

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

	Cumberland	
	Association	

OF

Freewill Baptist

HELD WITH

SHADY GROVE CHURCH

OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 1928

REV. J. H. OLIVER, ----- MODERATOR
Clarksville, Tennessee.

L. O. BURROUGHS, ----- CLERK
405 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Wednesday

1. Devotional Services.
2. Roll Call.
3. Appointment of Committees.
4. Reading letters from various churches.
5. Reading letters of petitions and requests.
6. Reading of various reports.
7. Adjournment.

Thursday

1. Devotional Services.
2. Reading Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reading of various church letters and committee reports.
4. Adjourn for eleven o'clock preaching services.
Noon Lunch
5. Devotional Services.
6. Roll Call.
7. Various reports.
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Adjournment.

Friday

1. Devotional Services.
2. Roll Call.
3. Reading Minutes of previous day.
4. Miscellaneous business.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Adjournment.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

.....Free Will Baptist
Church at.....

To the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists
Churches when convened at.....

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

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 Sup-
erintendent's name is.....

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

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

Associational 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.

MINUTES

The Eighty-Fifth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, met with Shady Grove Church, Montgomery County, Tenn., October 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1928.

Wednesday Morning.

10:30—Devotional services.

11:00—Introductory Sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch.

Wednesday Afternoon.

1:30—Devotional services led by Rev. J. H. Oliver, Prayer by Rev. Hawkins, of the Methodist Church.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Roll called and a quorum present.

Next the names of Delegates, Ministers and Deacons were enrolled.

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

On motion the Moderator appointed the various Committees as follows:

Sunday Schools: Rev. W. B. Davenport, Chairman; Bro. Burgess Gower, and Bro. W. E. Fambrough.

Temperance: Bro. G. T. Harris, Chairman; Bro. G. E. Gower and Rev. Oscar Davis.

Missions: Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Chairman; Bro. M. F. Patterson and Bro. D. E. Teasley.

Education and Literature: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Bro. J. B. Reding and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Obituaries: Rev. W. M. Castile, Chairman, Bro. J. B. Burk, and Rev. M. W. Rogers.

Finance: Bro. Scott Nicholson, Chairman; Rev. J. W. Clouse and Rev. J. W. Boyte.

Petitions and Requests: Bro. C. E. Deavers, Chairman; Bro. E. D. Fort and Bro. Frank Eahart.

Petitionary Letters were called for and a letter from Bear Wallow Grove Church, was read and turned over to the Committee on Petitions and Request.

Report of the General Sunday School Secretary was read, and on motion was adopted and ordered spread upon the minutes.

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On motion the Association adjourned until 9 a. m. Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning.

9 a. m. Devotions, by Rev. W. M. Castile, with prayer by Bro. C. E. Deavor.

9:30. House called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch.

Reading Letters coming in late, and all read that was ready to report.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committee to investigate the various churches that have not been reporting to the Association: Rev. J. H. Oliver, Chairman; Rev. W. B. Davenport and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Report of the Ladies Aid was read and adopted.

Treasurers report received and adopted.

Report of the Delegates to the General Conference, Ayden, N. C. was on motion received and adopted by a rising vote of thanks.

A motion to adjourn for the 11 o'clock service prevailed.

11 o'clock service, after a song by the congregation, we were led in prayer by Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Sermon by the Rev. J. E. Hudgens, reading lesson from Luke 5th Chapter, 27th to 32nd verse. Bro. Hudgens spoke of attending his first Association, at Hay Fork Church in Stewart County, Forty years ago, and that Jesus Christ, was the same yesterday, today and forever, calling on the Free Will Baptist, and other Christians to do their best. He also called on the preachers to have backbone enough to preach against Sin, if the Devil has any place that's all his own it's the dance hall. In closing his message, he asked those who would volunteer to meet us in the land beyond the skies, to give him their hand.

Thursday Afternoon.

1:30 Devotional services led by Rev. W. S. Gentry and the House called to order by the moderator.

Rev. Oscar Davis, spoke of the work being done on the West Nashville Church.

Sister, Mrs. Fred Poston, spoke of the Womans work, speaking of the past, and also of the future, she spoke of the work the women are planning to do in the future, and

urged the women of the Association to take up the work that has been started by the women. The Ladies Aid work is a work that every Church in the Association should be interested in. If you haven't a Ladies Aid in your church, we urge you to organize one.

Report of Committees.

Committee on Temperance, received and adopted.

Committee on Literature and Education, received and adopted.

Committee on Missions, received and adopted.

Committee on Sunday School, received and adopted.

Committee on Petitions and Requests, received and adopted

Committee on Obituaries, received and adopted.

Motion to adjourn until nine a. m. Friday.

Friday Morning.

9 a. m. Devotional services, Prayer by Bro. G. T. Harris.

House called to order by the moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A motion that the Moderator appoint two Delegates to represent this Association at the General Conference, which meets in Georgia, at....., June....., 1929, prevailed, and the Moderator appointed the following Delegates: Rev. W. B. Davenport and Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

On motion the Moderator appointed Rev. W. H. Oliver as Delegate to the North Carolina State Conference.

For Sunday School Secretary, L. O. Burroughs was nominated, and on motion duly seconded nominations closed and he was elected by acclamation.

For Associational Evangelist, Rev. M. W. Rodgers was nominated. On motion nominations were closed and Bro. Rodgers was elected by acclamation.

Friday Morning.

Resolutions of Appreciation.

1st. Be it resolved by this Association, that we express our thanks, and appreciation to Shady Grove Church, and the people of this community for the hospitality, and entertainment we have had the pleasure of enjoying during this session of our Association.

2nd, Resolved that the Clerk have the minutes printed, and distributed, and that he be allowed \$20 for his services.

3rd. Resolved that the Moderator be extended a vote of thanks, for his impartial rulings, and the way he has instructed us in our business.

4th. Resolved, that each Church have signs posted on highways, and other public places, showing places of Churches.— G. W. Fambrough.

At the forks of the road leading off the highway, Say Shady Grove Church, F. W. B. Church R. 2 miles.—Clerk.

Report of finance committee received and adopted.

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

Report of the Committee to investigate the Churches not reporting to the Association, received and adopted.

Motion to elect a program committee to arrange a program for our next Association, committee elected as follows: Rev. J. L. Welch, Bro. G. W. Fambrough, and Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

On motion duly seconded all officers for this year were retained, said officers being as follows:

Rev. J. L. Welch, Moderator; Rev. W. J. Paul, Assistant Moderator; L. O. Burroughs, Clerk; Rev. J. H. Olliver, Reading Clerk.

Motion to adjourn, to meet on Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October 1929, at Scott's Chapel, four miles west of Cumberland City, Stewart County, Tenn.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, MODERATOR.

L. O. BURROUGHS, CLERK.

Annual Presbytery.

The annual Presbytery met at the closing of the Association, Oct. 26th, 1928.

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

On motion the Ordaining council was appointed as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. W. S. Gentry, Rev. J. W. Boyte.

Motion to drop the following names from the Ministerial list, Rev. M. S. Harris, who is now living in Georgia; Rev. G. W. Polston, License preacher, but inactive; Rev. D. T. Armstrong, death; Rev. J. R. Elliott, death; Rev. S. B. B. Holt, death; Rev. James Bagwell, death.

On motion Rev. M. W. Rodgers and Rev. W. S. Gentrys, names were placed on the Ministers list.

On motion each Minister was asked to make a report to the Annual Association each year.

The Moderator asked that each Church organize a choir in their Church.

Report of the ordaining council, received and adopted.

We, the members of the Ordaining Council, beg leave to report that we have received one application from a Minister, Rev. J. L. Mosely, for admittance into this Presbytery. Upon examination, we find that Bro. Mosely was ordained to the Ministry in 1897, by the General Baptists of Missouri, we have learned also, that Bro. Mosely is of good reputation among his friends, and is anxious to be one with us. We therefore recommend that his Credentials be ratified by this Presbytery and that he be enrolled as one of our Ministers.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Chairman.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT.

REV. W. S. GENTRY.

REV. J. W. BOYTE.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to see that the credentials of Rev. W. S. Gentry and Rev. J. T. Moseley be ratified, and that they be presented with new credentials.

I notice that Rev. J. W. Boyte and M. W. Rodgers have never received their credentials, so I will see that they also receive theirs.—CLERK.

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

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

Reports of Various Committees.

Education and Literature—We your committee on Education and Literature, submit the following report:

Whereas Christian Education is essential to the highest development of both the mental and physical personality of of everyone,

And whereas an intellectual education without moral and christian training, is detrimental both to the individual, and society.

Therefore, Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association of Free Will Baptists, that in order to accomplish the

proper and correct education of our Young People that those, and those only, who are practical Christians should be intrusted with the training of the youth of our country, and that to accomplish the foregoing purpose we pledge ourselves to use our influence to engage Protestant Christians, to teach in our public schools, whenever and where ever same is practical.

2nd. That we most heartily commend the action of our board of education, for the manner in which they have handled the educational fund, in that they have, to the extent of their ability, rendered assistance to all worthy applicants for financial assistance, who desire to prepare themselves for the Gospel ministry in our denomination, and it is the universal desire of our people that this program shall be enlarged, and continued.

3rd. We solicitously recommend that all of our Ministers avail them selves of every opportunity for enlightenment by Bible study, attending school when possible, the study of good books, and by correspondence courses, and for the latter correspondence course we recommend the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill.

4th. We unhesitatingly commend the Free Will Baptist College of Ayden, N. C. to our young people seeking higher education, and also Sunday School Literature, League Quarterlies, and Free Will Baptist, published by the Free Will Baptist press at Ayden, N. C.

5th. Recognizing that in order to accomplish the foregoing recommendations, the ministers will incur expense in money, and that it will be necessary for them to devote considerable time to the study herein suggested. We therefore urgently insist that every member of our Church contribute liberably to the support of the ministry, to the end that they may give more efficient service. thereby proving that those who sow bountifully, shall also reap bountifully.

6th. That, we further recommend to the ministry, and laity of our denomination that they, by consistent living, and liberal Christian giving, thus educate our people to the Bible plan of tithing, and laying by in store on the first day of the week, as the Lord has prospered them.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, CHAIRMAN.

Bro. J. B. REDING

REV. J. H. OLIVER

COMMITTEE.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Received for Minutes from the various churches, \$74.31.

BRO. W. S. NICHOLSON, Chairman.

REV. J. W. BOYTE.

REV. J. W. CLOUSE, Committee.

Missions

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

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 advise,

First—We call on our Pastors to do their duty in this great work, and that on the first meeting after the Association, that each Pastor appoint a Mission Committee.

Second—That we more thoroughly impress upon the minds of our people the necessity of 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, both Home and Foreign.

Fourth—That each member be asked to give one dollar for Missions.

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

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Chairman,

M. F. PATTERSON.

D. E. TEASLEY, Committee.

Petitions and Requests.

We, your Committee on Petitions and Requests, beg leave to report that we have received one petition, from a congregation known as the Bear Wallow Church, for admittance into the Association. After a careful examination of the facts, we find that this Church has already been rejected by the Association, on the ground that it is too closely located to Mt. Zion Church; therefore we are not willing to recommend this petition for adoption, but we are handing it back to the Association for its final action.

C. E. DEAYER, Chairman.

E. D. FORT.

FRANK EAHART, Committee.

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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. J. R. Elliott and Bro. D. T. Armstrong, 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, we point them to Him for comfort who doeth all things well.

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

REV. W. M. CASTILE, Chairman.

REV. M. W. RODGERS,

BRO. J. B. BURKE, Committee.

Sunday Schools

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

First—We indorse the report that appears in our minutes of last year, and ask that they be spread on our new minutes.

Second—We recommend and heartily endorse, the work of our State Secretary and urge his work to continue, and promise to give him our support.

Sunday School report of last year to be placed on the new minutes.

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 of 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 possible.

Third—Believing it to be the duty of all Free Will Baptist to support our own Press at Ayden, N. C., we urge all of 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.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT, Chairman.

BRO. BURGESS GOWER.

BRO. W. E. FAMBROUGH, Committee.

Investigating Committee

We, your Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Judging from the information we have been able to obtain we do not think there is any good reason for retaining the following on our list of Churches, Cross Roads, Greenwood, Hurricane Chapel, Indian Mound, Morrowbone, Maple Valley Midway, Mt. Herman, Smiths Grove, Union Hill. We, therefore recommend that there names be dropped from our minutes because they have ceased to function, and there seems to be no future for them to exist as Churches. We recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee to sell the property of Indian Mound Church, and that we ask the Trustees of said Church to give a deed to the property, and turn the proceeds over to the Treasure of the Home Mission Board. We further recommend that the Moderator appoint a Committee to locate and sell any property which may be ours in any of the aboved named Churches; that this committee be composed of three, and the chairman be required to make full investigation, and that he be paid for his services.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Chairman.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT.

BRO. G. W. FAMBROUGH, Committee

Ladies' Aid Convention Report

The Ladies' Aid Convention of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee, to Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist Churches. When convened with Shady Grove Church on October 24, 25, 26, 1928, Greetings:

We send as a delegate to represent the Ladies' Aid Convention, Mrs. Ed Parker.

We beg to make the following report:

We feel the work in our Convention is advancing to a splendid degree. Much interest is being shown by our women in departmental work.

Missions and Stewardship—Our Societies have shown an increase in mission work. A number of our Societies are making plans for Study Classes on Missions and Stewardship, which will mean much for our Conventions.

Organizations—Seeing the great need of an organization for our young people we have organized a Junior Society for children which has proven very successful for each society that has organized the work.

Societies report 5088 visits to the sick during the year. In the number of charity calls made, we feel we have done some good work along this line, taking baskets of food and cloths to the poor. We believe this year more work will be accomplished along this line. Number of Societies to date 27.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount collected during the year by the thirteen societies represented at the Convention, \$3,273.08.

ORPHANAGE FUNDS

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 4,275.53
Collected during the year.....	482.35
Total	\$ 4,757.88

CONVENTION FUNDS

Amount on hand first of year.....	\$ 120.75
Collected during the year.....	83.75
Total	204.50
Disbursements.....	60.00
Balance on hand close of year.....	\$ 144.50

We want the year we are now approaching to be the best we have ever had in our work for the Master and to that end we ask your prayers and co-operation.

Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. FRED POLSTON, President.

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

Report of the General Sunday School Secretary

I wish to submit the following report to the Cumberland Association, when convened with the Shady Grove Church, Montgomery County Tennessee, Oct., 24, 25, 26, 1928.

I have visited seventeen of our Churches within the Association, and find that our people are becoming more interested in the Sunday School work.

We have fourteen schools that has joined the Sunday School Convention, and the reports from these schools to the Convention, shows that our Sunday Schools have 110 Officers and Teachers, with 1350 Schollars; 27 confessing Christ this year. The record shows that they have read 66,475 chapters this year.

We have some wide awake schools, and believe there is a great future for the Sunday Schools within the Cumberland Association.

The Convention that was organized in May 1927, has proven to be a great success. Our first annual Convention met on Sunday, April 29th. At this meeting we adopted the Constitution and By-laws, which is found in the Minutes of the Convention. The crowd was estimated at 1,000 people.

We are planning on holding our first Teachers and Officers Training School some time next summer, and ask the cooperation of all our Churches in this work.

Miles traveled this year in the interest of the Sunday School work 3,006 miles.

L. O. BURROUGHS,

Sunday School Secretary.

Report of Temperance Committee.

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

1st. We believe in sobriety, both in private and in public life, and to fulfill this end, we insist that all our folks, both old and young be total abstainers.

2nd. That the 18th Amendment has made great strides towards bringing total abstinence; therefore we believe it should be retained, because our young folks should have all the protection possible to bring the best out of their lives, and we believe that any person or persons who is guilty of working or aiding in any way to repeal the 18th Amendment or its nullification is not the best friend to our young folks.

And, Whereas the friends of the legalized liquor traffic, have proclaimed the nullification of, and are seeking to have elected an avowed enemy of prohibition, and who openly advocated the nullification of the 18th Amendment, to the Federal Constitution, and with the enforcement laws enacted thereunder, and we believe that any man holding

such views, would be harmful to the progress of Christianity, and ruinous to the American people both temperally and spiritually, if once in control of our government, therefore we, as a Christian organization are opposed to the election of Al Smith, to the Presidency of this country.

We insist that each pastor preach as many as one sermon on Temperance to each of his churches during the year.

G. T. HARRIS, Chairman,

OSCAR DAVIS,

G. E. GOWER. Committee.

Report of Delegates to General Conference

The enthusiasm of the delegates, and the splendid reports which came in from the Conferences, and Associations in the several states made the Eighth Annual session of the General Conference very interesting, and inspiring, seven states were represented; viz: Alabama, Florida, Georgia North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, and Tennessee. There were also present, visitors from quite a number of Associations and conferences. The field Secretary, Rev. J. L. Welch made a very interesting report in which he recommended that one or more National Evangelists be appointed by the General Conference. The Mission Board recommended that each member in the Churches composing the General Conference be required to pay two cents annually for the support of a National Evangelist. There were very encouraging reports from the following: Mrs. Fred Polston, Secretary of Womans Work; Rev. T. E. Beaman, General Secretary of Sunday Schools; Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, General Secretary of the Free Will League work. A very strong and urgent appeal was made for our splendid Institution of learning at Ayden, North Carolina, and known as Eureka College. All Free Will Baptist were strongly urged to rally to the support of this school which means perhaps more to our denomination than any other enterprise in our work. As the sessions of the Conference were held in the main auditorium of our school, we had a fine opportunity to inspect the building and we are prepared to say that it is a school of which every Free Will Baptist should be proud of, which will compare favorably with the best school of our country. The Devotional services were fine and soul stirring. We were royally entertained by a group of children from the Free Will Baptist

Orphanage of North Carolina. It certainly was soul thrilling to hear those sweet children sing, and to think of the work which is being done by this great institution.

The work of the general conference is very important, we think, and one feature of its importance is the opportunity it gives the Associations, and Conferences of the various states, to learn more about each other, and to be bound closer together in bonds of Christian love.

We are very grateful to the Association, for our trip over the mountains, the grandeur of which we never expect to see excelled till we get to Heaven.

REV. J. H. OLIVER.

L. O. BURROUGHS,

REPRESENTATIVES.

Treasurer's Report

Associational Funds

October 20, 1927, to balance from last report.....\$	65.51
October 20, 1928 Interest on deposit.....	2.62
September 30, 1928 Oaklawn.....	5.00
September 30, 1928 Bethel.....	5.00
September 30, 1928 Royal Chapel.....	5.00
September 30, 1928 Bethlehem.....	5.00
September 20, 1928 Heads.....	5.00
September 20, 1928 Ashland City.....	5.00
September 20, 1928 Cofers Chapel.....	5.00
September 20, 1928 To balance.....\$	103.13

DISBURSEMENTS

October 20th Dues to General Conference.....\$	10.00
Leaving a balance of.....	93.13

Minute Money

October 20, 1927 to balance.....\$	73.52
October 20, 1928 Interest on Deposit.....	.65
October 20, 1928 Received from Finance Com.....	75.31
Total.....\$	149.48

DISBURSEMENTS

March 14, 1928 to L. O. Burroughs for Minutes...\$	58.40
Balance	91.08

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Colportage

October 20, 1927 to balance.....	\$ 352.13
October 20, 1928 Interest on Deposit.....	14.09
October 20, 1928 Received since last report.....	15.98
Balance	\$ 382.20

Foreign Missions

October 20, 1927 balance.....	\$ 344.35
October 20, 1928 Interest on Deposit.....	13.90
J. H. Oliver, Clerk.....	3.20
Bethel.....	4.77
Royal Chapel.....	5.02
New Hope.....	7.57
Rock Springs.....	9.20
Oaklawn.....	4.12
Bethlehem.....	12.25
East Nashville.....	14.00
Shady Grove.....	.50
Oakwood.....	1.00
Heads.....	5.75
Ashland City.....	9.00
Cofers Chapel.....	20.00
Balance	\$ 454.63

Educational and Orphanage

October 20th 1927 to balance.....	\$ 1454.90
October 20th 1928 Received during the year.....	326.50
October 20th 1928 Interest on Deposit.....	61.02
Balance	\$ 1842.42

DISBURSEMENTS

April 14th, 1928 Donation to Eureka College.....	\$ 60.00
October 20th, 1928 Colporage Funds.....	15.98
Total	75.98
Balance	\$ 1766.44

Home Missions

October 20, 1928 to balance.....	\$ 188.89
Interest on deposit.....	7.72
J. H. Oliver, Clerk.....	3.20
Bethel.....	4.77
Royal Chapel.....	5.03
New Hope.....	7.57
Rock Springs.....	5.20
Oaklawn.....	4.13

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Bethlehem.....	12.25
Oakwood.....	1.00
East Nashville.....	14.00
Heads.....	5.75
Ashland City.....	9.50
Cofers Chapel.....	20.00
Shady Grove.....	1.75
Olivet.....	7.35
Heads, Nov. 4th, 1927.....	1.00
Balance, Oct. 20, 1928.....	\$ 303.11

DISBURSEMENTS

June 7th, 1928, J. H. Oliver, Expense to General Conference	30.00
October 24th, 1928, balance.....	\$ 273.11

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

Ministers and Addresses

Boyte, J. W., 5603 Pennsylvania Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
 Brake, J., Cumberland City, Tenn.
 Castile, W. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn., R. R. No. 1.
 Carroll, W. R., Charlotte, Tenn., Route 2.
 Clouse, J. W., Joelton, Tenn., Route 2.
 Davenport, W. B., Ashland City, Tenn., Route 1, Box 66.
 Davis, Oscar, 1200 Clay Street, Nashville, Tenn.
 Free, E. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
 Gardner, J. W., North East Station Route 1, Nashville, Tenn.
 Gentry, W. S., Vanleer, Tenn., Route 2.
 Gillespie, Thomas J., 2908 Craft Street, Nashville, Tenn.
 Gower, Joseph F., Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 5.
 Gower, G. E., Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 5.
 Green, L. B. H., Goodlettsville, Tenn. Route 2.
 Hagewood, W. T., 324 Franklin street, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Horner, J. N., Joelton, Tenn.
 Hudgens, J. E., Ashland City, Tenn.
 Moseley J. T., Erin, Tenn.
 Oliver J. H., Clarksville, Tenn.
 Oliver, Wm. Henry, Ayden. N. C.
 Paul, W. J., 112 East 15th street, Columbia, Tenn.
 Pilkinton, H. A., Columbia, Tenn., Route 6, Box 14.
 Pruitt, G. M., West Nashville, Route 4.
 Rodgers M. W., 1637 Nassau Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Staggs, J. W., East 14th street, Columbia, Tenn.
 Sullivan, W. B., Jingo, Tenn., Route 2.
 Waggoner, W. B., Erin, Tenn.
 Welch, J. L., 1610 Arthur Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Licentiates

Hembree, F. A., Cumberland City, Tenn, Route 4,
 Harrison B. G., West Nashville. Tenn.
 Simpkins, F. M., Ashland City, Tenn.

Churches and Their Delegates.

Patton, Miss Mary, Ashland City, Tenn.
 Nicholson, W. S. and R. M. Fambrough, Bethel, Tenn.
 Maxey, Mrs. Mattie, Bethlehem.
 Luton, W. E., Brandons Chapel.
 Leigh, Miss Ethel, Cofers Chapel.
 Not Represented, Craigfield.
 Bright, J. W., Dunbars Chapel.
 Polston, Mrs. Fred, East Nashville.
 Not Bepresented, Emanuels Chapel.
 Not Represented, Good Springs.
 Parker, Trin, Gorman.
 Gower, Birgis, Heads.
 Okain, S. A., Miller's Chapel,
 Biggs, George and Cagle, F. B., Mt. Pleasant.
 Krantz, John, Mt. Zion.
 Walker, J. T., New Hope.
 Hays, Irving, Oak Grove.
 Shadowens, George, Oakland.
 Walker, Bailey, Oaklawn.
 Fields, Len, Oakwood.
 Reding, J. B., Olivet.
 Earheart, Frank, Pleasant Hill.
 Patterson, M. F., Rock Springs.
 Witherspoon, S. C. and Reaves W. W., Royal Chapel.
 Clemets, Everett, Scott's Chapel.
 Poole, Theodore, and Fort, Robert, Shady Grove.
 Adams, H. C., Spring Hill.
 Nelson, Will, Stony Point.
 Pendergrass, Mrs. Alice, West Nashville.

Report of Ministers

J. W. BOYTE

Sermons preached	30
Conversions witnessed	6
Prayer meetings conducted	8

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Funerals conducted.....	2
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Homes visited.....	20
Revivals assisted in.....	1

W. B. CARROLL

Churches in charge 2: Oak Grove and Millers Chapel.

Sermons preached.....	30
Conversions witnessed.....	5
Received into the Church.....	6
Baptised.....	5
Revivals held in above Churches.....	2
Marriages solemnized.....	8
Received from above Churches for services.....\$	147.66
Received from other sources.....	13.60
Total received.....\$	161.26

Condition of work very good.

W. M. CASTILE

Churches in charge 1: Scotts Chapel

Sermons preached.....	50
Conversions witnessed.....	1
Received into Church.....	3
Baptised.....	1
Funerals conducted.....	2
Revivals held in above Church.....	1
Received from above Church.....\$	122.20
Received from other sources.....	5.00
Total received.....\$	127.20

Condition of work good.

J. W. CLOUSE

Churches in charge 1: Mount Pleasant

Sermons preached.....	95
Prayer meetings conducted.....	38
Funerals conducted.....	8
Marriages solemnized.....	3
Homes visited.....	40
Miles traveled.....	100
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Total received.....\$	40.00

MINUTES OF THE

T. J. GILLESPIE

Churches in charge 1: West Nashville.

Sermons perched.....	80
Conversions witnessed.....	25
Prayer meetings conducted.....	30
Received into church.....	30
Baptised.....	10
Funerals conducted.....	4
Homes visited.....	500
Reyivals assisted in.....	1
Revivals held in above church.....	1
Condition of work spiritually very good.	

W. J. PAUL

Churches in charge 1: Royal Chapel.

Sermons preached.....	173
Conversions witnessed.....	80
Prayer meetings conducted.....	50
Received into church.....	35
Baptised.....	19
Funerals conducted.....	4
Marriages solomnized.....	3
Homes visited.....	200
Miles traveled.....	700
Revivals assisted in.....	4
Revivals held in above church.....	2
Received from above church.....\$	400.00
Received from other sources.....	210.00

Total received.....\$ 610.00

Condition of work spiritually and financially good. This Church is still growing and the Lord Jehovah is still blessing in the old fashioned way.

H. A. PILKINTON

I have no Churches in charge, but have some work for the future.

Sermons preached.....	10
Prayer meetings conducted.....	9
Funerals conducted.....	3
Marriages solemnized.....	3
Homes visited.....	12
Received for services.....\$	2.00

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G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge 1: Oakland.

Sermons preached.....	168
Conversions witnessed.....	142
Prayer meetings conducted.....	15
Baptised.....	30
Funerals conducted.....	5
Marriages solemnized.....	6
Homes visited.....	400
Miles traveled.....	3000
Revivals assisted in.....	11
Revivals held in above church.....	1
Received from above church.....\$	23.00
Received from other sources.....	950.00
Total received.....\$	973.00

Condition of work spirituallly and financially good.

M. W. RODGERS, Evangelist

Sermons preached, Royal Chapel.....5; Conversions	2
Sermons preached, New Hope.....13; Conversions	3
Sermons preached, Rock Springs...14; Conversions	19
Sermons preached, Shady Grove...14; Conversions	10
Sermons preached, Bethlehem.....14; Conversions	8
Sermons preached, West Nashville..1; Conversions	9
Sermons preached, Iron City.....14; Conversions	10
Total sermons.....75; Conversions	61
Amount received for services.....\$	100.00

J. L. WELCH

Churches in charge 1: Cofers Chapel.

Sermons preached.....	127
Conversions witnessed.....	40
Prayer meetings conducted.....	25
Received into the church.....	27
Baptised.....	16
Funerals conducted.....	20
Marriages solemnized.....	10
Miles traveled.....	2533
Revivals assisted in.....	3
Revivals held in above church.....	1
Received from above church.....\$	1815.45
Received from other sources.....	208.00
Total received.....\$	2023.45

Condition of work spiritually and financially very good.

MINUTES OF THE

W. B. DAVENPORT

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

Sermons preached.....	96
Conversions witnessed.....	37
Received into the church.....	21
Baptised	19
Funerals conducted.....	20
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Homes visited.....	185
Miles traveled.....	2000
Revivals assisted in.....	3
Revivals held in above churches.....	4
Received from above churches.....\$	743.39
From other sources.....	98.06
Total received.....\$	841.45
Conditions of work spiritually and financially very good, but not near so good as it could and ought to be.	

J. H. OLIVER

Churches in charge 3: Brandons Chapel, Oakwood, Olivet.

Sermons preached.....	35
Conversions witnessed.....	21
Received into the church.....	22
Baptised	22
Funerals preached.....	4
Marriages solemnized.....	2
Received for services.....\$	295.82
In addition to my regular churches I have been supplying at Oaklawn since the death of Bro. Armstrong.	

W. S. GENTRY

Churches in charge 2; Stony Point and Gormen.

Sermons preached.....	60
Conversions witnessed.....	65
Prayer meetings conducted.....	5
Received into the church.....	39
Baptised	4
Funerals conducted.....	1
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Homes visited.....	87
Revivals held in above churches.....	2
Received for services.....\$	325.39
Received from other sources.....	90.80
Total received.....\$	416.19
Condition of work good.	

Resolutions 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 Christian churches.

ART. 3. We believe in the depravity of man, and man's inability to recover himself from the 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 into 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 pro-

per mode of baptism is immersion, and that it is the duty of believers to attend these ordinances.

ART. 8. We believe in the general judgement, the joys of the righteous, and 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 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, excludud, died since last Association, and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for the ensing year, names of deacons and their addresses, name 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 proffession 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 recieved 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 shall try all ordained members for unchristian conduct, there shall be annual Presbytery, which shall convene at the 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 Presbystery to examine all applications or ordination sent up with recommendation, from their churches composing this Association and if found compenent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by 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 other 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 recieve 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 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 same.

18. When the 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 rise 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 "brethern" 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.

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.....; 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.

