

MINUTES

— of the —

Ninety-Fourth Annual Session

— of the —

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

— of —

Free Will Baptist

HELD WITH ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH
DICKSON COUNTY, TENN.

October 13, 14, 15, 1937



REV. J. E. HUDGENS.....*Moderator*
Ashland City, Tenn.

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

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

..... Free Will Baptist
Church at
To the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist Churches when
convened at
When we have chosen our representatives, to-wit:

OUR STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Received by experience; by letter;
by recommendation; by restoration;
dismissed by letter; excluded;
Died; total number in fellowship;
church property valued at \$; our day of meeting
.....; our pastor is.....
We have paid our pastor \$; we have
called
to pastor for us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School Super-
intendent'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 church19.....

....., Moderator.

....., Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS

The Ninety-fourth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church met with Rock Springs Church, Dickson County, Tennessee, October 13-14-15, 1937.

Wednesday Morning

Devotional Service by Bro. P. E. Hagewood.

At 11 A. M. the Moderator's message to the Association.

Wednesday Afternoon

Devotionals by Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

Prayer by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Roll Call, and the Moderator announced a quorum present, and the Association was ready to transact any business that might come before it.

On motion, Rev. J. J. King and wife was invited to set in Council with us at this setting of this Association.

A committee on Appointment of Committees was announced by the Moderator as follows:

Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Chairman.

Rev. W. R. Carroll and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Church letters called for and the following letters were read:

Ashland City, Bethel, Bethlehem, Brandon Chapel, Cofers' Chapel, East Nashville, New Hope, First F. W. B. Church, Columbia, Tenn., Heads, Oaklawn, Olivet, Shady Grove, Starkey's Chapel, Union Hill, West Nashville.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Devotionals:

Bros. W. D. Procter, W. N. Mayberry and Rev. W. B. Davenport.

We, your Committee on Appointment of Committees, report as follows:

Obituaries

Rev. W. T. Hagewood, Chairman, Bro. Grover Ellis, Rev. G. B. Trotter.

Petitions and Requests

Bro. W. E. Marshall, Chairman, Bro. W. H. Stinson, Sister J. W. Maxey.

Education and Literature

Miss Alleen Reed, Chairman, Rev. J. L. Welch, and Rev. J. H. Oliver.

Resolutions

Mrs. W. M. White, Chairman, Bro. John W. Mangrum, and Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

Temperance

Rev. J. J. King, Chairman, Bro. P. E. Hagewood and Bro. W. D. Proctor.

Sunday Schools

Bro. W. E. Coville, Chairman, Bro. Isaac Clifton, and Rev. H. C. Brown.

Finance

Rev. W. R. Carroll, Chairman, Bro. W. E. Fambrough and Bro. Ed. Gower.

Reports

Delegates to the Eastern Division of the National Association, the report read, and adopted.

Letter from the Sunday School Convention read and adopted.

On motion, we adjourned to meet Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Thursday Morning

Devotionals by Rev. J. J. King.

Scripture lesson from the third chapter of Titus.

Roll Call, and quorum present.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

The following church letters received and read:

Oakwood, Pleasant Hill, Friendship, Hurricane Chapel, Mt. Zion. Good Springs, Mt. Pleasant, Rock Springs.

Reports

Report of the Sunday School Field Secretary read and adopted.

Report of the Ladies' Auxiliary Convention read and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Temperance read and adopted.

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

Dismissed by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

At the 11 o'clock hour, Rev. E. A. Craft conducted the devotionals, and the Rev. J. L. Welch preached a very interesting sermon.

Thursday Afternoon

Devotionals by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

Reading lesson, the 8th division of the Psalms.

Brother E. E. Drake spoke of observing the Sunday before Christmas of each year as a family day in all churches.

On motion, Pewitt Chapel Church, in Williamson County, was admitted to membership in this Association.

Reports

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education, and Literature read, and adopted,

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

Letter from the Sunday School Convention read and adopted.

Letter from Dunbar's Chapel read.

Letter from Scott's Chapel read.

On motion, Rev. J. L. Welch was authorized to represent the Cumberland Association, and confer with other Associations of the State in regards to organizing a State Association of Free Will Baptists. Also to set a date to meet to organize.

On motion, we adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 A. M.

Friday Morning

Devotional services. Scripture lesson read by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder and prayer by Rev. J. W. Boyte.

Roll Call, and quorum present.

Reading minutes of previous meeting.

On motion, the reports of Bro. J. B. Parsons be placed in the Minutes.

Letters from Miller's Chapel and Gorman Church.

On motion, the tabulated form of Minister's Reports be discontinued.

On motion, to retain the Committee to Organize a State Association and said Committee to work with Rev. J. L. Welch. Committee as follows: Rev. W. B. Davenport, Bro. W. E. Coville, and Rev. Wm. Henry Oliver.

On motion, we adjourned to meet at 1:15 P. M.

Eleven O'Clock Hour

Devotionals led by Rev. Dee Sullivan.

Prayer by Rev. J. W. E. Mangrum.

Sermon by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Scripture, Galatians 5th chapter and 22nd verse.

Friday Afternoon

Devotionals.

Roll Call, and quorum present.

Reports

Report on Petitions and Requests read and adopted.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

Treasurer's report read and adopted.

On motion, the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes and he be allowed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for his services.

On motion, the Clerk submit the manuscript to the Moderator to be checked and signed by the Moderator.

On motion, we go into the election of a place for the next setting of the Association. Oak Grove Church was selected.

On motion, we go into election of a Supervisor for the next year. On motion, Rev. J. L. Welch was elected Supervisor by acclamation.

On motion, the Supervisor's expenses be paid out of the home

mission fund and that he be allowed to appoint chairmen for the different districts; also a Secretary.

On motion, that this body give a standing vote of thanks to God, for the decision Brother Welch has made concerning business and his church work.

On motion, to go into election of delegates to the General Association at Pearce's Chapel in Mississippi.

Bro. G. W. Fambrough and W. E. Coville were elected delegates. On motion, their expenses be paid.

Motion to adjourn, to meet with Oak Grove Church, Dickson County, Tenn., on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, before the third Sunday in October, 1938.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.
L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association, October 15, 1937.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. A. Craft.

Ordaining Council

On motion, the Moderator appointed the Ordaining Council as follows:

Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. H. Oliver, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. W. R. Carroll, and Rev. J. L. Sanders.

Report

We, the members of the Ordaining Council, wish to report that we have read a petition from Head's Church to ordain Bros. Miles Gower and Sebert Basford as deacons. We recommend that they be ordained.

We have also received recommendations from Miller's Chapel for the ordination of Bro. O. S. Carroll to the full work of the ministry. We recommend that Bro. O. S. Carroll's ordination be deferred and that his name be placed on liscentiate list.

We further recommend that Bro. J. W. Boyte be reinstated as a member of the Presbytery and the name of Bro. Ed. Marshall be placed on liscentiate list.

(Signed) REV. J. L. WELCH.
REV. J. H. OLIVER.
REV. W. B. DAVENPORT.
REV. W. R. CARROLL.
REV. J. L. SANDERS.

Report of the Investigation Committee read and adopted.

We, your Committee appointed to investigate our Ministers of

this Presbytery at the last setting of our Annual Presbytery, wish to make the following report:

We have investigated Rev. T. J. Gillespie. We find Bro. Gillespie has withdrawn his membership, by letter, from the West Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, about 1933, and has never placed it in any of our churches. He is preaching at a union church at present, and is not doing any work in any of our churches. We reminded him that he might be dropped from our list if he did not place his letter in one of our churches, and also told him to notify us if he did so. There are many more we wanted to see but we failed to reach them on account of the distance.

REV. J. L. SANDERS, Chairman.

REV. J. H. OLIVER.

L. O. BURROUGHS.

On motion, Rev. T. J. Gillespie's name be dropped from our ministerial list, and that his credentials be hereby invalidated.

On motion, the Investigating Committee be retained, and we ask them to investigate the report that Rev. L. B. H. Green is preaching and teaching divine healing.

On motion, we go into the Ordaining Service of Deacons as follows:

Bro. Miles Gower and Bro. Sebert Basford were ordained, with prayer, and the laying on of hands. The scripture lesson was read by Rev. J. L. Welch, and prayer was led by Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

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

REV. E. A. CRAFT, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

Reports

Report of Music Supervisor of the Cumberland Association when convened with Rock Springs Church, October 13-14-15, 1937,

My report is as follows:

Have organized a choir union within the bounds of our Association, which meets each 4th Sunday in each quarter. This organization, I feel, has been helpful in assisting choirs to sing church music. Have assisted in several revivals and have encouraged gospel singing throughout my year's work.

At present, I am conducting a two-weeks singing school at Good Springs. Much interest is being shown and I trust much good will be accomplished.

I have received from this work for year \$91.55.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. PARSONS,
Field Music Supervisor.

Report of F. W. B. L. Organizer to the Cumberland Association when convened with Rock Springs Church, October 13-14-15, 1937.

My report is as follows:

Number of miles traveled in interest of league work for the year (approximately), 750.

Number of leagues organized, 1.

We have organized a League Convention within the bounds of our Association, with nine leagues affiliating.

I wish to report that a new field of league work has opened through which we are expecting greater accomplishments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. PARSONS,

Organizer for Leagues.

P. S. At the present time I have an engagement to organize a league at Olivet Church, Sunday night, October 24, 1937.

Report of Field Secretary to the Cumberland Association when convened with Rock Springs Church, October 13-14-15, 1937.

My report for year ending October 1st is as follows:

Have traveled approximately 1,150 miles in interest of Sunday School work, making special appeal to each Sunday School for their cooperation in all lines of our convention work. I have organized one Sunday School, namely Good Springs.

Received from the Association \$30.00 for traveling expenses.

Many of our schools are in fine condition, while others have fallen back some, but the general outlook seems to be encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. PARSONS,

Field Secretary.

Report of the Sunday School Convention to the Cumberland Association when convened with Rock Springs Church, October 13-15, 1937.

Number of Sunday Schools enrolled in convention.....	17
Number of Sunday Schools represented in convention	15
Number of pupils enrolled in fourteen Sunday Schools	1,067
Total increase of pupils enrolled in 13 Sunday Schools	102
Number of conversions reported in nine Sunday Schools	63
Number of chapters read by 12 Sunday Schools	112,149
Number of daily Bible readers in 11 Sunday Schools	144
Number who read entire New Testament in 6 Sunday Schools	19
Number who read entire Bible in 4 Sunday Schools.....	10
Total amount of money raised in 13 Sunday Schools	\$1,216.63
Total amount of money raised in evangelistic campaign.....	\$ 262.13
Grand total of money raised in Sunday School Convention	\$1,484.26
Total amount of money in treasury beginning of new year \$	70.28

We are happy to report that the convention work is moving along splendidly with two Sunday Schools added to our convention, namely:

New Hope and Good Springs. There have been no schools to withdraw.
Officers elected for ensuing year:

W. E. Coville President
G. W. Fambrough Vice-President
D. L. Binkley Secretary-Treasurer
Miss Mary Lou Gower..... Corresponding Secretary
J. B. Parsons Field Secretary
Geo. B. Trotter Assistant Field Secretary
Executive Council—Isaac Clifton, Huey Gower, John
Oliver, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Delegate to Cumberland
Association.

Respectfully submitted,
D. L. BINKLEY,
Secretary.

We, your representatives to the Eastern Division of the National Association, which convened at Horse Branch Church, Turbeville, S. C., June 9-11, 1937, respectfully submit the following report:

Tuesday night—Sermon by Rev. W. A. Hales, Wilson, N. C.

Wednesday morning—Opening devotional by W. E. Coville in absence of Rev. Floyd Cherry. Welcome address by Rev. M. H. Millette. Response by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. Enrollment of delegates. Appointment of Finance and Credentials committee. Moderator's message by Rev. J. R. Davidson. Morning sermon by Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tenn.

Wednesday afternoon—Devotional by Rev. A. L. Davidson. Miscellaneous business as follows: Appointment of Resolutions Committee. Election of temporary treasurer. Bro. Z. A. Cheshire, son of the late Bro. James Cheshire, elected pro tem. Address on Education by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

Wednesday night—Foreign Mission addresses by Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey. Brother Willey brought us a real treat in the form of moving pictures of the people and conditions in Central America. These pictures were made by Bro. Willey while on his first trip for our denomination.

Thursday morning—Report of National Foreign Mission Secretary by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder. Total expenditures \$1,883.19. Balance on hand \$462.85. Overhead cost of handling foreign mission money and business estimated at approximately \$8.00 for postage, telegrams, etc. Report of Tracts Committee. Sermon by Rev. Chester Pelt.

Thursday afternoon—Devotional by Rev. Floyd Cherry. Report of Free Will Baptist Press by Rev. L. H. Wetherington. Report of F. W. B. literature by Rev. J. E. Wooten. Discussion of plans for financing our South American Missionaries.

Thursday night—Program by children from North Carolina F. W. B. Orphanage followed by remarks by Supt. Rev. M. E. Tyson. An offering of \$41.00 was made.

Friday morning—Report of Secretary of Sunday School work by Rev. R. P. Harris. Report of National Secretary of Women's Work by Mrs. Fannie Polston. Report of F. W. B. Gem by Rev. T. H. Willey. Report of Resolutions Committee by Rev. Henry Melvin. Election of officers. Rev. C. B. Thompson, Moderator. Rev. Henry Melvin, Assistant Moderator, Rev. T. B. Millette, Recording Secretary, Rev. L. C. Johnson, Assistant Recording Secretary, Bro. Z. A. Cheshire, Treasurer, W. E. Coville, Assistant Treasurer. Members of Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Chester Pelt, Secretary, W. E. Coville, Treasurer, C. F. Goen, Chairman.

It was voted to drop the word "General" from the name of this organization. In the future same shall be known as "The Eastern Association." The body voted to have 3,000 minutes printed, 500 of which are to be sent to the Western Association. The body voted to convene next year at Pierce's Chapel, Smithville, Miss. No change in the time of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. E. A. CRAFT.

W. E. COVILLE.

Note—Rev. E. A. Craft was appointed by Rev. J. E. Hudgens as proxy for Rev. W. B. Davenport, who was unable to represent. Bro. G. W. Fambrough, Associate Treasurer, advanced checks of \$30.00 to each of the delegates.

W. E. COVILLE.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of F. W. B. to the Cumberland Association when convened with Rock Springs Church on Wednesday, October 13, 1937.

Delegate: Mrs. H. W. Christian.

We submit the following report:

We have 15 societies enrolled in the convention with 9 representing at the last convention. At the first of the year there were 182 members in these 9 societies and new members secured during the year, 47 making a total membership in 9 societies 229. Total amount of money raised during the year was \$1,203.33.

We have in our Orphanage Fund at present \$6,909.06. We are happy to report that at our last Convention a committee was appointed and empowered to locate and purchase a site for our F. W. Baptist Orphanage, namely, Mrs. E. D. Parker, Mrs. J. E. Hudgens, Mrs. Reading, and Mrs. Marion Reed.

Literature Department

Subscribers to the F. W. B. Paper in churches.....	52
Subscribers to the F. W. B. Paper in societies.....	47
Temperance leaflets distributed	274
Temperance programs given	6
Good tracts or leaflets distributed	1,030
Total pieces of good literature distributed	1,217

Educational Department

Movements encouraging F. W. B. Educational Institutes	1
Students assisted	1
Study classes for youths conducted	1
Worship programs conducted in churches	22
Bible Reading contests	1

Missions Department

Mission programs conducted	8
Week of prayer observed by societies	7
Mission study classes conducted	6
Number attending classes	159
Reading circles	4
Amount of offering	\$165.97

Stewardship Department

Stewardship classes conducted	4
Per cent of attendance	52
Number of 100 per cent pupils	38
Number attending classes	74
Number of children in Declamation contests	33
Contests conducted	4
Stewardship talks	21
Stewardship programs	11
Tithing campaigns	58
New tithers	11
Reading circles	3
People reading in the circles	37

Benevolence Department

Orphanage programs conducted	2
Amount of donations	\$26.36
Middlesex Orphanage clothing	\$39.80
Middlesex cash	\$ 6.15
Middlesex quilt	1
Members engaged in personal service work	62
Members assisting in cottage prayer services	65
Members making soul winning efforts	51
Members making visits to sick	113
Members making visits to shut-ins	60
Members donating garments to needy	93
Bibles given	38

MRS. GLADYS JACKSON, President.

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Secretary.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Foreign Missions Committee, prayerfully submit the following report:

Soon after the Association last year the committee met in East Nashville Church for the purpose of devising a plan by which to raise foreign mission funds throughout the entire Cumberland Association. After careful consideration of our foreign mission needs and of the financial ability of the churches of the Association, we therefore submitted to our churches the following plan of apportionments:

MONTHLY AMOUNTS

Friendship	\$ 2.00
New Hope	4.00
Oak Grove	2.00
Rock Springs	4.00
West Nashville	2.00
Miller's Chapel	1.00
Ashland City	4.00
Bethel	4.00
Mount Zion	4.00
Oak Lawn	4.00
Bethlehem	4.00
Brandon's Chapel	2.00
Caper's Chapel	6.00
Craigfield	1.00
Dunbar's Chapel	1.00
Columbia	4.00
Heads	4.00
Mount Pleasant	1.00
Olivet	2.00
Shady Grove	2.00
Starkey's Chapel	1.00
Stoney Point	1.00
East Nashville	8.00
Total amount per month	\$ 68.00

Total amount per year\$816.00

We therefore recommend this same plan of apportionment for the ensuing year.

THE COMMITTEE,

I. J. Blackwelder.
G. W. Fambrough.
Wm. E. Coville.

Resolutions

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

First. Resolved, that we tender a rising vote of thanks to the members and friends of Rock Springs Church for their generous hospitality to this associational body.

Second. Resolved, that we express our appreciation to the Moderator and Clerks for the efficient manner in which they have performed their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. M. WHITE, Chairman.

REV. G. M. PRUITT.

BRO. JOHN MANGRUM.

Education and Literature

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

First. Inasmuch as there has been created within our people a desire for a school in which our boys and girls may be trained for future usefulness, and because of the uncertain state of our national education program, we would recommend that we look forward to establishing a school within our own state. To this end, we recommend, that efforts be put forth to secure the cooperation of all other Associations within the state to organize a State Convention.

Second. For the present we recommend, that our students avail themselves of whatever opportunities they have to better prepare themselves for their work.

Third. We recommend, that this Association lend whatever support they are able to give, to the Zion Bible School, at Blakly, Ga., until such time as we may have one of our own.

Fourth. We wish to urge our people to make use of the good literature, especially the literature published by our publishing house at Ayden, North Carolina, and Purdy, Mo. Our church papers are the Free Will Baptist and the Gem. We would further urge the use of our own literature by the schools in all our churches.

MISS ALLENE REED, Chairman.

REV. J. L. WELCH.

REV. J. H. OLIVER.

Finance

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows:

We have collected fifty-four dollars and seventy-five cents from the various churches for Minutes. We have also examined the report of the treasurer, and in our opinion it is correct.

REV. W. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

BRO. G. E. GOWER.

BRO. W. E. FAMBROUGH.

Report of Sunday School Committee

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

1. We endorse and recommend an evangelistic campaign similar to the one conducted last year.

2. We recommend that the Association allow the Field Secretary and Assistant Field Secretary a joint drawing account for expenses not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) per year.

3. We recommend that Article 10 of the Articles of Government and Constitution of this Association shall be changed to include Section (b) as follows:

“(b) It shall be the duty of each pastor to support a Sunday School in the church or churches in his charge.”

4. We request this Association to extend for another year their offer of fifty (\$50.00) dollars from the Home Mission fund for the purchase of books and materials to be used in training courses to be conducted in Sunday Schools throughout the Cumberland Association.

5. We recommend that each Sunday School assisted by the pastor and church membership as a whole begin immediately a drive for raising funds for the addition of Sunday School classrooms to the church buildings where classrooms are needed.

Respectfully submitted,

BRO. W. E. COVILLE, Chairman.

BRO. ISAAC CLIFTON.

REV. H. C. BROWN.

Obituaries

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

Since it has pleased God to call Rev. E. M. Free from our ranks to his reward, we offer up our prayers of thankfulness to Him, who loves his children, and doeth all things well. Our profound sympathy is extended to his bereaved family. Our hearts go out in sympathy to lay members who have lost loved ones during this Associational year.

REV. W. T. HAGEWOOD, Chairman.

REV. G. B. TROTTER.

BRO. MILES GOWER.

Petitions and Requests

We, your Committee on Petitions and Requests, have received petitions as follows:

First. Petition from Pewitt's Chapel Church asking admittance into this Association.

Second. Also from Head's Church requesting ordination of Brother Miles Gower, and Brother Sebert Basford for deaconship of Head's Church.

Third. From Miller's Chapel Church for the ordination of Bro. O. S. Carroll to the full work of the ministry.

We refer these petitions to the Ordaining Council.

We also have petitions for the next sitting of the Association as follows: Oak Grove and Scott's Chapel. We refer these to this Association for consideration.

MRS. J. W. MAXEY, Chairman.

BRO. W. E. MARSHALL.

BRO. W. H. STINSON.

Temperance

We, the Committee on Temperance, recommend to this Association the following report:

Knowing the evils of Intemperance, recognizing it as one of the greatest curses to civilization, society, and human efforts, knowing that it destroys every sense of justice, fair play, and morality, that it makes harlots of homes, enemies of friends, widows of our innocent women, orphans of their bright children, blights every instinct for good, wrecks lives, causes disregard for law, piles up enormous debts, costs much more to suppress, than it will ever bring revenue into our coffers, we as a Christian organization, cannot countenance, tolerate, uphold its sale, manufacture, or use, nor our Christian brethren in supporting laws to legalize its manufacture, sale or use.

We are against it, always have been against it, always will be against it.

REV. J. J. KING, Chairman.

BRO. P. E. HAGEWOOD.

BRO. W. D. PROCTOR.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Home Missions

1937.

Oct. 14	Balance from last report	\$304.20
Apr. 27	Cheatham Co. Bank	34.44
Oct. 14	Ashland City	13.50
Oct. 14	Bethlehem	8.50
Oct. 14	Bethel	2.85
Oct. 14	New Hope	2.00
Oct. 14	Shady Grove	3.00
Oct. 14	Capers Chapel	5.00
Oct. 14	First F. W. B. Church, Columbia	6.00
Oct. 14	West Nashville	2.75
Oct. 14	East Nashville	8.00
Oct. 14	Head's	6.75
Oct. 14	Mt. Zion	4.00
Oct. 14	Hurricane Chapel	6.00
Oct. 14	Mt. Pleasant	1.00
Oct. 14	Rock Springs	1.25
Oct. 14	Oak Grove	4.75

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Oct. 14	Good Springs	1.00
Oct. 14	Oak Wood	1.00
Oct. 14	Pewitt's Chapel	1.00
Oct. 14	Scott's Chapel	1.25

Total receipts\$418.24

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 4	To J. B. Parson, expense	\$ 30.00
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Balance\$388.24

Foreign Missions

Oct. 14	Balance from last report	\$278.86
Oct. 14	Ashland City	18.50
Oct. 14	Bethel	38.85
Oct. 14	Bethlehem	13.25
Oct. 14	Capers Chapel	10.32
Oct. 14	First F. W. B., Columbia	36.00
Oct. 14	East Nashville	100.00
Oct. 14	Friendship	18.00
Oct. 14	Head's	3.00
Oct. 14	New Hope	40.00
Oct. 14	Oak Grove	16.00
Oct. 14	Oakwood	.75
Oct. 14	Olivet	30.00
Oct. 14	Shady Grove	3.00
Oct. 14	West Nashville	18.00
Oct. 14	Cheatham Co. Bank	74.30
Oct. 14	Head's	6.75
Oct. 14	Mt. Zion	4.00
Oct. 14	Mt. Pleasant	1.00
Oct. 14	Rock Springs	1.25
Oct. 14	Brandon's Chapel	2.50
Oct. 14	Good Springs	1.00
Oct. 14	Starkey's Chapel	2.10
Oct. 14	Pewitt's Chapel	1.00

\$714.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 14	To amount to I. J. Blackwelder, Nat'l Treasurer.....	\$313.67
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Balance\$400.76

Association

Oct. 14	Balance from last report	\$154.63
Oct. 14	Cheatham Co. Bank	24.57
Oct. 14	Ashland City	5.00
Oct. 14	Bethel	5.00

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Oct. 14	Cofers' Chapel	5.00
Oct. 14	First F. W. B., Columbia	5.00
Oct. 14	New Hope	5.00
Oct. 14	Shady Grove	1.50
Oct. 14	East Nashville	5.00
Ovt. 14	West Nashville	5.00
Oct. 14	Oaklawn	5.00
Oct. 14	Head's	5.00
Oct. 14	Friendship	5.00
Oct. 14	Mt. Zion	5.00
Oct. 14	Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Oct. 14	Rock Springs	5.00
Oct. 14	Oak Grove	5.00
Oct. 14	Good Springs	1.00
Oct. 14	Bethlehem	5.00

\$253.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 14	To expense of delegates to the Gen. Conference.....	\$ 60.00
Oct. 14	Balance on Minutes	18.30
Oct. 14	National dues	10.00
Oct. 14	Ordination Certificates and Stamps	4.33

Total Disbursements \$ 92.63

Balance \$161.07

Education

Oct. 14	Balance from last report	\$401.20
Oct. 14	Cheatham Co. Bank	125.40

\$526.60

DISBURSEMENTS

Oct. 14	To Rev. E. A. Craft—Loan	\$ 25.00
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Total \$ 25.00

Balance \$501.60

Colportage

Oct. 14	Balance from last report	\$ 42.44
Oct. 14	Cheatham Co. Bank	14.14

Balance \$ 56.58

Respectfully,

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treasurer.

MINISTER'S REPORT

I. J. Blackwelder

Churches in Charge—East Nashville and Friendship	
Sermons preached	145
Conversions witnessed	14
Prayer meetings conducted	4
Received into church	13
Baptized	6
Marriages solemnized	1
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches for services	\$1,600.00
Received from other sources	152.50
Total received	\$1,752.50

W. R. Carroll

Churches in charge—Brandon's Chapel, Union Hill, Head's and Olivet.

Sermons preached	99
Conversions witnessed	8
Received into church	8
Baptized	8
Funerals conducted	15
Marriages solemnized	3
Homes visited	100
Miles traveled	2,850
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches	\$ 510.15
Received from other sources	82.00
Total received	\$ 592.15

L. W. Chester

Church in charge—Hurricane Chapel.

Sermons preached	40
Conversions witnessed	13
Prayer meetings conducted	10
Received into church	4
Homes visited	50
Miles traveled	1,500
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$ 25.00
Received from other sources	16.00
Total received	\$ 41.00

E. A. Craft

Churches in charge—Rock Springs, West Nashville, Oak Grove,
New Hope.

Sermons preached	125
Conversions witnessed	59
Prayer meetings conducted	40
Received into church	18
Baptized	15
Funerals conducted	6
Homes visited	100
Miles traveled	3,000
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches	\$ 685.00
Received from other sources	85.00
Total received	\$ 770.00

W. B. Davenport

Churches in charge—Bethlehem and Shady Grove.

Sermons preached	75
Conversions witnessed	32
Received into church	21
Baptized	14
Funerals conducted	20
Homes visited	100
Miles traveled	1,200
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from Bethlehem church	\$ 151.00
Received from Shady Grove	73.50
Received from other sources	56.22
Total received	\$ 280.72

J. H. Oliver

Churches in charge—Ashland City and Dunbar's Chapel.

Sermons preached	70
Conversions witnessed	20
Received into church	12
Funerals conducted	10
Marriages solemnized	12
Received for services	\$ 323.00

W. J. Paul

Church in charge—First F. W. B., Columbia, Tenn.

Sermons preached	100
Conversions witnessed	90

Prayer meetings conducted	15
Received into church	59
Baptized	39
Funerals conducted	2
Marriages solemnized	5
Homes visited	100
Miles traveled	300
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches	\$ 240.00
Received from other sources	50.27
Total received	\$ 290.27

G. M. Pruitt

Churches in charge—Pleasant Hill and Scott's Chapel.

Sermons preached	125
Conversions witnessed	12
Prayer meetings conducted	4
Received into church	5
Baptized	5
Funerals conducted	3
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	235
Miles traveled	2,800
Revivals held in churches	2
Received from churches	\$ 225.00
Received from other sources	25.00
Total received	\$ 250.00

J. L. Sanders

Sermons preached	7
Prayer meetings conducted	2
Funerals conducted	1
Marriages solemnized	1
Home visited	100
Miles traveled	500
Total received	\$ 14.00

Dee Sullivan

Church in charge—Pewitt's Chapel.

Sermons preached	30
Conversions witnessed	20
Prayer meetings conducted	6
Received into church	18
Baptized	20
Homes visited	5
Miles traveled	350

Revivals assisted	2
Received from church	\$ 28.30
Received from other sources	21.00
Total received	\$ 49.30

G. B. Trotter

Sermons preached	14
Conversions witnessed	2
Prayer meetings conducted	5
Marriages solemnized	6
Homes visited	24
Miles traveled	500
Revivals assisted in	1
Received for services	\$ 10.00

Bedford Wright

Sermons preached	53
Conversions witnessed	10
Prayer meetings conducted	12
Received into church	12
Baptized	2
Homes visited	78
Miles traveled	468
Revivals assisted in	2
Total received	\$ 62.20

Ministers and Their Post Offices

Blackwelder, I. J.	1115 E. Douglas Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Boyte, J. W.	1513 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Castele, W. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn., R. 1
Chester, L. W.	6102 Morrow Road, Nashville, 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.	Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1
Davis, Oscar	1200 Clay St., Nashville, Tenn.
Dunegan, T. J.	Jingo, Tenn., R. 2
Gardner, J. W.	N. E. Station, Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, J. F.	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 5
Gower, G. E.	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 5
Gr��n, 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
Mosley, T. J.	Erin, Tenn.
Oliver, J. H.	1621 Tenth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

Oliver, W. H.	418 Ivins St., Nashville, Tenn.
Paul, W. J.	1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.
Pierce, A. B.	Ashland City, Tenn., R. 1
Pruitt, G. M.	Route 2, Robinson Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rogers, W. M.	819 Buchanan St., Nashville, Tenn.
Sanders, J. L.	6210 Louisiana Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Staggs, J. W. E.	E. Fourteenth St., Columbia, Tenn.
Sullivan, Dee	Fairview, Tenn., R. 2
Trotter, G. B.	6407 Centennial Blvd., Nashville, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1409 Tenth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.
Wright, Bedford	Kingston Springs, Tenn.

Licentiates

O. S. Carroll

W. E. Marshall

Churches and Their Delegates

Ashland City	P. E. Hagewood
Bethel	Isaac Clifton
Bethlehem	Miss Allene Reed
Brandon's Chapel	Willie Luton
Capers Chapel	Mrs. W. M. White
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Alex Webb
East Nashville	W. E. Coville
First F. W. B. Church, Columbia, Tenn.	H. C. Brown
Friendship	Claud Allen
Good Springs	Elmer Harris
Gorman	By letter
Heads	Grover Ellis
Hurricane Chapel	By letter
Miller's Chapel	Mrs. Louise Walton
Mt. Pleasant	Miss Leola Pemberton
Mt. Zion	J. T. Harris
New Hope	W. J. Culwell
Oak Grove	Thomas Hayes
Oak Lawn	W. B. Walker
Oak Wood	W. W. Clinard
Olivet	A. R. Moore
Pewitt's Chapel	Jere Pewitt
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Floyd Coats
Rock Springs	Mrs. Inez Mayberry
Scott's Chapel	Miss Lorene Clements
Shady Grove	Mrs. M. C. Major
Starkey's Chapel	Johnie Mangrum
Stony Point	Miss Lizzie Avritte
Union Hill	Wiley Boren
West Nashville	W. E. Marshall

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 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 delegates, 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, which shall convene at the close of the Association at the same time and place, and at any time during the Associational year, if called by Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery, who deem it necessary to make such a call. Said Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applications or 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. It shall be the duty of each pastor to support a Sunday School in the church or churches in his charge.

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

12. This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any other church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

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

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

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

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

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

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 and 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.

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

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 ending193.....

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.....;

Reicevd 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	POST OFFICE	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Rec.	Rec'd by Rest	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Prop'ty	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	For Minutes
Ashtand City	Miss Mary Patton	Ashtand City, Tenn.	14	1	1	1	1	1	65	1 31	\$ 4,000	\$ 198.77	\$ 13.21	\$ 2.00
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.	15	1	1	1	1	1	1 329	2	2,000	113.00	42.50	4.00
Bethlehem	Miss Allene Reed	Ashtand City, Tenn.	1	1	1	1	1	1	5 33	13	2,500	151.00	42.50	1.50
Brandon's Chapel	J. B. Burke	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	5	1	1	1	1	1	2 248	1	1,000	162.71	42.50	2.00
Caper's Chapel	Mrs. L. O. Burroughs	4020 Colorado, Nashville, Tenn.	3	4	1	1	1	1	2 279	1 2 3 4 5	20,000	907.00	42.50	3.50
Craigfield														
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. J. W. Dunaway	Cumberland City, Tenn.									1,000	112.42		1.00
East Nashville	Mrs. H. E. Simpson	Cumberland City, Tenn.							42	4	35,000	1,399.50		2.50
Emanuel's Chapel		Joelton, Tenn.	5	3					140	1 2 3 4 5				
First F. W. B. Church														
Columbia, Tenn.	Willie Scribner	1611 Bailey, Columbia, Tenn.	50	9	1	1	1	1	2 200	1 2 3 4 5	4,000	240.00		3.25
Fredonia	Mrs. Willie Morris	Ashtand City, R. 1		3	2				62	3	2,000	120.00		1.50
Friendship	Mrs. Eddie Harris	Pleasant View, Tenn.		2					58	13	1,500			1.10
Good Springs	Peggie Parker	Gorman, Tenn.							3	1 3		25.00		
Gorman														
Hazewood's Chapel														
Head's	G. E. Gower	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3 4 272	3	2,500	176.92		3.00
Head's	Nina Burgess	McEwin, Tenn., R. 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 40	4	500	25.00		2.00
Hurricane's Chapel	S. A. O'Kain	Neptune, Tenn., R. 2	4	1	1	1	1	1	1 15	3	800	30.00		1.00
Miller's Chapel	Clarence Bennett	Joelton, Tenn.	5	1	1	1	1	1	63	2 4	1,200	92.50		1.50
Mt. Pleasant	Marion Walker	Joelton, Tenn.	5	1	1	1	1	1	166	1 2	1,500	200.00		2.50
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Felix Simpson	Joelton, Tenn.	8	1	1	1	1	1	4 13	1	2,500	150.00		3.50
New Hope	Bee Spann	Charlotte, Tenn., R. 2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 99	2	1,000	172.25	37.00	1.50
Oak Grove														
Oakland	C. G. Binkley	Thomasville, Tenn.							177		2,500	70.25	8.50	2.00
Oaklawn	W. W. Clinard	Cedar Hill, Tenn., R. 3	1	1	1	1	1	1	40	4	2,000	28.25		1.00
Oakwood									78	4	1,000	120.00		2.00
Olivet	J. B. Keeling	Adams, Tenn., R. 3							35	2		28.30		1.00
Pewitt's Chapel	J. C. Hewitts	Franklin, Tenn., R. 6	18						37					
Pleasant Hill	R. L. Ware Wallace	Dover, Tenn., Box 34							30	4	1,000	134.45		1.00
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn., R. 2							2 208	2	3,000	131.07	35.61	2.50
Scott's Chapel	Mary Bullard	Cumberland City, Tenn.	2						1 62	1	1,500	53.00		1.25
Shady Grove	Mrs. Moton Bagwell	Clarksville, Tenn., R. 2	14	3	1	1	1	1	79	4	1,000	73.50	20.15	1.00
Spring Hill														
Starkey's Chapel	Earnest Robertson	Kingston Springs, Tenn., R. 3	3	4					70	1	425			1.30
Stoney Point	Mrs. Ella Lilley	Vanleer, Tenn., R. 2	2						70	4	1,500	36.00		1.00
Union Hill	J. W. Boren	Cadiz, Ky., R. 7	3						45	1	500	50.52		.70
West Nashville	Mrs. J. S. Wall	Nashville, Tenn.	8	2	3	2	3	2	1 115	1 2 3 4 5	2,250	240.00	58.00	2.50

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