

MINUTES

— of the —

Ninety-Third Annual Session

— of the —

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

— of —

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

— Held with —

OAKLAWN CHURCH

October 14, 15, 16, 1936

Rev. J. L. Welch ----- Moderator
813 South Main Street, Columbia, Tennessee

L. O. Burroughs ----- Clerk
4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tennessee

PROCEEDINGS

The Ninety-Third Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church met with Oaklawn Church, Cheat-ham County, Tenn., October 14, 15, 16, 1936

Wednesday Morning

Eleven o'clock Services

Devotional services led by Rev. A. B. Pierce. Opening hymn, "We'll Work 'til Jesus Comes". Prayer by Rev. J. H. Oliver. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. J. Paul. Scripture lesson read from the Second Chapter of the Acts, beginning with the 16th verse.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotional service by Rev. A. B. Pierce. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Welch. The Moderator asked the Clerk to call the roll, and eighteen Churches were represented at this time. The Moderator declared a quorum present and the Association now in order for business.

Reading of letters from the following Churches: Starkeys Chapel, Mt. Zion, Oaklawn, Shadygrove, Craigfield, Bethlehem, Hends, Brandons Chapel, Friendship, East Nashville, Ashland City, First Free Will Baptist of Columbia, Tenn. Union Hill, New Hope, Cofers Chapel, West Nashville, Rock Springs, Bethel.

This finished reading Church letters on table. At this time the letter from the Sunday School Convention was read.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

OBITUARIES— Bros. G. E. Gower, Chairman, J. R. Perry, R. E. Felts.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS— Rev. E. A. Craft, Chairman, J. C. Wall, Howard Binkley

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE— G. W. Fambrough, Chairman, W. H. Stimson, C. G. Binkley.

RESOLUTIONS— Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman, Rev. W. J. Paul, J. T. Walker.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS— W. E. Coville, Chairman, Mrs. H. W. Christian, Miss Allene Reed.

FINANCE— Rev. W. R. Carrol, Chairman, Rev. J. L. Sanders, W. T. Hagewood.

TEMPERANCE— W. D. Procter, Chairman, Rev. G. M. Pruitt, Rev. W. E. Mangrum.

On motion the Moderator was given the authority to appoint the ministers and to fill the pulpit at various times during this setting of the association.

The report of the Delegates to the Eastern General Association at Glennville, Ga. was read by Bro. W. E. Coville, who spoke of our foreign mission work. A collection was taken at this time for foreign missions to the amount of \$30.62.

On motion we adjourned to meet at nine A. M. Thursday.

Thursday Morning

Opening hymn No. 40

Prayer by Rev. E. A. Craft

The clerk called the roll and the Moderator declared a quorum present. Minutes of Wednesday's proceedings read and adopted. Reading of Church letters coming in late as follows:

Oakwood, Olivet, Dunbars Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Harrican Chapel, Gorman, Oak Grove, Pleasant Hill, Scotts Chapel.

Report of the Supervisor read and on motion and seconded. This report was referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator. The following committee was appointed: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, G. W. Fambrough, and Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Report of the delegates to the Eastern General Association read and adopted.

Report of the Field Secretary of Sunday Schools read and received.

On motion the personal work of Bro. J. B. Parsons' Evangelistical work was ordered placed in the Minutes.

Motion and second that Rev. J. L. Welch fill the pulpit Friday at 11 o'clock. On motion we adjourned until 1 p. m.

The Rev. W. R. Carroll was the speaker at the eleven o'clock hour. Subject, The Christian Calling in the World, scripture lesson from the 2nd chapter of Ephesians, first to the tenth verse.

Thursday Afternoon

After a hymn, prayer by Rev. J. H. Oliver, roll call and quorum present, the Moderator called for letters coming in late and the following were read: Stony Point, Millers Chapel.

Reports

Letter from the Sunday School Convention read and adopted.

Letter from the Womans Auxillary read and adopted.

On motion: all visiting ministers were invited to set in council with us in this setting of the Association.

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder spoke of the foreign mission work. A col-

lection was taken for foreign mission work which amounted to the sum of \$16.80.

Reports

Report of the Sunday School Committee read and adopted. Motion to reconsider the above motion. Motion to amend the above motion and draw on the Home Mission Fund. This motion adopted.

Report of the Committee on Petitions and Requests read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

Motion and second that we go into the selection of the next setting of this Association. The following Churches petitioned for the Association: Rock Springs, Scotts Chapel, East Nashville. Rock Springs Church was selected.

Resolutions

Resolution of School of Nashville:

That we, Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates composing this the 93rd session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, do hereby express our appreciation of the untiring efforts of Rev. J. L. Welch to create both a sentiment for and to locate a denominational school at Nashville, Tenn. While we are willing to trust the wisdom of our educational board, who appear to favor a location at Weaverville, N. C., we desire to go on record as favoring the location of same at Nashville, Tenn., and commend the zeal and persistence of Rev. J. L. Welch in his efforts to have it located there.

On motion and duly second a copy of the above resolution was voted to be sent to the Free Will Baptist paper at Ayden, N.C.

1st. Resolved that we tender a vote of thanks to the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Oaklawn Church for their hospitality extended to their body during this setting of this association.

2nd. Resolved that we express our appreciation for the efficient manner in which the Moderator and clerks have performed their duties during this setting of this Association.

Reports

On motion the report of the Supervisor received as a whole.

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

Friday Morning

Devotionals led by Rev. L. J. Blackwelder.

Opening hymn no. 119

Prayer by Rev. G. M. Pruitt

The assistant Moderator in charge, roll call and quorum present, minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Reports

Education and Literature adopted

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder spoke of the property at Weaverville College, Weaverville, N. C.

Motion and second that in the event that the offer of the Weaverville property be accepted, that this Association send the treasurer of the College \$200.00 for our part.

Motion and second to amend the above motion and strike out the \$200.00 and make it \$100.00.

Motion and second to table the above motion. Vote, 5 in favor of tabling the motion, and 15 against tabling of same.

Motion and second to continue the business session on through the 11 o'clock hour that we might finish by noon.

Report of the treasurer read and adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee read and adopted.

On motion the recommendation by Wm. Henry Oliver, Supervisor was recalled.

On motion second the Clerk was instructed to place in the minutes of this association a tabulated report of the work of all ministers during the past year.

On motion Rev. Wm. Henry Oliver be retained as Supervisor for the ensuing year.

Motion that the recommendation on F. W. B. L. work be left to a committee.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committees on Free Will Baptist League work:

Miss Alene Reed, chairman

Mrs. H. W. Christian

Rev A. E. Craft

On motion the Moderator appointed the following committee to work on organizing a State Free Will Baptist Convention:

Rev. W. B. Davenport, chairman

Bro. W. E. Coville,

Rev. Wm. Henry Oliver

Motion that the Clerk be authorized to superintend the printing of the minutes and that he be allowed \$20.00 for his services.

Committee on Foreign Missions as follows:

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder

G. W. Fambrough

W. E. Coville

On motion the Moderator appointed the following delegates to the Eastern General Association at Turberville, S. C., June. 8, 1937.

Brother W. E. Coville

Rev. W. B. Davenport

Motion and seconded that we go into the election of officers for the next two years. The following were nominated for Moderator:

Rev. J. E. Hudgens and Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. Rev. J. E. Hudgens was elected Moderator.

The following were nominated for Assistant Moderator: Rev. A. E. Craft and Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. Rev. A. E. Craft was elected assistant Moderator.

The following were nominated for Clerk: L. O. Burroughs and Miss Alleen Reed. L. O. Burroughs was elected Clerk.

Treasurer: G. W. Fambrough was reelected by acclamation.

Assistant Clerk. Rev. J. H. Oliver was reelected by acclamation.

Motion made and seconded that we adjourn to meet with Rock Springs Church, Dickson County, Tenn. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1937.

Rev. J. L. Welch, Moderator

L. O. Burroughs, Clerk

Annual Presbytery

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association, Oct., 16, 1936. Rev. J. H. Oliver called the Presbytery together and organized by the election of the following officers: Rev. A. E. Craft was elected Moderator and L. O. Burroughs, Clerk.

The Ordaining Council was appointed as follows: Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. W. T. Hagwood, Rev. G. M. Pruitt, and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Report of the Ordaining Council read and adopted.

The following committee was appointed to investigate the Ministers enrolled on our Ministerial list. The Committee appointed was as follows: Rev. J. L. Sanders, Rev. J. H. Oliver, and L. O. Burroughs. Said Committee to report to the next Annual Presbytery.

Report of the Ordaining Council

We, your Ordaining Council, submit the following report:

We have received recommendations for the ordination of the following Brethren: L. W. Chester, George Trotter, Bedford Wright, and Dee Sullivan.

We recommend the ordination of these four Brethren to the full work of the ministry. We also recommend the Rev. I. J. Blackwelder

he received into our Presbytery as an ordained Minister and that his name be added to our Ministerial list.

J. E. Hudgens, Chairman

J. H. Oliver

W. T. Hagewood

G. M. Pruitt

W. B. Davenport

The following Brethren were ordained with prayer and the laying on of hands, led by Rev. J. E. Hudgens as follows: L. W. Chester, George Trotter, Bedford Wright, and Dee Sullivan.

On motion we adjourned to meet at the close of the next Annual Association, 1937.

Rev. E. A. Craft, Moderator

L. O. Burroughs, Clerk

Reports of Various Committees

Report of Literature and Education

We, your Committee on Literature and Education beg to submit the following:

1st. That we recommend that our Churches and members use our Sunday School and League literature published here at Ayden, N. C. Also we very earnestly urge our members to subscribe for our paper, "The Free Will Baptist Press", published at Ayden, N. C. and "The Little Gem" published at Purdy, Mo.

2nd. In as much as our National Association has an educational program in which they are endeavoring to build a school for our Denomination, we pledge our support to the program.

3rd. We recommend that our leader and preacher continue to study that they may be able to lead our boys and girls who are advancing in the schools of our Country.

4th. We recommend that no person be ordained as a minister who has not received a fair education in literature.

Report submitted.

Chas. Binkley

G. W. Fambrough

W. H. Stinson

Obituaries

We, the Committee on obituaries, submit the following report:

Since it has pleased God not to call any of our ministers from us to their reward, our thankfulness goes up in prayer to him that doeth all things well; our hearts go out in sympathy to the relatives of our lay members who have died during the associational year.

G. E. Gower, Chairman

R. E. Felts

J. R. Perry

Temperance

We your committee on temperance submit the following report:

1st. 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.

2nd. We further recommend total abstinence coupled with the grace of God as the only sure deliverance from the awful evils of intemperance.

3rd. We should teach it and preach it in our homes and also in our schools and pulpits.

W. D. Procter

G. M. Pruitt, Chairman

J. W. E. Mangrum

Finance Committee

We submit this as our report: we have received the amount of \$50.70 from the various churches for Minutes, and have examined the treasurer's report and find it to be correct to the best of our knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Carroll

J. L. Sanders

W. T. Hageworth

Committee

Sunday Schools

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

1st. We endorse and recommend an Evangelistic campaign similar to the one held during the last year.

2nd. We recommend that the Association allow the Secretary a drawing account for expenses not to exceed \$50.00 per year.

3rd. We recommend and urge that the pastors make a special effort to see that their schools are represented in the Convention work.

4th. We recommend that the Association provide a fund of \$50.00

to be available for the purchase of books and material to be used in Teacher Training Courses, to be conducted in the Sunday Schools throughout the Cumberland Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Coville, Chairman

Miss Allene Reed

Mrs. A. W. Christian, Secretary

Oct. 14, 1936

Report of Supervisor

To the Cumberland Association:

There is so much work to be done that it is difficult to feel that we have accomplished very much during the past year, yet I trust that we have made some progress. Quarterly meetings have been held regularly in each of the three districts. The people have been responsive. The ministers have been cooperative.

As Supervisor I have visited personally during the year 15 churches throughout the Association. Several of these churches have been visited more than once. Of the remaining churches, the Home Missionary, employed by the Home Missions Board under my supervision, has visited all except 11. My expenses for the year, including cost of labor, printing of programs and notices, postage, traveling expenses, etc., amount to a total of \$87.34. I recommend that of this amount \$82.34 be applied on my debt to the Association per the Board of Education and that the remaining \$5.00 be credited to the account of my brother, John A. Oliver. I have an itemized statement of these expenditures for anyone who may wish to see it.

I also recommend or suggest the following:

(1) That the clerk be instructed to place in the minutes of the Association a tabulated report of the work of all our ministers during the past year. This will save space and will give a more nearly complete report. It will also have some weight in influencing all of our ministers to send in their reports. Some of us in the past have neglected to do so. I am presenting herewith a suggested form for this table.

(2) That the work of the quarterly meetings be continued and encouraged. Ultimately these meetings will prove very worthwhile.

(3) That the work of the Supervisor be continued on as economical a basis as is reasonably possible. I myself shall be glad to serve in this capacity for another year if I be the choice of the Association; otherwise, I call upon our people as a whole to support most loyally whoever may be selected to take my place.

(4) That this Association make an effort to inform our National

Board of Education and the F. W. B. Denomination at large as to what the real attitude of the people of this vicinity is toward the selection of Nashville as a location for our national school. An article in a recent edition of the "Free Will Baptist" will, I fear, leave the impression that we do not want the school here. I can not believe that this impression would be correct. I understand that the National Association in regular session last year chose Nashville as the location for this school. I know, too, that a change of location is being contemplated. I have no objection to the change, provided it be properly authorized, but I certainly do not want Free Will Baptists throughout the nation to feel that we of the Cumberland Association object to having the school in our own vicinity.

(5) That an effort be made to formulate a State Convention of Free Will Baptists in Tennessee.

(6) That a greater effort be made to secure subscriptions to "The Free Will Baptist".

(7) That this body commend our Sunday School Convention and our Ladies Auxiliary Convention for the splendid work that they have done during the past year.

(8) That this body select a Supervisor of music whose business it shall be to promote better singing of better songs throughout our Association. I recommend Bro. J. B. Parsons for this position.

(9) That requirements for ordination be kept much more rigid than they have been at some times during the past years. It is a serious matter to ordain a man to the ministry.

(10) That the Board of Education be authorized to make plans for correspondence courses to be offered our ministers and other church leaders during this year. I particularly recommend that these courses include work in Church History, Church Administration, Bible Doctrine, and English. I have in mind at least four men in our Association who, I think, can be depended upon for assistance in this work.

Yours for progress and for the glory of Christ,

Wm. Henry Oliver, Associational Supervisor.

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO EASTERN DIVISION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

We your representatives to Eastern Division of the National Association which convened at Gennville, Ga., June 16-18, 1936, respectfully submit the following report:

Tuesday night— Sermon by Rev. B. F. Rogers of Tulsa, Okla.
Wednesday morning - Devotional Service by Rev. J. M. Haas, Tupe-

10, Miss. Welcome Address by Rev. E. B. Joiner, Lake Butler, Fla. Response by Rev. M. H. Millette, Tuberville, S. C. Organization of Conference.

1. Appointment of Finance Committee: Rev. M. H. Millette, Rev. Wetherington, W. E. Coville.

2. Appointment of Credentials Committee; Rev. M. L. Hollis, Rev. J. C. Griffin, Rev. E. C. Morris.

Report of Credentials Committee as follows:

North East Asso. of Miss. requested admission to Conference. Recommended and approved by Committee and Conference. Moderator's message, Rev. J. R. Davidson. Morning sermon, Rev. M. D. Hollis

Wednesday afternoon— Appointment of Resolutions Committee. Rev. R. B. Spencer, Rev. D. F. Pelt, Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Appointment of Committee on digest of reports; Rev. Henry Melvin, Rev. Joe Fort, Rev. S. A. Brewton.

Report of Women's work by Mrs. Fannie Polston. Treasurer's Report by Rev. S. T. Skutes proxy for Bro. J. Cheshire. Resignation of Rev. T. B. Millette as Gen. Sec'y of S. S. work accepted. Election of Rev. R. P. Harris of N. C. to office of General Sec'y of S. S. work. Official recognition of and verbal reports from Rev. Van Hoose of Ky and Rev. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla. Bro. Bingham reported the meeting of the Western Association to be held at Tulsa, Okla. beginning Nov. 3rd.

Wednesday night— Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant of N. C.

Thursday Morning— Report of National Statistician, Rev. J. C. Griffin, as follows: 10 states, 915 churches, 806 ministers, and 65,497 members. Bro. Griffin stated that this report was incomplete because of failure on part of churches to make complete report to their Associations. Report of General Sec'y of S. S. work by Rev. T. B. Millette. Address on Foreign Missions by Mrs. Thomas Willey. Foreign Mission Experiences by Rev. Thomas Willey. Report of General Sec'y of Foreign Missions by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of year	\$ 344.22
Receipts during year	1360.69
Disbursements during year	\$1399.01
Balance on hand	\$245.90

Following recommendations made by Foreign Mission Board were received and adopted:

That Rev. Thomas Willey be sent to Central or South America to open up a mission field in the name of our Master and the F. W. B. denomination.

2. That Bro. Willey sail not later than September and remain in the foreign field six months.

3. The amount of \$1500.00 be raised to provide for Bro. Willey on his journey and for his wife and family at home. --

4. Bro. Willey to return after six months and make report of his findings to our people. This report to be made by contacting our people personally, through a home itinery.

An offering for foreign missions was taken and \$ 32.00 was received. Morning Sermon by Rev. Selph Jones of Missouri.

Thursday, Afternoon— Devotional by Rev. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla. Report of F. W. B. Gem by Rev. Thomas Willey. Report of F. W. B. Press by Rev. R. B. Spencer as follows:

Value of machinery.....	12,000.00
Value of building.....	\$11,000.00
Value of equipment.....	6,000.00
Total valuation.....	\$29,000.00
Volume of business last year.....	\$17,000.00
S. S. quarterlies per quarter	14,500
F. W. B. L. quarterlies per quarter	3,500
F. W. B. paper subscriptions	2,700

Report of board of education by Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman, as follows:

1. \$150,000.00 be raised by Eastern Division of Nat'l Asso. by 1941. This is approximately \$2.41 per member for the five year period or less than 50 cents per member per year.

2. \$100,000.00 be raised by Western Division of Nat'l. Asso. by 1941.

3. \$10,000.00 to be raised for school to begin at Nashville in September this year. This amount to be divided between the East and West as follows: \$6,000.00 to be raised by East Div. and \$4,000.00 to be raised by West Div. This money to be raised and sent in in the following amounts and on the following dates: \$5,000 by Sept. 1st. 1936, \$2,500 by Nov. 1st. 1936 and \$5,000 by Jan. 1st. 1937.

The \$6,000 to be raised by the East Division to be divided between the Eastern States as follows: N. C. \$2,000, S. C. \$500, Ga. \$300, Ala. \$500, Tenn. \$1,000, Miss. \$500, Texas \$300, Florida \$200, Ohio \$200. The \$4,000 to be raised by West Division to be divided as follows: Okla. \$1,000, Missouri \$1,000, Ark. \$1,000, Ky. \$1,000.

4. The following subjects to be taught in the school to be opened in Nashville in Sept. this year: High school theology, vocal and instrumental and college work.

5. Education Board to meet in Nashville in near future to look to a building and complete plans for opening of the school.

3. All teachers in the school must have a degree in order that the school may have a high academic standard.

7. Treasurer of Board of Education to be bonded.

An offering for educational purposes was taken and \$36.00 received.

Thursday night— Devotional Service by Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdam^s. Sermon by Rev. M.E. Tyson who concluded with a report of the orphanage work as follows: Indebtedness has been reduced from about \$10,000 to \$1,800 in about a year. Bro Tyson expressed his belief that before the close of the calendar year the orphanage would be completely out of debt.

Friday Morning— Devotional service by Rev. Chester Pelt. Report of Committee on Digest of Reports as follows: 9 states, 24 Asso. or Conf., 599 churches having 429 ministers represented.

Report of Finance Committee as follows: Cash receipts from 15 Associations \$147. Amount vouched for by 6 Associations \$52.90. Total cash received \$147.10. Number of bodies represented 21.

Election of State Statisticians — W. E. Coville was elected for the State of Tennessee.

Selection of the place for the next annual setting of the Eastern Division of the National Association as follows: Horse Branch Church, Tuberville, S. C. Rev. M. H. Millette, pastor. Sermon by Rev. E. Stern Phinney of Bryan, Texas. Final adjournment.

Note: W. E. Coville was appointed delegate as Rev. W. J. Paul's proxy by Rev. J. L. Welch, Moderator. Your delegate was advanced \$25.00. Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Association Treasurer. The expenses of the trip amounted to a little more than the \$25.00 advanced but no claim for additional expense money is made.

W. E. Coville

Womans Auxiliary Report

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists when convened with Oaklawn Church on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1936.

Delegate: Mrs E. D. Parker

We submit the following report:

During this year the Auxiliary work has been reorganized at Bethel and Heads and a work was organized at Mt. Pleasant with 22 members.

There were ten societies represented at our convention. These ten societies reported an enrollment of 199 members and raised \$1,403.81 during the year.

Departmental Work

Stewardship: Study classes held, 6; children in declamation contest, 23; talks on stewardship, 16; tithing campaigns, 5; tithers,

63; special programs given, 7; stewardship talks each quarter, 4.

Missions: Week of prayer observed in 8 societies. Mission study classes held, 8. Special mission offering \$78.83. Special mission programs held, 8.

Educational: Special orphanage programs, 4; orphanage donation, \$54.36; educational movements sponsored, 4; new subscribers to the F. W. B. paper, 29; total number of subscribers, 47; No. of pieces of temperance literature distributed, 589; No. of pieces of good literature distributed, 1,220; temperance programs given, 6; No. of quilts repoted given to orphanage, 4; donations to Zion Bible School, \$20.00; leaflets written for declamation contest, 3.

Personal service: Cottage prayer and services conducted, 51; cleanup campaigns, 4; visits in interest of the church, 182; visits in interest of Sunday school, 139; visits in interest of societies, 1,908; visits to the sick, 5,418; Bibles given, 42; Soul winning efforts, 320; a number of nice things done for the sick and needy that are too numerous to mention here.

Mrs. Gladys Jackson, President

Mrs. L. O. Burroughs, Secretary

To the Cumberland Association, Oaklawn Church, Robinson County, Tenn.

My report is as follows:

Visits made in interest of Sunday School work ----- 22

Number schools visited ----- 17

Number of miles traveled in interest of S. S. work ----- 10,347

Received from Association for traveling expense ----- \$35.00

We have found that our revival efforts this year in our Sunday School work proved to be quite a success and that our work in general shows a great many improvements especially in interest among the official body of the various Sunday schools.

Respectfully submitted

This the 15th. day of Oct., 1936

J. B. Parsons, Field Sec.

An Independent Evangelistical Report (Revival Singing)

No. of revivals assisted, 8, as follows: Bear Waller, Ashland City, Coopertown, Mt. Zion. Other churches of which special visits were made: Olivet, New Hope, Mt. Pleasant, Bethlehem.

No. of miles travelled, 2,544. Received from this work for the year approximately \$52.25.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parsons

820 Sevier St., Nashville, Tenn.

Report of Sunday School Convention to Cumberland Association when convened with Oaklawn Church.

Number of Sunday Schools enrolled in Convention	15
Number of Sunday Schools represented in Convention	13
Number of pupils enrolled in 13 Sunday Schools	917
Total increase in enrollment of pupils in 12 schools	109
Number of conversions reported in 6 Sunday Schools	34
Number of chapters read by 9 Sunday Schools	95,867
Number of daily Bible readers in 8 Sunday Schools	85
Number who read New Testament this year	27
Number who read entire Bible this year	14
Total amount of money raised in 13 Sunday Schools	\$1,402.81
Total amount of money raised in evangelistic drive	\$260.42
Grand total of money raised in S. S. Convention	\$1,663.23

Total amount of money in Convention treasury at beginning of new year

\$67.42

President

W. E. Coville

Vice-President

G. W. Fambrough

Secretary-Treasurer

Lloyd Binkley

Corresponding Secretary

Miss Mary Lou Gower

Field Secretary

J. B. Parsons

Executive Council

J. E. Fentress, John Oliver, and J. B. Reding

Delegate to Association

Miss Allene Reed

Approved,

W. E. Coville, Pres.

Report of Home Mission Work from April 18th to Oct. 14th, 1936

Churches visited, 22; other points, 7; sermons preached, 78; conversions witnessed, 11.

I have organized two Sunday Schools and three Free Will Baptist Leagues. Received from the Home Mission Board \$260.00. Received from other sources \$24.33; total, \$284.33.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Oliver

Treasurer's Report

Home Mission

Oct. 14, 1936— By bal. from last report cash	\$456.36
Oct. 14, 1936— Received from bank	\$68.86
Oct. 14, 1936— Bethlehem	\$9.75
Oct. 14, 1936— Ashland City	\$5.05
Oct. 14, 1936— Union Hill	\$2.00
Oct. 14, 1936— Bethel	\$1.93
Oct. 14, 1936— Olivet	\$4.94
Oct. 14, 1936— Cofers Chapel	\$6.02
Oct. 14, 1936— New Hope	\$7.00
Oct. 14, 1933— Rock Springs	\$3.08

Oct. 14, 1936— Shady Grove	\$2.75	
Oct. 14, 1936— Oaklawn	\$2.50	
Oct. 14, 1936— Friendship	\$3.00	
Oct. 14, 1936— Heads	\$4.55	
Oct. 14, 1936— East Nashville	\$15.00	
Oct. 14, 1936— Oak Grove	\$5.75	
Oct. 14, 1936— Mt. Pleasant	\$2.00	
Oct. 14, 1936— Scotts Chapel	\$1.00	
Oct. 14, 1936— 1st F. W. B. Church Columbia	\$4.00	
Oct. 14, 1936— Starks Chapel	\$1.00	
Oct. 14, 1936— West Nashville	\$10.50	
Oct. 14, 1936— Stony Point	\$1.00	
Oct. 14, 1936— Oak Wood	1.00—	621.64

Disbursements

Oct. 14, 1936— J. B. Parson	\$35.00	
Oct. 14, 1936— Transfer to minutes acct.	.28	
Oct. 14, 1936— L. O. Burroughs, printing and disbursements	\$23.13	
Oct. 14, 1936— J. H. Oliver Home Mission	\$260.00	
Total disbursement		\$318.44
By Balance		\$304.20

Foreign Mission

Oct. 18, 1935— Balance		\$182.00
Dec. 20— Rec'd of Cofers Chapel	\$20.00	
Oct. 14— Bethel	\$14.63	
Oct. 14— Mt. Zion	\$15.20	
Oct. 14— Shady Grove	\$4.25	
Oct. 14— Ashland City	\$30.18	
Oct. 14— Bethlehem	\$19.30	
Oct. 14— Friendship	\$17.00	
Oct. 14— New Hope	\$21.51	
Oct. 14— Olivet	\$4.94	
Oct. 14— East Nashville	\$100.00	
Oct. 14— Oaklawn	\$2.50	
Oct. 14— Heads	\$4.55	
Oct. 14— Oak Grove	\$6.00	
Oct. 14— Craigfield	.50	
Oct. 14— Mt. Pleasant	\$2.00	
Oct. 14— 1st F. W. B. of Columbia	\$6.75	
Oct. 14— Starks Chapel	\$1.00	
Oct. 14— West Nashville	\$10.75	
Oct. 14— Public Collection	\$47.42	

Oct. 14— Stony Point	.25	
Oct. 14— 20 per cent from	148.61—	659.20

Disbursements

Oct. 14— To I. J. Blackwelder		\$380.34
Balance		\$278.86

Association

Oct. 14— To bal. from last report		\$99.81
Oct. 14— Amt. from bank	\$49.14	
Oct. 14— Cofers Chapel	5.00	
Oct. 14— New Hope	5.00	
Oct. 14— Shady Grove	\$2.75	
Oct. 14— Oaklawn	5.00	
Oct. 14— Mt. Zion	5.00	
Oct. 14— Friendship	4.00	
Oct. 14— Bethlehem	5.00	
Oct. 14— Heads	5.00	
Oct. 14— East Nashville	5.00	
Oct. 14— Oak Grove	5.00	
Oct. 14— Craigfield	.50	
Oct. 14— Mt. Pleasant	2.00	
Oct. 14— Rock Spring	5.00	
Oct. 14— 1st F. W. B. of Columbia	5.00	
Oct. 14— Starks Chapel	.75	
Oct. 14— West Nashville	5.00	
Oct. 14— Ashland City	5.00	
Oct. 14— Bethel	\$5.00—	223.95

Disbursements

Credits to Association

Oct. 14 To J. E. Hudgens and others to the		
Free Baptist Association	\$28.11	
Expense of Delegates to Gen. Conference	25.00	
Oct. 14— National dues	10.00	
Oct. 14— Stamps	1.21—	64.32
Balance		\$154.33

Education

Oct. 14— To amount bal. from last report	\$125.40	
Oct. 14— Amt. rec'd. from bank	250.80	
Oct. 14— Amount received from Heads Church		
by C. E. Gower	25.00—	401.20

Colportage

Oct. 11— To amt. to balance ----- \$14.13
 Oct. 14— Rec'd. from bank ----- 28.28
 Balance ----- \$ 2.41

Report submitted,

G. W. Fambrough, Sec'y. and Treas.

Examined and found correct.

W.R.Carrol, J. L. Sanders, W. T. Hargwood

Finance Committee,

Churches and Their Delegates

Ashland City ----- Mrs. Herman Christian
 Bethel ----- J. R. Perry
 Bethlehem ----- Miss Allene Reed
 Brandons Chapel ----- J. C. Wall
 Craigfield ----- Dee Sullivan
 Cofers Chapel ----- Mrs. W. M. White
 Dunbars Chapel ----- Rena Dunnaway
 East Nashville ----- W. E. Coville
 Emanuel Chapel ----- not represented
 First F. W. B. Church Columbia ----- Darnell Williams
 Fredonia ----- Not represented
 Friendship ----- Howard Binkley
 Good Springs ----- not represented
 Gorman ----- by letter
 Hagewood Chapel ----- not represented
 Harricane Chapel ----- L. W. Chester
 Heads ----- Hermie Gower
 Millers Chapel ----- Mrs Martha Walton
 Mt. Zion ----- R. E. Felts
 New Hope ----- J. T. Walker
 Oak Grove ----- E. B. Hayes
 Oakland ----- Not represented
 Oaklawn ----- C. G. Binkley
 Oakwood ----- W. H. Spicer
 Olivet ----- Mrs. J. R. Nichols
 Pleasant Hill ----- John Downs
 Rock Springs ----- Mrs. W. D. Procter
 Scotts Chapel ----- Glen Clements
 Shady Grove ----- Mrs. Laura Boyd
 Spring Hill ----- not represented
 Starkeys Chapel ----- Ernest Robertson
 Stony Point ----- Mrs. Lizzie Averette
 Union Hill ----- F. D. Rose
 West Nashville ----- L. W. Chester

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, 3th 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 judgment, and that the joy 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 offices 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 Association 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.

12. This Association may exclude from the body any minister who teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

to propound Scriptural questions as they see proper and all candidates shall be required to answer them satisfactorily.

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 Associ-

ation of Five Will Baptists to sit in council with us and propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegated by the church.

RULES OF DECORUM

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the Moderator, and the person 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 _____;

Baptised _____; 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	Postoffices	Rec'd. by Exp.	Rec'd by Lett'r	Rec'd by Rec.	Rec'd by Res't	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Prop'ty	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	For Minutes			
Ashland City	Miss Mary Patton	Ashland City, Tenn.	1	2						49	1	3	\$4,000	\$143.86	\$2.00			
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.							3	314	2		2,000	106.83	4.00			
Bethlehem	Miss Allene Reed	Ashland City, Tenn.	9			1	2	1	292		1	3	2,250	179.14	30 1.80			
Brandons Chapel	J. B. Burke	Bumpus Mills, Tenn. R. 1.	1					1	245		1		1,000	169.45	2.00			
Cofers Chapel	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs	4020 Colo. Ave. Nashville, T	7	5			2		275		1	2	3	4	5	20,000	1200.00	60 3.50
Craigfield	Jewel Jones	Jingo, Tenn. R. 2							40			3				700	18.85	.50
Dunbars Chapel	Mrs. J. W. Dunnaway	Cumberland City, Tenn.							1	42		4				2,000	22.26	21 1.00
East Nashville	Mrs. H. E. Simpson	Nashville, Tenn.	6	3		1	2	2	1	135	1	2	3	4	5	35,000	907.50	2.50
Emanuel Chapel																		
1st F. W. B. Columbia	E. M. Grubbs	Columbia, Tenn.	19	1			1		4	165	1	2	3	4	5	3,500	300.00	3.00
Fredonia																		
Friendship	Mrs. Willie Morris	Ashland City, Tenn. R. 2								59		3				2,000		2.00
Good Springs																		
Gorman	Mrs. Alice Harrison	Gorman, Tenn.	3			2			1	84	1	3					52.00	
Hagewood Chapel																		
Heads	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill, Tenn. R. 3	8	1			2	1		280		3				2,500	153.14	3.00
Hurricane Chapel	Nettie Timmons		1		2					37		4				500	24.00	
Millers Chapel	S. A. O'kain	Neptune, Tenn.	2			5			1	30		4				800	30.45	1.00
Mt. Pleasant	Carence E. Bennet				20	10			1	69		2	4			500	52.05	1.50
Mt. Zion	A. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn. R. 2	8		7		2			108		2				1,500	110.00	36 2.50
New Hope	Mrs. J. J. Felts	Joelton, Tenn.	12		2	1			5	260		1				2,500	151.50	3.00
Oak Grove	Bee Spann								1	98		2				1,000	106.59	17 1.50
Oakland																		
Oaklawn	C. G. Binkley	Thomasville, Tenn.							1	178		4				3,000	79.23	2.00
Oakwood	W. W. Clinard	Cedar Hill, Tenn. R. 4.	6	1		1			1	54		1				2,000	31.33	20 1.30
Olivet	J. B. Reding	Adams, Tenn.	5				2		1			3				1,000	120.00	1.00
Pleasant Hill	Rillarene Wallace	Dover, Tenn.							30			4				1,000	111.20	1.00
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn.	2				1		4	210		2				3,000	150.00	2.50
Scotts Chapel	Mrs. Mary Bullard	Cumberland City, Tenn.	7			1		1	1	63		1				1,500	78.25	1.50
Shady Grove	Morton Bagwell	Hickory Point, Tenn.			1				1	65		4				1,000	54.43	1.00
Spring Hill																		
Starkeys Chapel	Ernest Robertson	Kingston, Springs, Tenn. R.	5						2	71		1				400	24.49	.75
Stoney Point	Mrs. Ella Lilley	Vanleer, Tenn. R. 2							2	78		2				1,550	16.00	5 1.35
Union Hill	J. W. Boren	Cadiz, Ky. R. 1	2				1			43		2				500	46.01	1.00
West Nashville	Mrs. J. S. Wall	Nashville, Tenn.	3	1	3			6	3	144	1	2	3	4	5	1,500	120.00	2.50

Ministers and Their Post-Offices

	Churches in charge	Sermons preached	Conversions witnessed	Prayer meetings conducted	Received into church	Baptized	Funerals conducted	Marriages solemnized	Homes visited	Revivals assisted in	Revivals in churches in charge	Received for services
Blackwelder, I. J.												
Castile, W. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn. R. 1												
Chester, L. W., 6102 Morrow Rd., Nashville, Tenn.	1	30	8	10	3				100	1	1	\$24.00
Craft, C. A., 6301 Penn. Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	1	100	12	43	8	12	4	1	40	1	1	134.94
Craft, E. A., 4609 Ill. Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	3	120	22	12	16	12	14	1	200	1	3	447.78
Carrol, W. R., Bumpus Mills, Tenn.												
Davenport, W. B., Ashland City, Tenn.	3	72	18		26	17	15		97	1	3	410.07
Davis, Oscar, 1200 Clay St., Nashville, Tenn.												
Dunegan, T. J., Jingo, Tenn. R. 2												
Free, E. M., Bumpus Mills, Tenn.												
Gardner, J. W., N. E. Sta., Nashville, Tenn.												
Gillespie, T. J., 2908 Craft St., Nashville, Tenn.												
Gower, J. F., Cedar Hill, Tenn. R. 5												
Gower, G. E., Cedar Hill, Tenn. R. 5												
Green, L. B. H., Gorman, Tenn.												
Hagewood, W. T., Commerce St., Clarksville, Tenn.												
Hatcher, D. A., McEwen, Tenn. R. 3												
Horner, J. N., Joelton, Tenn.												
Hudgens, J. E., Ashland City, Tenn.												
Mangrum, J. W. E., Jingo, Tenn. R. 1	2	81	9	1	5	10	8	2	70	2	2	54.09
Mosley, T. J., Erin, Tenn.												
Oliver, J. H., 1621 10th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.		100	11	25						5		380.00
Oliver, W. H., 418 Ivins St., Nashville, Tenn.												
Paul, W. J., 1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.	1	110	59	25	20	15	7	7	150	1	2	344.00
Pierce, A. B., Ashland City, Tenn. R. 1	2	49	61	12	44	45		1		1	1	466.00
Pruitt, G. M., R. 2, Robinson Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	3	125	18	5	18	10	3	2	500	3		225.00
Rogers, W. M., 819 Buchanan St., Nashville, Tenn.												
Sanders, L. J., 6210 Louisiana Ave., Nashville, Tenn.		7	7	3			3	85				9.38
Staggs, J. W., E. 14th St., Columbia, Tenn.												
Sullivan, Dee, Jingo, Tenn. R. 2	1	51	15	10	17	9	4		20	2	1	18.00
Trotter, Geo. B., 6407 Centennial Blvd., Nashville, Tenn. .	1	20	1	4	30		1		20	1	1	55.00
Welch, J. L., 813 So. Main St., Columbia, Tenn.	2	161	34	32	20	8	14	2	22	3	1	1,636.36
Wright, Bedford, Kingston Springs, Tenn.		53	5	40					100	1		175.00

