1. Devotional Services.
2. Reading Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reading of various church letters and committee reports.
4. Adjournment for lunch.
5. Devotional Services.
6. Roll Call.
7. Various reports.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

Friday

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reading of Minutes of previous day.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. Adjournment.

EIGHTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

The Eighty-Second Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Freewill Baptist Church met with Mt. Zion Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., on Wednesday, October 21, 1925.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. Oliver. Text: John 4: 34.

Wednesday Afternoon

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. D. Duncan. Roll call showed that a quorum was present and the organization followed.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected Moderator, and Rev. D. T. Armstrong Assistant Moderator; G. W. Fambrough, Recording Secretary, and Rev. Wm. H. Oliver, Reading Clerk.

The Devotional Committee composed of Bro. R. L. Williams, Bro. Marion Read and Rev. D. T. Armstrong, was appointed by the Moderator.

The regular order of business was suspended and Bro. C. K. Dunn, representing the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina, was invited to sit in council with us, after which he made an able talk on the progress of the church in his state.

The Moderator appointed the Chairmen of the following committees:

Temperance—G. T. Harris.
Missions—W. B. Davenport.
Finance—W. B. Walker.
Education—L. O. Burroughs.
Sunday School and Literature—J. L. Welch.
Obituaries—W. S. Simpson.

Petition and Request—G. W. Fambrough, D. T. Armstrong and A. D. Duncan.

The Devotional Committee reported that Rev. W. B. Davenport preached at Mt. Zion Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., and Rev. L. L. Welch preach Thursday 11:00 a. m. Rev. A. D. Duncan preach Thursday 7:30 p. m. and Rev. J. E. Hudgens preach Friday 11:00 a. m.

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The following churches were represented by letter and delegate: Bethel, Bethlehem, Brandon's Chapel, Cofer Chapel, Craigfield, Dunbars Chapel, Emanuel's Chapel, Good Springs, Heads, Marrowbone, Miller's Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Zion, New Hope, Oak Grove, Oaklawn, Oakwood, Rock Springs, Royal Chapel, Scotts Chapel, Shady Grove, Spring Hill, Stony Point, West Nashville, East Nashville, Ashland City, Gorman, Oakland.

Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, delegate representing the Free Will Baptist Ladies Aid of Tennessee, submitted their report. It was read and adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

Petitionary letters were called for and Ashland City, East Nashville and Gorman presented petitionary letters which were referred to Committee on Petition and Request. (See Report No. 2.)

On motion time was set for the business hours from 9:30 a. m. till 11:00 a. m. Adjourn for devotional services and meet again at 1:00 p. m. and adjourn at 3:00 p. m.

Sunday School report from New Hope Church was read, received and ordered placed in the Minutes. (See Report No. 3.)

On motion the house adjourned till Thursday, 9:30 a. m.

Thursday Morning

The house was called to order by Moderator, after song service by choir and prayer by Rev. Walter Paul, of Columbia, Tenn. Roll call showed a quorum present. The Moderator declared the session open for business.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Ladies Aid letter from Oakwood was read and received.

Bro. D. T. Waynick, who was appointed to investigate Antioch Church and report its condition, reported that it was not active and recommended the sale of it. His report was adopted, and on motion the Moderator appointed Rev. G. M. Pruitt to advertise the property and sell for cash, and turn proceeds into the Associational Treasurer, and make report at the next session of our body.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Literature reported; was read and adopted. (See report No. 4.)

The report of Temperance Committee was read, received and adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

The report of the Committee on Missions was received and adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

The hour having arrived for devotional service, the house adjourned till 1:00 o'clock p. m.

Rev. J. L. Welch delivered an able and spiritual sermon from Acts 13: 2-5, after which a bountiful dinner was served by the community.

Thursday Evening

The Association was called to order by Rev. J. E. Hudgins, Moderator, and after devotional services, roll call showed a quorum present. The business session was declared open for what might properly come before it.

The report of the Committee on Obituary was received, read and adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

The Committee on Education and Literature reported. It was received, read and adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Bro. C. K. Dunn, of Ayden, N. C., delegate for Free Will Baptist of his State, was called on to make a statement in regard to the printing establishment of Free Will Baptist Publishing Co., of which institution he is superintendent. He explained that it was a non-profit bearing institution, and that it was in need of more equipment, and it being the official publishing company of the Free Will Baptist of the United States. On motion the Association voted to purchase two hundred dollars stock in the corporation. One hundred and eighty dollars were subscribed by public donation for this cause.

The Association adjourned to meet Friday, 9:30 a. m.

Friday Morning

After devotional exercises of song by choir and prayer by Rev. J. H. Oliver, the Association was called to order by Moderator. Roll call found quorum present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Rev. J. L. Welch was appointed by the Moderator to meet with the Ladies Aid of the State and help devise plans by which Missionaries may be placed for work.

The Ladies Aid report of Oakwood was received, read and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer was received, read and adopted, (See Report No. 9.)

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The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

The house adjourned till 1:00 p. m.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens preached the 11:00 o'clock sermon from Romans, 12th chapter.

Friday Afternoon

Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Moderator, called the house to order at 1:00 p. m. A quorum being present, the Association was declared open for business.

On motion we go into the election of place to hold our next Annual Association. Dunbar's Chapel and Oakwood were placed in nomination. The vote was in favor of Dunbar's Chapel.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. Walter Paul were elected to represent us in the next General Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of the United States, which meets in Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday before the last Sunday in May, 1926.

Motion carried that present officers of the Association be retained till and during the next annual session of the Association, and that officers be elected at close of next Association for the year following.

On motion the Recording Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes and be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

Rev. Walter Paul was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next session of the Association with Rev. Wm. H. Oliver as Alternate.

On motion the Moderator is authorized to appoint substitutes for absentees.

Resolutions

With hearts full of gratitude to God for His blessings in our meeting and the appreciation of the brotherly love that has existed in our body, and the fairness and justice rendered by our officials, also the liberal support of same by the church and community; therefore be it

Resolved, 1st, That this body close with appropriate praise and prayer.

Second—That we give a rising vote of thanks to the Moderator and other officers and committeemen of our body for their faithful performance of duty assigned them.

Third—That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the community for their liberal support and hospitality shown us during our session here in their midst.

Fourth—That we extend a vote of thanks to the F. W. B. of North Carolina and to Bro. C. K. Dunn, for the help and influence rendered us, and we invite them again.

Fifth—Resolved, That each church in this Association pay into Associational Treasurer for Associational purpose (\$5.00) five dollars each year.

On motion thw Association adjourned to meet with Dunbar's Chapel, Stewart County, Tenn., on Wednesday efore the fourth Sunday in October, 1926.

J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Clerk.

REPORTS

(No. 1)

The Ladies A id Societies of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee

To the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Mt. Zion Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., October 21, 22, 23, 1925. We have chosen our representative, to-wit: Mrs. J. E. Hudgins, and our statistics are as follows:

Number of Ladies Aid organized during the year are as follows: Royal Chapel, Columbia, Tenn., Oakwood, East Nashville, West Nashville and Oakland. Number of Societies to date, 18. Financial ststistics are as follows.:

BETHLEHEM

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 40.84
Amount collected during the year	95.86
	\$136.70
Disbursements	109.72
	\$ 26.98
Balance	

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BETHEL

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 8 73
Amount collected during the year	255 87
Disbursements	\$264 60
Balance	\$ 20 81

HEADS

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 4 73
Collected during the year	148 59
Disbursements	\$153 32
Balance	\$ 7 87

ROCK SPRINGS

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 38 15
Collected during the year	37 85
Disbursements	\$ 76 00
Balance	\$ 46 45
Disbursements	29 55

NEW HOPE

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 49 50
Collected	185 83
Disbursements	\$235 33
Balance	174 69
Balance	\$ 60 64

OAKLAWN

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 45 54
Collected	109 61
Disbursements	\$155 15
Balance	94 00
Balance	\$ 61 15

ASHLANC CITY

Amount on hand first of year	\$ 49 02
Collected	448 46
Disbursements	\$492 48
Balance	416 00
Balance	\$ 81 48

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COFER'S CHAPEL

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$324 65
Collected.....	611 55
	\$936 24
Disbursements.....	599 90
Balance.....	\$336 34

EAST NASHVILLE

Collected during year.....	\$ 1,540 87
Disbursements.....	437 53
Balance.....	\$ 1,103 34

REPORT OF THE STATE TREASURER

ORPHANAGE FUNDS

To amount from last report.....	\$ 1,545 98
To amount received.....	474 07
Total.....	\$ 2,020 05

CONVENTION DUES, ETC.

Amount to balance from last report.....	\$ 125 85
Amount collected during the year.....	56 55
	\$ 182 40
Disbursements.....	23 00
Balance.....	\$ 159 40

SUMMARY

Total amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 2,232 14
Total amount collected.....	3,977 15
	\$ 6,209 29
Total disbursements.....	2,273 63
Balance.....	\$ 3,935 66

The Societies have made 4,256 visits to see the sick during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ED. PARKER, President.

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

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(No. 2)

Petition and Request

We your Committee on Petition and Request submit the following:

We received three petitionary letters, one from Ashland City, one from East Nashville, and one from Gorman, all in Tennessee, asking admission into this Association, and after investigation we recommend that they be received and their delegates be invited to seats. Committee:

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

A. D. DUNCAN.

(No. 3)

New Hope Sunday School Report

To Cu,berland Association of Free Will Baptist Churches:

	Total			Average		
	Enrolled	Present	Chapters	Collection	Pres. Chapt.	Col.
Beginners.....	13	167	113	\$1 29	7	5 .06
Juniors.....	12	280	568	2 49	9	16 .08
Intermediates.....	28	498	919	4 88	12	23 .12
Seniors.....	14	448	779	11 51	11	19 .30
Adult Class.....	15	179	419	2 25	4	11 .05
Men's Bible Class.....	12	362	1215	7 73	9	31 .20
Officers.....	4	106			3	
Teachers.....	11	185			6	
Total.....	109	2 215	4 013	30 20	61	105 .81
Collection from Classes.....						\$30 20
Collection from Birthdays.....						\$ 3 93
Total.....						\$34 13

ELMO SIMPSON, Superintendent.

GLADYS FELTS, Secretary.

(No. 4)

Sunday School

We your Committee on Sunday School Work recommend the following:

1. That we urge all our churches to organize and maintain all-the-year or "evergreen" Sunday Schools.
2. That a greater effort be made through the Sunday Schools to arouse and stimulate greater interest among the people in real Bible study.

3. That the superintendent and teachers secure and use more maps of Bible lands and other helps in teaching the Sunday School lessons.

4. That at the earliest possible date we begin to hold special meetings, or institutes, for the Sunday School teachers and workers, in order to enable our people to do more effective work in the churches.

5. That we continue the use of our own literature which is printed at Ayden, N. C.

6. That greater emphasis be given to the doctrines of our church and our people, especially the young, be made more familiar with its teachings.

J. L. WELCH, Chairman.

(No. 5)

Temperance

We your committee submit the following:

We look upon strong drink as one of the greatest menaces to the progress of this nation, and we are trying to free ourselves from this monster evil, and we indorse all the laws for its suppression, and pledge our support to all our faithful officers, especially to our sheriff and deputies. No person can be a good citizen and stand against their country in open rebellion. Therefore they that make, peddle or drink strong drink are a menace to our nation and not only to the nation but are a drawback to the progress of the church, as whiskey makers, peddlers and drinkers in the church are not edifying to the church, but are a beawback and are standing in the way of sinners. Therefore we insist that all our members be total abstainers so the world may know we stand for sobriety and keeping ourselves unspotted, because we have been cleansed by the Blood of Christ. The church is the place for Christians, and we pray that church members live the Christ life.

G. T. HARRIS, Chairman.

J. T. HARRIS.

J. N. HORNER.

(No. 6)

Missions

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to every creature throughout the whole world, and to make possible a greater evangelistic effort, we, your Committee on Missions advise the following:

First—That we call on all our churches and ministers to

pray earnestly that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into the vineyard; and that we constantly urge the young people of our churches to surrender their lives to the Lord for active Christian service.

Second—That we more thoroughly impress upon the minds of our people the necessity of the giving of their money as the Lord requires to make possible the salvation of the world.

Third—That each pastor in our Association be required to hold at least one service annually entirely in the interest of missions and make a special effort to collect the amount apportioned each member for both Home and Foreign Missions, which is at least one dollar per member.

Fourth—That the Mission Board continue to do its work wherever it is most needed.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

J. H. OLIVER.

(No. 7)

Obituary

We your Committee on Obituaries submit the following:

Since it has pleased God to call from our ministerial ranks one beloved brother, W. M. Rogers, and some of our lay members, we extend to their families and friends our heartfelt sympathy, and point them to One that does all things well, and trust that our loss is Heaven's gain.

W. S. SIMPSON, Chairman.

(No. 8.)

Education and Literature

As Chairman of the Education Committee of last Association, I submit the following:

1. That Board of Education be retained and they be instructed to carry out the program formerly outlined for them.

2. That the board be instructed to continue to raise funds for the Educational and Orphanage campaign both in cash and subscription, and insist upon all churches to take part in this work.

3. That any young man or lady aspiring to the gospel ministry or church work take advantage of this free opportunity offered by the Board of Education before presenting him or herself for ministerial or special work.

4. We urge each church in the Association to make special efforts to collect all pledges of each individual that have been pledged.

Literature

1. That we continue to insist on the use of our own literature. We especially insist upon all the churches in our Association to use the Free Will Baptist Literature of Ayden, N. C.

2. That we approve the literature of the Free Will Baptist League, and urge each church to support the work, as this is the training work of the church.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Chairman.

W. B. WALKER.

A. D. DUNCAN.

(No. 9)

Treasurer's Report**ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

Oct. 23—To balance from last report.....	\$ 8 45
Interest on deposit.....	34
Oct. 23—To amount from Oak Grove Church.....	5 00
Cash balance.....	\$ 13 79

HOME MISSIONS

October 23—To balance from last report.....	\$201 99
To interest on deposit.....	6 28
To amount from Bethel.....	18 50
To amount from Oak Grove.....	12 25
To amount from Oaklawn.....	6 00
To amount from Royal Chapel.....	9 00
To amount from Rock Springs.....	6 45
To amount from Shady Grove.....	3 85
To amount from Bethlehem.....	2 25
To amount from Cofer's Chapel.....	25 50
To amount from New Hope.....	8 50
To amount from Heads.....	13 33
To amount from Oakwood.....	2 52
To amount received on West Nashville Church.....	15 00
Total.....	\$331 44

DISBURSEMENTS

Expense to the General Conference.....	\$ 79 94
Dues to the National Conference.....	10 00
	89 94
Balance.....	\$241 50

MINUTES OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONS

To balance from last report.....	\$ 81 92
To amount from Bethel.....	18 50
To amount from Oak Grove.....	2 00
To amount from Oaklawn.....	6 00
To amount from Shady Grove.....	1 60
To amount from Bethlehem.....	2 25
To amount from Cofer's Chapel.....	25 50
To amount from New Hope.....	8 50
To amount from Heads.....	13 32
To amount from Oakwood.....	2 53
To amount from Rock Springs.....	6 45
To interest on deposit.....	3 28
Balance.....	<u>\$171 85</u>

EDUCATIONAL AND ORPHANAGE FUNDS

To amount from last report.....	\$ 624 53
To amount received during the year.....	1,583 39
To amount interest on deposit.....	19 40
Total.....	<u>\$2,227 32</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

To Mrs. J. E. Hudgens.....	\$ 219 70
To Wm. Henry Oliver for school.....	545 00
To Oscar Davis for school.....	155 00
To check returned.....	20 00
To expense for stamps.....	55
To expense for campaign.....	17 90
To colportage account.....	267 70
	<u>1,225 85</u>
Balance.....	<u>\$1,001 47</u>

COLPORTAGE FUNDS

To 5 per cent on \$5,353.90.....	\$267 70
To interest on deposit.....	5 70
Balance.....	<u>\$273 40</u>

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

(No. 10)

Report of Finance Committee

We have examined the Secretary and Treasurer's report and find it correct.

We also have collected \$53.16 for Minutes of the Association.
W. B. WALKER, Chairman.

RESOLUTION OF 1916

Resolved, That the Deacons, Stewards, Secretary and Treasurer of each church who has been elected by the church shall constitute the Executive Committee and that it shall be their duty to devise plans and means by which their church shall be financed and we would further recommend that this committee meet at the beginning of the pastoral year and estimate the total cost of financing their church, and then proportion this amount among the members of the church according to their means and ability.

Resolved, 2nd, That each pastor shall call the above mentioned committee together at the beginning of his pastoral year and instruct them as to their duty and, should the said pastor fail or neglect this duty he shall be held accountable to the next Annual Presbytery.

Resolved, 3rd, That the pastor shall be the presiding officer of the above mentioned committee.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery met at closing of the Association. Rev. J. H. Oliver was elected Moderator and G. W. Fambrough, Clerk. The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: J. E. Hudgens, D. T. Armstrong, W. B. Davenport, J. L. Welch, and A. D. Duncan.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows: We received application for ordination of Bro. Walter Paul, of Columbia, Tenn., and after due examination, we recommend that he be ordained to the full work of the ministry.

The Presbytery proceeded to ordain Bro. Paul by prayer and laying on of hands. The charge being read by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

The Clerk was ordered to write Rev. J. W. Clouse's credentials.

The Presbytery then adjourned to meet at the close of the next Annual Association.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Armstrong, D. T.—R. 1, Thomasville, Tenn.
Ayers, W.—R. 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Boyte, John W.—Nashville, Tenn., 1500 Arthur Ave.
Brake, J.—Cumberland City, Tenn.
Brown, W. A.—McClellan Station, R. 7, Nashville, Tenn.
Castile, W. M.—R. 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Carrol, W. R.—R. 1, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Clouse, J. W.—R. 12, Robson Street, West, Nashville, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B.—R. 1, Box 66, Ashland City, Tenn.
Duncan, A. D.—1601 9th Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Elliot, J. R.—R. 2, Charlotte, Tenn.
Free, E. M.—Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W.—R. 3, East Station, Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joseph F.—R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Gower, G. E.—R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.—R. 1, Joelton, Tenn.
Holt, S. B. B.—R. 6, Box 148, Nashville, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.—R. 2, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Horner, J. W.—R. 1, Dickson, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.—R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Miles, E. F.—R. 1, Cheap Hill, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H.—Clarksville, Tenn.
Oliver, Wm. Henry—318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Paul, Walter—Columbia, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H.—R. 6, Nashville, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.—R. 12, West Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Royal, L.—202 Carpenter Street, Columbia, Tenn.
Sullivan, W. B.—R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
Waggoner, W. B.—Erin, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.—1610 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Licentiates

Bagwell, James—R. 1, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Burgess, A. J.—Tennessee City, Tenn.
Davis, Oscar—Nashville, Tenn.
Hembree, F. A.—R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.
Polston, G. W.—Nashville, Tenn., 239 Woodlawn, St.
Simpkins, F. M.—Ashland City, Tenn.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

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- Antioch—Not represented.
Ashland City—Miss Mary Patton, and Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, alternate.
Bethel—W. S. Nicholson, and W. R. Hollis, alternate.
Bethlehem—J. T. Harris and W. T. Perry.
Brandon's Chapel—Freeman Robertson.
Cofer's Chapel—L. O. Burroughs.
Craigfield—W. H. Stinson.
Cross Roads—Not represented.
Dunbar's Chapel—J. W. Bright, and M. R. Richardson, alternate.
East Nashville—Mrs. Fred Polston, Demps Teasly, alternate.
Emanuel Chapel—James Gilliam.
Good Spring—Mrs. Mary Maxey, Mrs. Mayes Woodson, alt.
Gorman—W. E. Parker.
Greenwood—Not represented.
Heads—Grover Ellis.
Marrowbone—W. E. Davis, Cleveland Carny, alternate.
Midway—Not represented.
Miller's Chapel—A. D. Okain, W. S. Simpson, alternate.
Mt. Pleasant—R. F. Biggs.
Mt. Zion—R. L. Williams.
New Hope—Elmo Simpson.
Oak Grove—D. W. Sensing, F. W. Wicks, alternate.
Oaklawn—G. W. Walker, D. T. Winters, alternate.
Oakland—J. M. Brent, Thomas Brent, alternate.
Oakwood—W. T. Gower.
Olivet—Not represented.
Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
Rock Spring—W. N. Mayberry.
Royal Chapel—Arthur L. Paul.
Scotts Chapel—J. W. Adams, Mark Nolen, alternate.
Shady Grove—Ewing Fort, Dara A. Bagwell, alternate.
Shaw's Chapel—Not represented.
Smith's Grove—Not represented.
Spring Hill—Mrs. J. A. Spain.
Stoney Point—Ed. Waynick.
Union Hill—Not represented.
West Nashville—Alice Pendergrass.

OAKWOOD LADIES AID REPORT

Our Society was organized July 5, 1925, with ten members. We now have twenty-two on roll, with twenty active members.

We have collected	\$46 45
Paid out for paint	44 95
Balance	\$ 1 50

LAURA SETTLE, President.

MRS. R. E. MITCHEL, Sec'y-Treas.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

J. W. CLOUSE

Churches in charge, 1; name, Mt. Pleasant.	
Sermons preached	156
Conversions witnessed	5
Prayer meetings conducted	58
Received into the church	5
Baptized	5
Funerals conducted	5
Marriages solemnized	5
Homes visited	58
Miles traveled	300
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in church	1
Received for services from Mt. Pleasant	\$ 80 00
From other sources	56 00
Condition of work, spiritually and financially, good.	

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge, 4: Bethel, Heads, New Hope, Rock Springs	
Sermons preached	108
Conversions witnessed	70
Received into the church	76
Baptized	60
Funerals conducted	2
Homes visited	200
Miles traveled	23 00
Revivals assisted in	5
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches:	

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Bethel.....	\$184 85
New Hope.....	175 00
Heads.....	112 72
Rock Springs.....	118 75
Other sources.....	119 50

Total.....\$710 82

Churches in very good condition, both spiritually and financially.

L. B. H. GREEN

Churches in charge, 3: Scott's Chapel, Emanuel's Chapel, Hurricane Chapel.

Sermons preached.....	104
Conversions witnessed.....	91
Received into the church.....	77
Baptized.....	71
Funerals conducted.....	2
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Homes visited.....	159
Miles traveled.....	2462
Revivals held in above churches.....	4
Revivals assisted in.....	3
Received from above churches:	
Scotts Chapel.....	\$ 59 00
Emanuel's Chapel.....	27 85
Gorman.....	80 00
From other sources.....	28 85

Total.....\$195 70

Condition of churches good. I organized one church at Gorman with twenty-six members; we now have forty-seven.

S. B. B. HOLT

I have no churches in charge. My work has been among churches without pastors.

Sermons preached.....	15
Prayer meeting conducted.....	1
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Funerals conducted.....	1
Homes visited.....	1
Miles traveled.....	100
Revival assisted in.....	1
Received for services.....	\$ 10 00

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WM. HENRY OLIVER

Church in charge, 1: East Nashville.

Sermons preached.....	108
Conversions witnessed.....	36
Prayer meetings conducted.....	9
Received into the church.....	8
Marriages solemnized.....	3
Homes visited.....	20
Miles traveled.....	500
Revivals assisted in.....	6
Received from church.....	\$196 00
Received from other sources.....	20 00
Total.....	\$216 00

Condition of work, spiritually and financially, good. The fact that I spent practically all the summer in school made it impossible to do much evangelistic work. WM. HENRY OLIVER

WALTER PAUL

I have no churches in charge. I have assisted the pastor at Royal Chapel, Columbia, Tenn.

Sermons preached.....	100
Conversions witnessed.....	30
Prayer meetings conducted.....	30
Received into the church.....	23
Baptized.....	10
Funerals attended.....	2
Marriages solemnized.....	1
Homes visited.....	42
Miles traveled.....	284
Revivals assisted.....	1
Received for services.....	\$ 50 00

Condition of church good, financially and spiritually.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge, 3: West Nashville, Royal Chapel, Oakland

Sermons preached.....	100
Prayer meetings held.....	30
Miles traveled.....	1000
Revivals held.....	5
Marriages.....	1
Funerals.....	4
Received for services.....	\$119 00

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J. H. OLIVER

Churches in charge.....	4
Sermons preached.....	80
Conversions witnessed.....	26
Received into the church.....	9
Baptized.....	8
Received for services.....	\$346 00

J. L. WELCH

Churches in charge, 1: Cofer's Chapel.....	
Sermons preached.....	122
Conversions witnessed.....	42
Received into the church.....	39
Baptized.....	32
Funerals conducted.....	19
Marriages solemnized.....	9
Homes visited.....	50
Miles traveled.....	2200
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Revival held in above church.....	1
Received from church.....	\$ 1,368 00
Received from other sources.....	79 75
Total.....	\$ 1,447 75

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament are words of Divine Inspiration, given to Abraham's children, and that the New Testament contains the only proper rules for faith of the Christian churches.

ART. 3. We believe in the depravity of man, and man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition without a Divine Mediator.

ART. 4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the Scriptures, suffered and died upon the cross, and thereby made full atonement for every human being; and by His obedient life, satisfactory death, triumphant resurrection and glorious ascension, ever advocating at His Father's throne, hath bought an everlasting salvation for every sinner that will repent, believe and obey His word.

ART. 5. We believe that the faithful Christian will never fall from Grace; notwithstanding we believe in the free moral agency of man after justification, and that there is possible danger of falling into sin and being finally lost.

ART. 6. We believe according to the Scriptures: Paul's letter to the Hebrews, 6th Chapter, 1st to 7th verses, that after a man has been partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible to ever renew him again unto repentance, or restore him again into the favor of God.

ART. 7. We believe Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saint's feet are all ordinances ordained and instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and the proper mode of baptism is immersion, and that it is the duty of believers to attend these ordinances.

ART. 8. We believe in the general judgment of the joys of the righteous, and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. 9. We believe, according to the Scriptures, 1st Cor. 10:16, that each individual, having been indused into the Kingdom of Christ by an operative influence of the Holy Ghost, and having faith to exercise the free dictation of his own conscience, is in communion with saints.

ART. 10. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, in a passive state and thereby adopting them heirs of His Kingdom.

GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to one vote; and each church having more than fifty members shall have one vote for the first fifty, and one vote for every additional fifty members or fraction thereof. These votes shall be cast by one delegate from each of the various churches and this delegate shall be duly elected by the church to cast these votes. A roll call shall be made on all important questions when desired.

2. In the letter from each church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, restoration, number dismissed by letter, excluded, died since last Association, and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for ensuing year, names of deacons and their addresses, names of Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary and addresses, enrollment of Sunday School, and also amount collected since last Association, and amount paid out to pastor, to missionary, to minutes, and to

any other expenses may have had, and amount left in treasury.

3. All subordinate churches shall be subject to the rulings of this Association.

4. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper code of rules which they are authorized to establish for themselves.

5. They may elect a Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer from among themselves, and they shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except withdrawn by consent.

7. New churches may be received into the union, who shall petition by letter or delegate, if they have been regularly organized upon a profession of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are walking according to the gospel order.

8. This Association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the amount of money sent by each church; and in order to enable the Association to print their minutes, it is expected that each church will send up such sums of money as they think proper, and when received shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the Association.

9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and deacons who shall come with recommendations from their churches, and try all ordained members for unchristian conduct, there shall be an annual Presbytery, which shall convene at the close of the Association at the same time and place, and at any time during the Associational year, if called by Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery, who deem it necessary to make such a call. Said Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applications for ordination sent up with recommendation from their churches composing this Association and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by prayer and laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for unchristian conduct and on testimony their decision shall be final.

10. It shall be the duty of each minister who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same. Also, his duty to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge.

11. No person shall be ordained to the ministry until he is able to fill the requirements of Paul's first letter to Timothy 3, and this be tested by the Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall have full power to propound Scriptural questions as they see

proper and all candidates shall be required to answer them satisfactorily.

12. This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

13. All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority, except excluding churches, which shall receive a concurrence of two-thirds.

14. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

15. The minutes of this Association shall be read before them, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and the Clerk.

16. This Association may adjourn at any time and place it may think proper, so as to confine it among the churches composing the same.

17. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing the Association voting in behalf of the amendment.

18. When this Association shall have convened, it is the privilege of all ordained members belonging to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptists to sit in council with us and propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegated by the church.

RULES OF DECORUM

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the Moderator, and the person addressing shall arise to his feet.

The brother shall not be interrupted during his speech by any one except the Moderator, except he violates order. The person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate, nor cast any personal reflections toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject, without leave of a majority of the Association.

No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.

No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association. Members shall use the word "brother" or "brethren" in all debates.

The names of the members of this body shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as necessary, provided a call be made by a member of the Association.

No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time without leave of the Moderator.

Any member who shall wilfully and knowingly violate any of these rules, shall be reported by the Moderator and be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in Council, this Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1867, as a standing decorum though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES All in Tennessee	Rec'd by Experience...	Received by Letter...	Rec'd by Recommend'n.	Dismissed by Letter...	Excluded...	Deceased...	No. of Members.....	Day of Meeting.....	Value of Church Property.....	Paid Pastor.....	Paid Assistant.....	Paid for Minutes.....
Ashland City.....	Miss Mary Patton.....	Ashland City.....	15	1	1	1	4	216	26	1-3	\$ 4,000 00	604 53		2 00
Bethel.....	R. M. Fambrough.....	Neptune.....	6	1	1	1	4	216	26	1-3	2,000 00	184 83	75 00	3 00
Bethlehem.....	C. F. Reid.....	Ashland City.....	6	1	1	1	4	270	26	2-3	2,000 00	175 23		3 00
Brandon's Chapel.....	J. B. Burke.....	Bumpus Mill.....	6	1	1	1	4	169	26	2-3	1,200 00			2 25
Colton Chapel.....	Ethel Leigh.....	Nashville.....	38	1	1	1	20	328	4	All	1,000 00	1 38		1 95
Craigfield.....	W. H. Stinson.....		1					30	3	All	4,000 00			5 00
Cross Roads.....			1								400 00			1 70
Dunbars Chapel.....	M. R. Richardson.....	Cumberland City.....	2					33	4	4	200 00	100 00	21 27	2 00
East Nashville.....	Ruth Stewart.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	25	1	1	1		28	All	All	850 00	196 00	15 00	
Emmanuel Chapel.....	Miss May Rector.....		4					48	3		500 00	26 95		
Good Springs.....	T. W. Colfer.....	Pleasant View.....	4					52	2	4	1,500 00	52 00		
Gormaa.....	E. W. Parker.....	Gorman.....	48				1	1	45	4		80 00		
Greenwood.....			30	3	3	3		250	3	3	2,500 00		53 15	3 00
Heads.....	G. E. Gower.....	Cedar Hill.....												
Hurricane Chapel.....														
Indian Mound.....														
Marrowbone.....	Lula Williams.....	Ashland City.....						32	2	2	1,000 00			1 60
Maple Valley.....	W. S. Simpson.....	Chapmansboro.....						19	3	3	500 00			1 00
Midway.....	F. B. Cagle.....	Jociton.....	7	1	1	1	3	63	1-3	1-3	1,500 00	60 00		1 50
Mt. Zion.....	Walter Dowlen.....	Jociton.....	7	1	1	1	3	110	1	1	2,000 00	173 00		2 05
Mt. Hermon.....														
New Hope.....	Mrs. J. J. Felts.....	Jociton.....	8	1	1	1	1	196	4	1	2,500 00	175 00	27 37	3 00
Oak Grove.....	T. W. Wicks.....	Charlotte.....	3					46	2	2	800 00	150 12		2 00
Oakland.....	Josephine Holt.....	Nashville.....	3					35	2	2	1,000 00	28 00		2 35
Oakwood.....	Mrs. Elsie Gower.....	Thomasville.....	3					290	4	4	2,500 00	125 50		3 50
Olivet.....	W. W. Chisard, Jr.....	Cedar Hill.....	3				3	43	1	1	2,000 00	103 63	11 71	1 30
Pleasant Hill.....														
Rock Springs.....	W. N. Mayberry.....	Neptune.....	2	5	5	5		183	2	2	2,500 00	133 50	32 00	3 81
Royal Chapel.....	W. F. Reese.....	Columbia.....	7	7	7	7	2	271	All	All	2,500 00	81 00	50 00	4 00
Santa Chapel.....	Mary Bullard.....	Cumberland City.....	8				11	63	1	1	1,000 00	56 00	28 00	1 00
Shady Grove.....	Willie B. Felts.....	Woodford.....	8					50	3	3	1,000 00	54 00	14 34	1 00
Smith's Grove.....														
Spring Hill.....	J. A. Spain.....	Vanleer.....	15					58	1	1	500 00	37 17		1 65
Storey Point.....	Mrs. Ella Lilley.....		2					48	1	1	600 00	29 88	32 50	4 00
Union Hill.....														
West Nashville.....	Mrs. Daisy Briggs.....	Nashville.....						60	All	All	1,500 00		6 30	1 50

MINISTER'S REPORT

All ministers are required to fill out a report like this and hand it to the Association next year.

Report for year ending.....192....

Churches in charge.....; names of churches.....

sermons preached.....; conversions witnessed.....;

prayer meetings conducted.....; received into church

.....; baptized.....; funerals conducted.....;

marriages solemnized.....; homes visited.....;

miles traveled.....; revivals assisted in.....; revivals

held in above churches.....; received from above churches

for services.....; received from other sources \$.....;

Total received \$.....

Condition of work spiritually and financially.....

Remarks.....

Signed....., Pastor.

P. O.

State

County.....

Street No.....

R. R.

Church Letter.

..... Freewill Baptist Church at, Tennessee,
..... County.

To the Cumberland Association of the Freewill Baptist Churches when convended at
....., County.....

We have chosen our representative, to-wit:.....

Our statistics are as follows:

By experience	Dismissed by letter
By letter	Excluded
By recommendation	Died
By restoration	

Total members in fellowship

Value of Church Property \$.....

Our day of meeting

Our Pastor

We have called, to pastor us for ensuing year.

Our Sunday School Superintendent is

We have collected for this Year \$.....

We paid our Pastor \$.....

Paid for help in Revival

Paid for Home Missions

Paid Sexton

Paid incidental expenses

Paid for Foreign Missions

For Minutes

Total Expenditures \$.....

Balance \$.....

Done by order of Church, this day of, 192....

....., Moderator.

....., Clerk.

