

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
Cumberland Association
OF
Freewill Baptist
HELD WITH
NEW HOPE CHURCH

OCTOBER 14, 15, 16, 1931

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, - - - - - Moderator
Ashland City, Tennessee.

L. O. BURROUGHS, - - - - - Clerk
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY

- 1—Devotional Services
- 2—Roll Call
- 3—Reading Letters from various churches.
- 4—Appointment of Committees.
- 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 committees 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

Superintendent'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. Total collections for year \$... ..

This done by order of the church.....193.....

....., Moderator.

....., Clerk.

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The Eighty-Eighth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, met with New Hope Church, Cheatham County, Tenn., October 14, 15, and 16, 1931.

Wednesday Morning

11:00 a. m. — Opening Sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch. Text: "The Same Yesterday, Today and Forever". Hebrews 13-8.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotional service led by Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Prayer led by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Roll call, and a quorum present.

On motion the order of business be rearranged, and the reading of letters follow the roll call. This motion carried.

The following letters were read:

Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Brandons Chapel, Cofers Chapel, Craigfield, East Nashville, Heads, Oak Grove, Oak Lawn, Rock Springs.

On motion the Chair appointed the various committees:

Sunday School—Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Chairman, Rev. Oscar Davis, Sister J. E. Simpson. Committee.

Temperance—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Chairman, Rev. W. R. Carroll, and Brother J. B. Burk, Committee.

Missions—Rev. J. W. Welch, Chairman, Sister Mary Patton and Sister W. L. Gower, Committee.

Education and Literature—Rev. J. H. Oliver, Chairman, Rev. A. B. Pierce and Sister Mary Welch, Committee.

Obituaries—Rev. M. S. Harris, Chairman, Sister Mattie Maxey and Fannie Polston, Committee.

On motion, Sister Fannie Polston was invited to sit in council with us.

Petitions and Requests—Bro. Scott Nicholson, Chairman, Bro. J. E. Mayberry and Bro. W. H. Stinson, Committee.

Devotions—Bro. Caldwell, Chairman. Bro. Mathis and Bro. J. E. Felts, Committee.

Finance—Sister W. H. Ragan, Bro. Jim Spain and Bro. Henry Bady, Committee.

Rev. J. L. Welch, read a letter from the clerk of the eastern part of the Stone Association, a telegram from Rev. R.

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F. Pittman of North Carolina, also a telegram from Bro. J. S. Burgess, Morristown, Tenn., saying, "Get your people ready for State Convention if they desire to unite in this work if they decide to take part, get a committee of five, to be called together at Greenville, please send names and addresses to me, date fixed later.

Reports

Ladies Aid Convention report, received and adopted.

General Sunday School Secretaries, report received and adopted.

Committee on Devotions received and adopted.

Report from the Institute received and adopted.

On motion the Association voted to hold the midwinter Institute, time and place to be set later.

On motion we adjourned until 9 a. m. Thursday morning.

Thursday Morning

Devotional, Opening hymn, 81. Prayer by L. O. Burroughs

Roll call, and quorum present, the reading of letters was taken up and the following churches reported: Scotts Chapel Royal Chapel, Fredonia, Millers Chapel, Spring Hill, Oakland, Oakwood, New Hope.

Report on Obituaries, received and adopted.

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

Report of the Temperance committee, received and adopted

Motion made and seconded that this association draw from the treasurer the amount of \$125.00 a year, for the support of foreign missionary, this amount to be drawn from the foreign mission fund.

Sister J. E. Frazier, representing the Ladies Aid Convention spoke of the Macedonian Cry, and asked the Ministers to let them come over and help them.

On motion we adjourned for the eleven o'clock preaching services, to meet again at 1 p. m. for business.

The Davenport Quartette sang three beautiful songs at the Eleven o'clock hour.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens read for his scripture lesson the first ten verses of the first chapter of Second Peter,

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Thursday Afternoon

Roll called and quorum present.

Mt. Zion letter read and adopted.

Report on Education and Literature received and adopted.

Report on Petitions and Requests received and adopted.

On motion the letter from Spout Springs was returned to the committee on Petitions and Requests, on account of one of the members being absent. The Moderator appointed Rev. Marion Rogers to serve on this committee.

Shady Grove letter read and adopted.

Report on Sunday Schools received and adopted.

On motion the Chair appointed a committee of five to meet with a committee at Greenville, Tenn., date to be fixed later to organize a State Convention. The following were appointed to represent the Cumberland Association: Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Chairman, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. W. J. Paul and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

On motion the Association pay the delegates way to Greenville and back. This to be paid out of the Associational funds.

On motion the Moderator appointed a committee of three to look into the matter of putting a Field Worker in the field and report to this sitting of the Association. The following committee was appointed: Sister J. E. Frazier, Bro. G. T. Harris and Sister Mary Patton.

Committee on petitions and requests reported on Spout Springs letter.

On motion this letter was deferred until the next sitting of this Association.

A motion was made and seconded, that this Association send a delegate to the Eastern Division of the Stone Association, when convened in October 1932.

On motion L. O. Burroughs, was elected delegate to represent the Cumberland Association.

On motion we appropriate money out of the Colportage Fund not to exceed \$100.00 dollars, for tracks and literature. Sister Mary Welch to have charge of the financial end.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committee to correct the words that have been dropped out of the Articles of Faith, Bro. J. L. Welch, Sister Mary Welch, and Sister J. E. Frazier.

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The committee on Home Mission and Field Worker, for the ensuing year, received and adopted.

Rev. M. S. Harris stated that he would not accept the amount for his services.

There was a discussion on the matter of the mission board lending money to the various churches: West Nashville, Rock Springs, and Cofers Chapel; on motion the matter was deferred until Friday morning.

On motion we adjourned until Friday morning at 9 a. m.

Friday Morning.

Devotional—Hymn 103: The Lord's prayer repeated in unison.

The roll was called and a quorum noted present.

Minutes of Thursday's session read and approved.

The Treasurers report was received and adopted. On motion a vote of thanks was extended to our treasurer for his services.

Rev. J. L. Welch stated that the question of the Institute was left over from Thursday.

On motion it was voted that this Association hold a two weeks Institute, beginning on Monday following the fourth Sunday in December, said Institute to be held with the East Nashville Church. Rev. J. L. Welch was elected manager of said Institute. On motion all who attend the Institute pay their own expenses to and from the Institute, but meals and a place to stay will be furnished while there.

Notice—Anyone who has not the funds to spare to get to the Institute, the Manager, Rev. J. L. Welch, 312 Woodland at Nashville, Tenn., is authorized to see that these expenses are paid.

On motion Rev. J. L. Welch and Sister Fannie Polston were elected delegates to the General Conference, which meets at Bryon, Texas in June, 1932.

Rev. W. J. Paul called for unfinished business of the Home Mission worker, the Moderator asked the clerk to read the committees report, which was read. On motion the committees report on Home Mission and Field Worker was tabled.

On motion the Moderator appointed a committee of three to get together and select a place for the next sitting of this

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Association. Rev. W. B. Davenport, Bro. Miles Gower and Bro. Marion Read, were appointed on this committee.

On motion we adjourned until 1:00 p. m.

Rev. A. B. Pierce preached at the eleven o'clock hour. Subject: "Bear Ye One Another's Burdens, and So Fulfill The Law of Christ."

Friday Afternoon

Devotional services. Hymn 81, Prayer by Rev. M. S. Harris

There was a motion, and a second, to change the setting of this Association to Wednesday, after the fourth Sunday of October. This motion was defeated, by a vote of 13 for a change, and 15 against it.

A motion was made and seconded that the Association pay the expenses of a field worker of the Ladies Aid.

Report of the committee to select a place for the next sitting of this Association received. Committee, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Bro. Miles Gower, Bro. M. J. Read.

The committee nominated Heads church and Mt. Zion Church. A vote on these two churches was taken and Head's church was chosen for our next sitting.

On motion, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Bro. Joseph F. Gower, Bro. Lonzie Claxton, were elected as a committee to arrange the program for our next Association, and to notify the Minister they select to preach the introductory sermon.

Report of committee on Missions, received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

Resolutions read and adopted.

On motion, the Association will pay Sister Fannie Polston, \$25.00 out of the Associational funds, to defray her expenses to the General Conference next June.

A motion was made and seconded that we adjourn to meet with Heads Church, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1932.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY.

The annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association, October 16th, 1931. Rev. J. H. Oliver, Moderator, appointed the ordaining council as follows: Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman;

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Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. W. R. Carrol, and Rev. W. J. Paul.

The ordaining council reported as follows:

We, the members of the Presbytery, wish to report that we have examined Bro. H. C. Brown, Bro. Ernest Craft, Bro. F. A. Hembree, Bro. A. B. Pierce, as to their literary and doctrinal qualifications, also their recommendations, we have also examined Bro. J. G. Miller, who wishes to have his credentials from Stone Association ratified.

First. We hereby recommend that Bro. H. C. Brown, Bro. A. B. Pierce, Bro. Ernest Craft, be ordained to the full work of the Ministry.

Second. That the case of Bro. Hembree, be deferred, because of improper recommendations.

Third, That the application of Bro. Miller, be rejected because of his attitude toward the Association.

J. L. WELCH, Chairman.

W. J. PAUL.

W. B. DAVENPORT.

W. R. CARROL.

J. E. HUDGENS.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Clouse, was suspended for one year in order to investigate his case more thoroughly.

On motion Bro. B. G. Harrison's name be dropped from the list. Bro. H. C. Brown, Bro. A. B. Pierce, Bro. Ernest Craft, were ordained with prayer and the laying on of hands, the scripture lesson being read by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

On motion, the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the close of the next Association, if no extra session is called.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Moderator.

REV. OSCAR DAVIS, Clerk.

Resolutions

First. Whereas, the people in the vicinity of New Hope 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 kindness we tender to them a rising vote of thanks.

Second. Resolved, that the clerk superintend the printing and distributing the minutes, and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

Third. Resolved, that the resolutions of 1916, be copied.

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.

BRO. G. W. FAMBROUGH, Chairman.

REV. J. L. WELCH,

REV. W. J. PAUL,

Committee.

Reports of Various Committees.

Report of Institute

As Director of Institute work, I wish to make the following report:

In January of this year our people met at the East Nashville Church for one week of study of the most pressing needs of our work. The session was not so largely attended but some good was accomplished among those present. In the course of study we took up Homiletics, Sunday Schools, Leagues, Ladies Aid, Church Administration, Music and Helps in English. Those taking part as teachers were: Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. J. L. Welch, Mrs. Fred Polston, Mr. Burnett, Mr. Waggoner, Henry Oliver and J. L. Welch.

Financial Report

Received from Educational Board.....	\$ 100.00
Paid out	
For meals	22.40

Presbyterian Book Store.....	15.00
Baptist Sunday School Board.....	17.50
Mr. Barnett.....	20.00
J. H. Oliver.....	4.00
Coal.....	12.00
Note Books, etc.....	1.65
Total.....	93.05
Balance.....	6.95
Received from sale of books.....	3.00
Balance on hand.....	9.95

Supplies on hand:

- Four books on Homiletics. Four books on Sunday Schools, and
- Four books on Building a Church.

This report is not as good as we had hoped for but under the conditions we feel satisfied that a good start has been made to help our people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WELCH.

Ladies Aid Convention Report

The Ladies Aid Convention of Free Will Baptist of the Cumberland Association, to Cumberland Association, when convened with New Hope Church on October 15, 16, and 17, 1931, Greetings:

We send as delegate to represent the Ladies Aid Convention, Sister J. E. Frazier, Sister J. L. Welch, alternate. We beg to submit the following report:

Organization-- We are sorry to report no new Societies organized during the year. We were glad to welcome the Ladies Aid Society at Royals Chapel into the Convention at its annual sitting.

Departmental Work-- We feel our work is advancing, much interest is being shown in "Stewardship and Mission" department. We feel if we can get our people to be faithful Stewards, all our church needs will be supplied. God is the founder of this work, and he wants us to be faithful Stewards and in so doing we will serve in carrying out the commission that is our business here. The Master said Go, and there is nothing else for his disciples to do. We must obey the Lord. Before is an open door, a field of marvelous fruitage, a mighty

opportunity, a glorious heritage. The harvest awaits the reapers; the garner the sheaves. We need the co-operation of Pastors, Sunday School Teachers, Superintendents, and Ladies Aid Presidents, to get this work into minds and hearts of our people. May each hear the "Macadonian Call" Come Over and Help Us. Let each one face the question of our Stewardship and ask Gods guidance, "Lord what must I do."

Personal Service—Much good has been done along this line of our work, 1875 visits made to see the sick, a number of Charity calls, Baskets of food and clothes to the poor, flowers to brighten sick rooms.

Financial report by Sister J. E. Hudgens, Treasurer:

Amount collected during the year by 12 Societies represented at the Convention.....	\$3,266.99
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Orphanage Funds

To amount, balance at last report Aug. 12, 1930	5,297.47
Collected during the year.....	367.86

To amount to balance August 12, 1931.....	<u>\$5,665.31</u>
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Convention Funds

To amount on hand August 14, 1931.....	229.95
Collected during the year.....	87.70

Total	<u>307.65</u>
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Disbursements.....	<u>134.60</u>
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To amount to balance August 12, 1931.....	<u>173.05</u>
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Respectfully submitted.

MRS. FRED JACKSON, President.

MISS MARY PATTON, Secretary.

General Sunday Schools Secretary's Report

I wish to make the following report to the Cumberland Association when convened with New Hope Church:

I find the Sunday Schools of this Association are steadily growing, both in members and interest in the work. Rock Springs Church and West Nashville Church have built new class rooms to their churches. Craigfield Church now has a good Sunday School, where two years ago they had no school at all. They have also repaired the building.

The Sunday School Convention had a gain of 196 the past year. Total membership now 1381. We are hoping to make it 2000 this coming year, with the help of the Lord.

Yours,

L. O. BURROUGHS, General Secretary.

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Treasurer's Report

Home Missions.

October 16, to amount from last report.....	\$ 634.87
“ “ Interest on Deposit.....	8.17
Bethel,	6.51
Ashland City,	7.43
Oaklawn,	8.77
Bethlehem,	11.80
Oak Grove.....	9.50
Heads	6.50
East Nashville.....	8.00
New Hope.....	6.00
Shady Grove,	2.15
Total.....	<u>709.70</u>

Disbursements.

November 1, 1930 Telephone.....	.40
November 11, 1930 Loan to Rock Springs.....	250.00
June 8, 1931 Expense to General Conference.....	84.00
September 2, 1931 Loan to Cofers Chapel.....	<u>325.00</u>
Total.....	659.40
To balance.....	50.30

Educational and Orphanage:

October 16, 1931 To amount to balance.....	\$1,692.03
October 16, 1931 Interest on Deposit.....	59.77
Total.....	<u>1,751.80</u>

Disbursements.

Loan to John Oliver for School.....	225.00
Expense to Institute.....	<u>100.00</u>
Total.....	325.00
To balance.....	1,426.80

Foreign Missions

October 16, 1931 to balance from last report.....	\$ 661.10
October 16, 1931 Interest on Deposit.....	26.40
Received from Bethel.....	6.50
Ashland City,	7.42
Oaklawn,	8.76
Bethlehem,	11.80
Heads,	6.50

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East Nashville.....	8.00
New Hope,.....	6.00
Shady Grove,.....	2.15
Total	<u>744.63</u>

Associational Funds.

October 16, 1931, To balance.....	\$ 151.35
October 16, 1931 Interest on Deposit.....	7.60
Sale of Indian Mound Church.....	75.00
Ashland City,.....	5.00
Oaklawn,.....	5.00
Rock Spring,.....	5.00
Cofers Chapel,.....	5.00
Bethlehem.....	5.00
Heads,	5.00
East Nashville,.....	5.00
West Nashville.....	2.50
Royal Chapel.....	5.00
Bethel,.....	5.00
Total.....	<u>281.46</u>

Disbursements

February 7, 1931, Stationery and Stamps.....	5.31
May 6, 1931, Ordinalional blanks.....	1.20
June 8, 1931, Associational Dues (National).....	10.00
Total	<u>16.51</u>
Balance.....	264.94

Minute Money.

October 16, 1931, to balance.....	\$ 82.42
October 16, 1931 Interest on deposit.....	1.00
November 7, Craigfield.....	1.60
November 7, Pleasant Hill.....	1.05
November 7, Olivet.....	1.00
October 16, amount from Finance committee.....	<u>56.75</u>
Total.....	143.82

Disbursements.

January 12, 1931, Printing Minutes.....	60.00
Postage on minutes.....	2.37
L. O. Burrough, clerk.....	<u>20.00</u>
Total.....	82.37
Balance.....	61.45

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Colportage

October 16, 1931 to balance.....	425.71
October 16, Interest on deposit.....	<u>17.02</u>
Balance.....	442.73

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

Report of Delegates to General Conference

We, your delegates in obedience to your command, attended the General Conference of Free Will Baptist, which convened at Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, S. C., June 17, 18. and 19, 1931.

We are glad to report that we found in this Conference a very progressive spirit, especially in the Educational, Sunday School, League, and Ladies Aid work. Mrs. Fannie Polston Secretary of the Womans Work made a very enthusiastic talk on the work, and showed a remarkable progress in that work. One thing that impressed me very much, was that a motion prevailed asking each State represented in the General Conference to contribute twenty-five dollars to the support of a native foreign missionary within three months. Another thing that impressed me very much was a lecture delivered by Rev. C. E. Putman, subject "Did Moses Know." Bro. Putman answered many Bible questions to the satisfaction of all present. We hope to have him with us in our next Institute, a splendid entertainer and Instructor.

For a full report see 1931 minutes.

The next conference will meet at Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas, on Wednesday following the second Sunday in June, 1932.

M. S. HARRIS

W. B. DAVENPORT, Delegates

Missions

We, your committee on mission work recommend as follows:

First, that each church be requested to send at least one dollar per member for mission work during 1932, and that each pastor be required to raise this amount if possible.

Second, that at least two services be held in each church in the interest of this cause.

Third, that the mission board be instructed to use whatever money it has on hand to support any pastor who is try-

ing to build up run down churches. That the traveling expenses at least be paid to any pastor who needs such help, the question of help to be decided by the mission board.

Fourth, that we emphasize the foreign mission work, and urge our people to support the independent work by native workers in foreign fields.

Fifth, that all of us agree to plead with our churches and members to acknowledge their responsibility to God, by giving Him at least one tenth of their income for His cause.

J. L. WELCH

MARY PATTON

MRS. W. L. GOWER

Finance

We, your committee on finance, report as follows:

Received for minutes from various churches, \$56.75. We have examined the Treasurers report, and find it correct.

MRS. H. W. RAGAN

BRO. J. A. SPAIN

BRO. HENRY BADY

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 our 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 a mother, father or child and pray Gods blessing on them.

REV. M. S. HARRIS,

MRS. J. W. MAXEY,

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON.

Petitions and Requests

We your committee on Petition and requests, recommend that the Spout Springs Church in Steward County, Tennessee be deferred until the next sitting of this Association, on the account not knowing the situation sufficient enough.

W. S. NICHOLSON,

W. H. STINSON,

M. W. RODGERS.

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, also we want to show as a delegated body, that we favor the 18th Amendment, and all things that means temperance, which means to be temperate in all good things, and a total abstanences from that which is bad.

W. B. DAVENPORT,

W. R. CARROLL,

J. B. BURKE.

Education and Literature

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

First. Whereas, we have a splendid system of public schools which we believe is second to none, we feel very grateful to our country, and to God for the advantages which our children and young people enjoy.

Second. We also feel thankful to our law making bodies for so arranging our school laws, that no school principal can legally teach without reading, or causing to be read, a portion of Gods word each day for our children.

Third. As the Bible is the greatest book of all literature and has been given to us as the word of an all wise God to guide us through time, to eternity; We recommend that we urge a more systematic study of same, both by our ministers, and layety.

Fourth. We heartily recommend that all of our members subscribe for and read our church paper, and that all of our ministers insist upon this among their members.

Fifth. We recommend the publishing and purchasing from the colportage fund, of suitable tracts, leaflets, etc., for free distribution by leaders in our work, and at such public gatherings as our association.

Sixth. We endorse the work of the Educational Board, in assisting worthy persons to obtain an education, and we

recommend that we make as great an effort to collect our pledges as we can under our present financial conditions. We recommend that our reading books, and papers be very carefully selected, and that no periodicals be allowed to come into our homes, or read by our children, except those which are in harmony with Gods word.

Seventh. We heartily commend for their selections of teachers of good morals, and we wish to ask and insist, that they make an effort to select as far as possible real consecrated christian men and women, to handle the tender lives of our little men and women, of tomorrow.

REV. J. H. OLIVER.

Mrs. MARY WELCH,

REV. A. B. PIERCE.

Sunday Schools

We the committee on Sunday Schools submit the following report:

First. We recommend, since Bro. L. O. Burroughs, is serving as president, at present of the Sunday School Convention, that we relieve him of the duty of Field Secretary, and recommend, Bro. J. B. Parsons, for Field Secretary, for the ensuing year, with expenses paid by the association.

Second. We recommend that the presiding officer of the Sunday School Convention, furnish the Association with a definite, comparative report yearly, observing the following points: Number of Sunday Schools in the Convention, number of officers and teachers, number of Sunday Schools observing six point system, number of pupils enrolled beginning of year, number pupils dropped from roll, number of pupils added during the year. Total enrollment for the year. Average attendance for the year. Amount of offering for the year. Disbursements for the year. Balance on hand at end of the year.

Third. We highly approve of the course in Sunday School building given in the institute of last year, and insist that all Sunday School workers be urged to take advantage of all such instructive courses that come within their reach.

BRO. G. W. FAMBROUGH,

SISTER J. E. SIMPSON,

REV. OSCAR DAVIS.

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Report of Evangelist

M. W. ROGERS, Evangelist

Sermons preached.....	75
Conversions witnessed.....	40
Members taken into the church.....	15
Received for services.....	\$ 50.00

Reports of Ministers.

H. C. BROWN

Churches in charge: None

Sermons preached.....	17
Conversions witnessed.....	10
Prayer meetings conducted....	24
Funerals conducted.....	4
Homes visited.....	75
Miles traveled.....	100

I am holding to Gods unchanging hand. Where He leads
me I will follow. His grace is sufficient for me, Praise God.

ERNEST A. CRAFT

Churches in charge 1: West Nashville.

Sermons preached.....	67
Conversions witnessed.....	19
Prayer meetings conducted.....	20
Received into the church.....	26
Baptized	25
Funerals conducted.....	3
Homes visted.....	200
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Revivals held in above church.....	1
Received from above church.....	\$ 71.00
Received from other sources.....	5.50
Total Received.....	<u>76.50</u>

Condition of work very good, could be better.

This report is from February 25, 1931.

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge 4: Heads, New Hope, Oaklawn and
Brandons Chapel.

Sermons preached.....	66
Conversions witnessed.....	33

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Received into the church.....	28
Baptized	25
Funerals conducted.....	14
Marriages solemnized.....	1
Homes visited.....	145
Miles traveled.....	3284
Revival held in above churches.....	4
Received from above churches for services:	
Heads.....	\$ 273.50
New Hope.....	128.00
Oaklawn	147.99
Brandons Chapel.....	143.45
Received from other sources.....	<u>27.45</u>
Total Received.....	720.39

Condition of work very good, spiritually and financially, but not what we hope and pray that it may be in the future.

L. B. H. GREEN

Churches in charge 2: Gorman and Scotts Chapel

Sermons preached.....	118
Conversions witnessed.....	18
Received into the church.....	37
Baptized.....	8
Funerals conducted.....	3
Homes visited.....	40
Miles traveled	450
Revivals held in above churches.....	3
Received from above churches.....	\$ 133.82
Received from other sources.....	<u>9.70</u>
Total received.....	143.82

Condition of work, spiritually it is good.

Have organized a church at Spout Springs, in Stewart County.

H. A. PILKINTON

Churches in charge none.

Sermons preached.....	27
Conversions witnessed.....	17
Prayer meetings conducted.....	10
Funerals conducted.....	1
Miles traveled.....	200
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Received for services.....	\$ 5.00

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G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge 3: Oakland, Pleasant Hill, Craigfield.

Sermons preached.....	115
Conversions witnessed.....	1
Prayer meetings conducted.....	7
Received into the church.....	15
Baptized.....	15
Homes visited.....	150
Miles traveled.....	3007
Revivals held in above churches.....	4
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Received from above churches.....	\$ 100.75
Received from other sources.....	30.00
Total received.....	<u>205.00</u>

W. J. PAUL

Churches in charge 1: Royal Chapel.

Sermons preached.....	104
Conversions witnessed.....	65
Prayer meetings conducted.....	22
Received into the church.....	30
Baptized.....	25
Funerals conducted.....	12
Marriages solemnized.....	3
Homes visited.....	400
Miles traveled.....	2000
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Revivals held in above church.....	1
Received from above church.....	\$ 315.00
Received from other sources.....	46.02
Total received.....	<u>361.02</u>

Condition of work spiritually and financially good.

We are still growing, glowing and going. We are earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered to the Saints

T. J. GILLESPIE

Churches in charge 1: White Hill.

Sermons preached.....	30
Conversions witnessed.....	25
Prayer meeting conducted.....	6
Received into the church.....	16
Homes visited.....	200

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Miles traveled.....	700
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Received from above church.....	\$ 3.50
Received from other sources.....	15.00
Total received	<u>18.50</u>

J. L. WELCH

Churches in charge 1: East Nashville.

Sermons preached.....	105
Conversions witnessed	8
Prayer meetings conducted.....	45
Received into the church.....	22
Baptized	9
Funerals conducted.....	19
Marriages solemnized.....	6
Homes visited.....	70
Miles traveled.....	2500
Revivals held in above church.....	1
Revivals assisted in.....	2
Received from above church for services.....	\$ 1,800
Received from other sources.....	27.00
Total received.....	<u>1,827.00</u>

Condition of work spiritually and financially fairly good.

M. S. HARRIS.

Churches in charge 1: Cofers Chapel.

Sermons preached.....	114
Conversions witnessed.....	60
Prayer meetings conducted.....	50
Received into the church.....	26
Baptized	14
Funerals conducted.....	12
Marriages solemnized.....	5
Homes visited.....	557
Miles traveled.....	2000
Revivals assisted in.....	1
Received from above church.....	\$ 1,500
Total received.....	<u>1.500</u>

Condition of work not so good.

Churches And Their Delegates

Ashland City, Miss Mary Patton.
 Bethel, W. S. Nicholson,
 Bethlehem, Mrs. J. W. Maxey.
 Brandons Chapel, W. E. Luton.
 Cofers Chapel, Mrs. H. W. Ragan.
 Craigfield, W. H. Stinson.
 Dunbars Chapel, not represented.
 East Nashville, Mrs. J. E. Simpson.
 Emanuels Chapel, not represented.
 Fredonia, H. L. Mayfield.
 Good Springs, not represented.
 Gorman, not represented.
 Heads, Winford Elliott.
 Millers Chapel, H. P. Walton.
 Mt. Pleasant, not represented.
 Mt. Zion, Mrs. Emma Perry.
 New Hope, Dr. W. E. Felts.
 Oak Grove, Marion Hogue.
 Oakland, Sister Miller.
 Oaklawn, Mrs. W. L. Gower.
 Oakwood, C. T. Hunter.
 Olivet, J. B. Reding.
 Pleasant Hill, Miss Nova Wallace.
 Rock Spring, J. E. Mayberry.
 Royal Chapel, Ben Posey.
 Scotts Chapel, A. B. Pierce.
 Shady Grove, Freeman Major.
 Spring Hill, Mrs. Valley Spain.
 Stoney Point, J. W. Lilly.
 West Nashville, Miss Era Craft.
 Property value of 24 churches \$92,750.
 Membership of 25 churches reported a total of 3,132.

Ministers and Addresses

Brakes, J., Cumberland City, Tenn.
 Brown, H. C., 215 Cemetery Ave., Columbia, Tenn.
 Casteel W. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn., Route 1.
 Craft, A. E., 4608 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 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 Sta., Route 1, Nashville Tenn.
Gentry, W. S., Vanleer, Tenn., Route 2,
Gillespie, T. J., 2908 Craft Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joseph E., Cedar Hill, Tenn., Route 5.
Green, L. B. H., Gorman, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T., Commerce St., Clarksville, Tenn.
Harris, M. S., 1600 10th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.
Horner, J. N., Joelton, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E., Ashland City, Tenn.
Moseley, J. T., Erin, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H., 1600 10th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.
Oliver, W. H., 418 Ivins St., Nashville, Tenn.
Paul, W. J., 1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.
Pilkinton, H. A., 1106 8th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.

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 in man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition without 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 brought 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 unto 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 judgement, and that 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 inducted 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 when withdrawn by consent.

7. New churches may be received into the union, who shall petition by letter or delegate, if they have been regu-

larly 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 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 for trying 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 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" or "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 willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules, shall be reported by the Moderator and be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in Council, this Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1867, as a standing decorum though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Rec'd by Ex	Rec'd by L. et. v.	Rec'd by Rec.	Rec'd by Res.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Members	Day of Meet'g	Value of Church Prop'ty	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	For Minutes
Ashland City	Miss Mary Patton	Ashland City, Tenn.	12	2	6	1	1	1	1	59	1	\$4000	\$168.80	\$100.00	\$2.00
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	238	2	2000	---	---	3.00
Bethlehem	J. C. Eatherly	Ashland City, Tenn. R. 1	7	---	---	---	---	---	6	250	3	2000	140.00	48.47	5.00
Brandon's Chapel	J. B. Burke	Bumpers Mills, Tenn.	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	238	1	1000	143.45	---	1.50
Cofer's Chapel	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs	4020 Colorado Av. Nashville	17	8	1	1	6	---	2	231	12345	20000	1500.00	---	5.00
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	Jingo, Tenn., Route 2	3	---	---	3	---	---	2	35	1	600	52.85	---	1.05
Dunbar's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
East Nashville	Mrs. Agnes Frazier	Nashville, Tenn	7	12	1	1	1	2	2	106	12345	35000	1800.00	---	5.00
Emanuel's Chapel	Alice Elrod	Manchester, Tenn., R.	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	16	---	---	---	14.74	1.00
Fredonia	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Good Springs	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Heads	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill, Tenn. Route 5	9	1	---	7	---	---	3	203	3	2560	273.50	20.67	4.00
Miller's Chapel	S. A. O. Kain	Chapmansboro, Tenn. R.	3	---	---	1	---	---	---	60	4	600	28.00	---	1.20
Mt. Pleasant	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Zion	Walter Dowlen	Joelton, Tenn., Route 2	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	159	4	2000	150.25	---	2.00
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn.	9	---	---	4	2	1	1	233	1	2500	128.00	---	3.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Ella Garrett	Charlotte, Tenn., R. 2	5	---	---	3	1	---	1	98	2	1000	200.00	---	1.50
Oakland	Mrs. Bell Carney	Joelton, Tenn. Route 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	31	2	1000	12.50	---	.50
Oaklawn	Mrs. W. L. Gower	Thomasville, Tenn. R. 1	4	---	---	6	---	---	3	187	4	2500	147.99	28.59	3.00
Oakwood	Miss Willie Hunter	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 5	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	15	1	2000	72.30	12.97	1.25
Olivet	J. B. Reding	Adams, Tenn. R. 3	5	1	---	1	---	---	1	73	3	1000	125.30	---	---
Pleasant Hill	Rillarene Wallace	Dover, Tenn., Box 34	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	59	3	1000	105.00	---	---
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn., Route 2	19	---	---	1	---	---	---	244	2	3000	160.35	---	2.00
Royal Chapel	Mrs. H. C. Brown	215 Cemetery Av. Columbia	15	8	1	6	1	---	4	140	12345	2800	315.00	---	5.00
Scott's Chapel	J. O. Clements	Cumberland City, Tenn.	7	---	---	2	---	---	2	72	1	1200	64.12	---	1.25
Shady Grove	Mrs. Elsie Major	Hickory Point, Tenn. R. 1	---	---	3	1	2	---	4	47	2	1000	79.20	---	1.00
Spring Hill	Minnie Mae Spain	Goodlettsville, Tenn. R.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	50	4	1000	---	---	1.50
Stoney Point	Mrs. Ella Lillev	Vanleer, Tenn., Route	---	---	1	---	5	---	---	89	4	1550	65.00	---	1.50
West Nashville	Miss Pauline Koonce	Nashville, Tenn.	19	---	5	2	7	---	---	112	12345	1500	71.00	---	2.50

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MINISTER'S REPORT

All ministers are urged to fill out a report like this and hand it to the Association next year.

Report for year ending.....193.....

Churches in charge.....; names of.....
churches

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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

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Remarks

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Signed, Pastor.

P. O.

State

County

Street No.

R. R.

MINISTER'S REPORT

All members are urged to read the report, sign the card and hand it to the Association next week.

Report for year ending _____ 19__

Churches in charge _____ members of

churches _____

Members of churches _____

Services conducted _____ Conventions attended _____ Prayers

arranged conducted _____ Received from church _____

Baptism _____ Persons conducted _____ Marriages

administered _____ Houses visited _____ Bibles preached _____

Bibles received in _____ Not sent out to above churches _____

Received from _____ Total for services \$ _____

Received from other sources \$ _____ Total received \$ _____

Condition of work service _____ especially _____

Remarks _____

Signed _____ Pastor _____

W. H. _____

Dea _____

Dea _____

Street No. _____

P. O. _____