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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday

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

EIGHTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

The Eighty Third Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Freewill Baptist Church met with Dunbar's Chapel Church, Stewart County, Tenn., on Wednesday, October 20, 1926.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Paul. Text: John 3-5. A very able and spiritual sermon was delivered.

Wednesday Afternoon

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Roll call showed that a quorum was present and the organization followed.

In the absence of the Reading Clerk, Rev. J. H. Oliver was chosen to fill the vacancy.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Rev. L. R. Ennis, from the State Convention of North Carolina, was welcomed by the Moderator.

The Devotional Committee, composed of Bro. S. B. Bright, Bro. L. O. Burroughs and Rev. J. H. Oliver, was appointed by the Moderator and reported as follows:

Rev. Marion Rodgers preach Wednesday night, and Rev. L. R. Ennis at 11 a. m. Thursday. Rev. D. T. Armstrong preach Thursday night and Rev. A. D. Duncan at 11 a. m. Friday.

The following committee was appointed to arrange the several committees: Rev. G. E. Gower, Sister Fanny Polston, Bro. W. S. Nicholson.

Letters from the churches were called for and all read that were ready to report.

Rev. L. R. Ennis, of North Carolina, made an able lecture and gave us much valuable information concerning the Freewill Baptists of North Carolina, stating that there are 301 churches and approximately 30,000 members in that state.

The Committee on Arrangement of Committees made the following report:

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Committee on Temperance—Bro. G. T. Harris, Chairman; Rev. D. T. Armstrong and Rev. Walter Paul.

Missions—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Oliver and Bro. J. T. Eatherly.

Finance—Bro. W. S. Nicholson, Chairman; Bro. Len Fields and Bro. George Walker.

Education—Bro. L. O. Burroughs, Chairman; Bro. G. W. Stack and Rev. L. R. Ennis.

Sunday Schools—Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman; Bro. Johnnie Matthews and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Obituaries—Rev. W. T. Hagewood, Chairman; Rev. G. E. Gower and Bro. Marion Rodgers.

Petitions and Requests—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Chairman; Rev. A. D. Duncan and Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Thursday.—COMMITTEE

Thursday Morning

The house was called to order by the Moderator after song service by Rev. D. T. Armstrong and prayer by Rev. A. D. Duncan.

Minutes read and approved.

Letters were received and read from East Nashville and Craigfield.

The report of the Convention of Ladies' Aid Societies was received, read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance was received and adopted.

Sister Parker, President of the State Convention, requested that all pastors having charge of churches where there are no Ladies' Aid Societies, give the name and address of some active member in each church for the purpose of correspondence with a view to perfecting organizations in all of our churches.

Report of Committee on Education was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries was received and adopted.

We were favored by an interesting talk on Freewill Baptist League work by Bro. Oscar Davis.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools was received and adopted.

Adjourned to 1 p. m.

Thursday Afternoon

House called to order by Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens.
Prayer by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

A letter was received and read from Gorman Church.

Report of Committee on Missions received and adopted.

An excellent report was received and read from the Sunday School at Heads, and an interesting talk on Sunday Schools was made by Miss Annie Laurie Gower.

Bro. L. O. Burroughs was unanimously elected Secretary of Sunday Schools.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. One. That we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Dunbar's Chapel for the splendid hospitality extended this Association during the present sitting.

Resolution No. Two. That we express our very great appreciation for the presence of Rev. L. R. Ennis, of North Carolina, and his splendid contribution to the success of this Associational meeting, and we hereby express our desire for a continuation of our fraternal relations with North Carolina and that they continue to send representative to visit our Annual Association.

Resolved, That Rev. D. T. Armstrong preach the introductory Sermon at our next Annual Association and that Rev. W. B. Davenport be his alternate.

Resolved, That each church in our Association be requested to send five dollars to the Associational Treasurer for use of the Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes of this Association, and that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services.

On motion we go into the election of a place for our next annual sitting. Shady Grove and Oakwood were nominated. Oakwood was elected.

On motion we go into the election of delegates to represent us in the General Conference, which meets with Salem Church in Florida on Wednesday before the third Sunday in June next year. Rev. D. T. Armstrong and Rev. Walter Paul were nominated and were elected delegates to this Conference.

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Rev. J. L. Welch was elected to represent us in the State Convention of North Carolina.

On motion Rev. D. T. Armstrong was elected Moderator of our next Annual Association, and Rev. W. B. Davenport, Assistant Moderator.

Bro. L. O. Burroughs was elected Clerk, and Rev. J. H. Oliver, Reading Clerk.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning

House called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. D. T. Armstrong. Prayer by Rev. A. D. Duncan.

The letter from Mt. Pleasant was received and read.

Report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted. This report showed that our churches had failed to send enough money to pay for our Minutes, and a collection was taken up for this purpose.

On motion the pastors be urged to see that the churches send enough money to pay for our minutes in the future.

Report of Rev. J. H. Oliver, as Home Missionary, was received and adopted.

Rev. A. D. Duncan was elected to take the place of the retiring member of the Home Mission Board, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough was re-elected as a member of this board.

Rev. W. B. Davenport made an inspiring talk on the Educational and Orphanage Campaign.

On motion the Moderator appoint a committee to arrange for the time and place of our Minister's Conference.

The following committee was appointed to draw up a program for the Association next year: Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough. Rev. D. T. Armstrong is ex-officio member of this committee.

Friday Afternoon

House called to order by Assistant Moderator. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

On motion we appoint Bro. C. A. Moery, Bro. C. A. Wolfe and Bro. H. P. Smith to see the members of Indian Mound Church and ascertain whether they desire to continue their church, or to disband, sell the property and unite with our next nearest church, and this committee is requested to report to our Association next year.

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Bro. Henry Abney, Bro. Cleveland Travis, and Bro. George Rittenberry were appointed to obtain the same information from Smith's Grove Church and were requested to report to the next sitting of the Association.

Rev. J. L. Welch was appointed to sell the property of Pickle's Chapel.

Adjourned to meet with Oakwood Church, Robertson County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1927.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

BRO. G. W. FAMBROUGH, Clerk.

REPORTS

Ladies' Aid Convention

We the Ladies' Aid Convention of Freewill Baptist of Tennessee, to the Cumberland Association of Freewill Baptist, when convened with Dunbar's Chapel, Stewart County, Tenn., on Wednesday, October 20, 21, 22, 1926. Have chosen our representative towit: Mrs. Edgar Parker. The following Ladies' Aid Societies were organized during the year: Oak Grove, Brandon's Chapel, Dunbar's Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Spring Hill, Gorman, Sweet Home. Number of Societies to date, 25.

The financial status is as follows: Collected from 13 Societies representing this year, \$3,508.59.

ORPHANAGE FUNDS

From October, 1925, to October, 1926:

To Amount on hand October 9, 1925.....	\$ 2,020 03
From Good Springs.....	5 00
Bethlehem.....	8 00
Mt. Zion.....	6 50
New Hope.....	262 57
Ashland City.....	20 50
Rock Springs.....	23 15
Cofer's Chapel.....	200 00
Bethlehem.....	25 00
G. T. Harris, pledge.....	1,000 00
Interest on Deposit.....	104 00

October 7, 1926, balance on hand.....\$3,674 27

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CONVENTION FUNDS

From October, 1925, to October, 1926:

To amount on hand October 9, 1925.....	\$153 00
From Oaklawn.....	7 00
Bethlehem.....	4 50
Heads.....	6 25
Bethel.....	3 50
New Hope.....	7 00
East Nashville.....	7 00
Rock Springs.....	5 00
Ashland City.....	4 00
Cofer's Chapel.....	12 50
Sweet Home.....	2 00
Dunbar's.....	1 00
Shady Grove.....	1 50
	\$211 75

EXPENDITURES

To N. C. Ptg. Co. for Minutes.....	\$ 24 00
Miss Mary Patton, mailing and transcribing Minutes.....	6 50
Rev. J. H. Oliver.....	100 00
Mrs. Fannie Polston.....	2 50
Balance Act.....	68 75
	\$ 76 75

Total number of visits to the sick, 3,505.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDGAR PARKER, President.

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

Sunday School

Realizing the value of Sunday School work and the importance of its maintainance in all of our churches for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ, as understood and taught by our church, we your committee beg leave to make the following recommendations-

First—That we elect annually a Secretary whose duty it shall be to supervise the Sunday School work in our Association and increase, in every way possible, this important work.

Second—That in order to stimulate a greater spirit of loyalty to our cause, we go on record as condemning, as unloyal and anti-denominational, the use of Sunday School literature published by other people to the exclusion of our own.

Third—That we continue our efforts to arrange special institutes for the Sunday School teachers and workers, in order to enable our people to do more effective work on our churches.

J. L. WELCH, Chairman.

JOHNNY MATTHEWS.

Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following:

We look upon strong drink as one of the greatest menaces to the progress of our nation, and we are trying to free ourselves from this monster evil. We endorse all the laws for its suppression and pledge our support to all our faithful officers, especially to our sheriffs and deputies.

No person can be a good citizen and stand against their county in open rebellion, therefore, they that make, peddle or drink strong drink are a menace to our nation and are a drawback to the progress of the church.

Whiskey makers, peddlers and drinkers in the church are not edifying but are impeding the work of the church and are standing in the way of sinners;

Therefore we insist that all our members be total abstainers, that the world may know that we stand for sobriety and keeping ourselves unspotted from the world because we have been cleansed by the blood of Christ. The church is the place for Christians and we pray that church members live a Christian life.

G. T. HARRIS, Chairman.

REV. W. J. PAUL.

REV. D. T. ARMSTRONG.

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. T. EATHERLY.

J. H. OLIVER.

Obituaries

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following:

Since it has pleased God to call from our ministerial ranks one beloved brother, towit: Bro. J. W. Ayers; and some of our lay members have been called from here to their reward. We tend to the families of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy and point them to one who does all things well. We trust that our loss is Heaven's gain.

REV. W. T. HAGEWOOD, Chairman.

REV. G. E. GOWER.

REV. MARION RODGERS.

Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

1. That the 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 in subscriptions, and insist upon all churches to take a 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 themselves for ministerial or special work, and that they be urged to attend our own institution of learning, Eureka College, Ayden, N. C.

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

L. O. BURROUGHS, Chairman.

G. W. STACK.

L. R. ENNIS.

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 the closing of the Association, October 22, 1926. J. H. Oliver was re-elected Moderator and L. O. Burroughs, Clerk.

The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: J. L. Welch, W. J. Paul, A. D. Duncan, D. T. Armstrong, W. B. Davenport.

On motion, we drop from our ministerial list the following names: Bro. J. W. Ayers, deceased; Bro. W. A. Brown, Bro. L. Royal, and Bro. E. F. Miles.

On motion, the Moderator appoint a committee to appoint the time and place for our Minister's Conference. The following were appointed: J. L. Welch, W. T. Hagewood, W. B. Davenport.

The Ordaining Council reported as follows:

We, your Ordaining Council, beg leave to state that we have examined Bro. Thomas Gillespie, Frank Hembree, H. A. Pilkinton, and J. W. Staggs, as to their standing in their local churches, also on their qualifications and purposes, relative to the ministry, and make the following recommendation and report:

First—That Bro. Thomas Gillespie, J. W. Staggs, and H. A. Pilkinton be ordained and set apart to the full work of the ministry.

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Second—That the application of Bro. Frank Hembree be deferred indefinitely.

Third—That the credentials of Rev. M. W. Rodgers be ratified.

J. L. WELCH.

W. J. PAUL.

A. D. DUNCAN.

D. T. ARMSTRONG.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

On motion, the report of the Council was adopted.

Bro. Rodgers was given a hearty welcome into our body, after which the charge was read to Bro. Staggs and Bro. Pilkinton by Rev. J. L. Welch. (Bro. Gillespie went home and was not present for ordination.)

The Presbytery then proceeded to ordain Bro. Staggs and Bro. Pilkinton by prayer and laying on of hands.

The committee which was appointed to set the time and place for our Minister's Conference, reported as follows:

That we meet with Cofer's Chapel Church, Nashville, Tenn., on Wednesday and Thursday in the Christmas week, December 29th and 30th, 1926.

The report was adopted.

On motion we adjourn to meet at the close of the next Annual Association.

J. H. OLIVER, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Armstrong, D. T.—R. 1, Thomasville, Tenn.

Boyte, John W.—Nashville, Tenn., 1500 Arthur Ave.

Brake, J.—Cumberland City, Tenn.

Castile, W. M.—R. 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.

Carrol, W. R.—R. 1, Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Clouse, J. W.—R. 12, Nashville, Tenn.

Davenport, W. B.—R1, Box 66, Ashland City, Tenn.

Duncan, A. D.—1601 9th St., Nashville, Tenn.

Elliott, 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. 2, Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Holt, S. B. B.—R. 6, Box 148, Nashville, Tenn.

Hagewood, W. T.—324 Franklin St., Clarksville, Tenn.

Horner, J. N.—Joelton, Tenn.

Hudgens, G. E.—R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.

Oliver, J. H.—420 Main St., Clarksville, Tenn.
Oliver, Wm. Henry—Trevecca College, Nashville, Tenn.
Paul, Walter—Columbia, Tenn.
Pilkinton, H. A.—R. 6, Columbia, Tenn.
Pickle, C. H.—McEwen, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.—R. 12, West St., Nashville, Tenn.
Staggs, James—104 Carpenter St., 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, Woodford, Tenn.
Davis, Oscar—Nashville, Tenn.
Hembree, F. A.—R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.
Polston, G. W.—239 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.
Simpkins, F. M.—Ashland City, Tenn.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Ashland City—G. T. Harris.
Bethel—N. S. Nicholson.
Bethlehem—J. T. Eatherly.
Brandon's Chapel—J. B. Burke.
Cofer's Chapel—L. O. Burroughs.
Craigfield—W. H. Stinson.
Cross Roads—Not represented.
Dunbar's Chapel—J. W. Bright.
East Nashville—Mrs. Fanny Polston.
Emanuel's Chapel—Earnest Brown.
Good Spring—Not Represented.
Gorman—W. E. Parker.
Greenwood—Not represented.
Heads—G. W. Stack.
Hurricane Chapel—Not represented.
Indian Mound—Not represented.
Marrowbone—Not represented.
Maple Valley—Not represented.
Miller's Chapel—Represented by letter.
Midway—Not represented.
Mt. Pleasant—C. C. Cagle.
Mt. Zion—R. R. Binkley.
Mt. Hermon—Not represented.
New Hope—Johnny Matthews.
Oak Grove—Joe Gant.
Oakland—

Oaklawn—Geo. W. Walker.
 Oakwood—Len Fields.
 Olivet—Not represented.
 Pleasant Hill—Frank Earheart.
 Rock Springs—W. F. Patterson.
 Royal Chapel—C. H. Basham and Jas. Staggs.
 Scott's Chapel—John Adams.
 Shady Grove—Mrs. Cora Basford.
 Smith's Grove—Not represented.
 Spring Hill—J. T. Tate.
 Stony Point—Not represented.
 Union Hill—Not represented.
 West Nashville—Thos. Gillespie.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

J. W. CLOUSE

Churches in charge, 2: Oakland and Mt. Pleasant.	
Sermons preached.....	285
Conversions witnessed.....	10
Prayer Meetings.....	45
Received into church.....	12
Baptized.....	8
Funerals.....	9
Marriages solemnized.....	11
Homes visited.....	500
Miles traveled.....	824
Revivals assisted in.....	3
Revivals held in above churches.....	2
Received from above.....	\$ 74 00
Received from other sources.....	25 00

Condition of work, good at Mt. Pleasant. Fairly good at Oakland.

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge, 4: Bethlehem, New Hope, Rock Springs, Shady Grove.	
Sermons preached.....	83
Conversions witnessed.....	40
Received into church.....	30
Baptized.....	25
Funerals preached.....	12
Marriages.....	3
Homes visited.....	180

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Miles traveled.....	2526
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Revivals held in above churches.....	4
Received from above churches.....	\$ 477 75
Received from other sources.....	24 00
	\$ 501 75

Condition of work very good.

WALTER PAUL

Churches in charge, 1: Royal Chapel.	
Sermons preached.....	180
Conversions witnessed.....	110
Prayer meetings conducted.....	40
Received into church.....	65
Baptized.....	53
Funerals conducted.....	10
Marriages solemnized.....	5
Homes visited.....	95
Miles traveled.....	674
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Revivals held in above church.....	3
Received from above church for services.....	\$ 260 85
Received from other sources.....	61 00
Total received.....	\$ 321 85

Condition of work spiritually and financially, good with a very bright future.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge, 2: West Nashville and Stony Point.	
Sermons preached.....	100
Conversions witnessed.....	18
Prayer meetings conducted.....	10
Received into church.....	14
Baptized.....	7
Funerals.....	3
Marriages.....	2
Homes visited.....	50
Miles traveled.....	400
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Revivals held in above churches.....	3
Total received.....	\$ 700 00

Condition of work good.

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Churches in charge, 3: Heads, Oakwood, and Dunbar's Chapel.	
Sermons preached	80
Conversions witnessed	8
Received into church	10
Baptized	3
(My son did most of my baptizing)	
Funerals conducted	2
Marriages solemnized	1
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	3
Received from above churches	\$ 435 00
Received from other sources	200 00
Total received	<u>\$635 00</u>

Condition of work, good.

W. B. WAGGONER

I have no churches in charge.

Sermons preached	7
Marriages	1
Miles traveled	40
Total amount received	\$ 10 00

I wanted to do more work but my health would not admit of it.

J. L. WELCH

Churches in charge, 1: Cofer's Chapel.

Sermons preached	145
Conversions witnessed	60
Prayer meetings conducted	37
Received into church	30
Baptized	32
Funerals conducted	17
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	15
Miles traveled	3000
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church for services	\$ 1,500 00
Received from other sources	208 00

Total received

\$ 1,708 00

Condition of work spiritually and financially, good.

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REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY

For two months, May 17th to July 17th:

Sermons preached.....	30
Homes visited.....	110
Societies organized.....	6

Viz: Spring Nill, Gorman, Pleasant Hill, Brandon's Chapel,
Oak Grove and Dunbar's Chapel.

Miles traveled, approx.....	800
Received for services, from Home Mission Board.....\$	100 00
From Ladies' Aid Convention.....	100 00

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. OLIVER.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

New Hope

	On Roll	Total			Average		
		Pres.	Chapt.	Col.	Pres.	Chapt.	Col.
Beginners.....	15	262	152	\$2.93	9	5	.10
Juniors.....	9	189	314	1.59	6	10	.05
Intermediates.....	14	252	736	.281	9	27	.09
Seniors.....	21	352	1606	.819	12	55	.30
Adult Classes.....	18	148	592	1.85	5	20	.06
Men's Bible Class.....	13	262	814	5.75	8	30	.20
Superintendent.....	1		125	1.60		5	.07
Teachers.....	11	190			8		
Total.....	101	1655	4339	24.72	57	152	\$0.87

W. J. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

GLADYS FELTS, Secretary.

Heads

Sunday School report of Head's Church. We have chosen
Bro. G. E. Gower as our representative to the Association.

Our total membership, 60. Average attendance last
quarter was 92½ per cent.

Cash on hand last Association.....	\$ 40 00
Collected during year, general collection.....	35 35
Picnic.....	22 16
Birthday offering.....	7 98

Total.....\$105 49

Expenses for year:

Literature.....	\$ 20 00
Christmas tree.....	15 00
Easter hunt.....	2 00
Rent on piano.....	2 50
Total.....	\$ 69 50
Balance on hand.....	35 99

Chapters read by school, 19,604.

This done by order of the Sunday School, Oct. 17, 1926.

JOE GOWER, Superintendent.

Winfred Elliott, Sec. and Treas.

Royal Chapel

Columbia, Tenn., October 18th, 1926.

Cumberland Association Freewill Baptist:

Greetings—The following is a report of the Sunday School of the Royal Chapel, for the year ending October 18th, 1926:

Total present.....	5344
Total Absent.....	1827
Total collections.....	\$254 34
Total expenses.....	147 68

Balance in treasury.....	\$106 66
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ARTHUR L. PAUL, Superintendent.

H. A. PILKINTON, Secretary.

FINANCE

.. We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received for Minutes.....	\$ 38 75
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COMMITTEE.

NOTE—In the absence of Bro. Fambrough this committee received the Mission money and turned it over to me, and I find, on examining the church letters, that there must have been \$8.90 credited to Missions which was sent for Minutes. I have received \$4.55 for Minutes since the report was handed in.

J. H. OLIVER, Assistant Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Associational Funds

October 20, 1926—To amount from last report.....	\$ 13 79
Bethel Church, dues.....	5 00
Royal Chapel, dues.....	5 00
Ashland City, dues.....	5 00
Cofer's Chapel, dues.....	5 00
Bethlehem, dues.....	5 00
Heads, dues.....	5 00
Interest on deposit.....	15

	\$ 43 94
Credit—May 27, 1926, National dues.....	10 00
Balance.....	\$ 33 94

Home Missions

October 20—To balance from last report.....	\$ 241 50
Interest on deposit.....	2 06
Oak Grove.....	10 60
Shady Grove.....	3 50
Ashland City.....	5 00
Rock Spring.....	4 50
Oakwood.....	3 55
Oaklawn.....	2 63
New Hope.....	6 85
Heads.....	6 00
Cofer's Chapel.....	18 97
Bethlehem.....	16 88
Dunbar's Chapel.....	1 80
	\$ 323 84

Dec. 9, Loan, J. L. Walch for balance of stock subscribed in the Printing press.....	\$ 90 00
July 17, J. H. Oliver, Home Missionary.....	100 00
Oct. 20, W. J. Paul, expense fo Gen. Con....	7 00
Balance.....	\$ 136 84

Foreign Missions

October 20—To balance from last report.....	\$ 171 85
Interest on deposit.....	6 87
Oak Grove.....	2 50
Ashland City.....	5 00
Rock Spring.....	4 50
Oakwood.....	3 56

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Oaklawn.....	2 62
New Hope.....	6 85
Heads.....	5 75
Cofer's Chapel.....	18 97
Bethlehem.....	16 87
Dunbar's Chapel.....	1 30
Balance.....	\$ 247 14

Educational and Orphanage

October 20—To balance from last report.....	\$ 1,001 47
Amount received during the year.....	632 40
Interest on deposit.....	35 93
	\$ 1,659 85

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Treas. Orphanage.....	\$145 54
Wm. Henry Oliver, Jr., for school.....	425 00
Colportage Funds.....	27 36
Expense Campaign, 1925.....	64 45
Expense Campaign, 1926.....	56 70
	722 05
Balance.....	\$ 947 80

Colportage

October 20—To amount to balance.....	\$ 273 40
Received since last report.....	26 36
Interest on deposit.....	10 94
Balance.....	\$ 310 70
Respectfully,	G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

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 Chost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible to ever renew him again unto repentance, or restore him again unto 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, 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 ruling 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 1st 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.

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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" for "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	Rec'd by Experience...	Received by Letter...	Rec'd by Recommend'n	Rec'd by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter...	Excluded...	Deceased...	No. of Members.....	Value of Church Property.....	Paid Pastor.....	Paid Assistant.....	Paid for Minutes.....
Ashtand City.....	Miss May Patton.....	Ashtand City.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	\$ 2,000 00	179 27	7 00	2 00
Bethel.....	R. M. Fambrough.....	Neptune.....	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	218	2,000 00	125 15	7 00	5 00
Bethlehem.....	C. F. Reed.....	Ashtand City.....	12	3	1	1	1	1	1	280	1,000 00	125 15	7 00	3 00
Brandon's Chapel.....	J. B. Burk.....	Bumpus Mills.....	12	3	1	1	1	1	1	170	1,000 00	125 15	7 00	2 00
Cofer's Chapel.....	Miss Ethel Leight.....	Jacksonson Apt., Nashville.....	36	5	1	1	1	1	1	231	4,500 00	150 00	17 50	5 00
Craigfield.....	W. H. Stinson.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	150 00	150 00	17 50	85
Cross Roads.....	M. R. Richardson.....	R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.....	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	2,000 00	100 00	15 75	2 00
Dunbar's Chapel.....	Miss Ruth Stewart.....	1005 Fatherland St., Nashville.....	4	2	3	1	1	1	1	36 each	225 00	10 00	10 00	2 00
East Nashville.....	Mrs. Mai Rector.....	Cumberland Furnace.....	4	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	10 00	10 00	10 00	1 50
Ismanuel's Chapel.....	Good Spring.....	1	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	57	61 33	14 95	14 95	1 50
Gorman.....	Miss Martha D. Tinnel.....	Gorman.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	236	2,500 00	230 50	15 85	2 25
Greenwood.....	G. E. Gover.....	Cedar Hill.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	600 00	11 35	1 00	1 00
Heads.....	Hurricane Chapel.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	65	1,500 00	77 00	1 55	1 55
Indian Mound.....	Marrowbone.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	2,000 00	125 00	2 00	2 00
Maple Valley.....	W. S. Simpson.....	R. 2, Chapmansboro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	211	2,500 00	122 50	11 10	3 80
Miller's Chapel.....	F. B. Cagle.....	Jecton.....	16	8	1	1	1	1	1	65	900 00	122 50	11 10	2 00
Midway.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	282	2,500 00	59 90	12 25	2 85
Mt. Zion.....	Walter Dowlin.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	2,000 00	100 54	1 45	1 45
Mt. Hermon.....	Mrs. J. I. Felt.....	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	75	1,000 00	25 50	1 00	1 00
New Hope.....	F. W. Wicks.....	R. 2, Charlotte.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	186	2,500 00	125 75	41 00	3 00
Oak Grove.....	Mrs. Wm. L. Gover.....	R. 1, Thomasville.....	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	138 each	3,000 00	321 85	3 00	3 00
Oakland.....	W. W. Chinnard.....	R. 5, Cedar Hill.....	56	9	1	1	1	1	1	63	1,000 00	47 35	1 00	1 00
Oaklawn.....	Miss Rillarene Wallace.....	Dover.....	16	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	1,000 00	82 38	17 62	1 35
Oliver.....	W. N. Mayberry.....	R. Doddsville.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	13	500 00	not kn	2 40	2 40
Pleasant Hill.....	H. A. Picketon.....	Columbia.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	21	500 00	not kn	2 40	2 40
Rock Spring.....	Mrs. Mary Bullard.....	Cumberland City.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each
Royal's Chapel.....	Mrs. Elsie V. Major.....	R. 1, Woodford.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each
Scott's Chapel.....	Rev. L. B. H. Green.....	Ridgetop, Tenn.....	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each
Shady Grove.....	Miss Palmyra Pruitt.....	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each
Smith's Grove.....	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each
Spring Hill.....	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each
Stony Point.....	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each
Union Hill.....	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each
West Nashville.....	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	54	54 each	54 each	54 each	54 each

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.

