

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
Cumberland Association
OF
Freewill Baptists

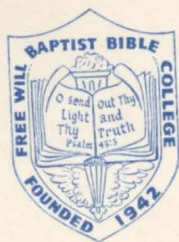
HELD WITH
Oak Grove Church
OCTOBER 22-23-24, 1930

REV. J. L. WELCH - - MODERATOR
312 WOODLAND STREET, NASHVILLE, TENN.

L. O. BURROUGHS - - - - CLERK
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FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Mrs. Agnes Frazier

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 representatives, 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 for us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School Superin-
tendent'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-----193-----

-----, Moderator.

-----, Clerk.

Minutes

The Eighty-Seventh Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, met with Oakgrove Church, Dickson County, Tenn., October 22, 23 and 24, 1930.

Wednesday Morning.

11:00 A. M.—Devotional Service led by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Opening Sermon by Rev. J. H. Oliver. Text: Matt. 18 chap.; 3rd verse.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Devotionals led by Rev. W. R. Carroll. Prayer by Rev. W. J. Paul.

The Brotherhood Quartet favored us with two selections at this time.

Welcome address by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

The Association called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch, who delivered a very brief message to the Association, instructing the Ministers and Delegates of the various churches of their duty in this Association.

Roll call, and quorum present, the Moderator declared the house in order for business; a roll called, and seating of the Delegates.

The Moderator called for the reading of Church letters, and after the reading of a few letters, there was a motion, and seconded, that the Moderator appoint the Finance Committee at this time. The Moderator appointed the Committee as follows: Bro. Joseph F. Gower, Chairman; Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, Bro. E. B. Hayes.

Reading of letters continued, all read that were ready to be turned in.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Sunday School—Bro. G. T. Harris, Chairman; Mrs. W. L. Gower, Bro. W. E. Coville.

Temperance—Rev. W. J. Paul, Chairman; Rev. H. C. Brown, Bro. W. E. Felts.

Missions—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Chairman; Rev. W. M. Rogers, Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

Education and Literature—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Oliver, Rev. D. A. Hatcher.

Obituaries—Rev. M. S. Harris, Chairman; Bro. W. S. Simpson, Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

Petitions and Requests—Rev. W. R. Carroll, Chairman; Rev. L. B. H. Green, Bro. G. E. Bradley.

Resolutions—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Bro. G. F. Heyer, Rev. J. L. Welch. There was a motion, and seconded, that the Moderator's name be added to this committee.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens spoke of the increase of members for the past year by experience, stating there were about 200 added to this association last year, and asked that we all stand in reverent prayer together, offering our thanks to God, and asked Rev. W. J. Paul to lead us in prayer.

At this time we were favored with a special number by the Brotherhood Quartette.

On motion we adjourned until 9 A. M., Thursday.

Thursday Morning.

Devotional service led by Rev. J. H. Oliver. Prayer by Rev. L. B. H. Green.

Roll call and quorum present.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

Reading of letters coming in late resumed.

Reports of Various Committees.

Report of the Sunday School Secretary was received and adopted.

Report of the Associational Evangelist received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests received and adopted.

On motion, Bro. H. T. Mayfield, of Free Donia Church, in Coffee County, was recognized as a delegate and asked to sit in council with us.

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

Report of Committee on Missions was received and adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Rev. J. A. Pope of the Primitive Baptist Church was invited to sit in council with us.

On motion we adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Thursday Afternoon.

Devotional service by the Brotherhood Quartette.

Roll call and quorum present.

Reading of letters coming in late.

Mrs. C. H. Groves, Superintendent of the Orphanage work of the Ladies' Aid Society, spoke of the Orphanage work in the Association, and urged that we do our best this coming year to put the Orphanage work over the top, and asked that we take up an offering now for the Orphanage fund.

Report of the committee on Sunday Schools received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Obituaries received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance, after some discussion, and a motion and seconded, that this report be amended to show that we are in favor of the 18th amendment, after which this report was received and adopted.

Report of the Delegates to the General Conference received and adopted.

The Moderator suggested that we start an institute in the Cumberland Association during this year, stating the need of trained workers in the Association, and suggesting the subjects that need to be taught. After some discussion, and boosting the suggestion, there was a motion and second, that we start an Institute during this year, and the Association voted to start the Institute, by a unanimous vote.

On motion the Association voted to start the Institute the latter part of December.

On motion the Association voted to hold the Institute with the East Nashville Church.

On motion Rev. J. L. Welch was elected director of the Institute.

On motion Rev. Henry Oliver was elected assistant director of the Institute.

On motion the Association voted to pay the expenses of the Institute out of the Educational fund.

Adjourned to 9 A. M., Friday.

Friday Morning

Devotional service led by Rev. W. R. Carroll. Prayer by Bro. G. W. Fambrough.

Roll call and reading Minutes of Thursday.

Moved and Seconded that the clerk secure the report of the Ladies' Aid Convention, and same be placed in the Minutes.

Reading the letter of the West Nashville Church.

Rev. J. H. Oliver moved that we express our gratitude to Bro. L. O. Burroughs for the work he has been doing.

Moved and seconded that we re-elect L. O. Burroughs as Sunday School Secretary for the ensuing year. This vote carried by the vote of the Association.

Moved and seconded that the Association pay the traveling expenses of the Sunday School Secretary out of the Home Mission fund. This motion adopted by the vote of the Association.

Bro. W. E. Coville read a letter from the East Nashville Church making a plea for the organization of our League work in each of our Churches. Bro. Coville made a very interesting talk on the League work, pointing out the need of trained workers in each of our Churches.

On motion the Association voted to elect a League Secretary. Rev. Henry Oliver was nominated. Moved and seconded that Rev. Henry Oliver be elected by acclamation. This motion was carried by the vote of the Association.

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

Report of committee on finance received and adopted.

Report of Treasurer received and adopted.

Moved and seconded that we go into the election of officers for the ensuing year.

For Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. J. L. Welch were nominated, and Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected.

Rev. W. R. Carroll was nominated and elected Assistant Moderator.

Clerk, L. O. Burroughs, was nominated and re-elected by acclamation.

Assistant Clerk, Rev. J. H. Oliver, was nominated and re-elected by acclamation.

Treasurer, Bro. G. W. Fambrough, was nominated and re-elected by acclamation.

The following were elected as Delegates to the General Conference, which meets in South Carolina in June, 1931: Rev. M. S. Harris and Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Report on resolutions received and adopted.

On motion and seconded, the clerk be instructed to have 1,000 Minutes printed and distributed, and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

The report of the committee to look after some inactive Churches received.

The committee reported Antioch Church deed made to Officers of the Church and their successors, forever, and that Coopertown Church was owned by two or three denominations, and that we could not do anything with it. Marrowbone and Greenwood Churches, nothing done.

The committee was instructed to sell the property of Indian Mound Church.

Moved and seconded that the Association be changed to one week earlier, to meet Wednesday before the third Sunday in October. This motion carried by vote of the Association.

On motion, we adjourned to meet with New Hope Church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1931.

New Hope Church is in Cheatham County, about three miles northwest of Joelton, Tenn.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

Annual Presbytery.

The annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association, October 24th, 1930. Rev. J. H. Oliver was elected Moderator, and Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Clerk.

The Ordaining council was appointed as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. L. B. H. Green, Rev. W. B. Davenport, and Rev. G. M. Pruett.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Boyte's name was dropped from our ministerial list, he having joined the Methodist Church.

On motion the clerk was ordered to duplicate Rev. L. B. H. Green's credentials.

On motion the clerk was instructed to order one dozen blanks for credentials from Ayden, N. C., and send the bill to the treasurer of the Association.

The ordaining council organized by electing Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman, and Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Secretary.

1. Bro. Jim Spain was recommended for ordination as deacon for Spring Hill Church; Resolved to recommend him to the Presbytery for ordination.

2. A recommendation for the ratification of the credentials of Rev. J. G. Miller from Oak Land Church; ratification deferred.

3. From Gorman Church, a request that Bro. D. A. Hatcher's name be placed on the licentiate list in our minutes; request granted.

4. A petition for the ordination of Bro. Ernest Craft to the full work of the ministry was received from West Nashville Church; ordination deferred for one year, and ordered that his name be placed on list of licentiates.

Bro. Jim Spain was ordained as deacon for Spring Hill Church, by prayer and laying on of hands. Scripture lesson was read by the Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

On motion we 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.

Missions.

First, we, your committee on missions, beg to submit the following report:

In obedience to the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to preach the Gospel to every creature, throughout the whole world, to

make possible a greater evangelistic effort, we advise and earnestly insist on our pastors doing their duty in this great work, and that, at or near the first of the Associational year, they appoint a mission committee to take the oversight of this great work, for if we as a denomination have any mission at all, it is to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to everyone.

Second, that we more thoroughly impress upon the minds of our people the necessity of paying as the Lord has prospered them, to help make possible the salvation of the world.

Third, that each pastor in our Association be required to hold at least one service annually in the interest of missions, both home and foreign.

Fourth, that each member be asked to pay at least one dollar to this great work.

Fifth, that the mission board continue to do its work wherever it is most needed.

Sixth, we insist that our people will be more loyal to this great work.

Seventh, as between me and my fellowmen, what I hold belongs to me and I have a right to defend my title to it, but as between me and God, it belongs to Him, and because of His ownership of all things, He has the right to determine to whom He shall intrust His wealth, how long they shall retain it, the terms on which they shall hold it, the uses they shall make of it, and when and what kind of settlement they shall make to him. If the landlord and the money-lender, whose titles to their property are relative, only have this right, how much more has God, whose title is absolute. A man has no more right to determine the terms and conditions of his stewardship than he has to determine the terms and conditions of his ambitions into the Kingdom of Heaven. The prerogative belongs to God, and in His Holy Word has clearly set this fourth, and our prayer is that His will be done in us.

Committee:

W. B. DAVENPORT, Chairman;
M. W. ROGERS,
W. T. HAGEWOOD.

Education And Literature.

Whereas, the County, State and Federal governments, realizing the importance of an educated citizenry, have gone to great expense to provide means necessary for the accomplishment of this purpose, and whereas, the experiment of free public schools education has been proven to be a worth-while investment, and whereas the experience of all ecclesiastical bodies has been that money thus invested has truly been bread cast upon the waters, and whereas we the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists have on a drive for means to be used at the discretion of the Association, for the education of those aspiring to the ministry. Therefore, resolved, that we commend the educational board for their forwardness, to assist worthy persons in obtaining a liberal education, and recommend that all persons, who have made pledges to this fund, be diligent to pay them, and that new pledges be taken for this highly commendable cause.

Second—Resolved, that there should be a copy of our Church paper in every Free Will Baptist home, and we urgently insist that pastors bring this matter to the attention of their respective congregations.

Third—Resolved, that we commend to all Bible students the correspondence course offered at this time, by Prof. Kenneth S. Wuest, 2541 Summerdale Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Fourth—Resolved, that our reading, both books and papers, be as carefully selected as our personal associations are, and that their concurrence with the Bible be made the test of their merit.

J. E. HUDGENS, Chairman;
D. A. HATCHER,
J. H. OLIVER.

Finance.

We, your committee on finance, report as follows:

Received for minutes, from the various Churches, \$66.45; and have also examined the Treasurer's report and find same correct.

JOE GOWER, Chairman;
MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS,
E. B. HAYES,

—Committee.

Obituaries.

We, your committee on Obituaries, submit the following:

Since the Lord has been good and kind to us and we have not lost any of our ministers, but He has seen fit to take home some of layety, we bow in humble submission to the will of God, who does all things well, and we express our heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones that have lost by death a mother, or child, or father, and pray God's blessings on them.

M. S. HARRIS, Chairman;
W. S. SIMPSON,
G. M. PRUITT,

—Committee.

Petitions And Requests.

First, we, your committee on Petitions and Requests, find that there are six Churches asking that the Association meet with them their next regular session, therefore, we refer this back to the delegated body to decide where the 1931 session is to be held.

Second, we recommend that the Fredonia Church of the Free Will Baptists in Coffee county be accepted as a member of this body and their delegate be invited to a seat in council with us.

W. R. CARROLL, Chairman;
G. E. BRADLEY,
L. B. H. GREEN.

Resolutions.

First. Whereas, the people in the vicinity of Oak Grove Church have so generously and graciously, provided food and shelter for the delegates and friends during this sitting of the association; therefore, resolved, that as a feeble mark of our sincere appreciation of their many kindnesses that we tender to them a rising vote of thanks.

Second. Resolved, that we, in appreciation of the ability and fairness in their rulings, and for the expeditious manner in which our presiding officers have handled the business of the Association, that we give to them a rising vote of thanks.

Third. Resolved, that the resolutions on page fifteen of the 1929 minutes be copied for 1930.

Resolutions of 1916.

First. 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.

Second. Resolved, 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 accountable to the next Annual Presbytery.

Third. Resolved, that the pastor shall be the presiding officer of the above mentioned Committee.

J. E. HUDGENS, Chairman;

G. H. HEYER,

J. L. WELCH,

—Committee.

Temperance.

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

First. We hereby recommend that the leaders and members of the churches composing this Association put forth a greater effort to get our churches to the highest type of spirituality in order that we may have a greater influence over all forms of intemperance.

Second. We further recommend that the members of our churches are hereby requested to live temperate lives, thereby being living examples of temperance.

W. J. PAUL, Chairman;

W. E. FELTS,

H. C. BROWN,

—Committee.

A motion was made and carried by vote of the Association to amend the committee's report on temperance to show that we as a delegated body are in favor of the 18th amendment.

Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday schools, make the following report:

First. We endorse the Sunday School work of L. O. Burroughs, and recommend that he be re-elected Sunday School secretary.

Second. We recommend that the Sunday Schools of this Association give attention to the fact that the use of younger folk as officers is very essential in creating and holding their interest.

Third. We recommend that each Sunday School in this Association make a special effort between now and the meeting of the Convention next year to formulate a plan whereby an institute may be created for the instruction of officers and teachers; we recommend that the teachers in the various Sunday Schools adopt "Soul Salvation" as their motto for this next year.

G. T. HARRIS, Chairman;
MRS. W. L. GOWER,
W. E. COVILLE,

—Committee.

Report of Delegates to General Conference.

We, your delegates appointed at the last session of the Association to represent our Association at the General Conference at Vernon, Ala., submit the following report:

First. At and during the Conference we found that a growing spirit was prevailing in the national cause.

Second. The spirit in regard to Foreign Missions was very heated, and Rev. I. J. Blackwelder was elected National Secretary for Foreign Missions and a request was made that each association or conference elect a Corresponding Foreign Missionary Secretary to assist the National Secretary.

There were 124 churches, 100 pastors, 10,455 members added to the National Conference at the Vernon Conference. In all it was a great advancement to our cause.

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

—Representatives.

Report of the General Sunday School Secretary.

I wish to submit the following report to the Cumberland Association, when convened with Oak Grove Church:

I find the Sunday Schools of this Association in better working condition than any time in the past. I find that our people are taking more interest in the study of the Bible. I find our Sunday Schools are growing in enrollment. Twelve schools have an enrollment of 1,185 pupils—a gain of 273 over last year.

The Sunday School Convention is growing. We are having large crowds at our Annual Conventions, which is estimated at 1,000 people. We have 14 Sunday Schools enrolled in the Convention, and hope to see all of our Schools enlisted in this great work. I find some of our pastors not co-operating with the Sunday School work; not taking an interest in their our Sunday Schools of which they are the pastor. We must all work for the interest of the church, and not for one department and let the rest go by. I am pleading to you all to work for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.

Sincerely,

L. O. BURROUGHS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Home Missions.

October 23, 1930, to amount to balance from last report.....	\$285.63
October 23, 1930, interest on deposit.....	20.44

West Nashville.....	2.50
Shady Grove.....	1.05
West Nashville, paid on loan.....	262.37
Ashland City.....	9.50
Bethel.....	10.41
Oakwood.....	.25
Bethlehem.....	13.75
Brandon's Chapel.....	.50
Cofer's Chapel.....	12.00
Dunbar's Chapel.....	3.50
East Nashville.....	25.00
Head's.....	10.75
New Hope.....	3.38
Oak Grove.....	5.50
Oaklawn.....	9.09
Oakwood.....	.25
Shady Grove.....	9.00

 \$684.87
Disbursements.

June 13th, 1930, Expense to General Conference.....\$ 50.00

Balance 634.87

Educational and Orphanage.

October 23rd, 1930, To amount to balance from last report.....\$2,088.13

October 23rd, 1930, Interest on deposit..... 68.26

October 23rd, 1930, Henry Oliver on loan..... 2.00

October 23rd, 1930, Received on subscription..... 13.00

 \$2,171.39
Disbursements.

October 23rd, 1930, Amount of loan to John Oliver for school.....\$475.00

October 23rd, 1930, To Colportage funds..... .65

October 23rd, 1930, Mrs. J. E. Hudgens for Orphanage..... 3.71

Total\$479.36

Balance\$1,692.03

Foreign Missions.

October 23rd, 1930, To amount to balance from last report.....\$547.00

December 9th, 1929, Shady Grove..... 1.05

October, 23rd, 1930, Ashland City..... 9.00

October 23rd, 1930, Bethel..... 10.40

October 23rd, 1930, Interest on deposit..... 21.92

October 23rd, 1930, Oakwood..... .25

Bethlehem..... 13.75

Brandon's Chapel..... .50

Dunbar's Chapel..... 3.50

East Nashville..... 25.00

Head's..... 10.75

New Hope..... 3.37

Oak Grove..... 4.02

Oaklawn..... 9.09

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Oakwood	.25
Shady Grove	1.25
Balance	<u>\$661.10</u>

Associational Funds.

October 23rd, 1930, To balance from last report	\$112.60
October 23rd, 1930, Interest on deposit	4.30
October 23rd, 1930, Ashland City	5.00
October 23rd, 1930, Bethel	5.00
Cofer's Chapel	5.00
Head's	5.00
East Nashville	5.00
Oaklawn	5.00
Rock Springs	5.00
Royal Chapel	5.00
Bethlehem	5.00

\$161.90**Disbursements.**

October 25th, 1929, Stamps	\$.55
June 13th, 1930, National Convention dues	10.00
Total	<u>\$ 10.55</u>

Balance

\$151.35**Minute Money.**

October 23rd, 1930, To balance from last report	\$ 19.30
October 28th, 1929, Received from Finance Committee	66.15
October 23rd, 1930, Interest on deposit	.71
Amount from Finance Committee	68.50

\$154.66**Disbursements.**

December 9th, 1929, For Minutes	\$ 45.00
December 9th, 1929, Clerk	20.00
December 9th, 1929, Postage on Minutes	2.59

Total

\$ 67.59

Balance

\$ 87.07**Colportage.**

October 23rd, To balance from last report	\$408.69
October 23rd, Interest on deposit	16.37
October 23rd, Educational Funds	.65

Balance

\$425.71

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

Church Recommendation.

We, the Muscle Shoals State Line Association of the Free Will Baptist, when meeting with the State Line Grove Church do here certify that the Free Will Baptist of Fredonia Church of Manchester, Tennessee is in Good Standing with us. This done by the order of this body, this 13th day of September, 1929.

BROTHER GEORGE RELLY, Moderator.
MRS. J. B. BLOSS, Clerk.

REPORTS OF MINISTERS.**W. B. DAVENPORT.**

Churches in charge	4
(Oaklawn, Head's, Bethlehem, Dunbar's Chapel)	
Sermons preached	103
Conversions witnessed	101
Received into church	47
Baptized	53
Homes visited	127
Miles traveled	3,926
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches for services	\$834.97
Received from other sources	\$119.00
Total received	\$953.97
Condition of work spiritually and financially improving but not by any means what we are hoping and praying for.	

THOMAS J. GILLESPIE.

Churches in charge	1
(West Nashville)	
Sermons preached	150
Conversions witnessed	150
Received into church	129
Baptized	125
Homes visited	500
Miles traveled	100
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches for services	\$64.00
Received from other sources	\$10.00
Total received	\$74.00

Condition of work spiritually and financially—very good.

L. B. H. GREEN.

Churches in charge	2
(Spring Hill and Gorman)	
Sermons preached	60
Conversions witnessed	16
Prayermeetings conducted	20
Received into church	13
Baptized	4
Homes visited	50
Miles traveled	1,200
Revivals held in above churches	2
Revivals assisted in	1

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Received from above churches.....	\$84.55
Received from other sources.....	\$15.45
Total received.....	\$100.00
Condition of work, spiritualp—good. I ask the prayers of the Brethren.	

M. S. HARRIS.

Churches in charge.....	1
(Cofer's Chapel)	
Sermons preached.....	100
Conversions witnessed.....	20
Prayermeetings conducted.....	50
Received into the church.....	16
Baptized.....	9
Homes visited.....	490
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Revivals held in above church.....	2
Received from above church for services.....	\$1,600.00
Received from other sources.....	\$35.00
Total received.....	\$1,635.00
Marriages solemnized.....	4
Funerals.....	7
Visits to the Ladies' Aid.....	25
Condition of work, spiritually and financially—good.	

W. J. PAUL.

Churches in charge.....	1
(Royal Chapel)	
Sermons preached.....	123
Conversions witnessed.....	160
Prayermetings conducted.....	20
Received into the church.....	75
Baptized.....	55
Homes visited.....	300
Miles traveled.....	850
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Revivals held in above church.....	1
Received from above church for services.....	\$379.00
Received from other sources.....	\$160.59
Total received.....	\$439.59
Condition of work, spiritually and financially—good.	

This church is still growing and glowing and is stronger than ever. I organized a Free Will Baptist Church at Shelbyville, Tenn., with 48 members. Plans are being made to erect a building there.

H. A. PILKINTON.

Churches in charge.....	1
(South Shelbyville, Free Will Baptist)	
Sermons preached.....	35
Conversions witnessed.....	6
Prayermeetings conducted.....	20
Baptized.....	12
Homes visited.....	20
Miles traveled.....	446
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Received from other sources.....	\$30.00
Total received.....	\$30.00
Condition of work, spiritually and financially—fine.	

This church was organized last June. We hope to have a building and come into the Association next year.

G. M. PRUIT.

Churches in charge	2
(Oakland, Pleasant Hill)	
Sermons preached	125
Conversions witnessed	107
Prayermeetings conducted	10
Received into the church	35
Baptized	35
Homes visited	400
Miles traveled	4,000
Revivals assisted in	5
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches for services	\$136.00
Received from other sources	\$600.00
Total received	\$736.00

M. W. ROGERS, Evangelist.

Evangelistic meetings	2
Sermons preached	80
Professions of faith	35
Received into the church	17
Money received	\$50.00

J. W. STAGGS.

Sermons preached	12
Conversions witnessed	1
Funerals conducted	1
Prayermeetings conducted	8
Homes visited	16
Marriages solemnized	1

I have no churches in charge, but am looking for greater things in the future.

J. L. WELCH.

Churches in charge	1
(East Nashville)	
Sermons preached	111
Conversions witnessed	18
Prayermeetings conducted	47
Received into the church	35
Baptized	14
Funerals conducted	9
Marriages solemnized	6
Miles traveled	2,616
Revivals assisted in	1
Received from above churches for services	\$1,590.00
Received from other sources	\$149.00
Total received	\$1,739.00

Condition of work, spiritually and financially—good.

J. H. OLIVER.

Churches in charge	3
Sermons preached, about	60
Conversions witnessed, about	60

Received into the church-----	21
Baptized -----	19
Received for services, about -----	\$275.00

Churches and Their Delegates.

Ashland City—Grover Binkley.
 Bethel—J. R. Perry.
 Bethlehem—Mrs. W. B. Davenport.
 Brandon's Chapel—G. F. Heyer.
 Cofer's Chapel—Mrs. L. O. Burroughs.
 Craigfield—W. H. Stinson.
 Dunbar's Chapel—J. W. Bright.
 East Nashville—W. E. Coville.
 Emanuel's Chapel—Not represented.
 Fredonia—H. T. Mayfield.
 Good Springs—Not represented.
 Gorman—D. A. Hatcher.
 Head's—Joe F. Gower.
 Miller's Chapel—W. S. Simpson.
 Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
 Mt. Zion—R. R. Binkley.
 New Hope—W. E. Felts.
 Oak Grove—Ervin Hayes.
 Oakland—By letter.
 Oaklawn—Mrs. W. L. Gower.
 Oakwood—Len Fields.
 Olivet—By letter.
 Pleasant Hill—Miss Nova Wallace.
 Rock Springs—M. F. Patterson.
 Royal Chapel—A. D. Pilkinton.
 Scott's Chapel—A. B. Pearce.
 Shady Grove—Freemon Major.
 Spring Hill—Jim Spain.
 Stoney Point—S. J. Baker.
 West Nashville—

Ministers and Addresses.

Brakes, J.—Cumberland City, Tenn.
 Casteel, W. M.—Bumpus Mills, Tenn., Route 1.
 Carroll, W. R.—Charlotte, Tenn., Route 2.
 Clouse, J. W.—Joelton, Tenn., Route 2.
 Davenport, W. B.—Ashland City, Tenn., Route 1.
 Davis, Oscar—1200 Clay St., Nashville, Tenn.
 Dunegan, T. J.—Jingo, Tenn., Route 2.
 Free, E. M.—Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
 Gardner, J. W.—Northeast Station, Route 1, Nashville, Tenn.
 Gentry, W. S.—Vanleer, Tenn., Route 2.
 Gillespie, T. J.—2908 Craft St., 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 St., Clarksville, Tenn.
 Harris, M. S.—1600 Tenth Ave., N., 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, W. H.—1706 Long Ave., East Nashville, Tenn.
 Paul, W. J.—112 East Fifteenth St., Columbia, Tenn.
 Pilkinton, H. A.—Shelbyville, Tenn., Route 1.
 Pruitt, G. M.—West Nashville, Tenn., Route 4.
 Rodgers, M. W.—1637 Nassau St., Nashville, Tenn.
 Staggs, J. W.—Shelbyville, Tenn., Route 1, Box 84.
 Sullivan, W. B.—Jingo, Tenn., Route 2.
 Waggoner, W. B.—Erin, Tenn.
 Welch, J. L.—312 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.

Licentiates.

Craft, Ernest—Nashville, Tenn.
 Hatcher, D. A.—Gorman, Tenn.
 Hembree, F. A.—Cumberland City, Tenn., Route 4.
 Harrison, B. G.—West Nashville, Tenn.

Notice.

All ministers are required to send in their report to the Association each year.

Notice.

Reports show that twenty-four of our churches have received 333 members by experience during the past year.

Notice.

To pastors and clerks of this Association, please use the letter forms found in the back of the Minutes, to make out your reports to the Association. They will be much easier read and you can give all the information on them that is required by the Association.

Clerk.

Sunday Schools and Superintendents.

Ashland City—P. E. Hagewood.
 Bethlehem—Mrs. J. W. Maxey.
 Bethel—G. W. Fambrough.
 Cofer's Chapel—L. O. Burroughs.
 Dunbar's Chapel—Weaver Dunaway.
 East Nashville—J. B. Parsons.
 Gorman—Dudney Clark
 Heads—J. W. Strange.
 Miller's Chapel—S. A. Okain.
 Mt. Zion—N. W. Walker.
 New Hope—Dr. W. E. Felts.
 Oak Grove—Hershel Spann.
 Oakland—Golda Brent.
 Oaklawn—C. G. Binkley.
 Oakwood—W. W. Clinard.
 Royal Chapel—Louis Hyle.
 Scott's Chapel—G. A. Sykes.
 Shady Grove—Mrs. J. H. Oliver.
 Spring Hill—James Edwards.
 West Nashville—Carlos Craft.
 Olivet—J. B. Reding.
 Pleasant Hill—Frank Earhart.

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 faith of the 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.

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 into 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 operative 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 played 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 Pauls 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 Association voting in behalf of the amendment.

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 decorum though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

Ministers 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
_____; 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. _____

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Received by Ex.	Rec'd by Letter	Received by Rec.	Rec'd by Rest.	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.	18	2	1	1	1	1	38	1-3	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 100.00			\$2.00
Aethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.	3	1	1	1	1	3226	2	2	2,000.00	2,000.00			3.00
Bethlehem	J. T. Eatherly	Ashland City, Tenn., Route 1	13	3	1	1	1	1286	1	1	2,000.00	225.00			5.00
Brandon's Chapel	J. B. Burke	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	16	2	2	2	2	1196	1	1	1,000.00	82.67			2.00
Coter's Chapel	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs	4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville.	711	11	11	11	11	2211	1-2-3-4-5	20,000.00	1,625.00	\$50.00			5.00
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	Jingo, Tenn., Route 2	2	2	2	2	2	1	33	3	400.00	8.05			1.60
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Weaver Dunaway	Cumberland City, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	41	41	2	2,000.00	171.96			1.00
East Nashville	Mrs. Agnes Frazier	Nashville, Tenn.	10	24	1	1	1	84	1-2-3-4-5	35,000.00	1,590.00				5.00
Emanuel's Chapel	H. T. Mayfield	Manchester, Tenn., Route							14						1.00
Fredonia	Fredonia														1.00
Good Spring	Gorman	Gorman, Tenn.	3	1	1	1	1	59		1		70.85			1.00
Heads	Mrs. Alice Harrison	Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 5	19	3	4	4	3	268	3	3	2,500.00	280.31	15.45		5.00
Miller's Chapel	G. E. Gower	Chapmansboro, Tenn., Route 2	18	3	214	2	2	60	60	4	600.00	32.65	18.70		1.38
Mt. Pleasant	W. S. Simpson														
Mt. Zion	Mt. Pleasant														
New Hope	Walter Dowlin	Joelton, Tenn., Route 2	19	1	2	2	2	155		4	2,000.00	180.30			2.50
Oak Grove	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn.	11	2	5	1	8	222		3	2,500.00	127.32			4.22
Oakland	Mrs. Ella Garrett	Charlotte, Tenn., Route 2	5	1	1	1	1	98		2	1,000.00	129.11	25.00		1.50
Oaklawn	Mrs. Bell Carney	Joelton, Tenn., Route 2	1	1	1	1	1	32		2	1,000.00	20.00			2.00
Oakwood	Mrs. W. L. Gower	Thomasville, Tenn., Route 1	9	1	6	1	3190		17	4	2,000.00	157.50			2.56
Pleasant Hill	Miss Willie Hunter	Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 5	1	1	2	4	1	1	17	4	2,000.00	53.14	11.75		1.30
Pleasant Hill	J. B. Reding	Adams, Tenn., Route 3	1	1	1	1	1	2	68	3	1,000.00	72.15			1.00
Pleasant Hill	Lillarene Wallace	Lover, Tenn., Box 34	5	1	1	1	1	60		3	1,000.00	116.00			1.05
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn., Route	21	3	1	4	1	2255		3	2,500.00	128.72	46.66		2.50
Royal Chapel	Wallace Paul	112 E. 15th St., Columbia, Tenn.	23	2	2	440	2110	1-2-3-4-5	2,800.00	279.00	36.00				5.00
Scott's Chapel	J. O. Clements	Cumberland City, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	71		1	1,200.00	82.49			1.75
Shady Grove	Mrs. Elsie Malors	Hickory Point, Tenn., Route 1	9	1	1	1	1	60		2	1,000.00				1.60
Spring Hill	Miss Deely Green	Coodlettsville, Tenn., Route	9	1	1	1	1	50		1	600.00	21.00			1.50
Stony Point	Mrs. Ella Lilley	Vandleet, Tenn., Route 2	9	1	1	1	1	93		4	1,150.00	74.48			2.10
West Nashville	Miss Pauline Koonce	Nashville, Tenn.	129							1-2-3-4-5		64.00			5.00

Ladies' Aid Convention Report

The Ladies Aid, Convention of Free Will Baptists, of Cumberland Association, to the Cumberland Association, when convened with Oak Grove Church, October, 1930. Greetings:

We send as a delegate to represent the Ladies' Aid Convention, Mrs. E. D. Parker. We beg to make the following report:

We feel the work in our convention is advancing; much interest is being shown by our women in departmental work.

Missions and Stewardship—Our societies have shown an increase in Missions work.

Organizations—We are sorry to report no new societies organized during the year. Societies report 2,881 visits to see sick during the year.

A number of charity calls made. We feel some good work has been done along this line, carrying food and clothes to the poor. We hope the year we are now approaching will be our banner year, and to this end we ask your prayer and co-operation.

Financial report:

Amount collected during the year by the thirteen societies represented at the Convention, \$2,562.12.

Orphanage funds:

To amount, balance at last report-----\$4,864.60

Collected during the year----- 432.87

Total ----- \$5,297.47

State Convention funds:

To amount, balance at last report-----\$142.70

Collected during the year----- 78.25

Total ----- \$220.95

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON, President.
MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

