

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-Sixth Annual Session
OF THE
Cumberland Association
OF
Freewill Baptist



HELD WITH
Scott's Chapel Church

OCTOBER 23-24, 1929



REV. J. L. WELCH - - MODERATOR
1610 Arthur Ave, Nashville, Tennessee

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



LEAF-CHRONICLE PRINT, CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

MINUTES

The Eighty-Sixth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, met with Scott's Chapel Church, Stewart County, Tenn., October 23 and 24, 1929.

Wednesday Morning.

11:00 A. M.—Opening Sermon by Rev. J. H. Oliver. Text: Matt. 23:23.

Wednesday, P. M.

Devotional service led by Rev. Oscar Davis. Scripture lesson: 1st Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Paul.

Association called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch.

Roll called and quorum present—sixteen churches being represented.

The Moderator delivered a very interesting and instructive message.

The Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.

Reading letters from the various churches was begun and all read that were ready to report.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Rev. B. H. Parker, pastor of the Methodist Church at Erin, Tenn., was invited to sit in council with us.

The names of delegates were enrolled.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Sunday Schools—Rev. J. H. Oliver, Rev. W. R. Carroll, Bro. G. T. Harris.

Temperance—Rev. Walter Paul, Bro. M. J. Reed, Bro. Geo. Walker.

Missions—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. H. O. Pilkington, Rev. Ed Gower.

Education and Literature—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Bro. J. B. Redding, Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Obituaries—Rev. W. S. Gentry, Rev. Oscar Davis, Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

Finance—Bro. Scott Nicholson, Bro. H. F. Hyde, Miss Mary Patton.

Petitions and Requests—Rev. Joe Gower, Rev. W. M. Castile, Rev. W. G. Sullivan.

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

Adjourned to 9:30 A. M., Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

Prayer led by Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Reading church letters was resumed and all read that were ready to report.

Report of the Treasurer was received and adopted.

Report of the delegates to the General Conference was received and adopted.

On motion we thanked the delegates to the General Conference for their services and for the brilliant report they have brought back to us.

The letter from Oakland Church was received and read.

Note: Bro. Welch reported that the Clerk, Bro. L. O. Burroughs, had gone to Nashville because of the death of Miss Ruth Leigh and could not be with us during the remainder of this sitting.

On motion, Bro. L. O. Burroughs, Sunday School Secretary, be authorized to have his report printed in the minutes.

Miss Annie Laurie Gower gave a very interesting talk about the work of the Ladies' Aid Convention.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, received and adopted.

MINUTES OF THE

Report of Committee on Obituaries, received and adopted.
Adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

Thursday, P. M.

Prayer by Bro. John Adams.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests, received and adopted.

The letter from Dunbar's Chapel was received and read.

Report of Committee on Missions was received and adopted.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolution—That we do most truly and sincerely commend the officers of this associational session for their efficient and fair management during the present sitting.

Resolution—That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the Brethren and friends in the vicinity of Scott's Chapel for their unstinted hospitality to this body during this session of our association and that the pains-taking effort of the pastor, Rev. W. S. Gentry, for the comfort and happiness of this delegated body deserves honorable mention.

Resolution—That we, the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in annual association assembled, do hereby memorialize the congress of the United States of America for the speedy passage of the Robson-Capper "Public School Bill" for the following reasons: For the preservation of the nation; for the dissemination of knowledge necessary for the development of fine citizenship; and in the interest of equity and fair play and the continued separation of church and state.

Report of Committee on Finance, received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance, received and adopted.

Bro. L. O. Burroughs was re-elected Sunday School Secretary by acclamation.

Rev M. W. Rodgers was re-elected to serve us as State Evangelist by acclamation.

Bro. John Oliver was elected as Temperance Worker by acclamation.

On motion, we go into the election of officers for next year.

Rev. J. L. Welch was re-elected Moderator by acclamation.

Rev. W. J. Paul was re-elected Assistant Moderator by acclamation.

Bro. L. O. Burroughs was re-elected Clerk by acclamation.

Rev. J. H. Oliver was re-elected Reading Clerk by acclamation.

On motion, Bro. G. W. Fambrough was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Rev. W. B. Davenport and Bro. G. W. Fambrough were elected delegates to the General Conference by acclamation.

Rev. J. L. Welch was elected delegate to the North Carolina State Convention.

On motion, we pay the expenses of Bro. Welch to this convention.

On motion, this Association will continue to hold its annual meeting on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October.

On motion, the Assistant Clerk will superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes and that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services.

On motion, if the amount paid in by the various churches for minutes is insufficient, the Assistant Clerk be authorized to draw on the Treasury for the amount that is lacking.

Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. W. R. Carrol were appointed to make out a program for the next Association.

On motion, Rev. L. Richmon, of West Virginia, be invited to sit in council with us.

Bro. Carrol was appointed to preach Thursday evening in the absence of Bro. Rodgers.

The Moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch, called the Association to special prayer for the family and friends of Miss Ruth Leigh, whose hearts have been made so sad because of her tragic death. (Her death resulted from a recent automobile accident). Rev. J. E. Hudgens led in this prayer.

On motion, we adjourned to meet with Oak Grove church, four miles northeast of Charlotte, Dickson County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1930.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Moderator.

BRO. L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

Annual Presbytery.

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association, October 24, 1929.

Rev. J. H. Oliver was elected Moderator and Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Clerk.

The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. W. M. Castile and Rev. W. R. Carroll

The Council reported that they had not received a petition from any of our churches requesting ordination for any one.

Rev. F. M. Simpkin's name was ordered to be dropped from our list of licentiates at his request.

Bro. Carrol reported that his credentials had been misplaced and the Clerk was ordered to write him a duplicate of them.

On motion, the name of Rev. M. S. Harris be placed on our ministerial list, if he moves back to this state and accepts the pastorate of Cofer's Chapel.

Adjourned to meet at the close of the next Annual Association.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Moderator.

BRO. G. W. FAMBROUGH, Clerk.

Reports of Various Committees.

Petitions and Requests—We, your Committee on Petitions and Requests beg to submit the following report:

We find that Oaklawn and Oak Grove, both, have petitioned for the next sitting of the Association.

After consideration, we recommend that we meet with Oak Grove church next year.

Respectfully,

JOE GOWER,

W. M. CASTILE,

W. G. SULLIVAN.

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, to make possible a greater evangelistic effort, we advise:

First, that we call on our pastors to do their duty in this great work, and that on the first meeting after the Association, each pastor appoint a Mission Committee.

MINUTES OF THE

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.

Sixth—That our people be more loyal in supporting this great work as it is a command of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT,
REV. H. A. PILKINGTON,
REV. G. E. GOWER

Sunday Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, make the following report:

1. We endorse the Sunday School work of L. O. Burroughs and his corps of efficient workers and believe that the work is making some progress.

2. We recommend that this Association set aside the first fifth Sunday after the first of April as Sunday School day and we urge our pastors to attend if practical and help make the work go.

We recommend that our Sunday School Secretary call a meeting of all our pastors and Sunday School leaders to meet at some central point to devise some plan to train our people for more efficient Sunday School work and church leaders. We would suggest some fifth Sunday for this meeting.

We recommend that our pastors make an effort to get all our Sunday Schools and Churches to use our own literature and song books, and, also, to take our Church paper.

We recommend that Bro. L. O. Burroughs be re-elected Sunday School Secretary.

J. H. OLIVER,
G. T. HARRIS,
W. R. CARROLL.

Temperance.

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

1. We believe that the Eighteenth Amendment has, to some extent, made great strides toward bringing about total abstinence.

2. Be it resolved, that our law-enforcing officers could make greater progress if they could get the co-operation of the people, and whereas, we believe that the best help that they can get is the church.

We hereby recommend that the leaders and members of the churches comprising this Association strive to get our churches to the very highest type of spirituality that we may have a greater influence.

We further recommend that this Association elect or cause to be appointed at this sitting, a secretary to work in the field as Temperance Worker. His duty will be to organize Total Abstinence Leagues in our churches and to work as many months as may be deemed best.

REV. WALTER PAUL,
G. W. WALKER,
M. J. REED.

Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance report as follows:

Received for Minutes—Rock Spring, \$2.00; Gorman, \$1.50; Craigfield, \$1.55; Oak Grove, \$2.00; Stony Point, \$2.00; Miller's Chapel, \$1.00; Oakwood, \$1.50; Olivet, \$1.00; Oaklawn, \$5.00; Bethel, \$3.00; Mt. Zion, \$2.60; Heads, \$5.00; Ashland City, \$2.00; Oakland, \$2.00; Brandon's Chapel, \$2.00; Royal Chapel, \$3.00; New Hope, \$2.60; Bethlehem, \$5.00; Dunbar's Chapel, \$1.00; Pleasant Hill, \$1.40; East Nashville, \$5.00; Ccfer's Chapel, \$5.00; Total, \$57.15.

W. S. NICHOLSON,
H. F. HYDE,
MARY PATTON.

Education.

The Committee on Education submits the following report:

Whereas, it is essential for the highest development of our civil, moral and religious usefulness, that we have at least a common school education, and

Whereas, we are cognizant of the fact that a liberal education is necessary for the most potential service by the ministers and church officials:

Therefore, be it resolved: By this body in Association assembled, that we exert whatever influence we can to get Christian teachers for our public schools and that we solicitously recommend that those contemplating the work of the ministry educate as liberally as their means and the circumstances surrounding them will permit. We recommend that the Educational Board continue to exercise broad, liberal and sympathetic treatment of those needing financial assistance in the prosecution of their studies to the end that our pulpits of the next generation may be filled by preachers of larger training and greater usefulness than those of the present.

We recommend the Dunn-Butler system of theology, and the various publications of the Free Will Baptist Publishing Company of Ayden, N. C., for use in our homes, Sunday Schools and League societies.

J. E. HUDGENS,
G. W. FAMBROUGH,
J. B. REDDING.

Ladies' Aid Convention Report.

The Ladies' Aid Convention, to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Scott's Chapel, on October 23, 1929. Greetings:

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

We submit the following report:

Organization—We have organized two new societies, re-organized three and have a total of 27 societies.

Missions and Stewardship—We have shown some increase in mission study—there were three classes taught this year and we expect more next year. We have stressed stewardship of life and the blessing of tithing. We believe that we would not suffer for lack of leaders and funds if our people will obey the Lord in these matters.

Personal Service—Much good has been done through personal service such as visits to sick, prayer services, gifts of flowers, Bibles, food and clothing to the poor. Mrs. Evelyn Ellis, of Oaklawn Church, deserves

MINUTES OF THE

special credit for beginning with twenty-five cents and multiplying it until she had the sum of \$25.00.

Financial report:

Amount on hand August 8, 1928.....	\$144.50
Collected during the year.....	84.80

Total	\$229.30
Disbursements	59.50

Balance on hand August 8, 1929.....	\$119.80
Amount collected by 12 societies represented at convention.....	\$2,866.70
Orphanage funds on hand August 8, 1929.....	\$4,864.60

We ask for your prayer, your co-operation in this work that the new year may be the best we have ever had.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, President.

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

Report of the Sunday School Secretary.

I wish to submit the following report to the Cumberland Association:

I have been in 18 of our churches this year, and I find most of our churches have very interesting Sunday Schools. While some schools are small they are doing fine work. One school with an enrollment of only 35, report that there were 22 conversions in their school last year.

Winning to Christ should be the object of every school and I am hoping that our next year will show a much larger number won to Christ.

The Sunday School Convention seems to be growing rapidly. We haven't a church house in the association large enough to accommodate the crowds. At our last annual Convention the crowd was estimated at one thousand people, and we have set the goal for 2,500 at our next annual meeting, and every church in the Association is urged to see that your Sunday School is represented. We need the co-operation of all the ministers and churches.

We failed to start our annual Officers' and Teachers' Training School the past summer, because of lack of interest taken in this work, only hearing from three schools out of the twenty-nine churches in regard to the training school.

We did hold two training schools at night in two of the churches—one at Bethel Church, with an average 39 each night, and one at Heads Church, with an average of 35 each night. These were fine classes and much interest were taken in both. At the close of each class, we had a review lesson, and with closed books I asked the class forty-two questions, including the books of the Bible, and the names of the men who wrote the books of the New Testament, and the class answered every question. We hope that each church will start a training school in their own Sunday School.

I have traveled 3,772 miles this year, and have burned 209 gallons of gas—cost of the gas alone was \$54.34. I am not sure how much oil I have bought. This done in the interest of the Sunday School work.

Yours for better Sunday Schools,

L. O. BURROUGHS,

General Sunday School Secretary of the Cumberland Association.

Report of Delegates to the General Conference.

We, your delegates, in obedience to your command, attended the General Conference of Free Will Baptists, which convened at Glennville, Ga., June 12, 13 and 14, 1929.

We are glad to report that we found in this conference a very progressive spirit, especially in the educational and Sunday School work. And again we found a great desire to get foreign missionaries in the field, and we wish to call the attention of churches to the 3 cents per member, national fees that we may soon have foreign missionaries.

We had six states represented in this conference, namely, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee. The Conference had the co-operation of the different denominations in Glennville during our session. In all it was a great advancement to our denomination.

The conference will meet in Vernon, Ala., next year on Wednesday following the second Sunday in June, at which convention we hope to have the Western states to join in with us. We distributed some of the minutes of the conference to our different pastors and we trust you read one.

Thomas E. Beamon, the General Secretary of Sunday Schools, made a very encouraging report. Some of the things mentioned were that Tennessee has 102 churches; North Carolina, 300 churches, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, 210 churches.

Mrs. Fannie Ralstons, Secretary of the Women's Work, showed a remarkable progress in that work, the minutes of the General Conference will show.

The Rev. J. L. Welch, Field Secretary of the General Conference, gave us a view to expansion of our national work.

Every one should read Mrs. Alice E. Lupton's report on Free Will Baptist League, also Rev. Henry Melvin's report. See your pastor and read the report.

There were thirteen states represented in the League work.

Respectively,

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT,
G. W. FAMBROUGH.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Association Funds.

October 23, to amount from last report.....	\$ 93.13
October 23, Interest on deposit.....	3.32
Amount from Oaklawn.....	5.00
Amount from Bethel.....	5.00
Amount from Heads.....	5.00
Amount from Ashland City.....	5.00
Amount from Royal Chapel.....	5.00
Amount from Rock Spring.....	5.00
Amount from Cofer's Chapel.....	5.00
Amount from Bethlehem.....	5.00
Total	\$136.45

MINUTES OF THE

DISBURSEMENTS

Stamps	\$.55	
National dues	10.00	
Investigating churches	18.30	
		28.85
Balance		\$107.60

Minute Funds.

October 23, 1929, to amount to balance	\$91.08
Interest on deposit	.73
	\$91.81

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid for minutes	\$50.00	
Paid L. O. Burroughs	20.00	
Postage	2.51	72.51
Balance		\$19.30

Educational and Orphanage Funds.

October 23, 1929.

To amount from last report	\$1,766.44
Interest on deposit	70.65
Amount received during year	158.00
Amount from Mrs J. E. Hudgens	142.85
	\$2,137.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Mrs. J. E. Hudgens	\$35.72	
Colportage	11.60	
W. B. Davenport	7.50	54.82
Balance		\$2,083.13

Home Missions.

October 23, to amount to balance	\$273.11
Interest on deposit	8.23
Ashland City	7.50
Royal Chapel	3.00
Bethel	5.51
Oak Grove	13.30
Rock Spring	1.10
Oaklawn	6.50
New Hope	7.00
Bethlehem	12.00
East Nashville	16.00
Heads	5.57
Cofer's Chapel	6.00
Olivet	2.50
	\$367.32
Disbursements—June 14, Expense to General Conference	88.60
Balance	\$278.72

Foreign Missions.

October 23, Amount from last rep.-----	\$454.63
Interest on deposit -----	18.18
Ashland City -----	7.50
Bethel -----	5.51
Oak Grove -----	4.50
Rock Spring -----	1.11
Oaklawn -----	6.50
New Hope -----	7.00
Bethlehem -----	12.00
East Nashville -----	16.00
Heads -----	5.58
Cofer's Chapel -----	12.60
Balance -----	\$550.51

Colportage.

October 23, to amount to balance-----	\$382.20
October 23, Interest on deposit-----	14.89
October 23, 5% on Educational funds-----	11.60

\$408.69

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., Northeast 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., Commerce Street, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Harris, M. S., Nashville, Tenn.
 Horner, J. N., Joelton, Tenn.
 Hudgens, J. E., Ashland City, Tenn.
 Moseley, J. T., Erin, Tenn.
 Oliver, J. H., Clarksville, Tenn., Route 2.
 Oliver, Wm. Henry, 1706 Long Avenue, East Nashville, Tenn.
 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.

MINUTES OF THE

Churches and Their Delegates.

Ashland City—Miss Mary Patton.
 Bethel—W. S. Nicholson.
 Bethlehem—J. T. Eatherly.
 Brandon's Chapel—J. C. Wall.
 Cofer's Chapel—
 Craigfield—J. C. Sullivan.
 Dunbar's Chapel—Mrs. J. W. Summers.
 East Nashville—
 Emanuel's Chapel—Not represented.
 Good Spring—Not represented.
 Gorman—Pink Garret.
 Heads—H. F. Hyde.
 Miller's Chapel—Earl Simpson.
 Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
 Mt. Zion—M. J. Reed.
 New Hope—Jeff Raymer.
 Oak Grove—Tom Crow.
 Oakland—Geo. Shadows.
 Oaklawn—G. W. Walker.
 Oakwood—Harris Gower.
 Olivet—J. B. Redding.
 Pleasant Hill—Frank Earheart.
 Rock Springs—L. M. Proctor.
 Royal Chapel—H. A. Pilkington.
 Scott's Chapel—J. O. Clements.
 Shady Grove—Mrs. Cora Basford.
 Spring Hill—Not represented.
 Stony Point—L. A. Baker.
 West Nashville—Represented by letter after adjournment.

Reports of Ministers.

W. S. GENTRY

Churches in charge.....	3
(Stony Point, Gorman and Scott's Chapel)	
Sermons preached	115
Conversions witnessed	50
Prayermeetings conducted	2
Received into church	26
Baptized	21
Homes visited	75
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals in above churches	3
Received from above churches for services.....	\$216.91
From other sources	40.50
Total received	\$256.41
Condition of work, spiritually and financially—good.	
Marriages solemnized	1
Funerals	3

W. J. PAUL

Churches in charge.....	1
-------------------------	---

(Royal Chapel)

Sermons preached	92
Conversions witnessed	30
Prayermeetings conducted	40
Received into church	14
Baptized	3
Homes visited	200
Miles traveled	230
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$480.00
Received from other sources	73.00

Total received \$553.00

Condition of work, spiritually and financially—fine.

This is the most spiritual church in our town. We are still growing and glowing.

H. A. PILKINTON

Sermons preached	18
Conversions witnessed	15
Prayermeetings conducted	20
Homes visited	14
Miles traveled	300
Revivals assisted in	1
Received for services	\$95.39
Condition of work, spiritually and financially—good.	

I am looking forward for greater things for His cause.

J. T. MOSLEY

Churches in charge	1
(Dunbar's Chapel)	
Sermons preached	63
Conversions witnessed	52
Prayermeetings	6
Received into church	15
Baptized	6
Homes visited	73
Miles traveled	265
Revivals assisted in	4
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$54.86
Received from other sources	25.40

Total received \$80.26

Condition of work, spiritually and financially—not very good.

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge	4
(Heads, Bethlehem, Oaklawn and Rock Spring)	
Sermons preached	90
Conversions witnessed	26
Received into churches	19
Baptized	16
Homes visited	150
Miles traveled	2,547
Revivals assisted in	2

MINUTES OF THE

Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from Heads	\$150.13
Bethlehem	215.25
Caklawn	126.93
Rock Spring	168.91
From other sources	78.26

Total\$739.48

Condition of work, spiritually and financially—very good, but far from what I think it should be. I am praying God to use us for greater work in His services.

W. B. WAGGONER

Sermons preached, about	25
Miles traveled	100
Funerals attended	2
Received for services	\$20

I have no churches in charge.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge	2
(Oakland and Pleasant Hill)	
Sermons preached	200
Conversions witnessed	73
Prayermeetings conducted	7
Received into church	32
Baptized	32
Miles traveled	3,000
Revivals assisted in	9
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches	\$128.00
Received from other sources	600.00
Total	\$728.00

T. J. GILLESPIE

Churches in charge	1
(West Nashville)	
Sermons preached	85
Conversions witnessed	75
Prayermeetings conducted	25
Received into church	55
Baptized	28
Homes visited	500
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above church	2
Received from above church	\$25
Condition of work, spiritually and financially—very good.	

J. H. OLIVER

Churches in charge	3
(Brandon's Chapel, Olivet and Oakwood)	
Sermons preached	71
Conversions witnessed	16
Received into church	14

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

15

Baptized	13
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above churches'	3

Received for services:

Brandon's Chapel	\$ 85.70
Oakwood	87.80
Olivet	74.27
Other sources	50.00
Total received	\$297.77

REPORT OF STATE EVANGELIST, M. W. ROGERS.

Meetings held	6
Sermons preached	80
Conversions witnessed	110
Members received into church	115
Received for services	\$171.50

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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the depravity of man, and man's inability to recover himself from the fallen condition with a Divine Mediator.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

MINUTES OF THE

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 9. We believe according to the scriptures, 1st. Cor. 10:16, that each individual, having been induced 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.

ARTICLE 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 the ensuing 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 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 shall try all ordained members for unchristian conduct, there shall be 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 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 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 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 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 Free-will 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 "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 decrum though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Received by Ex...	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Res't	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	For Minutes
Ashland City	Miss Mary Patton	Ashland City, Tenn.							36	1-3	\$4,000.00	\$100.00	\$40.43	\$2.00
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.	3						222	2	2,000.00	123.41	20.00	3.00
Bethlehem	J. T. Eatherly	Ashland City, Tenn., Route 1	15						30	1	2,000.00	215.25	44.39	5.00
Brandon's Chapel	J. B. Burke	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	7	1					21	1	1,000.00	85.70	30.35	2.00
Cofe's Chapel	Miss Ethel Leigh	Nashville, Tenn., Apts. 32	2						221	1-2-3-4-5	5,000.00	1,432.00		5.00
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	Bon Aqua, Tenn., Route 1							28	3	400.00			1.55
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. J. W. Dunaway	Cumberland City, Route 4							39	2	2,000.00	54.86		1.00
East Nashville	Mrs. Irene Coville	Nashville, 442 Deadrick St.	3	2					1	1-2-3-4-5	5,989.19	490.00		5.00
Emanuel's Chapel									46	1-2-3-4-5				
Good Spring									52	2		96.35	17.00	1.50
Gorman	Mrs. Alice Harrison	Gorman, Tenn.	4	1					125	3	2,500.00	149.63	33.05	5.00
Heads	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 5	1	1					2	4	600.00	29.03		1.00
Miller's Chapel	W. S. Simpson	Chapmansboro, Tenn., R. 2							1140	4	2,000.00	180.00		2.60
Mt. Pleasant	Walter Dowlen	Joelton, Tenn., Route 2	8						415	3	2,500.00	126.10	11.00	2.60
Mt. Zion	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn.							90	2	900.00	90.20	52.40	2.00
New Hope	Mrs. Ella Garrett	Charlotte, Tenn., Route 2	18	3					35	2	1,000.00	20.00		2.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Bell Carney	Joelton, Tenn., Route 2							6	4	2,500.00	126.30		5.00
Oaklawn	Mrs. W. L. Gower	Thomasville, Tenn., Route 1							11	4	2,000.00	87.80	21.26	1.50
Oakwood	Miss Willie Hunter	Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 5	3	1					1	1	1,000.00	74.97	26.09	1.00
Olivet	J. B. Reding	Adams, Tenn., Route 3	2						56	3	1,000.00	109.00		1.40
Pleasant Hill	Rillarene Wallace	Dover, Tenn.	4	2					1204	3	2,500.00	169.92	30.15	2.00
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn.	1	1					3155	1-2-3-4	2,800.00	487.00		3.00
Royal Chapel	H. C. Brown	Columbia, Tenn.	7	3	1	3	9		70	1	1,200.00	33.70		
Scott's Chapel	J. O. Clements	Cumberland City, Tenn.	18		2				54	2	1,000.00	18.80		1.00
Shady Grove	Mrs. Elsie Majors	Clarksville, Tenn., Route 7												
Spring Hill														
Stony Point	Mrs. Ella Lilley	Vanleer, Tenn.	55						2	87	1,100.00	88.76		2.00
West Nashville												25.00		5.00

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.....19.....

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.

