

MINUTES

of the

Ninty-second Annual Session

of the

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

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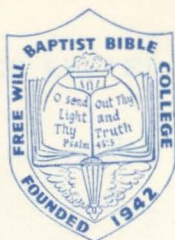
Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH BETHLEHEM CHURCH
October 16. 17 and 18, 1935

REV. J. L. WELCH Moderator
1017 Monroe Street, Nashville, Tenn.

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

FOR



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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Major

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church property valued at \$-----; our day of meeting
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We have paid our pastor \$-----; we have
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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-Second Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church met with Bethlehem Church, Cheatham County, Tennessee, October 16, 17, 18, 1935.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotional services led by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Hymn, Amazing Grace.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Oliver.

11 o'clock sermon by Rev. J. L. Welch.

Scripture lesson from the first chapter of Mark.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional services led by Rev. W. Y. Davenport.

Prayer by Rev. Carlos Craft.

The Clerk called the roll and the Moderator declared a quorum present, and the Association now in order for business.

The Moderator asked the pastors, deacons and delegates to stand, and extended them a welcome to this Association. The Moderator called for the names of all the pastors, deacons and delegates.

The letters from the various churches were called for and the following read:

Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem.

Cofer's Chapel, Craigfield, Dunbar's Chapel.

East Nashville, Gorman, New Hope.

Oaklawn, Rock Springs, Scott's Chapel.

Shady Grove, Starkey's Chapel.

West Nashville.

On motion, Mrs. Mattie Maxey, delegate from the Sunday School Convention, and W. E. Coville, President of the

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Sunday School Convention, and Mrs. Fannie Polston, delegate from the Ladies' Auxiliary Convention, were invited to sit in council with us at this sitting of the Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Obituaries—Rev. G. M. Pruitt, chairman; Ernest Robertson, T. J. Harris.

Petitions and Requests—Rev. C. A. Craft, chairman; Mrs. Mattie Maxie, Bro. W. H. Stimson.

Education and Literature—G. W. Fambrough, chairman; L. J. Baker, Mrs. Turner Lee.

Resolution—Rev. J. E. Hudgens, chairman; Bro. Bedford Wright, Mrs. Cora Basford.

Sunday Schools—W. E. Coville, chairman; L. O. Burroughs, Mrs. C. H. Groves.

Finances—Mrs. Fannie Polston, chairman; Bro. W. E. Fambrough, Mrs. H. W. Ragan.

Temperance—Rev. J. H. Oliver, chairman; John Gower, Isaac Clifton.

On motion, the Moderator be a committee of one to appoint the ministers to preach at the various times.

Rev. Carlos Craft was appointed to preach at 7:30 Wednesday night.

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

The convention was dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

Devotionals led by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Hymn 74, title, He Loves Me.

Prayer by Rev. C. A. Craft.

Roll call and quorum present.

The Moderator declared the house in order for business.

On motion, the Rev. O. L. Johnson and Rev. L. O. Roberts, of the General Association of the General Baptists from Oakland City, Indiana, were invited to sit in council with us at this sitting of the Association.

Reading of letters coming in late as follows:

Mt. Pleasant, Pleasant Hill,

Oakwood, Oak Grove, Friendship.

Report of supervisor of the quarterly meetings read and adopted.

On motion, the first recommendation of the supervisor be accepted.

On motion, the second recommendation be rejected.

On motion, the work of the supervisor be continued.

On motion, Rev. W. H. Oliver was re-elected supervisor of the quarterly meetings by acclamation.

Report of the Sunday School Convention read and adopted.

Report of the Ladies' Auxiliary Convention read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools read and adopted.

On motion, we adjourned for the 11 o'clock sermon.

Devotionals led by Bro. J. B. Parsons.

Duet by Bro. and Sister Parsons.

Rev. O. L. Johnson, of Oakland City, Indiana, preached for us at this hour. Scripture lesson from the fifth chapter of Matthew. Subject, Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Heavenly Father is perfect.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Devotionals led by Bro. J. B. Parsons.

Prayer by Rev. W. J. Paul.

Letters coming in late read as follows:

Olivet, Spring Hill, Heads.

Brandon Chapel, First F. W. B. Church of Columbia, Tenn.

Sister Fannie Polston made a verbal report on the Woman's National Work.

Bro. J. B. Parson, field secretary of the Sunday Schools, made a verbal report of his work.

Rev. L. O. Roberts spoke of the work of the General Baptist Association in Arkansas, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Reports Received and Adopted

Obituaries, Education and Literature, Temperance, Resolutions.

Report of delegates to the General Conference in North Carolina.

On motion, we adjourned to meet at 9 a.m., Friday morning.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. W. E. Coville.

Rev. L. O. Roberts preached Thursday night.

FRIDAY MORNING

Devotionals led by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Prayer by Bro. Myers.

Roll call and quorum present.

Minutes of the previous day read and adopted.

Letter from the Hurricane Chapel read and handed to the Committee on Petitions and Requests.

The Moderator asked Rev. L. O. Roberts and Rev. O. L. Johnson to speak to the Association before they left. They spoke of enjoying being with us in this Association and the splendid fellowship they had received since being here and invited this Association to send a delegation from here to the General Association of General Baptists, which meets at Pool, Ky., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, before the fourth Sunday of October, 1935.

Rev. L. O. Roberts said many good things about us here. Saying that they would go away with a warm memory in their minds for the Free Will Baptists.

Motion made and seconded, that this Association send a delegation to the General Association of the General Baptists at Pool, Ky.

The following were elected delegates to the General Association at Pool, Ky.

Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, and Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Motion made and seconded that this Association pay the expenses of the above delegates.

Motion made and seconded that this Association send the full amount of foreign mission money now in the treasury to the Foreign Mission Treasurer of the General Conference.

Treasurer's report received.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn for the 11 o'clock sermon.

Devotionals by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Prayer by Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

Rev. Ernest Craft preached for us. Scripture lesson read from the book of Numbers and the tenth chapter and twenty-eighth verse.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional services by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Prayer by Brother Sullivan.

Letter from Miller's Chapel received and read.

Report of the Finance Committee received.

Motion made and seconded that Hurricane Chapel Church be reinstated.

Motion made and seconded that we go into the selection of the next sitting of this Association.

The following churches petitioned for the Association:

East Nashville, Stony Point, Oaklawn, and Oak Grove.

And Oaklawn was selected.

Motion made and seconded that the Mission Board appoint a minister for home mission work on part time this year. This motion carried.

On motion made and seconded the Moderator appointed the following delegates to the National Conference that meets at Cofer's Chapel, November 5, 1935, also the same delegates to the General Conference at Glennville, Ga., in June, 1936. Delegates as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. W. J. Paul.

Motion made and seconded that the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services. On motion, the treasurer to draw on the

Home Mission funds if there is a deficiency in the Minute money.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn to meet with Oaklawn Church, Chatham County, Tennessee, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, before the third Sunday in October, 1936.

Dismissed with prayer by the Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association, October 18, 1935.

On motion made and seconded, the same officers were re-elected:

Rev. J. H. Oliver, Moderator.

L. O. Burroughs, Clerk.

Ordaining Council

The Moderator appointed the Ordaining Council as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. George Pruitt, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. E. A. Craft.

Report of the Ordaining Council received.

Rev. J. L. Welch read the report as follows:

We your committee, wish to report that we have received Petitions for Ordination of the following brethren.

J. W. Boyte, George Trotter, L. W. Chester and Dee Sullivan.

After careful consideration of these candidates, we make the following recommendation:

That the ordination of these brethren be deferred for another year.

J. E. Hudgens,
George Pruitt,
J. L. Welch,
W. B. Davenport,
E. A. Craft.

The Moderator stated that the Presbytery would meet at the fourth quarterly meeting.

On motion, we adjourned to meet with the fourth quarterly meeting, 1936.

REV. J. H. OLIVER, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

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 council 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.

G. M. Pruitt, chairman.

Ernest Robertson.

J. T. Harris.

RESOLUTIONS

1st—That we tender a vote of thanks to the people in the vicinity of Bethlehem Church for their hospitality accorded this delegated body during its present sitting.

2nd—Resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the Moderator, and other officers composing this associational gathering, for their efficiency and fairness in rulings to this delegated body.

3rd—Resolved that we express our sincere appreciation for the presence of Rev. O. L. Johnson and Rev. L. O. Roberts, of the General Baptist of Indiana, whose presence we appreciate and whose helpfulness we acknowledge.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens, chairman.

Bedford Wright.

Mrs. Cora Basford.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

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

We have received requests from four churches for the next sitting of this association to meet with them, namely as follows: Oaklawn, Oak Grove, Stoney Point and East Nashville. We recommend that this be decided by a vote of the association.

We recommend that Herrican Chapel Church be reinstated and placed on the list of churches.

Rev. C. A. Craft, chairman.

Bro. W. H. Simson.

Sister Mattie Maxey.

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TEMPERANCE

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

First—We have observed, since the repeal of the 18th Amendment, the steady increase in the use of harmful intoxicating beverages. This increase is accompanied by a rapid, appalling increase in drunkenness and crime.

We have also observed that the same evil influences which brought about the repeal of this great amendment are earnestly at work to repeal the dry laws of our own dear state. Believing, as we do, that these dry laws should be strengthened and never repealed. We hereby pledge ourselves to vote only for candidates for office whose motion in our opinion will best observe these dry laws and stimulate a healthy temperance sentiment.

Second—We further recommend total abstinence, coupled with the Grace of God, as the only sure deliverance from the awful evils of intemperance.

Rev. J. H. Oliver, chairman.
J. J. Gower,
Isaac Clifton.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday School work, respectfully submit for your approval the following recommendations:

First—We endorse, approve, and recommend the evangelistic campaign as arranged and planned by the Executive Committee of the Sunday School Convention for the year 1935 and 1936.

Second—Realizing the necessity of a more extensive work by the field Secretary of the Sunday School, we recommend that this association allow the field Secretary a drawing account for expenses to the amount, not to exceed \$50.00 per year. This expense money to be drawn from the home mission fund as needed.

Third—We recommend, and insist, that each church support an organized Sunday School.

Fourth—Since the aim of the Sunday School Convention for the years 1935 and 1936 is to enroll every Sunday School in this association as members of the convention, we recommend, and urge, that the Pastors make a special effort to see that their schools are represented in this work.

Fifth—We cordially invite the Ministerial Staff of this association to attend the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee, and the Annual Sunday School Convention and show a greater interest in Sunday School work as a whole.

W. E. Coville, chairman.
L. O. Burroughs.
Mrs. C. H. Graves.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

We, your representatives to the General Conference, which convened in North Carolina:

The conference was a progressive gathering. The convention adopted the consolidation with the Western Division, or Co-Operative Association and now we are one National Conference and this conference will convene in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 5th, 1935.

It was a meeting that we believe every member would have enjoyed

should they have been present. We found a very progressive people with fine churches.

G. W. Fambrough.
J. L. Welch.

FINANCE

We, your Finance Committee, have received \$53.72 from the various churches, for minute money and have examined the records of the treasurer and find them correct to the best of our knowledge. Also find the funds deposited in the 1st National Bank of Clarksville, Tenn. and in cash.

Mrs. Fannie Pokton, chairman.
Mrs. H. W. Ragan.
W. E. Fambrough.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION WHEN CONVENED WITH BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Number of schools enrolled in Convention -----	13
Number of schools represented in Convention -----	10
Number of pupils enrolled in 8 schools -----	681
Total increase in enrollment of pupils in 8 schools -----	60
Number of conversions reported from 6 schools -----	53
Number of chapters read by 8 schools -----	88,140
Number of Daily Bible Readers in 7 schools -----	65
Number who read New Testament through this year in 4 schools -----	20
Number who read entire Bible through this year in 2 schools--	2
Total amount of receipts raised in 7 schools -----	\$765.82
Total amount in Convention treasury at beginning of new year -----	\$ 50.22
Officers elected for next year:	
President -----	W. E. Coville
Vice-President -----	G. W. Fambrough
Secretary-Treasurer -----	Lloyd Binkley
Corresponding Secretary -----	Mrs. B. E. Nicholson
Field Secretary -----	J. B. Parsons
Executive Board—Mr. G. T. Harris, Mr. L. O. Burroughs, Mr. John Oliver.	

Submitted by
Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, Sec.-Treas.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary Convention to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with Bethlehem Church on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 1935.

Delegate: Mrs. Fannie Polston.

We submit the following report:

On May 30th, 1935, a Missionary Society was organized at Bethel with 8 members.

We had eleven societies represented at our Convention reporting 197 members enrolled. Nine societies reported \$1,239.09 raised this year. From the reports we find that some of this money was used

for payment on church notes Orphanage work at Middlesex, N. C. and some to Zion Bible School, other good causes too numerous to mention.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK

We have tried during this year to carry on work for Jesus in the following departments:

Stewardship—We feel that through the good work of our chairman in this department that we have been able to keep this great work before our people and that several of our churches have studied stewardship this year and have felt the Spirit of God speaking to them for a dedication of their time, talent, and money. Christ has done His part. Let's do ours.

Societies reporting, 6; study classes held, 14; members enrolled in classes, 127; children in Declamation Contests, 18; talks on stewardship, 17; tithing campaigns, 2; tithers, 54; programs given, 5; reading contest, 1; literature distributed, 119.

Missions—This is a great work and we feel that we have made some progress in this department this year.

Societies reporting, 5; study classes held, 5; time spent in classes, 15 hours and 15 minutes; programs held, 3; four societies reported \$55.05 mission money raised. Books on mission work given, 9.

Education—A good work has been accomplished in this department.

Societies reporting, 4.

(1) Orphanage Programs, 1; clothes and supplies to Middlesex Orphanage amounting to \$95.00; Tenn. Orphanage Fund, \$5.00; Adoption of one orphan from Middlesex Orphanage by East Nashville Church.

(2) Temperance programs, 3; talks, 2; literature distributed, 25 leaflets.

(3) Education—Articles written encouraging training schools	2
Movements sponsored encouraging training schools----	2
Invitations to National Body for use of building for school -----	2
Subscribers to the Free Will Baptist Paper -----	29
Literature distributed -----	1,521

Personal Service—Realizing that much good is done through the personal touch we feel that this department is doing a great work.

Societies reporting, 6; week of prayer observed in six societies; prayer services conducted, 34; clean-up campaigns, 17; visits in interest of church, 916; visits in interest of Sunday School, 158; visits in interest of societies, 1,196; visits to sick, 2,628; garments, 1,252; baskets or trays, 953; soul winning efforts, 197; conversions, 1; Bibles given, 42; donations to needy, \$118.61; to Miss Barnard, \$16.25; Zion Bible School, \$10.00.

Mrs. Gladys Jackson, President.
Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, Sec.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

Expense account of Supervisor:

Trip of J. H. Oliver to Union Association Quarterly meeting--	10.00
Nov. 24—100 post cards -----	1.00
Nov. 28—August Freund, 3 hours labor at 25c -----	.75
Dec. 1—Expense of trip to associational meeting held at Ashland City -----	2.00
Dec. 29—Cash to stenographer for making report blanks ----	.50
April 13—Trip to Quarterly Meeting held at Columbia, Tenn.---	4.00
April 22—2 hours labor at 50c per hour -----	1.00
Additional report blanks and programs -----	2.50
Sept. 28—Expense of trip to Quarterly Conference held at Olivet Church -----	4.00
TOTAL -----	\$25.75

If the Association and the Board of Education consider it advisable and proper, I recommend that I be given credit for the above amount (\$25.75) on my debt to the Educational Board.

I recommend further that:

(1) The work of the Quarterly Conferences be continued in the three districts into which the Cumberland Association has been divided.

(2) That, if no Home Missionary be appointed, the Association appoint, at this sitting, someone to act as supervisor during the coming associational year.

I recommend, too, that, in the latter case, the Association, either directly or through one of its departments, provide for defraying the expenses of the Supervisor.

Respectfully,

Wm. Henry Oliver.

October 16, 1935.

Dec. 1, 1934, Ashland City, Tenn.

Rev. Wm. H. Oliver, General Supervisor of the Cumberland Association called a conference for the purpose of grouping our churches into districts.

G. W. Fambrough was elected secretary for this meeting.

It was voted to have three districts composing our association, as follows:

Western Groups: Brandon's Chapel, Dunbar's Chapel, Gorman, Pleasant Hill, Scott's Chapel, Union Hill.

Central Group: New Hope, Ashland City, Miller's Chapel, Bethel, Mt. Zion, Bethlehem, Oak Grove, Emmanuel, Friendship Chapel, Oaklawn, Good Springs, Oakwood, Hogewood Chapel, Olivet, Heads, Rock Springs, Shady Grove.

Eastern Group: Cofer's Chapel, Craigfield, East Nashville, 1st I. W. B. Church of Columbia, Fredonia, Mt. Pleasant, Oakland, Spring Hill, Starky's Chapel, West Nashville.

W. R. Carroll was elected chairman of the Western Group.

W. B. Davenport was elected chairman of the Central Group.

J. H. Oliver was elected chairman of the Eastern Group.

Rev. J. H. Oliver made a verbal report of his visit to the Union Association in East Tennessee which was good and beneficial.

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Churches represented were Bethel, Bethlehem, Ashland City, East Nashville, Cofer's Chapel, Olivet.

Ministers present: J. H. Oliver, W. B. Davenport, J. E. Hudgens, and Wm. H. Oliver.

Dec. 29, 1934 was set as the date for the 1st Quarterly Meeting. Number of churches in Eastern District, 10; in central, 17; in western, 6.

Number of ministers in eastern district, 14; in central, 6; in western, 6.

William Henry Oliver.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOREIGN MISSION

Oct. 18, 1934—By Bal. in Cheatham County Bank -----	\$743.17
Oct. 10, 1935—By 10% received on the above bank -----	74.31

Bal. in Bank -----	\$668.86
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Oct. 10, 1935—10% on deposit -----	74.31
Oct. 18, 1934—Cash balance -----	28.52
Oct. 18, 1935—Ashland City Church -----	6.73
Oct. 18, 1935—Bethel -----	7.25
Oct. 18, 1935—Shady Grove -----	2.75
Oct. 18, 1935—Friendship -----	2.75
Oct. 18, 1935—East Nashville -----	17.50
Oct. 18, 1935—New Hope -----	11.00
Oct. 18, 1935—West Nashville -----	4.50
Oct. 18, 1935—Bethlehem -----	6.05
Oct. 18, 1935—Rock Springs -----	.25
Oct. 18, 1935—Oaklawn -----	2.73
Oct. 18, 1935—Cofer's Chapel -----	7.75
Oct. 18, 1935—Oak Grove -----	10.40
Oct. 18, 1935—Mt. Pleasant -----	2.75
Oct. 18, 1935—Heads -----	4.75
Oct. 18, 1935—1st F. W. B. Church of Columbia -----	10.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Olivet -----	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Stony Point -----	.25
Oct. 18, 1935—Brandon's Chapel -----	.75
Oct. 18, 1935—Starkey's Chapel -----	1.06

\$875.85

Credited Feb. 5, 1935—Paid I. J. Blockwalder for mission-----	25.00
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Bal. In Bank, \$668.86; Cash, \$181.99 -----	\$850.85
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HOME MISSION

Oct. 18, 1934—By Bal. in Cheatham County Bank -----	\$344.39
Aug. 10, 1935—By 10% in above bank -----	34.43

Bal. in Bank -----	\$309.96
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Aug. 10, 1935—By 10% in Bank -----	34.43
Oct. 18, 1934—By Bal. in cash -----	200.82
Oct. 18, 1935—Cofer's Chapel -----	7.50

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Oct. 18, 1935—Ashland City	6.72
Oct. 18, 1935—Bethel	7.25
Oct. 18, 1935—Shady Grove	3.75
Aug. 16, 1935—Cofer's Chapel Bal. on Loan	208.75
Oct. 18, 1935—Friendship	2.75
Oct. 18, 1935—East Nashville	14.00
Oct. 18, 1935—New Hope	11.00
Oct. 18, 1935—West Nashville	4.50
Oct. 18, 1935—Bethlehem	6.05
Oct. 18, 1935—Oaklawn	2.72
Oct. 18, 1935—Oak Grove	10.40
Oct. 18, 1935—Mt. Pleasant	2.75
Oct. 18, 1935—Heads	4.75
Oct. 18, 1935—1st F. W. B. Church of Columbia	4.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Olivet	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Stony Point	.25
Oct. 18, 1935—Brandon's Chapel	.75
Oct. 18, 1935—Starkey Chapel	1.00

\$849.10

Disbursements:

June 13—Expense to General Conference	\$59.78	
Aug. 16—L. O. Burroughs—printing and		
Dis. Min.	23.00	82.78
Bal.		<u>\$765.32</u>

In Bank	\$309.96
In Cash	456.36

ASSOCIATION

Oct. 18, 1934—Balance in Cheatham County Bank	\$245.71
Aug. 10, 1935—Received 10% in above bank	24.57
Balance in bank	<u>\$221.14</u>

Oct. 18, 1934—Balance Cash	\$ 41.80
Aug. 10, 1934—Cash from Cheatham County Bank	24.57
Oct. 18, 1935—Ashland City	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Bethel	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—East Nashville	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—New Hope	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—West Nashville	2.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Bethlehem	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Rock Spring	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Oaklawn	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Cofer's Chapel	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Oak Grove	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Friendship	3.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Starkey Chapel	1.00
Oct. 18, 1935—Heads	5.00
Oct. 18, 1935—First F. W. B. C. of Columbia	5.00

\$348.51

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Disbursements

Dec. 14, 1934—G. L. Harris, expense to 1934 Con. \$	14.00	
Dec. 20, 1934—Balance on Minutes -----	3.56	
June 7, 1935—National Dues -----	10.00	27.56
Balance -----		<u>\$320.95</u>
Balance in Bank -----		\$221.14
Balance in Cash -----		<u>99.81</u>
		<u>\$320.95</u>

COLPORTAGE

Oct. 18, 1935—Balance in Cheatham County Bank -----	\$127.52
Oct. 18, 1935—Received 10% Deposit in Bank -----	14.16
By Balance -----	<u>\$141.68</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUNDS

Oct. 18, 1934—By Balance in Cheatham County Bank ----	\$1,254.05
Aug. 10, 1934—Received 10% in above Bank -----	125.40
Balance in Bank -----	<u>\$1,128.65</u>
Cash -----	<u>125.40</u>
Oct. 18, 1935—Balance -----	<u>\$1,254.05</u>

G. W. Fambrough, Treas.

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

We your Committee on Education and Literature are basing our recommendations on the fact that the greatest hindrance to the advancement of our denomination is the lack of preparation among our ministers and other leaders for the task assigned them.

There are two primary things necessary for the work a Christian leader is supposed to do. First, an intelligent understanding of the Holy Bible, and, second, a literary training as a means for interpreting the Scriptures. There is a woeful lack of both of these qualifications among our people. The responsibility for this condition rests, first, with the individual, and, second, on the denomination. Inasmuch as the Church cannot rise above the leaders, we, therefore, recommend:

First, That we not only urge but insist that our leaders use all possible means and opportunities afforded them to prepare themselves for their labors. We especially urge the careful and constant study of the Scriptures. Every Christian leader should know his Bible. We also urge that our ministers learn to use the English language correctly when speaking in public.

Second, We think it would be wise and helpful if our churches would provide church schools to be held regularly at different places for the benefit of our workers.

Third, That we cooperate with our national conference in its efforts to establish a centralized educational institution for our own church.

Fourth, That we recognize our paper published at Ayden, N. C., as our leading paper until further ordered by our National Conference which convenes November 5, 1935, at Nashville, Tenn. Furthermore, that we include the Dunn-Butler Theology in our course for young ministers.

Fifth, That we assist our worthy ministerial students who wish to attend school or take a Bible correspondence course.

G. W. Fambrough, Chairman.

L. J. Baker.

Mrs. Turner Lee.

CHURCHES AND THEIR DELEGATES

Ashland City	Miss Mary Patton
Bethel	Isaac Clifton
Bethlehem	Mrs. Mattie Maxey
Brandon's Chapel	Miss Mabel Clark
Cofer's Chapel	Mrs. H. W. Ragan
First F. W. B. Church, Columbia, Tenn.	James Spencer
Craigfield	Mrs. Beulah Sullivan
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Alex Webb
East Nashville	Mrs. Nannie Smith
Friendship	Eugene Harris
Gorman	J. R. Tinnell
Hagewood Chapel	Miss Odessa Nicholson
Hurricane Chapel	By Letter
Heads	G. E. Gower
Miller's Chapel	W. O. Walton
Mt. Pleasant	By Letter
New Hope	J. T. Walker
Oak Grove	Marion Hogue
Oaklawn	Mrs. Turner Lee
Oakwood	W. W. Clinard
Olivet	J. B. Murphy
Pleasant Hill	Nova Wallace
Rock Springs	Mrs. C. H. Groves
Scott's Chapel	F. N. Reynolds
Shady Grove	Mrs. Cora Barford
Spring Hill	Norman Horn
Starkey's Chapel	Ernest Robertson
Stony Point	L. J. Baker
Union Hill	Not represented
West Nashville	L. W. Chester

MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Castile, W. M.	Evangelist, R. 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.	R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Davis, Oscar	1200 Clay St., Nashville, Tenn.
Dunegan, T. J.	R. 2, Jingo, Tenn.
Free, E. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W.	Northeast Sta., Nashville, Tenn.
Gillespie, T. J.	2908 Craft Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, Joseph F.	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.

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Gower, G. E.	R. 5, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	Gorman, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.	Commerce St., Carlsville, Tenn.
Hatcher, D. A.	R. 3, McEwen, Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	Joelton, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Mangrum, J. W. E.	R. 1, Jingo, Tenn.
Mosley, J. T.	Erin, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H.	1621 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.
Oliver, W. H.	418 Ivins St., Nashville, Tenn.
Paul, W. J.	1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.
Pierce, A. B.	R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	R. 2, Robinson Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rogers, W. M.	819 Buchanan 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, J. A. Ford, George Trotter, Dee Sullivan.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

C. A. CRAFT

Churches in Charge, 2—Mt. Pleasant, West Nashville

Sermons preached	116
Conversions witnessed	35
Prayer meetings conducted	40
Received into church	27
Baptized	19
Funerals conducted	3
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	20
Miles traveled	900
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches for services	\$114.00
Received from other sources	1.00
Total	\$115.00

E. A. CRAFT

Churches in Charge, 2—Oak Grove, Miller's Chapel

Sermons preached	80
Conversions witnessed	25
Prayer meetings conducted	5
Received into church	15
Baptized	11
Funerals conducted	12
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	100

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Miles traveled -----	2,000
Revivals assisted in -----	1
Revivals held in above churches -----	2
Received from above churches -----	\$335.00
Condition of work fair.	

W. R. CARROLL

Churches in Charge, 4—Brandon's Chapel, Union Hill,
Dunbar's Chapel, Heads

Sermons preached -----	112
Conversions witnessed -----	26
Received into church -----	29
Baptized -----	23
Funerals conducted -----	6
Marriages solemnized -----	1
Miles traveled -----	2,828
Revivals assisted in -----	2
Revivals held in above churches -----	4
Received from above churches -----	\$443.58
Received from other sources -----	20.27
Total -----	\$463.85
Condition of work, very good.	

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in Charge, 4—Oaklawn, New Hope, Mt. Zion, Rock Springs

Sermons preached -----	85
Conversions witnessed -----	50
Received into church -----	21
Baptized -----	19
Funerals attended -----	20
Marriages solemnized -----	5
Homes visited -----	175
Miles traveled -----	3,500
Revivals assisted in -----	6
Revivals held in above churches -----	4
Received from above churches -----	\$515.19
Received from other sources -----	53.46
Total -----	\$568.65
Condition of work, fair.	

T. J. GILLESPIE

Church in Charge, 1—White Hill Community Church

Sermons preached -----	75
Conversions witnessed -----	50
Received into church -----	12
Baptized -----	25
Homes visited -----	100
Miles traveled -----	500
Revivals assisted in -----	3
Revivals held in above church -----	1
Received from above church -----	\$ 50.00

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J. W. E. MANGRUM

Church in Charge, 1—Starkey's Chapel

Sermons preached -----	40
Conversions witnessed -----	12
Received into church -----	18
Baptized -----	12
Funerals conducted -----	2
Marriages solemnized -----	2
Homes visited -----	45
Miles traveled -----	505
Revivals assisted in -----	1
Revivals held in above church -----	2
Received from above church -----	\$ 23.91
Received from other sources -----	4.40
Total -----	\$ 28.31

J. H. OLIVER

No Church in Charge

Sermons preached -----	85
Conversions witnessed -----	25
Received into church -----	1
Funerals conducted -----	9
Marriages solemnized -----	5
Homes visited -----	800
Revivals assisted in -----	4
Total received -----	\$390.00

W. J. PAUL

Church in Charge, 1—First Free Will Baptist, Columbia, Tenn.

Sermons preached -----	140
Conversions witnessed -----	115
Prayer meetings conducted -----	16
Received into church -----	36
Baptized -----	18
Funerals conducted -----	7
Marriages solemnized -----	1
Homes visited -----	200
Miles traveled -----	1,719
Revivals assisted in -----	2
Revivals held in above church -----	1
Received from above church -----	\$240.00
Received from other sources -----	80.38
Total -----	\$320.38

Condition of work better than ever and still improving. After eleven years as pastor of this church, I can truthfully say it is a better church than it has ever been and it is still progressing.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in Charge, 2—Craighead, Pleasant Hill

Sermons preached -----	132
Conversions witnessed -----	17
Prayer meetings conducted -----	6
Received into church -----	7
Baptized -----	7
Funerals conducted -----	2
Homes visited -----	80
Miles traveled -----	2,700
Revivals assisted in -----	2
Revivals held in above churches -----	2
Received from above churches -----	\$175.00
Received from other sources -----	\$235.00
Total -----	<u>\$410.00</u>

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 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 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

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	Read by Exp.	Read by Recom.	Rec'd by Res'n	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Prop.	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	For Minutes
Asland City	Miss M. Patton	Asland City, Tenn.	34	2	1	2	—	47	1-3	\$ 4,000	\$160.00	\$60.00	\$1.50
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.	34	2	1	2	—	2329	2	2,000	92.50	35.00	4.00
Bethlehem	Mrs. A. Hudgens	Asland City, Tenn.	2	—	—	—	4	7284	1-3	2,250	150.00	—	1.50
Brandon's Chapel	J. B. Burk	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	19	6	—	—	—	1244	1	1,000	176.17	—	2.02
Cofor's Chapel	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs	Nashville, Tenn.	10	11	1	—	4	1265	1-2-3-4	20,000	1,200.00	—	3.00
Craigfield	W. H. Stinson	Jingo, Tenn., R. 2	3	2	—	—	—	40	3	600	25.05	—	.75
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. J. W. Dunnaway	Cumberland City, Tenn.	—	—	—	—	—	1 42	4	2,000	52.55	26.00	2.00
East Nashville	Mrs. Gladys Simpson	Nashville, Tenn.	1	—	9	2	1 121	12 3 4 5	—	35,000	452.50	—	2.50
Emanuel Chapel	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1st F. W. B.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Columbia	Robert Parrish	Columbia, Tenn.	18	1	6	11	12	1143	1 2 3 4 5	3,300	240.00	—	3.00
Fredonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Friendship	Willie Morris	Asland City, Tenn., R. 2	4	1	—	—	—	59	4	2,500	114.84	—	1.50
Good Springs	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gorman	Mrs. Alice Harrison	Gorman, Tenn.	10	—	2	—	2	83	1-3	—	80.00	—	1.00
Hagewood Ch.	Odessa Nicholson	Hickory Point, Tenn.	—	6	19	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	1.25
Head's	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill, Tenn.	2	—	—	—	—	2270	3	2,500	169.48	—	3.45
Hurricane Chapel	Mrs. J. Timmons	—	18	—	—	—	—	18	1	500	—	—	—
Miller's Chapel	S. A. Okain	Neptune, Tenn.	11	4	2	—	—	40	4	600	100.00	—	.80
Mt. Pleasant	Clarence Bennett	—	1	—	1	—	—	39	2-4	500	28.37	—	1.00
Mt. Zion	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn.	7	29	1	3	—	232	1	2,500	125.25	—	2.75
Oak Grove	Bee Spann	Charlotte, Tenn.	1	—	1	—	—	102	2	1,000	178.63	—	3.25
Oakland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.20
Oaklawn	C. G. Binkley	Thomasville, Tenn.	8	—	1	—	—	2179	4	2,500	116.50	—	—
Oakwood	Miss L. B. Settler	Cedar Hill, Tenn.	—	—	5	4	—	22	1	2,000	44.12	23.72	1.10
Olivet	J. B. Reding	Adams, Tenn., R.	—	—	2	—	—	78	3	1,000	130.00	—	1.00
Pleasant Hill	Rillarine Wallace	Dover, Tenn.	2	—	—	—	—	27	4	1,000	150.25	—	1.00
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn.	2	—	5	8	5214	68	3	3,000	140.92	—	3.00
Scott's Chapel	J. A. Clements	Cumberland City, Tenn.	4	3	—	—	—	64	1	1,200	64.75	14.80	1.50
Shady Grove	M. Bagwell	Hickory Point, Tenn.	2	—	3	1	—	1	2	1,500	52.36	—	1.25
Spring Hill	J. M. Tate	Goodlettsville, Tenn.	—	—	—	—	—	31	3	—	7.62	—	.35
Starkey's Chapel	E. Robertson	Kingsdon Springs, R. 3	13	1	5	—	—	68	1-3	400	23.91	—	1.00
Stony Point	Ella Lilley	Vanleer, Tenn., R. 2	—	—	—	—	2	80	4	1,550	52.00	—	1.00
Union Hill	J. W. Rouen	—	2	—	—	—	—	42	2	500	55.43	—	1.00
West Nashville	Mrs. D. V. Schmitton	Cadiz, Ky., R. 6	28	1	2	6	8	2142	1-2-3-4-5	1,500	96.75	—	\$3.00