
MINUTES
of the
Ninety-Sixth Annual Session
of the
Cumberland Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

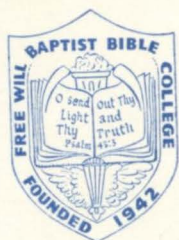
HELD WITH MT. ZION CHURCH

Cheatham County, Tennessee

October 11-12-13, 1939

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

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



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Mrs. Agnes Frazier

The ninety-sixth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, met with Mt. Zion Church, Cheat-ham County, Tennessee, October 11-12-13, 1939.

Wednesday Morning

Song service led by Mrs. Gladys Jackson.

Prayer by Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

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

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees, on nominations of the various committees, as follows:

REV. W. R. CARROLL, Chairman.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT.

BRO. G. W. FAMBROUGH.

On motion, we adjourned for the Eleven o'Clock Sermon.

Brother I. L. Stanley led the song service.

Rev. W. B. Davenport filled the pulpit at this hour, reading a portion of the 9th Chapter of Mark, and 8th Chapter of Luke, for his Scripture lesson. His sermon was great, and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone present. We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

Wednesday Afternoon

Song service led by Bro. I. L. Stanley.

Devotionals led by Rev. Darnell Williams.

Roll call, and quorum present. On motion, Brother I. L. Stanley was invited to set in council with us, during sitting of this Association.

REPORT

Of the committee on nominations of the various committees.

Read and adopted.

Report as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL

W. E. Coville, Chairman.

S. E. Basford.

Mrs. Hattie Lane.

FINANCE

W. R. Carroll, Chairman.

E. B. Hayes.

L. J. Baker.

LEAGUE

Miss Rebecca Stewart, Chairman.

Marion Reed.

J. C. Wall.

CHURCH EXTENSION

Mrs. Mathie Maxie, Chairman.

A. B. Baker

A. J. Felts.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

I. J. Blackwelder, Chairman.

W. B. Davenport.

G. W. Fambrough,

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

Miss Allene Reed, Chairman.
 Sam Heflin.
 W. E. Coville.

OBITUARIES

W. T. Hagawood, Chairman.
 D. E. Teasley.
 G. M. Pruett.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

A. A. Stewart, Chairman.
 L. J. Baker.
 C. E. Evans.

RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Nannie Williams, Chairman.
 W. A. Talley.

TEMPERANCE

J. L. Sanders, Chairman.
 W. J. Caldwell.
 Howard Binkley.

ORPHANAGE

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Chairman.
 Mrs. Bennie Smith.
 Darnell Williams—J. L. Stanley.

YOUR COMMITTEE

G. W. Fambrough.
 W. R. Carroll.
 W. B. Davenport.

The Moderator's Message

The Moderator brought a strong appeal to the Church, of the need of reading the Bible with an understanding. He spoke of the teaching in our Sunday Schools. Also of education, and the need of trained leaders.

The Moderator spoke of the Orphanage at the foothills of Green Mountain, more than eleven hundred feet above sea level, that belongs to the Free Will Baptists.

Reading of Church Letters.

Reports as follows:

Woman's Auxiliary Convention, read and adopted.

Sunday School Convention, adopted.

Delegate to the National Association read, and adopted.

Delegate to the State Association. This report adopted, with the suggested change.

On motion, we adjourned until 9:30 Thursday morning, with prayer by Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

Thursday Morning

9:45 a. m. Song Service led by Brother I. L. Stanley.

Scripture lesson read by Rev. G. M. Pruitt, with prayer by Rev. J. W. Boyte. Roll call, by the Clerk, and the Moderator declared a quorum present, and the house was ready for business.

Reading letters coming in late.

Orphanage Work, by Sister Mrs. Ed Parker, Chairman of the Orphanage. Sister Parker spoke of the farm that belongs to the Orphanage. She said we have 170 acres of land, good barn and a fine water system. She also spoke of the needs of the farm. Stock, such as mules, or horses, pigs, and a cow, that the children might have milk.

Brother I. L. Stanley, Superintendent of the Orphanage, spoke of the Orphanage and the things they need there. Truck, farming tools, live stock, a church, and especially we need a cow. We have one cow, but we need two cows. He told of the the Family Prayer in the Orphanage, also little Jack's Prayer, "God, I want you to Save my soul."

By permission of the Moderator, a donation was taken to purchase a cow for the Orphanage. The donation amounted to \$51.31. One of the good ladies asked that everyone that would give a pig to the Orphanage, to sign their names to this piece of paper. And she got 16 pigs donated for the Orphanage. (Good work).

On motion, we adjourned for the Eleven O'clock Services.

Brother I. L. Stanley led that good old song, "When We All Get To Heaven." The Rev. I. J. Blackwelder was the speaker of the hour. His text was found in the 11th chapter of John, "Loose him and let him go." We were blessed with another good Sermon. He spoke of the inactive ministers, loose them and let them go, give them a chance. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Thursday Afternoon

Devotionals by Rev. Huey Gower. Reading of letters coming in late.

Reports

Education and Literature, received and adopted.

Quarterly Meetings

The Eastern Division has met three times. Once at West Nashville Church, and twice at the East Nashville Church. Not so much interest in them.

REV. E. A. CRAFT, Chairman.

Western Division

Reported two meetings with large crowds, and lots of interest shown.

—REV. G. M. PRUETT, Chairman.

Temperance

Read and adopted.

Obituaries

Read and adopted.

The acting Moderator, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, asked that we stand in a moment of silent prayer in honor of our deceased, after which Rev. W. B. Davenport led us in prayer—adopted.

League—adopted.

Sunday School—adopted.

Church extension—adopted.

Foreign Mission—adopted.

Treasurer's Report—adopted.

Orphanage—adopted.

Resolutions—adopted.

Petitions and Requests—adopted.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following delegates to the Stone Association, October 13-14, 1939, with expenses paid.

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. G. T. Harris, Mrs. Mary Welch, Bro. I. L. Standley, with expenses paid.

On motion, Brother W. E. Coville was elected delegate to the National Association by acclamation.

Motion, the Moderator appointed 9 delegates to the State Association, which meets at Dotson Branch Church in Jackson County on Wednesday and Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1940. These delegates were appointed on Friday, as follows:

Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Rev. E. A. Craft.

Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Rev. J. L. Welch.

L. O. Burroughs.

Rev. G. M. Pruett.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens.

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder.

Mrs. Mattie Maxey.

On motion, to select a place for the next setting of this Association, Good Springs Church was selected.

On motion, the next Quarterly Conference will meet at Bethlehem Church on Saturday before the next fifth Sunday in October.

On motion, we adjourned, to meet at 9:30 Friday morning. We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. G. M. Pruett.

Friday Morning

Song service by Sister Nannie Williams. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Marshall. Roll call, and quorum present.

Appointment of delegates to the State Association.

Appointment of a Committee to revise Church letter form as follows:

L. O. Burroughs.

Rev. J. L. Welch.

Mrs. Edna Harris.

On motion, the Clerk superintended the printing of the Minutes, and he be allowed \$20.00 for his service.

Motion to draw on the Associational Funds, to pay for balance on Minutes.

Rev. Huey Gower read the history of the Free Will Baptist. On motion, to be printed in the Minutes.

On motion, we adjourned to meet at Good Springs Church, in Cheatham County, Tenn., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1940.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, Moderator.

L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

Churches reporting by letter read as follows:

Cofer's Chapel, West Nashville, Brandon's Chapel, Rock Springs, Friendship, Union Hill, Bethel, Bethlehem, Oaklawn, Ashland City, Mt. Zion, New Hope, East Nashville, Oak Grove, First Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, Tenn., Spring Hill, Olivet, Dunbar's Chapel, Pewitt Chapel, Heads, Shady Grove, Oakwood, Good Springs, Stoney Point, Pleasant Hill, Scot's Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Miller's Chapel.

Annual Presbytery

The Annual Presbytery met at the close of the Association. Said Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. A. Craft.

Roll call and quorum present. On motion, the Moderator appointed the Ordaining Council as follows:

Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Chairman; Rev. George Trotter; Rev. W. R. Carroll; Rev. W. B. Davenport; Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

On motion, all petitions and requests were turned over to the Ordaining Council.

Report of the Ordaining Council, as follows:

We received recommendations for the Ordination of the following Brethren to the full work of the Ministry: Brothers J. B. Parsons, Shellie Watts, C. R. Pate, W. E. Marshall, Ranel Clinard, Giles Givens, Fred Comer, O. S. Carroll.

We recommend that Brothers J. B. Parsons, C. R. Pate, W. E. Marshall and O. S. Carroll be ordained to the full work of the Ministry, and that the ordination of Brothers Shellie Watts, Ranel Clinard, Giles Givens and Fred Comer be deferred, and that Brother E. B. Hayes and Marion Hogue be ordained as Deacons for Oak Grove Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. HUDGENS, Chairman.
W. R. CARROLL,
G. B. TROTTER,
G. M. PRUITT,
W. B. DAVENPORT.

On motion, the following were ordained: J. B. Parsons, C. R. Pate, W. E. Marshall, O. S. Carroll, for the Ministry.

For Deacons, E. B. Hayes and Marion Hogue.

Rev. J. E. Hudgens read the charges to those who were ordained, after which he asked that all Ordained Ministers and Deacons come forward and kneel together for prayer, and laying on of hands. Rev. W. R. Carroll led the prayer.

On motion, we adjourned to meet at the close of the next sitting of this Association at Good Springs Church.

REV. E. A. CRAFT, Moderator.
L. O. BURROUGHS, Clerk.

Reports Church Extension

We, your Committee on Church Extension, wish to make the following Report, and Recommendations:

1st. We recommend that since our National Association has a Home Mission Board, that this Association re-establish our Home Mission Board in harmony with our National Program, and said Board embrace Church Extension Work.

2nd. We further recommend that the duties of said Board shall be to extend our work into towns, cities and communities wherever none now exists, and to revive poor, run-down Churches in the remote areas of the country.

3rd. We also recommend that this body cooperate with the State Home Mission Board in putting in the field a Worker who might work under the title of Evangelist, whose duty it would be to find out where Home Mission and Church Extension Work is needed, and either care for the work, or report it to the Home Mission Board for their directions.

4th. We further recommend that each church within this Association be asked to raise an amount equal to 20 cents per member annually, for this work, and that all money raised for this purpose be

retained within the State, so that it may be used for our own State Home Mission, and Church Extension Work.

MRS. J. W. MAXEY, Chairman.

BRO. A. B. BAKER,

BRO. A. J. FELTS.

Reports

Educational and Literature

We recommend that all Ministers, and as many lay members as will, subscribe to one or more of our Church papers.

We recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature by all Sunday Schools in our Churches.

We further recommend the use of our own Free Will Baptist song books in all of our Churches.

We recommend the appointment of a board, or committee, whose business it shall be to make plans for the publication of an Official State Free Will Baptist paper. The plans to be presented at the next meeting of the State Association.

We recommend the establishment of an annual Ministers' Institute.

We recommend that this Association grant the Sunday School Convention the \$30.00 balance from the Education Fund for use in the Teachers' and Officers' Institute Work.

We endorse, and pledge our support, to the National Educational Plan.

We accept the allotment as made by our State Board of Education, and pledge ourselves to raise the sum of \$406.00 this year.

We recommend that \$200.00 of the above allotment be drawn from our accumulated Educational Funds, this amount to be sent at once to our State Educational Treasurer, who is Mrs. J. E. Frazier, 1624 East Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

We recommend that our Churches send in their money for Education, either monthly, or quarterly, and that the same be reported at each Quarterly Meeting.

We realize that, unless the Ministers of our Association will take the lead in this work, it will not be accomplished. We therefore urge and implore them to lead us in this most worthy effort.

We recommend that all Education Money raised in individual churches be sent to the Treasurer of the Cumberland Association.

We further recommend, that the Association Treasurer forward to the State Education Treasurer all Education Money immediately upon receipt of same.

We recommend that this committee be retained as a Board of Education of the Cumberland Association to supervise and direct this program throughout the coming year.

We recommend that this body instruct the Treasurer to present to Mrs. J. H. Oliver a receipt in full, for the amount which Rev. J. H. Oliver, deceased, borrowed from the Educational Fund of this Association.

We recommend that this Board of Education be authorized to make arrangements with Brother Henry Oliver, and Brother John Oliver for them to pay to the Association Treasurer in monthly installments of \$10.00 minimum, which amount is to be applied on their debt to the Cumberland Association.

The Committee:

MISS ALLENE REED,

BRO. SAM HEFLIN,

BRO. W. E. COVILLE.

350.27

As chairman of the Committee on Education and Literature, I have written to all the Presidents of our Missionary Societies and also to a number of the Ministers, urging them to make an effort to raise their 10 cents per member. As a result of this plan, more than \$100 has been raised in 6 Churches of our Association.

I made a talk at our Woman's Auxiliary Convention on "The Need of An Educational Institution of Our Own."

I have written 3 articles to "The Free Will Baptist."

Respectfully submitted,

ALLENE REED.

Report of Foreign Missions

We, your Foreign Mission Committee, believe that the budget adopted last year is a good plan for the ensuing year. We therefore recommend the same budget plan for another year.

We regret, however, that some churches have not responded to this great need, and we sincerely urge each and every church to do the best possible next year.

Miller's Chapel	\$1.00 per month
Ashland City	4.00 per month
Mt. Zion	4.00 per month
Oak Lawn	2.00 per month
Good Springs	2.00 per month
Oakwood	1.00 per month
Pleasant Hill	1.00 per month
Scott's Chapel	1.00 per month
Union Hill	1.00 per month
New Hope	4.00 per month
Rock Springs	4.00 per month
West Nashville	2.00 per month
Friendship	2.00 per month
Bethlehem	4.00 per month
Brandon's Chapel	2.00 per month
Cofers' Chapel	4.00 per month
Craigfield	1.00 per month
Dunbar's Chapel	1.00 per month
Columbia Church	2.00 per month
Heads	4.00 per month
Mt. Pleasant	1.00 per month
Olivet	2.00 per month
Shady Grove	1.00 per month
Starkey's Chapel	1.00 per month
Stony Point	1.00 per month
Oak Grove	2.00 per month
East Nashville	8.00 per month

REV. I. J. BLACKWELDER, Chairman.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT,

BRO. G. W. FAMBROUGH.

League Report

We, your Committee on League Work, submit the following report:

First, realizing that the youth of our denomination will be the Church of tomorrow, and the great need of Christian training and influence, we would recommend that each Pastor see that a League is organized, and functioning properly in each Church.

Second, we also recommend that each Organized League would

send delegates to the League Convention and join whole-heartedly in their plan of work.

MISS REBECCA STEWART, Chairman.
M. J. REED,
J. C. WALL.

Obituaries

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

Since it has pleased God to call Rev. J. H. Oliver of Nashville, his wife stated that he had been attending these Associations for 30 years. Only missed one, on account of sickness.

We never had a man that we missed more in our Association than dear Brother Oliver and also Brother G. T. Harris, and Sister Rose Nunley. Since they have been called to their reward, we offer up our Prayers to Him, who loves His children, and doeth all things well.

Our profound sympathy is extended to their bereaved families. 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. M. PRUITT,
BROTHER D. E. TESLEY.

Orphanage

We, your Committee on Orphanage, submit the following:

Since our Orphanage is already established, and the farm and such equipment is we needed for opening the Home, is paid for, we recommend:

1st. This body approves the resolutions adopted at the Woman's Auxiliary, Convention that each Ladies Aid or Missionary Society pay at least \$2.00 per month to our Orphanage.

2nd. That each Church in this Association give the fourth Sunday School offering to our Orphanage, and said offering be mailed on or before the first of each month to our Superintendent-Treasurer, Mr. I. L. Standley, Greeneville, Tenn.

3rd. We further recommend that any Church that has no Sunday School or Women's work, will raise at least \$3.00 epr month, and send it on or before the first of each month to our Orphanage.

4th. We pray that all the Pastors will keep this important work before our people in such a way that our Supt.-Treas. may not be embarrassed for lack of funds.

Respectfully submitted,
SISTER FANNIE POLSTON, Chairman.
REV. DARNELL WILLIAMS,
SISTER BENNIE SMITH.
BRO. I. L. STANLEY.

Petitions and Requests

We, your Committee on Petitions and Requests, find three churches have asked fo rthe Association to meet with them next year, namely: Scott's Chapel, Oakwood, and Good Springs. We refer this to the delegated body to decide.

Also several requests for Ordination of Deacons and to the full work of the Ministry. These requests shall be given to the Ordaining Council, when appointed,

BRO. L. J. BAKER, Chairman,
BRO. J. B. BURKE,
REV. J. N. HARNER,

Resolutions

1st. Resolved that a quarterly meeting within the bounds of the Cumberland Association be held in the ensuing year, that all churches representing in this body who are interested in the promotion of our Associational work, be urged to attend these quarterly meetings.

2nd. Resolved, that this body of the Free Will Baptist Association, thank Mt. Zion Church, and community for the splendid hospitality during this sitting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. N. V. WILLIAMS, Chairman.
BRO. ALTON TALLEY.

Special Resolutions

1st. Resolved, that this Association retain for the period of one year, the following Committees: Church Extension, Foreign Mission, Education and Literature, and Orphanage. The duties of these Committees shall be to supervise and direct the several phases of the work, as outlined in their respective reports.

2nd, Resolved: That this Association grant the request of the Sunday School Convention, relative to the time of meeting of the Convention next year.

3rd, Resolved: That this body appoint a committee whose duties shall be to revise the form of church letter so as to provide space for the amounts of money sent to the Association for Foreign Missions, Education, Orphanage, and Church Extension.

4th, Resolved: That this body provide a maximum of \$5.00 expense money for each of the nine delegates sent to the State Association, and that the three Auxiliary Conventions, be requested to provide the same amount for the three delegates sent from each Auxiliary.

5th, Resolved: That the Moderator of this body appoint five representatives to attend the Stone Association, which convenes near Cookeville on Friday and Saturday of this week. We suggest that two of the delegates represent the work of the Association proper, and that one each, be sent to represent the three Auxiliaries. We further suggest that the Association pay the expenses of the delegates.

Submitted by W. E. COVILLE.

Realizing the great importance of quarterly meeting work, and also realizing the unsuccessful attempts to operate three quarterly meetings in the past, be it therefore resolved:

First, that we organize one quarterly meeting, instead of three, in which all the churches may, and should represent.

Second, that a quarterly meeting be organized on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October.

The meeting place to be announced by the Association.

Third, that said quarterly meeting have the privilege of electing all its officers at intervals, suitable to the quarterly meeting in session.

Prayerfully submitted,
I. J. BLACKWELDER.

Sunday School

We again solicit the cooperation and support of the churches and their pastors in our second Sunday School Officers and Teachers Training Institute.

We recommend that the Association allow the Field Secretary a drawing account for expenses not to exceed \$50.00 for the year. We suggest that this money be drawn from the Church Extension Fund.

We wish to call the attention of our Ministers to the fact that

the Annual Sunday School Convention date has been changed to a week day instead of Sunday. This action to make it more convenient for the ministers to attend. We will appreciate their presence.

We suggest that the pastors of churches whose Sunday Schools are not members of the Convention plan with their Superintendents for a group of Convention Officers to visit the schools and explain the work of the Convention.

Plans for the organization of a State Sunday School Convention have already been launched. If this organization is effected before the next meeting of the State Association, we recommend a joint sitting of both organizations.

We recommend the approval of the action of the Sunday School Convention in the election of Mrs. W. E. Coville, Huey Gower, and D. L. Binkley as delegates to the State Association.

The Committee,

W. E. COVILLE,
S. E. BASFORD,
MRS. HATTIE LANE.

Report of Sunday School

Convention to the Cumberland Association when convened with Mt. Zion Church October 11-13, 1939.

Number of Sunday Schools in Convention	17
Number of Sunday Schools representing in Convention	16
Number of pupils enrolled in 14 Sunday Schools	1,317
Total increase of pupils enrolled in 14 Sunday Schools	99
Number of conversions in 15 Sunday Schools	65
Number of Chapters read by 15 Sunday Schools	143,592
Number of Daily Bible Readers	109
Number who read entire New Testament	34
Number who read entire Bible	8
Total amount of money raised in 13 Sunday Schools	\$1,904.26
Total amount of money raised in Evangelistic Campaign	\$ 94.80
Total amount of Convention dues	\$ 67.50
Total amount of money in Treasury beginning of new year	\$ 70.65

Officers Elected for 1939-1940

W. E. Coville	President
H. E. Simpson	Vice-President
D. L. Binkley	Secretary-Treasurer
Miss Allene Reed	Corresponding Secretary
Huey Gower	Field Secretary
Executive Council	Isaac Clifton, Jim Reding, W. E. Coville.

Delegate to Association Allene Reed
Three delegates to State Association, Huey Gower,
Mrs. W. E. Coville, Floyd Binkley.

The Convention, as its last Annual Meeting, voted unanimously that the Convention respectfully request of the Cumberland Association the privilege of having the first day, Wednesday of the Association next year for the Sunday School Convention.

Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, after careful consideration, of the report of the Committee of 1938, recommend to this Association as follows:

First, knowing the evil of intoxicating drinks, and beverages of all descriptions, we suggest that beverages be kept out of the Church

at all cost. If any member be found under the influence of intoxicating drink, be compelled by the laws of the Church, to make a confession to the Church, or be dismissed.

We also recommend to this Association that no sale of intoxicating liquors be sold legally, in a four-mile radius of any Church in the counties. It is our earnest desire that this will be adopted.

J. L. SANDERS, Chairman.
HOWARD BINKLEY,
W. J. CULWELL.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Church Extension

October 12, 1939

Balance from last report	\$353.22
East Nashville	8.00
Bethlehem	6.00
Ashland City	16.33
Rock Springs	1.85
Oaklawn	.25
1st F. W. B. of Columbia	8.00
New Hope	2.50
Mt. Zion	5.45
Oak Grove	7.00
Friendship	5.00
West Nashville	5.00
Bethel	6.00
Olivet	4.10
Heads	6.10
Shady Grove	.50
Pewitts Chapel	1.00
Good Springs	3.20
Mt. Pleasant	1.50
	\$441.50
	5.50
	\$436.00

DISBURSEMENTS

W. E. Coville, 4 Sundays	\$ 50.00
J. R. Workington Home Mission	27.00
M. L. Hollis	7.50
Mrs. McAdams	8.83
Mrs. Polston	6.00
Total	
	\$ 99.33
Balance	\$336.67

Foreign Missions

Balance from last report	\$374.31
East Nashville	102.90
New Hope	33.67
Friendship	36.00
Ashland City	41.00
Cofer's Chapel	24.00
Heads	6.10
Shady Grove	8.00
Oak Grove	8.25

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Bethlehem	8.28
Olivet	14.50
Rock Springs	3.27
Oaklawn	.25
First F. W. B., Columbia	14.00
Mt. Zion	3.62
Bethel	7.50
Brandon's Chapel	2.00
Shady Grove	2.25
Pewitt's Chapel	1.00
Good Springs	3.20
Mt. Pleasant	12.00

\$706.10

DISBURSEMENTS

To Amount paid I. J. Blackwelder\$240.80

\$240.80

Balance\$465.30

Association

Balance from last report	\$153.18
Ashland City	5.00
Cofer's Chapel	5.00
East Nashville	5.00
Bethel	5.00
Bethlehem	5.00
Rock Springs	5.00
Oaklawn	5.00
First F. W. B., Columbia	5.00
New Hope	5.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
Oak Grove	5.00
Friendship	5.00
West Nashville	2.50
etaoin Chapel	2.00
Good Springs	5.00

\$222.68

DISBURSEMENTS

Transfer to Minutes, etc.	\$ 23.27
Stamps	1.00
Sunday School Lecture Books	20.00
W. E. Coville, Expenses Nat. Con.	40.00
National dues	10.00
State dues	25.00

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Balance\$103.41

Colportage

Balance from last report\$76.63

Education

Balance from last report	\$765.57
Amt. received from Oak Grove	2.20
Shady Grove	.85

\$768.62

DISBURSEMENTS

To J. R. Davidson, Nat. Chmn.	102.20
Loan, Huey Gower for School	125.00
	\$227.20
Balance	
	\$541.42

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. FAMBROUGH, Treas.

We, your Finance Committee, have examined the report of the Treasurer and find same correct according to our judgment.

W. R. CARROL, Chairman.

Minutes Money

Amount on hand	\$44.58
	4.25
Balance	\$48.83

ORPHANAGE

Amount received	\$51.31
Paid to I. J. Stanley	51.31

Report of del. to nat assn. (guide)

Your delegate to the National Association, which convened with Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas, July 11, 1939, offers the following report:

The Bryan congregation and the many visitors enjoyed six fine sermons during the sitting of the Association. The following ministers brought messages: Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.; Rev. J. R. Bennett, New Bern, N. C.; Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Nev.; Rev. J. W. Addington, Clinchco, Va.; Mrs. T. H. Willey, Foreign Missionary; Rev. W. J. Shepherd, Scottsville, Ohio.

All of the sermons were inspirational, instructive and encouraging. The key thought throughout all of the messages seemed to be "All For Jesus." Progress in every department of our work was repeatedly stressed. It is the opinion of your reporter that the attitudes of the speakers and the messages which they brought were responsible in a large measure for the fact that the meeting was the greatest in modern Free Will Baptist history. Good Singing and good music under the direction of our most competent leaders added much to the program.

The following states were represented: Kentucky, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, Ohio, Virginia and Tennessee. There were approximately 50 ministers in attendance.

All retiring officers were re-elected for another year. Vacancies on all standing boards were filled. The several boards and their chairmen are as follows:

Executive Board	Rev. M. E. Tyson, Middlesex, N. C.
Foreign Missions	Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Nashville, Tenn.
Home Missions	Rev. M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Miss.
Superannuation	Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Nashville, Tenn.
Education	Rev. Jr. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas
Sunday School	W. E. Coville, Nashville, Tenn.
League	Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.

An active interest prevailed and sound plans were made the Boards in each department. Education and a denominational school seemed to be recognized as our greatest immediate need. Miss Jean Welch in her own informal way, was the spark that ignited the Educational

fire-works. Jean, speaking on behalf of youth, asked the question, "What about us?" When she had finished her challenge to the group and the denomination as a whole, there were many with tear-filled eyes, lump-filled throats and some with shouts on their lips and in their hearts. The crowd responded in a financial way to the extent of \$284.00 cash offering and pledges amounting to \$1,725.00.

Another highlight of the meeting was the Thursday night Missionary Service conducted by Mrs. T. H. Willey, one of our foreign missionaries. Mrs. Willey brought to us a word picture of the Central American country, its native people and their customs. Mrs. Willey prefaced her remarks with a short personal history of her own life before presenting the need of Christ and Christian workers in the field. The power of the Holy Spirit was felt throughout the service. At the close of which a plea for more workers was made by the two National Mission Chairmen, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Home Mission and Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, Foreign Missions. Some twenty odd young people came forward and dedicated their young Christian lives to the service of the Master to be used however, whenever and wherever He may direct. In addition to this number of Christian Volunteers, these were ten or twelve who came confessing Christ as their Saviour. Among this number was a lady from East Nashville who found her Christ at Bryan. At the close of this great spiritual feast, an offering was taken for Missions and \$126.00 was given in short order.

The Foreign Mission and Education Boards held several meetings during the Association and near the close presented their plans for the ensuing year. Both boards had determined their financial needs and presented them to the body. The Foreign Mission Board is asking the Tennessee State Association to contribute \$600.00 as their part this year. The Tennessee people, some thirty or thirty-five, met as a state committee and after due deliberation, decided to pledge \$1,000.00 for Education this year.

We were not at all surprised but well pleased to have our own Cumberland girl, Mary Frances Bayte of Cofer's Chapel, carry off top honors in her division in the National Declamation Contest.

The blessings of the meeting were many. The business sessions were all God directed. The Moderator, Rev. J. F. Miller of Flat River, Mo., is a real man of God and a splendid presiding officer. Space does not permit a complete description of the Association.

Your representative was blessed with the happy privilege of meeting again many of the Bryan friends whom he first met seven years ago when the General Conference met at Bryan.

The trip to Texas and return was watched over by Our Father in Heaven. Every minute of it was pleasure and happiness with no sickness, no accidents and not even a close call. Sunday morning found us, our load and Mr. and Mrs. Maxey's load, in Louisiana on our way home. At about 10:0 we stopped in a secluded roadside spot and enjoyed a brief Sunday School worship period together.

The expense of your delegate was \$40.00, which has already been paid.

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 Mt. Zion Church on Wednesday, October 11, 1939.

Delegates—Mrs. E. D. Parker and Mrs. J. W. Maxey.

We submit the following report:

We have an enrollment of 16 societies in the Convention. There

were 9 societies represented by delegate and 2 by letter at the last Convention.

A membership of 206 was reported by these 11 societies with an average attendance at meetings of 106.

Total amount of money raised during the year by these societies was \$1,049.00.

The five departments of the Convention, namely, Literature, Education, Missions, Stewardship and Benevolences are still doing a good work with an improvement in most of the various points over last year.

The Convention was very fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Standley and the children of the Tennessee State Orphanage present. They were a great inspiration to the services. The children gave special music which was very much enjoyed.

The Convention appropriated \$1,500.00 toward the erecting of a Free Will Baptist Church on the Orphanage grounds.

God has blessed us in a marvelous way in securing the Orphanage and He will continue His blessing bountifully upon us if we do not fail Him in supporting the Orphanage.

We, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, are sending out the Macedonian call to all our F. W. B. Churches, Pastors and members, to come over and help us in the support of this great privilege that God has placed in our hands.

Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me.

MRS. GLADYS JACKSON, President.

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS, Secretary.

Report of Delegate to the State Association

Next session of State Association is to be held with the Stone Association at Dodson Branch Church, 10 miles north of Cookeville.

And a very urgent, and special invitation is sent to representatives from every department of our work—Sunday School, F. W. B. League, Woman's Auxiliary, Missions, Orphanage, etc., all. They implore us to come Saturday if we can't come both Friday and Saturday.

Second, motion carried that State Association's Program or plan of work be made to harmonize with the National plan.

Third, motion to establish a camp for young people. Carried.

Fourth, Motion carried to elect three members to each Board, except Executive, which shall be as called for in Constitution.

Fifth, Church letter form, for Minutes, might be read so delegates might know what items will be expected to be reported next year.

Motion that Delegates of each District Association, representing in State Association, send in written report for Minutes.

Seventh. A quarterly financial report of Free Will Baptist Orphanage be published in denominational papers.

Eighth. Motion carried that each district Association, representing in State Association, be asked to take care of Orphanage finance in their own local Association, for this year, in whatever manner they see fit.

Union Association asked each church to pay \$3.00 per month to Orphanage. Send the \$3.00 to the Treasurer, I. L. Standley, and they urged our delegates, at State Association, to come home and persuade our Cumberland Association to do likewise.

Ninth. Motion that all money raised in Tennessee for Home Missions, and Superannuation Work, be retained in the State Association

for the promotion of Home Mission and Superannuation Work in Tennessee.

Tenth. Education Committee report: First, we urge that every minister take it upon himself to introduce this educational program in his church, and then to perpetuate it.

Second. We, as your 1939-1940 State Board, do earnestly recommend the following:

First, that Tennessee State Board cooperate fully with National Board, in carrying out their proposed plans for a Bible College.

Second, that each District Association encourage the establishment and support of a centrally located Free Will Baptist College by accepting the apportionment of \$1,000.00 allotted to Tennessee Free Will Baptist.

Third, that this \$1,000.00 be distributed as follows: Union Association, \$594.00; Cumberland Association, \$406.00. Thus each Church representing in these above-named Associations will be expected to raise at least \$13.50 for this Educational Fund, said amount to be sent to the Chairman of State Board of Education, who is instructed to turn this money over immediately to the Treasurer of the National Board of Education. State Board composed of:

MRS. J. E. FRAZIER, Chairman.

1624 E. Cahal Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY,

REV. E. M. FRENCH.

ORPHANAGE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

First. Someone in each District Association be named as Orphanage representative, whose duty it will be to present our Orphanage and its needs to our people, and get pledges of at least \$3.00 per month, from each Church, said amount to be sent monthly to Orphanage Superintendent and Treasurer, I. L. Standley, Greenville, Tenn.

State Association letter form.

Five representatives to State Association.

STATISTICS

1. Number of Churches reporting.....
2. Number of Ministers reporting.....
3. Number of Ordained in Association.....
4. Number of members reclaimed during year.....
5. Total membership in Churches reporting.....
6. Value of Church property.....
7. Auxiliaries:
 - a. Sunday Schools (total no.)..... Enrolled.....
 - b. League (total no.)..... Enrolled.....
 - c. Woman's Auxiliaries (total Societies).....
- Contributions.....
8. Contributions of all Churches.....
 - a. Paid out for all local purposes.....
 - b. Paid out for Home Missions.....
 - c. Paid out for Foreign Missions.....
 - d. Paid out for Education.....
 - e. Paid out for Superannuation.....
 - f. National Associational dues.....
 - g. State Association dues.....
 - h. Total for all purposes.....

NOTE. It is necessary that we have this information on your reports next year.

In memory of our beloved Pastor, we the members of the Free

Will Baptist Church and Sunday School of Oakwood, realize with grief-stricken hearts our loss in the death of our beloved Pastor, Rev. J. H. Oliver. While we do not understand why our Heavenly Father called him from our midst, yet we do not question His Divine Wisdom, but bow our heads in grateful appreciation that it was our good fortune to know him, and have him as our Pastor.

We therefore submit to His will in this hour of sorrow, knowing that He doeth all things well, and while our loss is great, we shall ever cherish his memory.

For as a pastor, he was always faithful and true, and filled his appointments regularly in the nine years of service to this Church, only missing two or three appointments, and that by illness.

To his loved ones, let us say, "Grieve not, because of your great loss, but look forward to the happy meeting, on the Banks of the Shining River, where the everlasting shall take place, for there will be no more parting."

We'll miss you, Oh so sadly
Until the resurrection morn,
When we'll meet you again
In Heaven, in that bright eternal home.
—By Mrs. Zulenna R. Spicer

The History of the Cumberland Association

The Cumberland Association of Free Will Christian Baptists is located in the northern part of the State, east of the Tennessee River. It was organized in 1842 by Elders Robert Eaton and W. M. Gower.

The Concord Association of Free Will Baptists was divided on the subject of the Communion and the Liberty, Charity, Heads, Blue Springs and Sullivan Churches practicing open communion, withdrew to form this Association. It has continued its work with good success. The churches now (1888) number eighteen, as follows in the Dover quarterly meeting: Liberty, Spring Hill, Rock Springs, Pleasant Valley, Bethel, Collison's, Chapel, and Sinking Springs.

In the Ashland quarterly meeting: Good Springs, Heads, Bethlehem, Oakland, Charity, Zion, Oaklawn, and North Nashville.

The ministers are Rev. G. R. Head, Rev. W. B. Stewart, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. T. Mosely, Rev. G. W. Binkley, Rev. H. C. Pace, Rev. E. E. Collison, Rev. J. T. Brake, Rev. J. A. Albright, Rev. Thomas Hazlewood, and Rev. J. S. Defoe.

W. H. Head and J. W. Gower, prominent ministers, have recently died.

Among the laymen may be mentioned J. E. Hudgens, Clerk, T. Watts, Treasurer, S. W. Patterson, and R. S. Dunumbra. The total membership of the Association is 1212.

The above history was copied from the Free Will Baptist Encyclopedia, at Zion Bible School, Blakey, Georgia, February, 1939, by Huey Gower.

Ministers' Reports

I. J. Blackwelder

Churches in charge—East Nashville and Friendship	2
Sermons preached	125
Conversions witnessed	15
Prayer meetings conducted	35
Received into Churches	12
Baptized	10

Funerals conducted	2
Marriages solemnized	1
Miles traveled	18,000
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held above churches	2
Received from above churches	\$1,800.00
Received from other sources	50.00
Total received	\$1,850.00

Condition of work spiritually and financially is good. All phases of the work of the above churches have done well. The revivals were only fair.

H. C. Brown

Sermons preached	40
Conversions witnessed	21
Prayer meetings conducted	31
Funerals conducted	10
Marriages solemnized	1
Homes visited	101
Miles traveled	500
Revivals assisted in	1
Received for services	\$30.00

L. W. Chester

Churches in charge—Millers Chapel, Stoney Point	2
Sermons preached	56
Conversions witnessed	12
Prayer meetings conducted	20
Received into churches	-7
Baptized	2
Funerals conducted	2
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	50
Miles traveled	3,000
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches	\$114.91
Received from other sources	5.00
Total received	\$119.91

Fred Comer

Churches—Assistant Pewitt's Chapel	1
Sermons preached	75
Conversions witnessed	12
Prayer meetings conducted	8
Received into Church	3
Funerals conducted	1
Homes visited	60
Miles traveled	575
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above church	1
Received for services	\$16.80

I give the above church, the first year's work free, to help build up the church.

C. A. Craft

Churches in charge—Mt. Pleasant	1
Sermons preached	65
Conversions witnessed	30
Received into church	14

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Baptized	12
Funerals conducted	4
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	20
Miles traveled	2,600
Revivals assisted in	2
Received from above church	\$78.60
Received from other sources	60.00
Total received	L... \$138.60

E. A. Craft

Churches in charge—New Hope, Mt. Zion	2
Sermons preached	100
Conversions witnessed	8
Prayer meetings conducted	8
Received into church	15
Baptized	18
Funerals conducted	6
Marriages solemnized	3
Homes visited	150
Miles traveled	2,000
Revivals held in above church	2
Received from above churches	\$470.00
Received from other sources	15.00
Total received	\$485.00

Condition of work fair.

W. B. Davenport

Churches in charge—Oak Grove, Shady Grove, Rock Springs	3
Sermons preached	102
Conversions witnessed	30
Received into church	12
Baptized	14
Funerals conducted	14
Homes visited	108
Miles traveled	2,364
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	3
Received from the following churches:	

Rock Springs	\$138.57
Oak Grove	117.33
Shady Grove	71.55
Received from other sources	78.00
Total received	405.45

Condition of work spiritually and financially fair, but not what it could and ought to be.

C. R. Pate

Churches in charge—Scott's Chapel	1
Sermons preached	202
Conversions witnessed	97
Prayer meetings conducted	50
Received into church	10
Funerals conducted	2
Homes visited	100
Miles traveled	1,800
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held	5
Received for services	\$50.00

J. B. Parsons

Churches in charge—Good Springgs	1
Sermons preached	77
Conversions witnessed	7
Prayer meetings conducted	24
Received into church	25
Homes visited	97
Miles traveled	4,658
Revivals held in above church	1
Received for services	\$122.20

W. J. Paul

Churches in charge—1st F. W. B. Church, Columbia, Tenn....	1
Sermons preached	42
Conversions witnessed	46
Prayer meetings conducted	10
Received into church	52
Baptized	16
Funerals conducted	3
Marriages solemnized	1
Homes visited	75
Miles traveled	573
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$314.00
Received from other sources	2.00
Total received	\$316.00
Condition of work good.	

G. M. Pruitt

Churches in charge—Pleasant Hill	1
Sermons preached	100
Conversions witnessed	2
Prayer meetings conducted	3
Received into church	2
Baptized	2
Funerals conducted	3
Marriages solemnized	4
Homes visited	228
Miles traveled	1,500
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$120.00
Received from other sources	3.00
Total received	\$123.00

J. L. Sanders

Churches in charge—Bethlehem	1
Sermons preached	26
Conversions witnessed	2
Funerals conducted	2
Homes visited	30
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above church	1
Miles traveled	1,000
Received from above church	\$140.00
Condition of work fair.	

G. B. Trotter

Churches in charge—West Nashville	1
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21

Sermons preached	48
Conversions witnessed	17
Prayer meetings conducted	46
Received into church	21
Baptized	12
Funerals conducted	7
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$240.00
Received W. N. F. W. B. League	50.00
Total received	\$290.00
Condition of work good.	

S. C. Watts

Churches—Assistant at Good Springs	1
Sermons preached	18
Prayer meetings conducted	8
Received into church	3
Homes visited	25
Miles traveled	275

J. L. Welch

Churches in charge—Cofer's Chapel	1
Sermons preached	144
Conversions witnessed	61
Prayer meetings conducted	40
Received into church	17
Baptized	46
Funerals conducted	28
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	976
Miles traveled	1,912
Revivals assisted in	3
Received from above church	\$1,200.00
Received from other sources	121.00
Total received	\$1,321.00
Condition of work good.	

Darnell Williams

Sermons preached	43
Conversions witnessed	8
Prayer meetings conducted	6
Funerals conducted	4
Marriages solemnized	1
Homes visited	141
Miles traveled	4,766
Received	\$135.00

B. F. Wright

Churches in charge—Craigfield, Pewitt's Chapel	2
Sermons preached	68
Conversions witnessed	4
Prayer meetings conducted	6
Received into churches	11
Baptized	5
Homes visited	71
Miles traveled	650
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	2
Total received	\$32.58
Condition of work fair.	

Ministers and Their Past Offices

Blackwelder, I. J.	1115 East Douglas,	Nashville, Tenn.
Boyle, J. W.	1002 Buchanan St.	Nashville, Tenn.
Brown, H. C.	215 East 15th St.,	Columbia, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R.	Route 1,	Clarksville, Tenn.
Carroll, O. S.		Neptune, Tenn.
Castele, W. M.	Route 1, Bumpus Mills,	Tenn.
Chester, L. W.	6105 Louisiana Ave.,	Nashville, Tenn.
Craft, C. A.	6301 Penn. Ave.,	Nashville, Tenn.
Craft, E. A.	4609 Ill. Ave.,	Nashville, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B.	Route 1, Ashland City,	Tenn.
Davis, Oscar		Port Royal, Tenn.
Gardner, J. W.	N. E. Station,	Nashville, Tenn.
Gower, J. F.	Route 5, Cedar Hill,	Tenn.
Gower, G. E.	Route 5, Cedar Hill,	Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.		Garman, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.	Commerce St.,	Clarksville, Tenn.
Hatcher, D. A.		McEwen, Tenn.
Harner, J. N.		Dickson, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.		Ashland City, Tenn.
Mangrum, J. W. E.		Fairview, Tenn.
Marshall, W. E.	Robinson Ave.,	Nashville, Tenn.
Mosley, T. J.		Erwin, Tenn.
Oliver, W. H.	418 Ivens St.,	Nashville, Tenn.
Parsons, J. B.	820 Selveir St.	Nashville, Tenn.
Pate, C. R.		Route 1, Erwin, Tenn.
Paul, W. J.	1611 Bailey St.,	Columbia, Tenn.
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.
Sullivan, Dee		Route 2, Fairview, Tenn.
Thotter, G. B.	6407 Centennial Blvd.,	Nashville, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1409 10th Ave.,	Nashville, Tenn.
Williams, Darnell		Route 1, Columbia, Tenn.
Wright, Bedford		Route 3 Kingston Springs, Tenn.

Licentiates

Fred Comer, Giles Givens, Shellie Watts, Ranel Clinard, John Mangrum, E. M. Grubbs.

Churches and Their Delegates

Ashland City	Miss Rebecca Stewart
Bethel	A. B. Baker
Bethlehem	Mrs. J. W. Maxey
Brandon's Chapel	J. C. Wall
Cofer's Chapel	Sam Heflin
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Alex Webb
East Nashville	Mrs. Nannie Smith
First F. W. B. Church, Columbia, Tenn.	By Letter
Friendship	Howard Binkley
Good Springs	Theodore Dowlin
Heads	Johnnie Ellis
Miller's Chapel	Mrs. Martha Walton
Mt. Pleasant	W. L. Pembaton
Mt. Zion	R. R. Binkley
New Hope	W. J. Caldwell
Oak Grove	E. B. Hayes
Oaklawn	Miss Pearl Balthrop

Oakwood	W. W. Clinard
Olivet	W. C. Lawrence
Pewitt's Chapel	Fred Comer
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Floyd Coats
Rock Springs	Mrs. Eliza Hampton
Scott's Chapel	J. F. Duncan
Shady Grove	Mrs. Morton Bagwell
Spring Hill	Mrs. Ardell Evitts
Stony Point	Ella Waymick
Union Hill	F. D. Rose
West Nashville	Mrs. Hattie Lane

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 jurisdiction, 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 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 As-

sociation, 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 may 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 the yshall 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 recommendations, from their churches composing this Association, and if found competent, to ordain and et 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 Spiritual questions as they see proper and all candidates shall be required to answer them satisfactorily.

12. Thi 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 quetions 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 minute 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 Baptist to sit in council with us and propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegates 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 ending19.....

Churches in charge; names of
churches

Sermons preached.....; Conversions witnessed.....; Prayer

Meetings conducted.....; Received into church.....;

Baptized.....; Funerals conducted.....; Marriages

solemnized.....; Homes visited.....; Miles traveled.....;

Revivals assisted in.....; Revivals held in above churches.....;

Received from above churches for services, \$.....; Received

from other sources, \$.....; Total received, \$.....

Condition of work spiritually and financially

Remarks

Signed, Pastor

P. O.

State

County

Street No.

R. R.

Form of Church Letter

.....Free Will Baptist
Church at
to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, when
convened at
We have chosen our Representatives, to-wit:.....
Our statistics are as follows:
Received by experience.....; By letter.....;
By recommendation..... By restoration.....
Dismissed by letter.....; Excluded.....; Died
.....; Total number in fellowship.....; Church
property valued at \$.....; Our day of meeting.....;
Our pastor is.....; We have paid our pastor
\$.....; We have called.....
to pastor for us for the ensuing year. Our Sunday School Superin-
tendent'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. We send \$..... for Education.
We send \$..... for Orphanage. Total collections
for year..... This done by order of the church, 1940.
..... Moderator
..... Clerk, Address.....

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICE	Rec'd by Exp.	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Rec.	Rec'd by Rest	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	For Minutes
Ashland City	Miss Mary Patton	Ashland City, Tenn.	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	75	1-3	\$4,000.00	\$550.00	.....	\$2.00
Bethel	G. W. Fambrough	Neptune, Tenn.	30	1	..	..	..	..	..	281	2	2,000.00	145.00	.....	4.00
Bethlehem	Miss Allene Reed	Ashland City, Tenn.	2	..	..	..	2	18	4	218	1-3	2,500.00	143.31	\$32.00	1.50
Brandon's Chapel	Miss Pauline Luton	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	241	1	1,000.00	.....	.....	2.00
Cifer's Chapel	Mrs. James R. Welch	Nashville, Tenn.	12	..	..	..	5	33	3	274	1-2-3-4-5	20,000	1,200.00	.....	3.00
Cragfield	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Alex Webb	Indian, Mound, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	3	2,000.00	75.00	.....	1.00
East Nashville	Mrs. Beulah Rader	Nashville, Tenn.	10	..	..	..	3	..	1	168	1-2-3-4-5	35,000.00	1,680.00	.....	2.50
Emanuel's Chapel	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1st F.W.B., Columbia	Rev. W. J. Paul	Columbia, Tenn.	19	5	..	28	..	53	3	106	1-2-3-4-5	4,000.00	524.00	.....	3.00
Friendship	Miss Bertha Harris	Ashland City, Tenn., Rt. 2	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	80	3	2,000.00	120.00	21.20	1.50
Good Springs	Elmer Harris	..	9	..	16	..	..	..	1	87	2-4	1,500.00	122.20	.....	1.50
Gorman	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hagwood's Chapel	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heads	G. E. Gover	Cedar Hill, Tenn., Rt. 3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	250	3	3,000.00	147.50	.....	2.00
Miller's Chapel	S. A. O'Kain	Neptune, Tenn, Rt. 2	6	..	1	..	..	..	1	20	1-3	500.00	524.00	.....	1.00
Mt. Pleasant	Clarence Bennett	Joelton, Tenn., Rt. 1	9	..	5	2	3	..	..	57	2-4	500.00	78.63	.....	2.00
Mt. Zion	J. M. Walker	Joelton, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	167	2-4	1,500.00	172.50	.....	1.50
New Hope	Mrs. Felix Simpson	Joelton, Tenn.	9	2	6	1	..	..	1	261	1-3	2,500.00	300.00	.....	2.50
Oak Grove	Bee Spann	Dickson, Tenn., Rt. 3	4	..	..	..	..	4	1	103	2	1,000.00	117.33	25.00	2.50
Oak Land	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oak Lawn	C. G. Binkley	Thomasville, Tenn.	9	..	..	..	..	..	1	185	4	3,000.00	80.50	25.86	3.00
Oakwood	Miss Willie Hunter	Cedar Hill, Tenn.	3	3	3	..	1	..	3	46	1	2,000.00	78.20	.....	1.75
Olivet	J. B. Reding	Adams, Tenn., Rt. 2	5	1	..	..	1	..	1	43	2	1,000.00	120.00	.....	1.53
Peditt Chapel	J. C. Pettitt	Franklin, Tenn., Rt. 6	6	..	5	3	..	..	..	54	2	1,000.00	20.60	.....	1.00
Pleasant Hill	W. B. Wallace	Dover, Tenn., Rt. 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	4	1,000.00	26.80	.....	.80
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor	Neptune, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	211	3	3,000.00	138.57	39.20	2.00
Scott's Chapel	Marsh. Nolen	Cumberland City, Tenn.	14	..	..	1	1	..	..	69	1	1,500.00	45.00	.....	1.00
Shady Grove	Mrs. Carlin Felts	Hickory Point, Tenn.	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	62	4	1,000.00	71.55	.....	1.00
Spring Hill	James T. Tate	Goodlettsville, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	41	..	1,100.00	.....	.....	.75
Starkey's Chapel	Not represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stoney Point	Millie Williams	Vanleer, Tenn.	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	48	2	1,000.00	62.50	.....	1.00
Union Hill	J. W. Boren	Cadiz, Ky., Rt. 2	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	54	1	500.00	79.87	.....	..
West Nashville	Mrs. J. S. Wall	Nashville, Tenn., 6014 N. Y. Ave.	17	..	..	3	3	1	3	156	1-2-3-4-5	1,500.00	240.00	.....	1.25

