

MINUTES

— of the —

Ninety-First Annual Session

— of the —

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

— of —

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH BRANDON'S CHAPEL CHURCH

October 17, 18 and 19, 1934

REV. J. L. WELCH.....Moderator
Nashville, Tenn.

L. O. BURROUGHS.....Clerk
4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

-----Free Will Baptist

Church at -----

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

When 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.

PROCEEDINGS

The Ninety-first Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, met with Brandon's Chapel Church, at Bumpus Mills, Stewart County, Tenn., October 17, 18 and 19, 1934.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional services by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

At 11:00 a.m., the Moderator's message to the Association. Scripture lesson read from the thirteenth chapter of the Acts of Apostles.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals by Rev. J. L. Sanders.

Scripture from the Book of Luke. Prayer by Rev. G. M. Pruitt. Welcome address by Rev. W. R. Carroll. Response by Brother G. W. Fambrough. Roll call and there were twenty churches represented. On motion, Rev. Paul Woolsey, from the Union Association, was invited to set in council with us.

On motion the Moderator appointed a Finance Committee as follows: Rev. A. B. Pierce, Rev. G. M. Pruitt, and Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

Reading of Church Letters. The following letters were read: Mt. Zion, Pleasant Hill, Bethel, Spring Hill, Heads, Ashland City, Cofers Chapel, Rock Springs, Bethlehem, Shady Grove, Oak Lawn, Craigfield, New Hope, Mt. Pleasant, Union Hill, Dunbar's Chapel, Brandon Chapel, East Nashville, First Free Will Baptist, Columbia, Tenn., Starkey's Chapel.

MINUTES OF THE

COMMITTEES

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committees:

Missions—Rev. Paul Woolsey, Brother W. E. Coville, Brother D. T. Winters.

Obituaries—Rev. W. M. Casteel, Brother Freeman Robertson, Mrs. Mattie Maxey.

Petitions and Requests—Rev. J. H. Oliver, Brother Miles Gower, Brother George Walker.

Temperance—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Brother W. D. Proctor, and Brother W. J. Caldwell.

Education and Literature—Brother G. W. Fambrough, Rev. J. L. Sanders, and Rev. J. L. Welch.

Resolutions—Mrs. J. L. Welch, Mrs. Fanny Polston, Mrs. Alex Webb.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, and the delegates of the Sunday School Convention and the Ladies' Auxiliary Convention were invited to sit in council with us and have the right to vote.

Adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Thursday.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Presbytery was called together by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Oliver, and appointed the Ordaining Council as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. A. B. Pierce, and Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotionals led by Rev. W. R. Carroll. Scripture lesson read from second chapter of Philippians.

Roll called and quorum present. Reports of Sunday School Convention read and adopted. Woman's Auxiliary Convention report received and adopted.

Report of delegates to the General Conference received and adopted.

Without a motion the regular order of business was sus-

pended for the 11 o'clock preaching service. Rev. J. E. Hudgens delivered the message.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Prayer by Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

Reading of letters coming in late: Oak Grove, Olivet, Stony Point and Oakwood.

Report of the Courier received.

Motion that Rev. J. L. Welch be allowed the balance for his services.

Sister Fanny Polston spoke of the women's work through the General Conference.

Rev. Paul Woolsey brought us a very interesting message from the Union Association of East Tennessee.

Rev. W. R. Carroll told us of the parsonage that had been built by Brandon Chapel church and friends, and deeded to the Cumberland Association. (This is a great work of which we are proud.—Clerk.)

REPORTS

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

Petitions and Requests, Obituaries, Temperance, Missions. Resolutions after some discussion and amendments.

Reading of letter from the Friendship Baptist Church.

On motion we adjourned to meet at 9:00 a.m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotionals by Rev. W. R. Carroll. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Oliver. Roll called and quorum present.

Reading of minutes of previous day.

By motion the Home Mission Board be allowed to use the mission money to the best advantage as they see fit, and all

other laws conflicting with this be repealed. This motion carried.

On motion we go into the election of a place for the next sitting of this Association. Bethlehem Church was selected.

Report on Finance received.

On motion the Chairman appointed Rev. J. E. Hudgens delegate to the Union Association of East Tennessee, which meets on Thursday before the third Sunday in August, 1935, Detroit Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.

Motion carried to pay the delegates' expense to the General Conference of last June.

The Chairman appointed the following delegates to the General Conference: Brother G. W. Fambrough and Rev. E. A. Craft.

This delegated body extended a standing vote of thanks to this Church and community for their splendid hospitality shown us at this sitting of this Association.

Letter read from Hagewood Chapel.

On motion we go into the election of officers to serve for two years. Rev. J. L. Welch and Rev. J. E. Hudgens were nominated for Moderator. Rev. J. L. Welch was elected.

For Assistant Moderator, Rev. A. B. Pierce and Rev. J. E. Hudgens were nominated. Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected.

L. O. Burroughs was elected Clerk by acclamation.

For Assistant Clerk, Rev. J. H. Oliver and Brother W. E. Coyville were nominated. Rev. J. H. Oliver was elected.

Brother G. W. Fambrough was elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Motion carried that Rev. J. L. Sanders' name appear in the minutes as an evangelist; also Rev. W. M. Casteels as evangelist.

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

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Reading of minutes of morning session.

On motion the matter of grouping the various churches, each church appoint their own delegate to the quarterly meeting and state who they want to be grouped with.

On motion Rev. Henry Oliver was elected Supervisor of the quarterly meeting.

On motion the Committee on Missions be eliminated for five years, until 1939.

On motion, the following Mission Board was elected: G. W. Fambrough, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. J. H. Oliver, Rev. J. L. Welch—until 1939.

On motion Rev. W. H. Oliver be reimbursed for his services.

On motion we adjourned to meet with Bethlehem Church, Cheatham County, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, before the third Sunday in October, 1935.

REV. J. L. WELCH, *Moderator*;

L. O. BURROUGHS, *Clerk*.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association October 19th, 1934. The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Oliver.

On motion, the present officers were re-elected by acclamation: Rev. J. H. Oliver, Moderator; L. O. Burroughs, Clerk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Moderator appointed the Ordaining Council as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. A. B. Pierce, and Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

On motion the report of the Ordaining Council was adopted, and appears as follows:

We, your Ordaining Council, wish to report that we have examined the applications for ordinations of J. L. Sanders, C. A. Craft, J. A. Ford, J. W. E. Mangrum, and George Trotter. After examining these brethren as to their qualifications for the ministry, we recommend that Brothers J. L. Sanders, C. A. Craft and J. W. E. Mangrum be ordained to the full work of the ministry, and that Brothers George Trotter and J. A. Ford continue their studies for another year.

J. E. HUDGENS, *Chairman*;
W. B. DAVENPORT,
G. M. PRUITT,
A. B. PIERCE,
J. L. WELCH.

Motion that the Clerk of the Presbytery notify the Mt. Pleasant Church that a Deacon who has been dropped as a Deacon from the church, it would be necessary to ordain him again before he could hold office as Deacon.

On motion, Rev. H. C. Brown's name be dropped from the Ministerial list.

On motion we go into the Ordaining Service, J. L. Sanders, C. A. Craft and J. W. E. Mangrum were ordained with prayer and the laying on of hands. The prayer was led by Rev. J. L. Welch.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to write the credentials for the ordained brethren.

On motion the Presbytery adjourned to meet at the close of the next Association, or the call of the Moderator.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, *Moderator*;
L. O. BURROUGHS, *Clerk*.

RESOLUTIONS

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

Realizing that the present system of financing is inade-

quate to meet the needs of our Association, if we are to go forward with a progressive program of extending the kingdom work,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a plan, or program, of work be outlined with such assessments as are necessary, to fully finance them.

Be It Resolved further, That we express our appreciation for the fraternal visit of Brother Paul Woolsey of Union Association;

That we encourage any possible effort at uniting the Free Will Baptists of Tennessee into a state work;

That we give the members of Brandon Chapel and this community a rising vote of thanks for their generosity in entertaining this Association so splendidly.

Resolved, That we, the Cumberland Association, hereby ask the Board of Education to collect all of our outstanding claims, using such methods as is in keeping with good business, in the Christian spirit, as between man and man.

MRS. J. L. WELCH, *Chairman*;

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON,

MRS. ALEX WEBB.

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, have examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct, and statement shows the money now on hand in the First National Bank of Clarksville, Tenn. Also have collected \$50.44 minute money.

A. B. PIERCE, *Chairman*;

G. M. PRUITT,

W. T. HAGEWOOD.

TEMPERANCE

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

First, we have observed that the harmful effects of intoxicating beverages on their votaries is unabated; that crime,

misery, poverty, and lawlessness, in its various forms, abounds everywhere; therefore, we, the Free Will Baptists of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee, desiring the spiritual, moral, and financial rehabilitation of the country at large, and our local community in particular, reaffirm our opposition to the repeal of our state dry laws, and hereby pledge ourselves to vote only for candidates for office whose election, in our opinion, will best subserve our present dry laws and stimulate a healthy temperance sentiment.

Second, we further recommend personal purity for the individual, moral, social rectitude for the community and state, and deep, earnest and sincere consecration for the church, a moderate use of all good things, and a total abstinence from all evil things.

J. E. HUDGENS,
W. J. CALDWELL,
W. D. PROCTOR.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

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

We have received petitions from five of our churches for the next sitting of the Association to convene with them. We recommend that this be decided by a vote of the Association.

We have a petition from Friendship Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, for admission into this Association, and after careful consideration, we recommend that this church be admitted.

We also have applications from some of our young ministers for ordination, and we are reserving them for the consideration of the Ordaining Council.

MILES GOWER, *Chairman*;
GEORGE WALKER,
J. H. OLIVER.

OBITUARIES

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

Since it has pleased Almighty God not to call any of our ministers from our ranks to their reward, our thankfulness goes up in prayers to Him that doeth all things well, and after the counsel of His own will. Our hearts are full of sympathy and go out to the relatives of our lay members who have died this associational year.

We also point them to the One who doeth all things well.

W. M. CASTILE, *Chairman*;
FREEMAN ROBERTSON,
MRS. J. W. MAXEY.

MISSIONS

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

In view of the fact that a complete reorganization of the missionary movement in the Cumberland Association is necessary, and expedient, this Committee recommends:

First, that a Board of Missions be appointed to oversee the work of organizing missionary societies in all churches, and to aid in bringing the churches to see the necessity of paying their mission dues.

Second, this Mission Board shall be appointed to serve until 1939, and until their successors shall be appointed. The Board shall be held accountable to the Association for funds entrusted to their care, and the distribution of same.

Third, that each pastor be held responsible for the collection of 50 cents per capita (25 cents Home Mission, and 25 cents Foreign Mission) dues. Collection of dues to be started immediately and turned into Association treasury monthly. The Treasurer will report the amounts received, and from which churches, to the Mission Board.

Fourth, that the pastor of each church appoint a special committee to supervise raising of dues in his church.

W. E. COVILLE, *Chairman*;
D. T. WINTERS,
PAUL WOOLSEY.

(Notice—The above committee explained that the pastors would not be required to pay the above amount, but explain why it was not collected.—Clerk.)

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Seventh Annual Sunday School Convention of the Cumberland Association:

Number of Sunday Schools in fellowship, 11.

Number of members represented, 812.

Number of conversions last year, 106.

Total collections last year, \$700.00.

Total expenditures last year, \$434.79.

Officers elected for ensuing year: W. E. Coville, president; G. W. Fambrough, vice-president; Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, secretary and treasurer; J. B. Parsons, field secretary.

Members of Executive Committee: G. T. Harris, L. O. Burroughs, J. F. Gower.

J. B. Parsons, delegate to the Association.

REPORT OF THE COURIER

At the last session of the Association an appropriation was made for printing the paper on the mimeograph, but after beginning the work and buying supplies, the Courier Circle decided to make a change from that method of work to the printed page. This type of work has been more expensive than we had thought and we have had only seven issues instead of twelve.

Received from Colportage Fund ----- \$125.00

Paid Out:

1 ream paper -----	\$ 6.20
2 pounds ink -----	5.00
1 quire stencils -----	3.50
1 dozen ink pads -----	1.25
1,000 envelopes -----	2.90
November paper -----	10.15
December paper -----	13.55
February paper -----	16.98
March paper -----	15.40
June paper -----	13.75
July paper -----	17.80
August paper -----	12.19—
	118.67

Cash on hand ----- \$ 7.67

J. L. WELCH.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary Convention to Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Brandon Chapel Church on Wednesday, October 17, 1934.

We send as a delegate to represent the Women's District Auxiliary Convention, Sister Mary Welch.

We beg to submit the following report:

ORGANIZATIONS

On October 23, 1933, society organized at Freedonia with 17 members. November 19, 1933, society reorganized at Spring Hill church with nine members. Junior Missionary Society organized at Cofers Chapel church. Boys and girls from this society doing a good work.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK

Stewardship—We have tried to stress stewardship of tithing our money, time and talent, and we believe if this was lived up to, our work would not suffer for lack of funds, leaders or workers.

Study classes taught during the year, 15; Stewardship talks, 15; Declamation Contests, 3; tithers reported, 31; programs given, 5; literature distributed, 90.

Mission Study—Number of our societies have had mission study classes and programs which proved very helpful.

Education—In this department we tried to stress orphanage work, distribute literature for temperance programs, urge our people to subscribe for our church paper, encourage a Free Will Baptist Training School for our young people.

Personal Service—This is one of the outstanding features of our work. We feel much good has been done through this department; 4,744 visits made to see the sick; 76 soul-winning efforts; 4 Bibles given; 247 baskets or trays;

\$40.50 cash donations; 29 cottage prayer meetings; 2 boxes sent to orphanage at Middlesex, N. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount collected by nine societies represented at Convention, \$719.80.

MRS. ED PARKER, *President*;

MARY PATTON, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOREIGN MISSIONS

October 12, 1933—By Balance		\$743.17
October 18, 1934—Ashland City	\$ 5.50	
October 18, 1934—Bethel	3.63	
October 18, 1934—Heads	2.90	
October 18, 1934—Stony Point	.25	
October 18, 1934—New Hope	4.00	
October 18, 1934—Bethlehem	5.24	
October 18, 1934—Rock Springs	.75	
October 18, 1934—Oak Lawn	2.00	
October 18, 1934—Oak Grove	4.25	28.52

Balance \$771.69

COLPORTAGE

October 12, 1933—Balance \$266.68—\$ 266.68

DISBURSEMENTS

October 24, 1933—Courier paper 125.00

Balance \$ 141.68

HOME MISSIONS

October 12, 1933—By balance		\$ 344.39
June 15, 1934—Rock Springs, payment of note.....	\$100.00	
September 18, 1934—Ashland City	5.50	
October 15, 1934—Payment on Cofers Chapel note ..	132.59	
October 18, 1934—Heads	2.95	
October 18, 1934—New Hope	4.35	
October 18, 1934—Starkey's Chapel	1.00	
October 18, 1934—Mt. Pleasant	1.00	
October 18, 1934—Bethlehem	5.24	
October 18, 1934—Rock Springs	1.00	
October 18, 1934—Oak Lawn	2.00	
October 18, 1934—Oak Grove	4.25	
October 18, 1934—Bethel	3.63	263.51

Balance \$ 607.90

Credited and paid on Minutes 29.25

Brandon's Chapel25

Balance \$ 578.90

EDUCATIONAL

October 12, 1934—By balance \$1,244.05

December 1, 1934—Henry Oliver on note..... 10.00

Balance \$1,254.05

ASSOCIATION

October 12, 1933—By balance		\$ 284.36
September 18, 1934—Ashland City	\$ 5.00	
October 18, 1934—Bethel	5.00	
October 18, 1934—Starkey's Chapel	1.00	
October 18, 1934—Mt. Zion	5.00	
October 18, 1934—Mt. Pleasant	1.00	
October 18, 1934—New Hope	5.00	
October 18, 1934—Shady Grove	1.00	
October 18, 1934—Rock Springs	5.00	
October 18, 1934—Bethlehem	5.00	
October 18, 1934—Oak Lawn	3.30	
October 18, 1934—Spring Hill	.50	
October 18, 1934—East Nashville	5.00—	41.80
Balance		\$ 326.16

DISBURSEMENTS

January 27—Stamps	\$ 1.11	
June 8—National Dues	10.00	
June 5—Balance on printing Minutes	4.95	
October 15—L. O. Burroughs	20.00	
October 15—L. O. Burroughs, postage	2.59—	38.65
Balance		\$ 282.51

MINUTES MONEY

October 12, 1933—By balance	\$ 45.05
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DISBURSEMENTS

July 5—Printing Minutes	45.05
Now in Cheatham County Bank	\$2,728.50

G. W. FAMBROUGH.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Ashland City	W. A. Binkley
Bethel	J. R. Perry
Bethlehem	Mrs. J. W. Maxey
Brandon's Chapel	Freeman Robertson
Cofers Chapel	D. T. Winters
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Alex Webb
East Nashville	W. E. Coville
Emanuel's Chapel	(Not represented)
First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tenn.	(By letter)
Fredonia	(Not represented)
Friendship	Claud Allen

Good Springs	(Not represented)
Gorman	(Not represented)
Hagewood Chapel	Miss Odessa Nicholson
Heads	Miles Gower
Miller's Chapel	A. D. Okain
Mt. Pleasant	W. A. Lakey
Mt. Zion	M. J. Read
New Hope	W. J. Caldwell
Oak Grove	Drury Sensing
Oakland	(Not represented)
Oaklawn	George Walker
Oakwood	C. J. Hunter
Olivet	J. B. Murphy
Pleasant Hill	Frank Earhart
Rock Springs	Mrs. W. D. Proctor
Scott's Chapel	(Not represented)
Shady Grove	Miss Mary Jordan
Spring Hill	Mrs. Vallie Spain
Starkey's Chapel	Ernest Robertson
Stoney Point	L. J. Baker
Union Hill	Dorris Rose
West Nashville	Mrs. Conaster

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Castile, W. M., Evangelist	Route 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Craft, C. A.	6301 Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Craft, E. A.	4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B.	Route 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Davis, Oscar	1200 Clay St., Nashville, Tenn.
Dunegan, T. J.	Route 2, Jingo, Tenn.
Free, E. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W.	Northeast Station, Nashville, Tenn.
Gillespie, T. J.	2908 Craft Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joseph T.	Route 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Gower, G. E.	Route 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	Gorman, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.	Commerce St., Clarksville, Tenn.
Hatcher, D. A.	Route 3, McEwen, Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	Joelton, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Mangrum, J. W. E.	Route 1, Jingo, Tenn.
Mosley, J. T.	Erin, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H.	1621 Tenth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.
Oliver, W. H.	418 Ivins St., Nashville, Tenn.
Paul, W. J.	1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.
Pierce, A. B.	Route 2, Hickory Point, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	Route 4, West Nashville, Tenn.
Rogers, W. M.	1637 Nassau St., Nashville, Tenn.
Sanders, J. L. (Evangelist)	6111 California Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Staggs, J. W.	East 14th St., Columbia, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1017 Monroe St., Nashville, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

L. W. Chester, John A. Oliver, J. A. Ford, and George Trotter.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

C. A. CRAFT

Sermons preached -----	27
Conversions witnessed -----	7
Received into church -----	7
Prayer meetings held -----	7
Baptized -----	6
Funerals conducted -----	4
Homes visited -----	25
Miles traveled -----	400
Revivals assisted in -----	1
Total received -----	\$ 3.50

E. A. CRAFT

Churches in charge -----	3
West Nashville, Miller's Chapel, Oak Grove.	
Sermons preached -----	120
Conversions witnessed -----	26
Prayer meetings conducted -----	20
Received into church -----	14
Baptized -----	17
Funerals conducted -----	3
Marriages solemnized -----	3
Homes visited -----	250
Miles traveled -----	425
Revivals assisted in -----	4
Revivals held in above churches -----	3
Received from above churches for services -----	\$ 397.75
Received from other sources -----	37.75
Total received -----	\$ 435.50
Condition of work very good.	

W. R. CARROLL

Churches in charge—Brandon Chapel, Dunbar's Chapel, Union Hill and Pleasant Hill.	
Sermons preached -----	150
Conversions witnessed -----	58
Received into church -----	7
Baptized -----	3
Funerals conducted -----	5
Miles traveled -----	1,400
Revivals assisted in -----	4
Revivals held in above churches -----	4
Received from above churches for services -----	\$ 218.65
Received from other sources -----	128.79
Total received -----	\$ 347.44

Condition of work very good. We are praying for greater success in the next associational year.

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W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge—Heads, Oaklawn, New Hope, Mt. Zion, Rock Springs.

Sermons preached	140
Conversions witnessed	141
Received into church	90
Baptized	66
Funerals preached	20
Marriages solemnized	3
Homes visited	150
Miles traveled	3,357
Revivals assisted in	7
Revivals held in above churches	5
Received from above churches as follows:	
Heads	\$142.00
Oaklawn	114.50
New Hope	103.50
Rock Springs	110.06
Mt. Zion	100.00
Received from other sources	43.56

Total received\$ 613.62

Condition of work spiritually and financially very good, but not near what it could and ought to be. But we are praying for still greater things yet to come.

T. J. GILLESPIE

Churches in charge—White Hall Community Church.

Sermons preached	50
Conversions witnessed	25
Received into church	50
Baptized	16
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	75
Miles traveled	1,000
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above church	2
Received from above church for services	\$ 25.00
Received from other sources	25.00
Total received	\$ 50.00

D. A. HATCHER

Churches in charge—Stoney Point.

Sermons preached	50
Conversions witnessed	12
Received into church	1
Baptized	2
Funerals conducted	3
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	40
Miles traveled	1,000

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Revivals assisted in -----	2
Revivals held in above church -----	1
Received from above church for services -----	\$ 38.00
Received from other sources -----	40.00

Total received ----- \$ 78.00
 Condition of work spiritually good. Financially fair.

J. H. OLIVER

Churches in charge—Cofers Chapel.	
Sermons preached -----	119
Conversions witnessed -----	38
Received into church -----	15
Baptized -----	11
Funerals conducted -----	8
Marriages solemnized -----	11
Homes visited -----	842
Revivals assisted in -----	3
Revivals held in above church -----	1
Received from above church -----	\$1,177.21

Condition of work fairly good. Sick calls 552.

W. H. OLIVER

Churches in charge—Bethlehem, Olivet.	
Sermons preached -----	76
Conversions witnessed -----	21
Prayer meetings conducted -----	2
Received into church -----	16
Baptized -----	10
Funerals conducted -----	1
Homes visited -----	213
Miles tarveled -----	3,440
Revivals assisted in -----	3
Revivals held in above churches -----	2
Received from above churches for services -----	\$ 289.00
Received from other sources -----	47.69

Total received ----- \$ 336.69
 Condition of work fair.

L. B. H. GREEN

Churches in charge—Scott's Chapel, Spring Hill and Gorman.	
Sermons preached -----	117
Conversions witnessed -----	12
Prayer meetings conducted -----	20
Received into church -----	12
Baptized -----	10
Funerals conducted -----	3
Marriages solemnized -----	1
Homes visited -----	50

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Miles traveled	1,275
Revivals held in above churches.....	3
Received from above churches.....	\$ 174.80
Received from other sources.....	10.00
Total received	\$ 184.80

J. W. E. MANGRUM

Churches in charge—Starkey's Chapel. .	
Sermons preached	42
Conversions witnessed	4
Prayer meetings conducted	3
Received into church	9
Baptized	4
Funerals conducted	3
Homes visited	34
Miles traveled	400
Revivals held in above church.....	2
Revivals assisted in	1
Received from above church for services.....	\$ 20.63
Received from other sources.....	9.45
Total received	\$ 30.08

W. J. PAUL

Churches in charge—First Free Will Baptist, Columbia, Tennessee.	
Sermons preached	91
Conversions witnessed	57
Prayer meetings conducted	30
Received into church	37
Baptized	8
Funerals conducted	3
Homes visited	100
Miles traveled	800
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above church.....	2
Received from above church.....	\$ 220.00
Received from other sources.....	20.00
Total received	\$ 240.00

Condition of work good. We are still pressing forward, and still growing in numbers, and spiritually.

A. B. PIERCE

Churches in charge—Shady Grove and Friendship.	
Sermons preached	61
Conversions witnessed	49
Prayer meetings conducted	2
Received into church	57
Baptized	38
Funerals conducted	1
Marriages solemnized	2
Miles traveled	758
Revivals held in above churches.....	3
Received for services	\$ 180.00

Condition of work good. I am praying and ask the prayers of all, that the F. W. B. may advance for God.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge—Craigfield.	
Sermons preached -----	89
Conversions witnessed -----	21
Prayer meetings conducted -----	12
Received into church -----	21
Funerals conducted -----	1
Marriages solemnized -----	2
Homes visited -----	200
Revivals assisted in -----	2
Revivals held in above church -----	1
Total received for services -----	\$ 80.75

J. L. SANDERS

Churches in charge—Mt. Pleasant.	
Sermons preached -----	50
Conversions witnessed -----	14
Prayer meetings conducted -----	8
Received into church -----	7
Baptized -----	4
Funerals conducted -----	1
Homes visited -----	100
Miles traveled -----	400
Revivals assisted in -----	2
Revivals held in above church -----	1
Received from above church -----	\$ 45.00
Condition of work fairly good.	

J. L. WELCH

Churches in charge—East Nashville.	
Sermons preached -----	96
Conversions -----	2
Prayer meetings conducted -----	50
Received into church -----	6
Baptized -----	2
Funerals conducted -----	12
Marriages solemnized -----	4
Homes visited -----	151
Miles traveled -----	1,662
Revivals assisted in -----	1
Revivals held in above church -----	1
Received from above church -----	\$1,800.00
Received from other sources -----	25.50
Total received -----	\$1,825.50

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 Saints' 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, 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. 10:6, 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 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 min-

utes 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 an annual Presbytery, 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 ordinations sent up with recommendation, from their churches composing this Association, and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for unchristian conduct and on testimony their decision shall be final.

10. It shall be the duty of each minister who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same. Also, his duty to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs in his charge.

11. No person shall be ordained to the ministry until he is able to fill the requirements of Paul's 1st letter to Timothy 3 and this be tested by the Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall have full power to propound Scriptural questions as they see proper and all candidates shall be required to answer them satisfactorily.

12. This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any other church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the

tenets of Faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

13. All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority, except excluding churches, which shall receive a concurrence of two-thirds.

14. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

15. The minutes of this Association shall be read before them, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

16. This Association may adjourn at any time and place it may think proper, so as to confine it among the churches composing the same.

17. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing the Association, voting in behalf of the amendment.

The brother shall not be interrupted during his speech by any one except the Moderator, except he violates order.

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 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 "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 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.

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 _____

_____;
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	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Lettr	Rec'd by Rec.	Rec'd by Rest	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Prop'ty	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	For Minutes
Ashtand City	Miss Mary Patton	Ashtand City, Tenn.	1	3	—	—	20	—	—	47	13	\$ 4,000	\$ 125.00	—	\$ 1.50
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.	5	—	—	—	1	1	296	—	2	2,000	80.00	—	5.00
Bethlehem	Anita Turner	Ashtand City, Tenn., R. 1	11	—	—	—	1	5	5293	—	1	2,000	169.00	—	1.50
Brandon's Chapel	J. B. Burke	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	7	4	—	—	—	—	1217	—	1	1,000	120.42	—	2.52
Cofer's Chapel	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs	Nashville, Tenn.	13	4	1	—	—	—	1248	12345	2	20,000	1,177.21	\$ 40.18	2.55
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	Jingo, Tenn., Route 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	34	3	600	31.58	—	.75
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Weaver Dunaway	Cumberland City, Tenn.	1	—	—	—	—	—	42	4	4	1,200	36.62	—	1.00
East Nashville	Mrs. Agnes Frazier	Nashville, Tenn.	2	5	—	—	1	—	2133	12345	3	35,000	1,800.00	11.69	2.50
Emanuel's Chapel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
First F. W. B. Ch.	Wallace Scribner	Columbia, Tenn.	11	1	—	4	113	2151	12345	3,000	—	—	220.00	—	3.00
Columbia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Friendship	Willie Morris	Ashtand City, Tenn., R. 1	23	20	11	—	—	—	54	3	—	—	91.00	—	1.50
Good Springs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gorman	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hagewood's Chpl.	Miss Odessa Nicholson	Hickory Pt., Tenn., R. 2	—	—	3	—	—	—	29	4	—	—	30.00	—	1.00
Heads	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 3	7	—	—	—	3	2	3225	3	—	2,000	142.00	27.45	5.00
Miller's Chapel	S. A. Okain	Neptune, Tenn., R. 2	3	—	—	2	—	1	50	4	—	600	72.68	—	1.00
Mt. Pleasant	Miss Marie Lokey	—	6	2	—	—	1	—	1	39	13	500	45.00	—	1.50
Mt. Zion	A. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn.	19	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	3	2,000	100.00	25.04	1.40
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn.	18	—	—	—	2	2	4244	1	—	2,500	161.00	—	3.00
Oak Grove	Bee Spann	Charlotte, Tenn., Route 2	2	2	—	—	—	—	101	2	—	1,000	146.01	—	1.50
Oakland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oaklawn	Mrs. Turner Lee	Thomasville, Tenn.	—	—	2	—	4	2	3174	4	—	2,500	114.50	—	3.00
Oakwood	Miss Laura Settle	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R.	2	—	—	—	1	3	37	1	—	1,000	47.72	—	1.25
Olivet	J. B. Reding	Adams, Tenn., R. 3	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	80	3	1,000	120.00	—	1.00
Pleasant Hill	Rillarene Wallace	Dover, Tenn., Box 34	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	—	—	1,000	21.00	—	.75
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn., R. 2	—	—	—	—	1	—	3216	2	—	3,000	110.06	20.00	2.60
Scott's Chapel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shady Grove	Morton Bagwell	Clarksville, Tenn., R. 2	8	—	—	—	2	—	1	65	2	1,500	80.00	12.00	1.00
Spring Hill	Jennie Mai Tate	Goodlettsville, Tenn., R. 2	2	—	1	—	—	1	—	38	3	1,000	31.12	—	.50
Starkey's Chapel	Ernest Robertson	Kingston Sps., Tenn., R. 3	4	5	—	—	—	—	1	63	1	250	20.63	—	1.00
Stoney Point	Ella Lilley	Vanleer, Tenn., R. 2	—	—	—	—	1	—	83	—	—	1,550	38.50	—	1.20
Union Hill	J. W. Boren	Cadiz, Ky., R. 7	—	—	1	—	—	—	42	2	—	500	43.07	—	1.05
West Nashville	Mrs. Lettie Schmittern	Nashville, Tenn.	9	—	1	5	1	4	1126	12345	—	1,500	171.00	—	2.50