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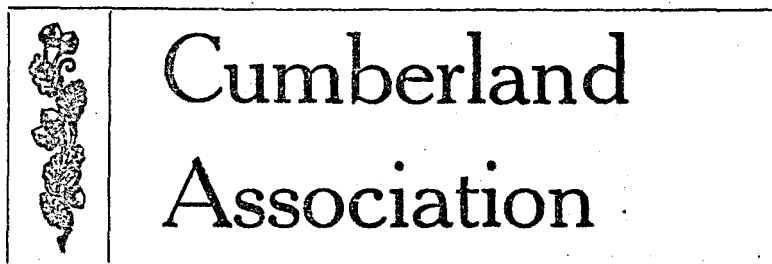
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Roll Call.
3. Appointment of Devotional Committee.
4. Appointment of Committee 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.

MINUTES

The Eighty-Fourth Annual Session, of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, met with Oakwood Church, Robertson County, Tenn., October 19th, 20th, 21st, 1927, Wednesday morning,

10:30—Devotions, Rev. J. H. Oliver.

11:00—Introductory Sermon, Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

Text- Acts 10: 38.

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions, Rev. Thos. E. Beaman.

2:00—Moderator's Message.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Roll called and quorum present, and seating delegates.

On motion the Moderator appointed a committee to arrange the several committees. The Moderator appointed Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman; Bro. G. T. Harris, Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and all visiting ministers were invited to set in council with us.

On motion, we welcome Rev. Thos. E. Beaman who comes as a delegate from the North Carolina State Convention, and asked that he set in council with us.

The letters from the churches were called for, and all read that were ready to report.

On motion the Moderator appointed a special committee to investigate the letter from Stony Point. Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Chairman; Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, were appointed on this committee.

On motion we hear the report of the committee on Arrangement of Committees. The Committee on Arrangement of Committees made the following report:

Committee on Sunday Schools—Sister Fannie Polston, Chairman; Bro. R. R. Binkley, Sister Mary Patton.

Temperance—Bro. G. T. Harris, Chairman. Bro. Miles Gower
Bro. Earl Simpson.

Missions—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Chairman. Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. J. F. Gower.

Education and Literature—Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman; Rev. Thos. E. Beaman, Rev. J. W. Gardner.

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Obituaries—Rev. J. H. Oliver, Chairman; Rev. W. J. Paul, Rev. W. M. Rodgers.

Finance—Bro. Scott Nicholson, Chairman; Rev. G. E. Gower, Bro. G. W. Wallace.

Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

Evening Service

7:00 p. m.—Devotions.

7:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. W. J. Paul.

Thursday Morning

9:00 a. m.—Devotions, Rev. W. M. Rodgers.

House called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. T. Armstrong.

Roll call, and quorum present.

Minutes read and approved.

Rev. J. H. Oliver stated that he had \$7.20 left over from the printing of last year's minutes. On motion if said money was not needed for the printing of this year's minutes, same be turned over to the mission fund.

NOTE—Through an error, the amount paid by the East Nashville Church for Missions was not published in the minutes last year. Said church paid thirty-six dollars (\$36.00), which was their quote in full, being one dollar per member.—J. H. OLIVER, Assistant Clerk.

Report of the Sunday School Secretary, read and adopted.

Report of the Ladies' Aid Convention, read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Obituaries, read and adopted.

On motion the members that constituted this body stood in memory of our deceased brethren, while the Moderator led us in prayer.

Report of the Committee on Temperance, read and adopted

11:00 a. m.—Message by Rev. Thos. E. Beaman.

Adjourned to 1:30.

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions by Rev. H. A. Pilkinton.

House called to order by the Moderator.

Sister J. W. Boyte gave us a very interesting message on Orphanage work.

Report of Committee on Missions, received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education and Literature, received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools, received and adopted.

Sister Fannie Polston, representing the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention, told of its organization, and the work the Sunday School Convention was doing.

On motion the Clerk read the Sunday School reports from the following schools: New Hope, Heads, and Oakwood.

On motion all Sunday Schools send their reports to the Sunday School Convention hereafter.

Letter from Gorman Church read. On motion the letter from Gorman Church be referred to the same committee as Stony Point letter.

Treasurer's report received and adopted.

Rev. Thos. E. Beaman made a very interesting talk on Eureka College. Bro. Beaman is a very able speaker, and gave us some valuable information concerning the College at Atyden, N. C.

Adjourned to 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Evening Service

7:00—Devotions.

7:30—Sermon by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Friday Morning

9:00 a. m.—Devotions by Rev. J. W. Gardner.

House called to order by the Moderator.

Roll called and quorum present.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and he be allowed twenty dollar for his service.

On motion, Rev. W. M. Rodgers was elected Associational Evangelist for the ensuing year.

On motion, L. O. Burroughs was re-elected General Sunday School Secretary for the ensuing year.

On motion, Rev. J. H. Oliver and Rev. J. E. Hudgens were elected delegates to the General Conference, which meets at Ayden, N. C., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in June next year.

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On motion, Rev. J. L. Welch was chosen to represent us at the North Carolina State Convention.

On motion, Bro. G. W. Fambrough was elected Associate Trustee of Eureka College, which is located at Ayden, N. C.

On motion, we go into the election of a place for our next annual sitting. Shady Grove and Cofer's Chapel were nominated. Shady Grove was elected.

On motion, Rev. J. L. Welch was elected Moderator of our next Annual Association, and Rev. W. J. Paul, Assistant Moderator. L. O. Burroughs was elected Clerk, and Rev. J. H. Oliver, Reading Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committee to draw up a program for the Association next year: Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman; Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Rev. J. H. Oliver.

On motion, the Moderator appointed a committee to investigate the Endowment Fund for Eureka College: Bro. G. T. Harris, Chairman; Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1—That we tender a vote of thanks to, the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Oakwood Church for the splendid hospitality extended this Association during the present sitting.

Resolution No. 2—That we express our very great appreciation for the presence of Rev. T. E. Beaman, of North Carolina, for his splendid contributions to the success of this Associational meeting; and for the gratifying information he has given us concerning our College at Ayden, N. C. We hereby express our desire for a continuation of our friendly relations with North Carolina, and invite them to continue to represent in our annual Associational meetings.

Resolution No. 3—That the selection of the preacher for the Introductory Sermon at the next Associational meeting be left with the Program Committee.

Resolution No. 4—That each church in our Association be requested to send five dollars to the Associational Treasury for the use of the Association.

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Resolution No. 5—That we express our appreciation for the valuable service of Mrs. I. L. Adkins as Organist during the sitting of this Association

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Chairman.

REV. J. W. GARDNER,

REV. L. E. BALLARD, Committee.

Report of Finance Committee, received and adopted.

Report of the committee to investigate the letters from the following churches: Stony Point and Gorman, received and adopted.

NOTE—The above churches had elected a pastor who was not a member of this body. The letters from these churches were referred to a special committee for investigation.

NOTE—Rev. W. S. Gentry came before the Annual Presbytery and was reinstated as one of our ministers. Rev. W. S. Gentry has been elected pastor of Stony Point and Gorman churches.—CLERK.

Report of the Committee on the Endowment Fund, received and adopted.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

11:00 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Friday Afternoon

1:30 p. m.—Devotions.

House called to order by the Moderator.

Reading letter from West Nashville Church.

On motion Rev. W. J. Paul was elected as a member of the Mission Board, to fill the vacancy left by the death of the late Rev. A. D. Duncan.

On motion Rev. J. L. Welch was elected on the Mission Board for five years.

On motion we adjourn to meet with Shady Grove Church, Montgomery County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1928.

REV. D. T. ARMSTRONG, Moderator.

BRO. L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery met at the closing of the Association, October 21, 1927.

Rev. J. H. Oliver was re-elected Moderator, and L. O. Burroughs, Clerk.

The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman. Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. D. T. Armstrong, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

While the Ordaining Council was examining the applicants, we were favored by a very interesting talk on the Ladies' Aid work, by Sister Fannie Polston.

Rev. Thos. E. Beaman also spoke on the Ladies' Aid, and Free Will Baptist League Work.

Rev. L. E. Ballard made an interesting talk on the League work. Bro. Ballard is a great booster for the Free Will Baptist League work. We need more boosters like Bro. Ballard to boost this work until we get a League started in every one of our churches.

To the Presbytery—We your Ordaining Council beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined Bros. T. J. Gellespie, W. S. Gentry, M. S. Harris and Oscar Davis, as to their relationship to our church, their desires for the ministry, and their qualifications and recommend the following:

First—That Bro. W. S. Gentry be reinstated as one of our ministers.

Second—That Bros. Oscar Davis, T. J. Gellespie and M. S. Harris, be ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, Chairman.

REV. J. L. WELCH.

REV. D. T. ARMSTRONG.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT.

REV. W. T. HAGEWOOD.

The report of the Ordaining Council received and adopted. The Presbytery then proceeded to ordain Bro. Oscar Davis, Bro. T. J. Gellespie, and Bro. M. S. Harris.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens read the charges, and after prayer and laying on of hands, Bro. W. S. Gentry was asked to come

forward and stand with the other brethren, while we extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

The Clerk was ordered to write the Credentials for those who have been ordained.

On motion the Ministerial Conference will meet for a two days' conference at Cofer's Chapel, on Wednesday and Thursday after Christmas week.

Motion to adjourn, to meet at the close of the next Annual Association.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

REPORTS

Report of the General Sunday School Secretary of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist

I wish to submit the following report to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Oakwood Church, Robertson County, Tenn., on Wednesday, October 19, 20, 21, 1927.

I have visited nineteen churches within the Association in the interest of Sunday School work. Fifteen of these Churches have Sunday Schools.

I have helped to organize one Sunday School in one of our churches. I have organized one Union Sunday School in a school house.

The interest in our schools seems to be increasing. I find some of our churches with good Sunday Schools, and where I find they have a good school, I also find a live church.

I called our Sunday Schools together on the fifth Sunday of May, and we met at Bethel Church. Put on a special program in the interest of of Sunday School work. In the afternoon we organized a Sunday School Convention with the following officers: L. O. Burroughs, President; G. W. Fambrough, Vice-President; W. H. Oliver, Secretary and Treasurer. A Sunday School Board of three members to work with the other officers, as follows: J. B. Parsons, J. F. Gower, Oscar Davis were elected on this board.

This Convention has chosen Sister Fanny Polston to represent the Sunday School Convention at the Cumberland Association, when convened at Oakwood Church, October 19, 20, 21, 1927.

Said Convention met again with Mt. Zion Church, October the 9th, with twelve schools represented. Reports from ten of these schools show an enrollment of 709. In the absence of the Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. Henry Oliver, who is teaching this year at Eureka College, Ayden, N. C., Miss Ruth Stewart was elected Secretary and Treasurer to fill the vacancy left.

I have visited twenty different Sunday Schools this year, have made forty-three speeches on Sunday School work. Traveled 2368 miles in the interest of the Sunday School work.

I am asking that our Association give more time and thought to the needs of our schools. The Sunday Schools are the teaching service of the church.

L. O. BURROUGHS,

General Sunday School Secretary of the Cumberland Asso'n.
Yours for better Sunday Schools.

Temperance

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

Whereas the church and civil government of our country are being constantly harrassed, and the young of our country are being endangered by the men and women who engage in the unlawful manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors,

First—Whereas the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist represent several thousand citizens and voters whose interest, educational, religious and material, are being injuriously affected by the said liquor traffic,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that all of our preachers, deacons, and officials and laymen, should in both private and public life, in their homes, churches and communities, devote themselves to the support of law enforcement against the traffic, and to the support of all righteous and scriptural legislation in both the state and nation, for the protection of the people against all forms of the traffic.

Second—Resolved, furthermore, That it is the sense of this Association that any man or woman, bearing the sacred name of Free Will Baptist, who shall be proven guilty of willfully or knowingly aiding or abetting, directly or indirectly in the liquor traffic, or trying to shield those who do so, should be deemed guilty of unchristian conduct, and unworthy of continued membership in the Free Will Baptist Church.

G. T. HARRIS, Chairman.

MILES GOWER.

EARL SIMPSON. Committee.

Missions

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

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,

First—That we call on 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 church to surrender their lives to the Lord for active 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 shall be at least one dollar per member.

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

Fifth—That the pastor appoint a committee in each church to collect this money.

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Chairman,
W. B. DAVENPORT,
J. F. GOWER, Committee.

Education and Literature

We, your Committee on Education and Literature, submit the following recommendations:

First—That we heartily approve of the work of our Board of Education in collecting funds and helping students who are preparing for the ministry, and urge the Board to continue the work.

Second—That our ministers, who are not able to attend some school, take advantage of one or more of the correspondence courses, now offered by the Moody Bible Institute, and that the Board of Education assist them in securing same. Any minister wishing to take this work should apply to the Board.

Third—That inasmuch as we have approved Eureka College at Ayden, N. C., as our own school, we give it a greater support morally and financially, and urge our boys and girls to attend its sessions. Furthermore that this Association elect at this time an Associate Trustee for the school, said Trustee to serve for one year.

Fourth—That we urge our people to use our own literature, viz, Sunday Schools use our quarterlies, and the League the League quarterlies. Furthermore, we urge our people to subscribe for the Free Will Baptist Church Organ.

J. L. WELCH, Chairman,

T. E. BEAMAN,

J. W. GARDNER, Committee.

Sunday School

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following:

First—We recommend that this Association endorse the work of our State Secretary, which has resulted in the organization of a State Sunday School Convention, and that we pledge our support to said Convention, and urge all our Sunday Schools to represent in the same.

Second—We recommend the endorsement of the work instituted at the last meeting of the General Conference, and that we pledge our hearty support to the General Secretary, Rev. T. E. Beaman, and urge our Convention and local Sunday Schools to endeavor to carry out his suggestions as far as possible.

Third—Believing it the duty of all Free Will Baptists everywhere to support our own press at Ayden, N. C., we urge all our schools to order their literature from our press, and condemn as disloyal and anti-denominational, the purchasing of supplies from other publishers which can be furnished by our own press.

Fourth—That we urge our State Sunday School Secretary to make every possible effort to arrange for special institutes for teachers and workers during the ensuing year.

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, Chairman,

MR. R. R. BINKLEY,

MISS MARY PATTON, Committee.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Received for Minutes from the various churches, \$73.37.

W. S. NICHOLSON, Chairman,
G. E. GOWER,
G. W. WALLACE, Committee.

Obituaries

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

Since two of our dearly beloved ministers have been called from labor to reward, to-wit: Bro. A. D. Duncan, and Bro. C. H. Pickle, we humbly bow in submission to the will of God. They have labored long and faithfully for the Blessed Master, and we do thank Him for their long and useful lives. With hearts full of sympathy for their relatives and loved ones, we point them to Him for comfort who doeth all things well.

We learn from our Church letters that quite a number of our lay members have also been called away, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to all those whose hearts have been made sad, our loss is their eternal gain.

J. H. OLIVER, Chairman,
W. M. Rodgers,
W. J. PAUL, Committee.

Ladies' Aid Convention

Wo the Ladies' Aid Convention of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee, to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Oakwood Church, on October 19, 20, 21, 1927: We have chosen our representative to-wit: Mrs. J. L. Welch.

Number of societies to date, 25.

Financial statistics are as follows: Amount collected during the year by ten societies represented at the Ladies' Aid Convention, was \$2,522.93.

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ORPHANAGE FUNDS

To amount due fund October 6th, 1926.....	\$ 3,674 27
Public Collections.....	22 50
Dunbar's Chapel.....	5 00
Rock Springs.....	65 09
G. W. Fambrough, Treasurer.....	148 54
New Hope.....	50 00
Bethel.....	7 56
G. W. Fambrough.....	28 57
Ashland City.....	22 45
Sweet Home.....	130 00
Heads.....	31 50
Dunbar's Chapel.....	7 00
G. W. Fambrough.....	57 14
Free Will Offering.....	26 13
Amount on Hand August 3rd, 1927.....	4,275 53

CONVENTION FUNDS

From October, 1926, to August 3rd, 1927:	
To amount on hand October 9th, 1926.....	\$ 77 75
From Ashland City.....	6 00
Heads.....	6 50
Cofer's Chapel.....	11 26
Oaklawn.....	6 00
Dunbar's Chapel.....	5 30
Bethlehem.....	6 00
Rock Springs.....	7 00
Bethel.....	3 50
Shady Grove.....	2 75
New Hope.....	7 00
East Nashville.....	8 00
Sweet Home.....	4 00
Total.....	\$ 151 06

DISBURSEMENTS.

Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.....	\$ 24 00
Miss Mary Patton.....	6 50
Total.....	\$ 30 50
Balance on hand August 3rd, 1927.....	120 75
Total number of visits to see the sick, 2566.	

Respectfully submitted,
 MRS. FRED POLSTON, President.
 MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

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Sunday School Reports

NEW HOPE

On Roll.....	70
Average present each Sunday.....	42
Percent of attendance.....	60
Total present during year.....	1,940
Number of chapters read.....	14,385
Average chapters each Sunday.....	306
Memory verses.....	1,002
Class contributions.....\$	35 65
Birthday offerings.....	5 83
From other sources.....	386

Total.....\$	45 34
Expenses during the year.....	24 60

Balance on hand.....\$	20 74
Visitors during the year.....	64

W. E. FELTS, M. D., Superintendent.

MRS. N. V. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treas.

HEADS

Greetings from Heads Sunday School. Our statistics are as follows:

On Roll.....	88
Average attendance.....	42
Number paid birthday offerings.....	46
Chapters read by the school.....	9,158

Our school is divided into four classes. We have eight teachers and officers. We have had twenty converts this year in our school.

We have raised.....\$	97 00
Paid out.....	77 00
Balance on hand.....	40 00

Our Pastor is Rev. W. B. Davenport, address Ashland City, Tenn., R. R. Joseph F. Gower, Superintendent, Cedar Hill, Tenn. R. 5. Robt. Ellis, Secretary, Cedar Hill, R. 3.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS

D. T. ARMSTRONG

Churches in charge 3: Brandon's Chapel, Oaklawn and Pleasant Hill.

Sermons preached.....	
Conversions witnessed.....	12

Received into church.....	13
Baptized.....	13
Funerals conducted.....	3
Marriages solemnized.....	
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Revivals held in above churches.....	3
Received from above churches.....	\$ 306 90
Received from other sources.....	71 80
Total received.....	\$ 378 70
Condition of work very good.	

W. R. CARROLL

Churches in charge 2: Oak Grove and Miller's Chapel.

Sermons preached.....	54
Conversions witnessed.....	34
Received into church.....	34
Baptized.....	18
Funerals conducted.....	15
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Miles traveled.....	350
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Revivals held in above churches.....	2
Received from above churches.....	\$ 150 91
Received from other sources.....	47 50
Total received.....	\$ 198 41
Condition of work very good.	

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge 4: Bethlehem, Heads, New Hope and Rock Springs.

Sermons preached.....	85
Conversions witnessed.....	112
Prayer meetings conducted in homes.....	22
Received into church.....	75
Baptized.....	66
Funerals conducted.....	16
Marriages solemnized.....	3
Homes visited.....	127
Miles traveled.....	2,295
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Revivals held in above churches.....	4

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Received from above churches.....	\$ 641 95
Received from other sources.....	77 39
Total received.....	\$ 719 34

Condition of work very good spiritually and financially.
And I am praying for still greater things yet to come.

J. W. CLOUSE

Churches in charge 1: Mt. Pleasant.

Sermons preached.....	592
Conversions witnessed.....	9
Received into church.....	9
Baptized.....	5
Received from above church.....	\$ 55 60
Received from other sources.....	148 00
Total received.....	\$ 203 60

J. W. GARDNER

I have no church in charge. I have preached for others in their churches, at homes, in sheds and vacant stores, held prayer meetings, have assisted in missions. Have averaged about one sermon a week. Have some hopes of better things next year. Could take some work for next year. J. W. Gardner, East Sta., R. 3, Nashville, Tenn.

J. H. OLIVER

Churches in charge 2: Oakwood and ?

Sermons preached.....	50
Conversions witnessed.....	54
Received into church.....	11
Baptized.....	11
Funerals conducted.....	4
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Revivals assisted in.....	4
Revivals held in above churches.....	2
Received for services about.....	\$ 250 00

Condition of work good.

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W. J. PAUL

Churches in charge 1: Royal Chapel.	
Sermond preached.....	104
Conversions witnessed.....	109
Prayer meetings conducted.....	63
Received into church.....	22
Baptized.....	7
Funerals conducted.....	5
Homes visited.....	150
Miles traveled.....	620
Revivals assisted in.....	4
Revivals held in above church.....	2
Received from above church.....	\$ 336.36
Received from other sources.....	215.54
Total received.....	\$ 551.90

Condition of work good. This is one of the most spiritual churches in this town, for which we praise His dear name. We are expecting greater things.

H. A. PILKINTON

Sermons preached.....	25
Conversions witnessed.....	3
Prayer meetings conducted.....	8
Funerals conducted.....	2
Marriages solemnized.....	1
Homes visited.....	10
Received for services.....	\$ 2.10

I have no churches in charge.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge 2: West Nashville and Oakland.	
Sermons preached.....	104
Conversions witnessed.....	162
Prayer meetings conducted.....	20
Received into church.....	23
Baptized.....	15
Funerals conducted.....	3
Marriages solemnized.....	4
Homes visited.....	100
Miles traveled.....	800
Revivals assisted in.....	4
Revivals held in above churches.....	3

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Received from above churches	\$ 33 00
Received from other sources	275 00
Total received	\$ 318 00
Condition of work spiritually and financially good.	

J. W. STAGGS

Churches in charge none.	
Sermons preached	20
Conversions witnessed	3
Prayer meetings conducted	8
Homes visited	40
Revivals assisted in	1

J. L. WELCH

Churches in charge 1: Cofer's Chapel.	
Sermons preached	138
Conversions witnessed	17
Prayer meetings conducted	41
Received into church	22
Baptized	17
Funerals conducted	17
Marriages solemnized	15
Homes visited	50
Miles traveled	3,476
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$ 1,555 00
Received from other sources	190 00
Total received	\$ 1,745 00
Condition of work spiritually and financially very good.	

MINISTERS ADDRESSES

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 Boyte, John W.—1505 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Brake, J.—Cumberland City, Tenn.
 Castile, W. M.—Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
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 Clouse, J. W.—R. 1, Joelton, Tenn.
 Davenport, W. B.—R. 1, Box 66, Ashland City, Tenn.
 Davis, Oscar—2100 Clay Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Elliotte, J. R.—R. 2, Charlotte, Tenn.
 Free, E. M.—Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
 Gardner, J. W.—North East Station, Nashville, Tenn, R. 1.
 Gillespie, Thos. J.—3002 Craft Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
 Gower, Joseph F.—R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
 Gower, G. E.—R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
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 Horner, J. N.—Joelton, Tenn.
 Hudgens, J. E.—Ashland City, Tenn.
 Oliver, J. H.—R. 2, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Oliver, Wm. Henry—Ayden, N. C.
 Paul, W. J.—112 East 15th Street, Columbia, Tenn.
 Pilkinton, H. A.—R. 6, Columbia, Tenn.
 Pruitt, G. M.—R. 4, West Nashville, Tenn.
 Staggs, J. W.—East 14th Street, Columbia, Tenn.
 Sullivan, W. B.—R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
 Waggoner, W. B.—Erin, Tenn.
 Welch, J. L.—1610 Arthur Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Licentiates

Bagwell, James—Nashville, Tenn.
 Hembree, F. A.—R. 4, Cumberland City, Tenn.
 Polston, G. W.—Louisville, Ky.
 Simpkins, F. M.—Ashland City, Tenn.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Ashland City—Miss Mary Patton.
 Bethel—W. S. Nicholson.
 Bethlehem—Mrs. Mattie Maxey.
 Brandon's Chapel—G. W. Wallace.
 Cofer's Chapel—L. O. Burroughs.
 Craigfield—W. H. Stinson.
 Cross Roads—Not represented.
 Dunbar's Chapel—Mrs. J. W. Bright.
 East Nashville—Mrs. Fred Polston.
 Emanel's Chapel—Not represented.
 Good Springs—Not represented.
 Gorman—Letter.
 Greenwood—Not represented.
 Heads—Miles Gower.
 Hurricane Chapel—Not represented.
 Indian Mound—Not represented.

Marrowbone—Not represented.
 Maple Valley—Not represented.
 Miller's Chapel—Earl Simpson.
 Midway—Not represented.
 Mt. Pleasant—C. C. Cagle.
 Mt. Zion—R. R. Binkley.
 Mt. Hermon—Not represented.
 New Hope—Charlie Binkley.
 Oak Grove—H. H. Murphy.
 Oakland—George Shadowone.
 Oaklawn—Arthur Balthrop.
 Oakwood—Len Fields.
 Olivet—Not represented.
 Pleasant Hill—Frank Earhart.
 Rock Springs—Lothor Proctor.
 Royal Chapel—O. T. Miller.
 Scott's Chapel.—Stokes Clements
 Shady Grove—Mrs. Dora Bagwell.
 Smith's Grove—Not represented.
 Spring Hill—Not represented.
 Stony Point—Mrs. Ella Lilly.
 Union Hill—Not represented.
 West Nashville—Thos. J. Gillespie.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Committee appointed to study the question of Endowment Fund for Eureka College, beg leave to make the following recommendation:

That the Board of Education be authorized to investigate this matter thoroughly, and if they become satisfied that the proposition is safe, that they subscribe \$1,000 to the fund for a term of five years, the principal which is one thousand dollars is not to be paid at anytime, only the interest at 6% is to be paid annually.

G. T. HARRIS, Chairman,
 J. L. WELCH,
 J. E. HUDGENS,
 G. W. FAMBROUGH,
 Committee.

We, your Committee appointed to investigate the Church Letters from Stony Point and Gorman, Recommend that they be not received, and that if any funds has been handed in from them, that they be returned to their delegates.

J. E. HUDGENS, Chairman,
 G. W. FAMBROUGH,
 W. B. DAVENPORT, Committee.

MINUTES OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Associational Funds

October 20, 1927, to amount from last report.....	\$	33 94
Interest on deposit.....		1 22
Rock Springs.....		5 00
East Nashville.....		5 00
Heads.....		5 35
Bethlehem.....		5 00
Ashland City.....		5 00
Royal Chapel.....		5 00
Bethel.....		5 00
Cofer's Chapel.....		5 00
Total.....	\$	75 51
Credit—June 24th, 1927, National dues.....		10 00
Balance.....	\$	65 51

Educational and Orphanage

October 20, 1927, balance from last report.....	\$	947 80
Amount received during the year.....		580 50
Interest on deposit.....		41 81
Total.....	\$	1,569 61

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer of Orphanage.....	\$	85 71
Colportage Funds.....		29 00
Total.....	\$	114 71
Balance.....		1,454 90

Home Missions

October 20, 1927, to balance from last report.....	\$	126 84
Interest on deposit.....		4 60
Oakgrove.....		3 50
Oaklawn.....		6 50
Rock Springs.....		7 50
Heads.....		8 32
East Nashville.....		15 00
Bethlehem.....		18 00

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

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Ashland City	8 01
Shady Grove	1 25
Cofer's Chapel	21 69
New Hope	2 00
Oakwood	1 50
Total	\$ 224 71
Credit—June 24, 1927, expense of delegate to the General Conference	35 82
Balance	\$ 188 89

Foreign Missions

October 20, 1927, to balance from last report	\$ 247 14
Interest on deposit	9 89
Oaklawn	6 50
Rock Springs	4 00
Dunbar's Chapel	1 00
Heads	8 33
East Nashville	15 00
Bethlehem	17 55
Ashland City	8 00
Shady Grove	1 25
Cofer's Chapel	21 69
New Hope	2 00
Oakwood	1 50
	5 50
Total	\$ 349 35

Colportage

October 20, 1927, to amount from last report	\$ 310 70
Received since last report	29 00
Interest on deposit	12 43
Balance	\$ 352 13

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

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.

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 with 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 not 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 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 operation 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 Associational year, 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 or 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 reaches 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" 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 OFFICE
Ashland City.....	Miss Mary Patton.....	Ashland City.....
Bethel.....	G. W. Fambrough.....	Neptune.....
Bethlehem.....	C. F. Read.....	Neptune.....
Brandon's Chapel.....	J. B. Burke.....	Ashland City, R. 1.....
Coifer's Chapel.....	W. H. Stinson.....	Bumpus Mills.....
Craigfield.....	Miss Ethel Leigh.....	Knoxington Apt., Nashville.....
Cross Roads.....	W. H. Stinson.....	Bonaqua.....
Dunbars Chapel.....	Mrs. J. W. Dunaway.....	Cumberland City.....
East Nashville.....	Miss Ruth Stewart.....	1006 Fatherland St., Nashville.....
Emanuel's Chapel.....	Good Springs.....	-----
Gorman.....	Greenwood.....	-----
Heads.....	Hurrian Chapel.....	-----
Indian Mound.....	Maple Valley.....	-----
Marlowbone.....	Millers Chapel.....	-----
Midway.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	-----
Mt. Zion.....	Walter Dowlen.....	-----
Mr. Herman.....	W. S. Simpson.....	Chapmansboro, R. 2.....
New Hope.....	F. B. Cagle.....	Joelton, R. 3.....
Oak Grove.....	Bel Carney.....	Joelton, R. 2.....
Oaklawn.....	Mrs. W. L. Gower.....	Charlotte, R. 2.....
Oakwood.....	Mrs. W. L. Gower.....	Joelton, R. 3.....
Olivet.....	Miss Rillarene Wallace.....	Thomasville, R. 1.....
Pleasant Hill.....	W. N. Mayberry.....	Cedar Hill, R. 5.....
Rock Springs.....	H. A. Pilkinton.....	-----
Royals Chapel.....	Mrs. Mary Bullard.....	Dover.....
Scotts Chapel.....	Mrs. Elsie Major.....	Neptune.....
Shady Grove.....	Smiths Grove.....	Columbia, R. 6.....
Spring Hill.....	Stony Point.....	Cumberland City.....
Union Hill.....	West Nashville.....	Woodford, R. 1.....
Vanier.....	-----	-----

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.....

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

----- Free Will Baptist.

Church at-----

To the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist
Churches when convened at-----

We have chosen our representative, towit-----

Our statistics are as follows

Received by experience-----; by letter-----;

by recommendation-----; by restoration-----;

dismissed by letter-----; excluded-----;

Died-----; total number in fellowship-----;

church property valued at \$-----; our day of meeting

-----; our pastor is-----;

We have paid our pastor \$-----; we have
called-----

to pastor us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School Super-
intendent's name is-----

Our Sunday School Secretary's name is-----

We send \$-----for minutes; we send \$-----

Special fund; we send \$-----for Home Missions; we

send \$-----for Foreign Missions. Our total
collections for the year \$-----

This done by order of the church----- 192-----

-----, Moderator.

-----, Clerk.

