

Minutes
of the
One Hundredth Annual Session
of the
Cumberland Association
of
Free Will Baptist

Held with

NEW HOPE CHURCH

Cheatham County, Tenn.

October 13, 14, 1943

Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Moderator, Ashland City

Mrs. Huey Gower, Clerk
4509 Wyoming Ave.
Nashville 9, Tenn.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Morning Session

The One-Hundredth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists was held with New Hope Church, October 13-14, 1943.

The Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, called the Session to order.
Song service led by Bro. L. O. Burroughs.

Devotional led by Bro. Huey Gower, with Scripture reading from John 15.

Prayer by Bro. Gower.

The Moderator had the roll call by the Clerk, and a quorum was declared present.

Enrollment of ministers, delegates, and deacons as follows:

Ministers:

Rev. W. E. Marshall
Rev. Henry Melvin
Rev. J. N. Horner
Rev. W. B. Davenport
Rev. J. R. Davidson
Rev. E. A. Craft
Rev. Huey Gower
Rev. R. B. Crawford

Rev. G. M. Pruitt
Rev. W. T. Hagewood
Rev. Carlos Craft
Rev. G. E. Gower
Rev. W. R. Carroll
Rev. C. R. Pate
Rev. J. W. Boyte

Delegates:

Sister Mary Patton
Sister J. W. Maxey
Sister H. W. Ragan
Sister J. B. Smith
Sister Anna Holt
Sister Beular Ivy
Sister W. M. White

Sister C. B. Turrentine
Brother Horace Green
Brother Theodore Dowlen
Brother Sanford Walker
Brother J. T. Harris
Brother Thomas Hayes
Brother J. B. Reding

Deacons:

Brother W. A. Binkley
Brother W. M. White
Brother L. O. Burroughs

Brother D. E. Teasley
Brother W. J. Caldwell

The Moderator appointed the Nominating Committee as follows:
W. B. Davenport, *Chairman*; Robert Crawford, and W. M. White.

Reading of church letters as follows:

Oakland
East Nashville
Brandon's Chapel
Heads
Union Hill
Starkeys Chapel
Ashland City
Olivet
Oak Grove

Bethlehem
New Hope
West Nashville
Cofers Chapel
Bethel
Good Springs
Mt. Zion
Shady Grove
Friendship

Association adjourned for the devotional hour.

Song service led by L. O. Burroughs.

Prayer by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

The message was brought by Rev. Robert Crawford; Scripture reading, Luke 5:1-11; text, Luke 5:5: "Launch Out Into the Deep and Let Down Your Nets."

Prayer by Brother Davidson.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Davenport.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

Song, "The Lily of the Valley," led by Brother Davidson.

Prayer, by Huey Gower.

Song, "I Feel Like Travelling On."

Devotional led by Rev. J. R. Davidson. Subject: "Thrust out from Land." (Heb. 12.)

By motion, Brother Paul Woolsey was granted a seat in Advisory Council with the Body.

Minutes of the morning session read and adopted.

Report of the Orphanage Committee was read by Mrs. L. O. Burroughs. Report adopted.

Brother Woolsey gave a verbal report on the Orphanage work, stating that more than \$1,100.00 in War Bonds had been bought for the Orphanage by this Association. He stressed the need of a tractor for the Orphanage.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford. Report adopted.

An offering was taken to go on the tractor at the Orphanage, which totaled \$84.40.

Moderator's message by Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Subject, "One Hundred Years in Review." Brother Hudgens told of bodies that the Cumberland Association was formed from dating back to 1809. Men and movements were spoken of, such as Rev. Robert Heaton, who called himself a Separate Baptist. He spoke of men who came from other states and Associations, such as the South Kentucky Association. These men and Associations merged to form the Cumberland Association of Tennessee in 1843.

Round table discussion, This Year's Work in Review, led by Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Report of the Nominating Committee read and adopted. Report as follows:

Finance Committee

Mrs. J. W. Maxey, *Chairman*; Mrs. J. B. Smith, Brother L. O. Burroughs.

Obituary Committee

Rev. W. E. Marshall, *Chairman*; Brother Will Binkley, Brother D. E. Teasley.

Petitions and Requests

Miss Mary Patton, *Chairman*; Rev. W. R. Carroll, Brother J. B. Reding.

Resolutions

Rev. R. B. Crawford, *Chairman*; Rev. Huey Gower, Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

Temperance

Mrs. W. M. White, *Chairman*; Brother Horace Breen, Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Education and Literature

Mrs. Pinkie Christian, Mrs. Agnes Frazier, and Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Orphanage

Rev. G. M. Pruitt, Rev. J. B. Parsons, and Rev. Carlos Craft.

Home Missions

Brother Luther Procter, Brother J. B. Burke, and Rev. Henry Melvin.

Foreign Missions

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Sister Zelma Procter, and Rev. E. A. Craft. Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention read and adopted.

Verbal report of the Sunday School Work by Brother J. B. Reding. Report adopted.

By motion, Brother J. R. Davidson was invited to sit in Council with us at this sitting of the Association.

By motion, the Moderator appointed Rev. E. A. Craft, Chairman; Rev. W. B. Davenport, and Brother J. B. Reding on the Special Committee on "Orphanage Tractor Fund," to determine the amount and the fund from which the money is to be drawn.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. G. M. Pruitt.

Thursday Morning Session

Song service led by Brother L. O. Burroughs, Mrs. W. M. White at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Parsons. Song, "Whiter Than Snow."

Devotional led by Rev. J. B. Parsons. Subject, "Launch Out Into the Deep and Let Down Your Nets." Scripture, Luke 5:1-7.

Roll call and Moderator declared a quorum present. House declared in order for business.

Minutes of Wednesday evening session read and adopted.

Reading of church letters coming in late as follows: Oakwood, First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbia, Hurricane Chapel, Scott's Chapel, Craighead, Stoney Point, Pleasant Hill, Rock Springs, and Oaklawn.

Motion sustained that Hurricane Chapel Church be reinstated in the Association.

Report of Resolution Committee read and adopted.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Robert Crawford, Mrs. Allene Gower, and Rev. J. B. Parsons on a committee to arrange a form of church letter to the Association.

Report of Obituary Committee read and adopted.

The report of the Special Committee on Orphanage Tractor Fund was read and adopted.

Report of Temperance Committee read and adopted.

Motion to adjourn for the eleven o'clock service to meet at 1:30 in the afternoon.

Prayer by Brother Pruitt.

Songs, "Amazing Grace" and "He Loves Me," led by Brother Burroughs.

Special music by the quartette from the Bible College: Rev L. C. Johnson, Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Rev. Damon Dodd, Rev. Dan Cronk.

A very inspiring message was delivered by Rev. Henry Malvin. Scripture reading, Luke 5 and John 21. Text, "Nevertheless, I Will" Prayer by Brother Melvin.

Song, "Where He Leads Me."

Dismissed with prayer by Brother Hagewood.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Song service led by Brother Burroughs.

Prayer by Rev. L. W. Chester.

Devotional led by Rev. W. R. Carroll. Subject, "Henceforth, Thou Shalt Catch Men." Prayer by Rev. Darnell Williams.

Report of Committee on Education and Literature read and adopted.

Report of treasurer read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Petitions and Requests read and adopted.

Report on the Woman's Auxiliary Work was given by Mrs. George Vanhook. Report adopted.

Report of delegate to the State Association by Mrs. J. E. Frazier Report adopted.

Roll call and quorum present.

Report of Committee on Finance read and adopted.

The State Association asked that the Cumberland Association designate a place for the next session of the State Association. An invitation was given from Bethlehem. Motion sustained that Bethlehem be the place of meeting for the State Association which meets in August, 1944.

News and Views from the Denominational Field by National Executive Secretary, Rev. Robert Crawford.

Every church was urged to send all their offerings through our Associational treasurer, Brother J. E. Frazier.

Moderator appointed the Program Committee for 1944 as follows: Rev. R. B. Crawford, *Chairman*; Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Huey Gower.

The Moderator read a letter from Mr. Coville, in which he stated that he served as a delegate to the State Association from the Cumberland, having an expense of \$10.00.

Motion that due to the lack of funds in the treasury no expenses of delegates to the State Association be paid. Motion sustained.

Unanimously voted that this body meet with Shady Grove in 1944.

By motion, the Clerk was authorized to have 1,000 Minutes printed. If there is not enough money paid in for Minutes, the balance is to be drawn from the Associational fund and the Clerk be paid \$20.00 for her services.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Shady Grove Church, Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1944.

REV. J. E. HUDGENS, *Moderator*.

Ashland City, Tennessee.

MRS. HUEY GOWER, *Clerk*.

4509 Wyoming Avenue,

Nashville, 9, Tennessee:

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY

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

Roll call and quorum present. The Moderator declared the Presbytery now in order to transact business.

On motion, we accept Rev. J. R. Davidson, by his credentials. That his credentials be ratified and Rev. J. R. Davidson's name be placed on our ministerial list.

By motion, the Moderator appointed the Ordaining Committee as follows: Rev. W. B. Davenport, *Chairman*; Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. L. W. Chester, Rev. J. B. Parsons.

By motion, the following committee, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, Rev. E. A. Craft, and Brother L. O. Burroughs, get together and write the charges that were placed against Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, and give them to the Clerk to be printed in the Minutes.

Report of Ordaining Committee read and adopted. Report as follows:

Motion sustained that Bro. J. G. Miller's credentials be ratified by this Presbytery.

REV. W. B. DAVENPORT,
REV. J. E. HUDGENS,
REV. L. W. CHESTER,
REV. C. A. CRAFT,
REV. J. B. PARSONS.

Craigfield Church requests that Brother W. E. Belford's name be listed on the licentiate list. This request granted.

On motion, we adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator, or at the close of the Cumberland Association.

Rev. G. M. Pruitt closed the meeting with prayer.

REV. E. A. CRAFT, *Moderator*,
4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
L. O. BURROUGHS, *Clerk*,
4020 Colorado Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Reports of Various Committees

FINANCE

We, the Committee on Finance, make the following report:
We have examined the Treasurer's books and find them to be correct. Total received for Minutes, \$76.45.

MRS. J. W. MAXEY,
BRO. L. O. BURROUBHS.

TEMPERANCE

We, the Committee on Temperance, wish to make the following recommendation:

We recommend that we as Christians prohibit the use of alcohol in our homes.

We also wish to protest the sale of intoxicating liquors in our training camps; and we petition our National Association to adopt this protest to the proper authorities.

Since drunkenness is one of the most serious menaces of modern civilization, we ask our men, women, and youth to turn to the Bible for our guidance on this subject.

We suggest that special studies as to the affects of alcohol be held in our Sunday Schools.

We urge that the ladies become active members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

REV. W. T. HAGEWOOD, *Chairman*,
BROTHER HORACE GREEN,
MRS. W. M. WHITE.

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:
Since our last sitting of the Association it has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst: Sister Bell Carney, Sister Emma Wilson, and Brother Charlie Binkley, and possibly others of whom we have not been informed. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all the bereaved ones, and pray that the Almighty God will continue His blessings upon them.

We are grateful to Him for all our people whom He has spared up to this time, and for all His mercy to us in this Association. We pray His continued blessing upon us.

REV. W. E. MARSHALL, *Chairman*,
W. A. BINKLEY,
D. E. TEASLEY.

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We, your Committee on Petitions and Requests, have received an invitation from Shady Grove Church, for the Association to meet with them next year. We refer this to the delegated body.

Craigfield Church requests that Brother W. E. Belford's name be placed on the licentiate list. New Hope Church requests that Brother J. G. Miller be recognized as a minister of the Cumberland Association.

Brother J. R. Davidson requests that his credentials be accepted by the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association.

We refer these requests to the Presbytery.

Respectfully,

J. B. REDING, *Chairman*,
W. R. CARROLL.

ORPHANAGE TRACTOR FUND

We, your Committee on the Orphanage Tractor Fund, whose duty it was to determine the amount and the fund from which it is to be drawn, feel that the Association should not use money given for a definite purpose, for any other cause except the purpose for which it was given.

Therefore, we recommend that this money be drawn from the Associational fund, and the amount be \$50.00.

REV. E. A. CRAFT, *Chairman*,
REV. W. B. DAVENPORT,
J. B. REDING.

RESOLUTIONS

We present the following resolutions:

First. That the Cumberland Association endorse the work done by our National Association. That special emphasis be placed on using the unified program in our churches.

Second. Whereas the National Association has a working plan of Superannuation and our State has a Board to carry on the work in Tennessee, we resolve as an Association to endorse and cooperate with the State and National work pertaining to Superannuation.

Third. Finding our present church letter to the Association is incomplete, we resolve that the Moderator appoint a committee to work with the Clerk in drawing up a proper church letter form.

Fourth. We extend the New Hope Church and community a rising vote of thanks for the able and courteous way in which this Session of the Association has been entertained.

REV. R. B. CRAWFORD, *Moderator*,
REV. G. M. PRUITT,
REV. HUEY GOWER.

ORPHANAGE

We, your Committee on Orphanage, wish to express our thanks to each local Church, Sunday School, Woman's Auxiliary, League, and each one who has personally contributed to our Orphanage in any way during this past year.

We, your Committee, wish to recommend the following for this year:

First. That the respective churches set aside one of the remaining Sundays in October, 1943, as Special Orphanage Day and that the Clerk of this Association notify each church of the same and that a special offering be taken.

Second. That a special offering be taken during the setting of this Association in the interest of the Orphanage.

Third. That the Association set aside a certain amount which may be agreed upon by the Association from any available fund to be added to the special offerings and that these funds be applied to the request set forth by Brother Paul Woolsey of \$1,500.00 for a tractor and implements.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. O. BURROUGHS.
REV. J. B. PARSONS,
REV. G. M. PRUITT.

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

First. We recommend that this delegated body composed of ministers, deacons, and delegates pledge their support and the support of their churches to the National Board of Trustees in its program of operation of our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., and that offerings be sent regularly through the treasurer of this Association to the support of this school.

Second. We urge that all ministers, deacons, and laity subscribe to one or more of our denominational papers.

Third. We urge all Free Will Baptist Churches in all of its departments to use Free Will Baptist Literature.

Fourth. We recommend that those indebted to the Education Fund of the Association take notice to pay monthly not less than \$10.00 each month until the full amount owed be paid.

Fifth. That we put into practice, daily Bible Study in our homes.

Sixth. That the Churches of this Association help their Sunday School Superintendents to select the very best teachers possible to teach in the Sunday Schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Records at the Bible School reveal that \$1,500.44 has been contributed by the churches and individuals of the Cumberland Association.

Cofer's Chapel Sunday School has given Miss Trula Gunter, who is in our Bible School, \$75.00 to help her in her school work. Special gifts from members of Cofer's Chapel Church to the Bible School, \$28.00.

Respectfully submitted,

L. O. BURROUGHS,
AGNES FRAZIER.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, the Committee on Foreign Missions, make the following report:

First. That we give full cooperation to our National Foreign Mission Board.

Second. That we retain the Assessment of each church as to 1941 Session of the Association.

Third. We recommend that all Foreign Mission money be sent direct to our Association treasury.

REV. E. A. CRAFT, *Chairman*,
MRS. H. W. RAGAN,
MRS. ANNA HOLT.

The total collected for Foreign Missions this year was \$316.75.

R. B. CRAWFORD.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

We, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, submit the following report to the Cumerland Association:

Number of Adult Auxiliaries.....	9
Number of Young People Auxiliaries.....	3
Total number of Auxiliaries.....	12
Total number of Members of Auxiliaries.....	253
Number of Auxiliaries representing.....	9
Gifts to the Orphanage.....	\$246.00
Gifts to Christian Education.....	\$213.65
Gifts to Ministerial Relief.....	\$ 18.50
Gifts to Home Missions.....	\$102.99
Gifts to Foreign Missions.....	\$160.11

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. O. BURROUGS,

Secretary of Woman's Auxiliary Convention,

MRS. W. M. WHITE,

Delegate to Association.

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO STATE CONVENTION

The State Association convened on August 25 and 26, 1943, with Martin's Chapel Church at Erwin, Tenn. Good attendance and a fine spiritual feeling prevailed during the entire session.

On Wednesday afternoon the Moderator gave his very enlightening and encouraging message in which he viewed each department of the denominational program and urged each delegates to go home and do all in our power to get this great program carried out in the District Associations.

The various reports were made and showed both interest in and support of our National program. Some phases are emphasized to the neglect of others. This just clinches the truthfulness of the statement that the only just way to support our denominational program is through the Unified Program. The unified program takes care of every type of Christian work. Christ commissioned his followers to carry on and it does this on a fair and just proportionate basis. It cannot be too emphatically said, "Ministers, learn what the Unified Program is; support it with all you have." That is "launching out on the right side of the ship as our Moderator, Rev. J. E. Hudgens, admonished us to do.

The Superintendent of the Orphanage gave a most encouraging report of the Orphanage work as carried on in our state in the name of Free Will Baptists. You will hear more of this work from the Orphanage Committee. Do what they ask you in this work.

A committee appointed by the State Moderator to work out a plan by which closer relations with adjoining states could be had, gave an encouraging report of a recent meeting held with a delegation from the Virginia Association. Plans were made for an organization, composed of these states solely for the purpose of closer union in fellowship between these state bodies.

The National Executive Secretary, Rev. Robert Crawford, gave a most helpful interpretation and application of the Unified Program. All present were outspoken in their appreciation of this inspiring message of Brother Crawford in which he showed conclusively that the unified program is God's plan, given to Free Will Baptists whereby they can carry out His Great Commission to His followers among whom we claim to be numbered.

A very interesting program on "The Whole Bible for the Whole World" was given by the Orphanage children under the direction of Mrs. Mabel Willey, wife of the Missionary to Cuba, who was in the States at the time presenting the Cuban School of Missions to Free Will Baptist people. An offering of \$42.60 was given to the Unified Program as a result of this appeal.

Some of the plans and resolutions adopted and which you and I are to urge the support of in and through our church this year are as follows:

First. Each District Association is asked to send through your district treasury \$1.00 per church. This fund is to be used for promotional work among the Free Will Baptists of Tennessee.

Second. Each church of the District Association is urged to support regularly through the Associational Treasurer the Unified Program.

Third. Each church of the District Association were urged by the Foreign Mission Board to inform the members of the Free Will Baptist program of missions or of the launching out into the deep of missions. To do this we are urged to order from Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., a leaflet of information about Free Will Baptist Missions on Foreign Fields.

Fourth. Each District Association is urged to put the recently adopted Superannuation program into action. The national plan was adopted in July. Tennessee adopted it in August and now it is up to that body to decide what you will do with our aged ministers when ready for retirement. Mr. J. J. Poole and Brother J. E. Hudgens are members of this board. See them for information.

Fifth. Cumberland Association is to name the place at which the State Association will and can meet in August, 1944.

The officers of the State Association were for the most part re-elected. Rev. Geo. Dunbar is the Moderator. Mrs. J. E. Frazier is the Clerk. Mrs. W. B. Harris is the Treasurer. Rev. Paul Woolsey is still the Superintendent of the Orphanage.

Your delegates thank you for the privilege of representing you at the State Association, and we do pray that this is not just another report, but that each delegate here, and each minister, our leaders for this year, will accept this as a plan of work for this year. A great blessing was ours as a result of this 1943 session of the State Association. A greater blessing will be yours and your churches if you will lead them out into channels of service.

Why do all this you ask. We answer in the words of the Psalmist as given in Psalm 67:2, "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. B. HARRIS,
MRS. J. E. FRAZIER.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Year 1942-43

Balance in the American National Bank 10-15-42 _____ \$1,500.85

Receipts October 15, 1942, to October 14, 1943, as follows:

Home Missions	\$ 65.01
Foreign Missions	220.25
Christian Education	183.75
Orphanage	255.95
Superannuation	17.55
Associational Fund	95.00
Minute Fund	79.45
Unified Program Fund	8.00

Total Receipts for year _____ \$ 924.96

Grand Total Receipts _____ \$2,425.81

Disbursements for year as follows:

To Rev. Henry Melvin (F.W.B.L. Camp)	\$ 25.00
To National Foreign Mission Treasurer	355.00
To National Educational Treasurer	334.65
To State and Associational Dues	30.00
To L. O. Burroughs for Minutes	23.84
To McDaniel Printing Co. for Minutes	92.00
To Foster & Parkes for Record Book	3.85
To Unified Program Treasurer	8.00
To Orphanage Treasurer	277.05

Total Disbursements for Year _____ \$1,129.39

Balance on hand in American Nat'l Bank 10-15-43 _____ \$1,296.42

HOME MISSIONS

Amount on hand 10-15-42 _____ \$ 421.12

Receipts as follows:

New Hope	\$ 20.00
Bethlehem	7.50
Mt. Zion	1.00
Heads	10.00
Oak Grove	2.45
Stoney Point	1.00
Good Springs	10.06
Rock Springs	6.50
Bethel	2.50
Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Dunbar's Chapel	2.00

Total receipts for year _____ \$ 65.01

Grand Total Receipts _____ \$ 486.13

Disbursements for year:

12-29-42 for F.W.B.L. Camp _____ \$ 25.00

Balance on hand 10-15-43 _____ \$ 461.13

FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Balance on hand 10-15-42	\$ 248.21
Receipts as follows:	
New Hope	\$ 24.00
Bethlehem	7.50
Friendship	16.45
Ashland City	55.00
Bethel	16.50
Shady Grove	17.15
Heads	10.00
Oak Grove	4.25
Stoney Point	1.50
West Nashville	10.00
Cofer's Chapel	24.00
Brandon's Chapel	5.25
Good Springs	12.00
Rock Springs	6.15
Columbia	8.50
Dunbar's Chapel	2.00
Total Receipts	\$ 220.25
Grand Total	\$ 468.46
Disbursements:	
11-17-42 To National Foreign Mission Treasurer	\$200.00
4-20-43 To National Foreign Mission Treasurer	50.00
10-14-43 To National Foreign Mission Treasurer	100.00
10-14-43 To National Foreign Mission Treasurer (For Cuban School)	5.00
Total Disbursements	\$355.00
Balance on hand 10-15-43	\$ 113.46

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Amount on hand 10-15-42	\$ 578.45
Receipts for year:	
Shady Grove	\$ 12.00
New Hope	100.00
Bethel	1.00
Mrs. George Harris	3.65
Heads	25.00
West Nashville	20.00
Brandon's Chapel	10.00
Rock Springs	10.10
Dunbar's Chapel	2.00
Total Receipts for the year	\$ 183.75
Grand Total	\$ 762.20
Disbursements:	
10-14-43 To Bible School	\$116.50
10-14-43 To Bible School (for stove)	218.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 334.65
Balance on hand 10-15-43	\$427.55

SUPERANNUATION

Amount on hand 10-15-42 -----	\$ 4.00
Receipts for year:	
Heads -----	\$ 5.00
Rock Springs -----	8.55
Mt. Pleasant -----	2.00
Dunbar Chapel -----	2.00
Total -----	\$ 17.55
Balance on hand 10-15-43 -----	\$ 21.55

ORPHANAGE

Amount on hand 10-15-42 -----	\$ 0.00
Receipts for year:	
Shady Grove -----	\$ 24.00
Bethel -----	17.50
Tulsa, Okla. -----	1.15
Starkey's Chapel -----	4.15
Good Spring' Auxiliary -----	6.00
Craigfield -----	5.00
Heads -----	50.00
Brandon's Chapel -----	16.00
Good Springs -----	6.00
Rock Springs -----	15.75
Mrs. G. S. Ellis -----	1.00
Oaklawn -----	5.00
Mt. Pleasant -----	16.00
Dunbar Chapel -----	4.00
Total -----	\$ 255.95
Disbursements:	
4-20-43 Orphanage -----	\$ 12.00
4-20-43 Orphanage -----	1.15
10-13-43 Orphanage -----	29.50
10-13-43 Orphanage (for tractor) -----	84.40
10-13-43 Orphanage -----	100.00
Total -----	\$ 227.05
Balance on hand 10-15-43 -----	\$ 28.95

COLPORTAGE FUND

Balance 10-15-42 -----	\$ 76.63
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ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS

Balance on hand 10-15-42 -----	\$ 106.45
Receipts for year:	
Shady Grove -----	\$ 5.00
Scott's Chapel -----	3.00
Craigfield -----	2.00
Hurricane Chapel -----	3.00
Friendship -----	5.00

Heads	5.00
Oak Grove	5.00
East Nashville	5.00
Bethlehem	5.00
Stoney Point	5.00
New Hope	5.00
West Nashville	5.00
Cofer's Chapel	5.00
Brandon's Chapel	5.00
Bethel	5.00
Good Springs	5.00
Rock Springs	5.00
Olivet	5.00
Columbia	5.00
Starkey's Chapel	2.00
Oakwood	5.00
Mt. Zion	5.00
Ashland City	5.00
Oaklawn	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	5.00
Dunbars Chapel	2.00
Total for year	\$ 117.00
Grand Total	\$ 223.45
Disbursements:	
10-17-42 To Foster & Parkes (Record Book)	\$ 3.85
12-22-42 To McDaniel Printing Co. (Minutes)	6.03
12-30-42 To L. O. Burroughs (Minutes)	23.84
7-27-43 To National Association Dues	5.00
8-24-43 To State Association Dues	25.00
10-14-43 To Orphanage Tractor Fund	50.00
Total	\$ 135.72
Balance on hand 10-15-43	\$ 87.73

MINUTE MONEY

10-14-43 Starkey's Chapel	\$ 1.00
10-14-43 Mt. Pleasant	2.00
10-14-43 Oakland	1.00
10-14-43 Shady Grove	5.00
10-14-43 Ashland City	2.00
10-14-43 West Nashville	3.00
10-14-43 Cofers Chapel	3.00
10-14-43 Bethlehem	3.50
10-14-43 Heads	4.00
10-14-43 Union Hill	1.25
10-14-43 Bethel	4.00
10-14-43 Mt. Zion	2.00
10-14-43 Oak Grove	2.50
10-14-43 Olivet	5.00
10-14-43 New Hope	5.00
10-14-43 Brandons Chapel	3.25
10-14-43 Oaklawn	5.00
10-14-43 Craigfield	2.00

10-14-43	Scotts Chapel -----	1.50
10-14-43	Oakwood -----	1.00
10-14-43	Friendship -----	3.00
10-14-43	Hurricane Chapel -----	2.00
10-14-43	Columbia -----	3.00
10-14-43	East Nashville -----	4.00
10-14-43	Stoney Point -----	2.25
10-14-43	Stoney Point -----	2.25
10-14-43	Pleasant Hill -----	2.20
10-14-43	Good Springs -----	2.50
10-14-43	Rock Springs -----	2.50
Total for year -----		\$ 79.45

UNIFIED PROGRAM FUND

10-14-43	Received from Oaklawn -----	\$ 8.00
Disbursements:		
10-14-43	To F. S. Vanhoos, National Treas. -----	8.00
Balance on hand 10-15-43 -----		\$ 0.00
Total Receipts for all departments for year -----		\$ 924.96
Total disbursements for all departments for year -----		1,129.39
Balance in American National Bank, Nashville, Tenn., 10-15-43 -----		\$1,296.42

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. FRAZIER, *Treasurer.*

MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

Abernathy, J. J.	Joelton, Tenn.
Boyte, J. W.	1813 11th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.
Brown, H. C.	1303 South Main St., Columbia, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Carroll, O. S.	Neptune, Tenn.
Castele, W. M.	Route 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Chester, L. W.	1303 61st Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.
Conner, Fred	U. S. Army, or Route 6, Franklin, Tenn.
Craft, C. A.	63rd Ave., West Nashville, Tenn.
Craft, E. A.	4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Crawford, R. B.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Davidson, J. R.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Davis, Oscar	Port Royal, Tenn.
Gower, G. E.	Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Gower, J. F.	Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Green, L. B. H.	Gorman, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.	Main St., Clarksville, Tenn.
Hatcher, D. A.	McEwen, Tenn.
Horner, J. N.	Dickson, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Mangrum, J. W. E.	Fairview, Tenn.
Marshall, W. E.	310 Osceola Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
McIntosh, J. L.	Lyles, Tenn.
Melvin, Henry	713 Russell St., Nashville 6, Tenn.
Miller, J. G.	Joelton, Tenn.
Mosley, T. J.	Erin, Tenn.
Oliver, Wm. H.	418 Ivins St., Nashville, Tenn.
Parsons, J. B.	820 Sevier St., Nashville, Tenn.
Pate, C. R.	Route 2, Dickson, Tenn.
Paul, W. J.	1611 Bailey St., Columbia, Tenn.
Pruett, G. M.	5900 Mackey St., West Nashville, Tenn.
Sanders, J. L.	6220 Louisiana Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Sullivan, Dee	Route 2, Fairview, Tenn.
Trotter, G. B.	6407 Centennial Blvd., Nashville, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1409 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.
Williams, Darnell	Route 1, Columbia, Tenn.
Wright, Bedford	Route 3, Kingston Springs, Tenn.
Watts, Shellie C.	2407 Hydes Ferry Road, Nashville, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Giles Givins, Ranel Clinard, John Mangrum, E. M. Grubbs, J. L. Knowles, Oscar Richardson, Ramon Mayo, Huey Gower, and W. E. Belford.

MINISTERS REPORTS

J. J. ABERNATHY

Churches in charge, 3—Mt. Pleasant, Oakwood, and Little Marabone.

Sermons preached	115
Conversions witnessed	5
Prayer meetings conducted	12
Received into church	3
Baptized	3
Funerals conducted	6
Miles traveled	3,150
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches for services	\$ 129.36
Received from other sources	20.00

Total received\$ 149.36

Condition of work—fair.

Churches in charge for ensuing year, 2—Oakwood and Mt. Pleasant.

W. R. CARROLL

Churches in charge, 4 and one schoolhouse—Heads, Rock Springs, Brandons Chapel, Union Hill, and Antioch Schoolhouse.

Sermons preached	104
Received into church	6
Baptized	3
Marriage solemnized	1
Funerals conducted	23
Miles traveled	4,300
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above churches	4

Received from the following churches:

Heads	\$ 271.00
Rock Springs	205.80
Brandons Chapel	310.28
Union Hill	122.20
Antioch Schoolhouse	87.70
Received from other sources	103.50

Total received\$1,079.48

My work has improved the last year. The same churches in charge for the ensuing year.

C. A. CRAFT

Churches in charge, 1—West Nashville.

Sermons preached	125
Conversions witnessed	11
Prayer meetings conducted	3
Received into church	3
Baptized	1
Funerals conducted	6
Marriages solemnized	5
Homes visited	75

Miles traveled	800
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	1
Received from above churches for services	\$ 360.00
Received from other sources	80.00

Total received \$ 440.00

Condition of work—good.

Church in charge for ensuing year, 1—West Nashville Church.

E. A. CRAFT

Churches in charge, 1—New Hope.

Sermons preached	100
Conversions witnessed	3
Received into church	1
Funerals conducted	12
Marriages solemnized	3
Homes visited	100
Miles traveled	5,000
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church	\$ 662.50
Received from other sources	50.00

Total received \$ 712.50

Condition of work—fair.

Churches in charge for ensuing year—New Hope.

R. B. CRAWFORD

Churches in charge, 2—Ashland City and Oaklawn.

Sermons preached	128
Conversions witnessed	26
Prayer meetings conducted	41
Received into church	17
Baptized	8
Funerals conducted and assisted	14
Homes visited	216
Miles traveled	4,200
Revivals assisted in	7
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches for services	\$ 772.00
Received from other sources	1,010.00

Total received \$1,782.00

L. W. CHESTER

Churches in charge, 1—Scotts Chapel.

Sermons preached	48
Conversions witnessed	10
Prayer meetings conducted	4
Received into church	5
Funerals conducted	2
Marriages solemnized	2
Homes visited	50

Miles traveled	1,000
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above church	1
Received from above church for services	\$ 148.00
Received from other sources	20.00

Total received\$ 168.00

Condition of work—fair.

Churches in charge for ensuing year—Scotts Chapel.

W. B. DAVENPORT

Churches in charge, 1, and 2-mission points—Mt. Zion.

Sermons preached	70
Conversions witnessed	6
Baptized	5
Funerals conducted	13
Homes visited	51
Miles traveled	1,379
Revivals assisted in	1
Revivals held in above churches	3
Received from Mt. Zion for services	\$ 166.25
Received from other sources	99.23

Total received\$ 265.48

Condition of work—fairly good.

The same churches in charge for the ensuing year.

J. L. McINTOSH

Churches in charge, 1—Craigfield.

Sermons preached	23
Conversions witnessed	8
Prayer meetings conducted	2
Received into church	7
Baptized	6
Homes visited	40
Miles traveled	1,255
Revivals assisted in	2
Revivals held in above churches	1
Received from above church	\$ 45.38
Received from other sources	3.00

Condition of work—fair.

I expect to give my time to Home Missions for the ensuing year.

J. B. PARSONS

Churches in charge, 4—Good Springs, Olivet, Shady Grove, and

Friendship.

Sermons preached	103
Conversions witnessed	9
Prayer meetings conducted	12
Received into church	11
Baptized	10
Funerals conducted	4
Marriages solemnized	1
Miles traveled	5,876

Revivals held in above churches	4
Received from above churches for services	\$ 828.80
Received from other sources	40.00

Total received \$ 868.80

Condition of work, spiritually and financially—very good.

The same churches in charge for the ensuing year.

C. R. PATE

Churches in charge, 2—Oak Grove and Hurricane Chapel.

Sermons preached	225
Conversions witnessed	75
Prayer meetings conducted	15
Received into church	25
Baptized	30
Funerals conducted	8
Marriages solemnized	5
Homes visited	300
Miles traveled	3,000
Revivals assisted in	3
Revivals held in above churches	2
Received from above churches for services	\$ 256.07
Received from other sources	100.00

Total received \$ 356.07

Condition of work, spiritually and financially—very good. We have very much to thank God for.

WALLACE PAUL

Churches in charge, 1—First Free Will Baptist of Columbia.

Sermons preached	83
Conversions witnessed	38
Prayer meetings conducted	13
Received into church	11
Baptized	3
Funerals conducted	6
Homes visited	95
Miles traveled	84
Received from above church	\$ 415.00
Received from other sources	55.95

Total received \$ 470.95

Condition of work, spiritually and financially—good.

Church in charge for ensuing year, 1.

G. M. PRUITT

Churches in charge, 2—Oakland and Pleasant Hill.

Sermons preached	80
Conversions witnessed	5
Funerals conducted	2
Marriages solemnized	3
Homes visited	300
Miles traveled	1,700
Received from above churches for services	\$ 241.00

Condition of work, spiritually and financially—no good.

SHELLIE WATTS

Churches in charge, 1; assistant at Good Springs.	
Sermons preached -----	27
Conversions witnessed -----	6
Prayer meetings conducted -----	7
Homes visited -----	20
Miles traveled -----	1,210
Revivals assisted in -----	2
Revivals held in above churches -----	1
Received from above church for services -----	\$ 8.06
Received from other sources -----	34.72
Total received -----	\$ 42.78
Condition of work—fair.	

Churches in charge for ensuing year—I am assistant at Shady Grove.

J. L. WELCH

Churches in charge, 1—Cofers Chapel.	
Sermons preached -----	105
Conversions witnessed -----	10
Prayer meetings conducted -----	48
Received into church -----	8
Baptized -----	7
Funerals conducted -----	7
Marriages solemnized -----	6
Homes visited -----	150
Miles traveled -----	700
Received from above church for services -----	\$1,500.00
Received from other sources -----	20.00
Total received -----	\$1,520.00

Church in charge for ensuing year—Cofers Chapel.

DARNELL WILLIAMS

Churches in charge—none.

Sermons preached -----	27
Conversions witnessed -----	2
Prayer meetings conducted -----	7
Marriages solemnized -----	1
Homes visited -----	35
Miles traveled -----	1,676
Received for services -----	\$ 109.85

Remarks—I have pastored no church, but have assisted other pastors while away from church.

Ashland City Church

Sunday School Superintendent: J. J. Poole_____Ashland City, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. John Nicholson.

Bethel Church

Sunday School Superintendent: I. N. Clifton_____Chapmansboro, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. I. N. Clifton.
Sunday School Enrollment_____ 35

Bethlehem Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Luther Reed, R. 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. Luther Reed.
Sunday School Enrollment_____ 41

Cofer's Chapel Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Rev. B. B. Trotter
6407 Centennial Blyd., Nashville, Tenn.
Sunday School Enrollment_____ 95

Craigfield Church

Sunday School Superintendent: W. E. Belford_____Bon Aqua, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. W. E. Belford.
Sunday School Enrollment_____ 40

Dunbar's Chapel Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Mrs. J. W. Summers,
Indian Mound, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. Nelson Theatt.
Sunday School Enrollment_____ 20

East Nashville Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Henry Melven.
Sunday School Enrollment_____ 118

First F. W. B. Church of Columbia

Sunday School Superintendent: James Paul.
Sunday School Secretary: Dorothy Norman.
Sunday School Enrollment_____ 75

Friendship Church

Sunday School Superintendent: G. C. Binkley_____Ashland City, Tenn.
Sunday School Enrollment_____ 75

Good Springs Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Elmer W. Harris,
Pleasant View, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Theodore Dowlen.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 65

Hurricane Chapel Church

Sunday School Superintendent: W. W. Burgess-----McEwen, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Nettie Tummins.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 35

Mt. Pleasant Church

Sunday School Superintendent: C. N. Evans-----Joelton, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Ruby Biggs.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 56

Mt. Zion Church

Sunday School Superintendent: M. J. Read-----Joelton, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: R. R. Binkley.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 68

New Hope Church

Sunday School Superintendent: C. B. Turrentine-----Joelton, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. C. B. Turrentine.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 147

Oak Grove Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Hershall Spann---Charlotte, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Ella Garrett.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 40

Oakland Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Geo. W. Carney,
R. No. 3, Ashland City, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Edith Carney.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 32

Oakwood Church

Sunday School Superintendent: R. B. Clinard, R. 2, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. Zulema Spicer.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 22

Olivet Church

Sunday School Superintendent: J. B. Murphy-----R. 1, Guthrie, Ky.
Sunday School Secretary: Virginia Jackson.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 45

Pleasant Hill Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Offie Downs-----Dover, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Callie Earheart.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 40

Rock Springs Church

Sunday School Superintendent: L. M. Proctor-----Neptune, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. Nell Lee.

Scott's Chapel Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Glen Clements, Cumberland City, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Lorene Clements.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 20

Shady Grove Church

Sunday School Superintendent: M. C. Major,
R. No. 2, Clarksville, Ttnn.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. O. B. Felts.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 30

Starkley's Chapel Church

Sunday School Superintendent: Fate Beal,
R. No. 3, Kingston Springs, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: Hattie Dotson.

Union Hill Church

Sunday School Superintendent: F. F. Howell, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Sunday School Secretary: F. D. Rose.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 25

West Nashville Church

Sunday School Superintendent: J. S. Wall.
Sunday School Secretary: Mrs. Ruby Bowers.
Sunday School Enrollment----- 100
Address of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage is:
Route 9, Greenville, Tenn.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

-----Free Will Baptist Church
at -----
We send as delegates -----
The Statistics of our Church as follows:
Received by Experience ----- By Letter -----
Received by Confession ----- Expelled -----
Names of Deceased Members -----
Names of Active Members -----
Inactive Members -----
Amount of Contributions to this Association \$ -----
We have elected for our pastor. Name -----
Address -----
Elected Clerk and Address -----
Number of Deacons -----
Number of Ordained Ministers -----
Number of Licensed Ministers -----
Value of our Church Property \$ -----
Amount received by tithes and offerings \$ -----
Total collected by Church Proper \$ -----
Offering to Home Missions \$ -----
Offering to Foreign Missions \$ -----
Offering to Christian Education \$ -----
Offering to Superannuation \$ -----
Offering to Unified Program \$ -----
Offering to Charity \$ -----
Offering to Orphanage \$ -----
Amount paid Pastor \$ -----
Amount paid Assistant \$ -----
Other Expenses \$ -----
Total Paid Out \$ -----

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

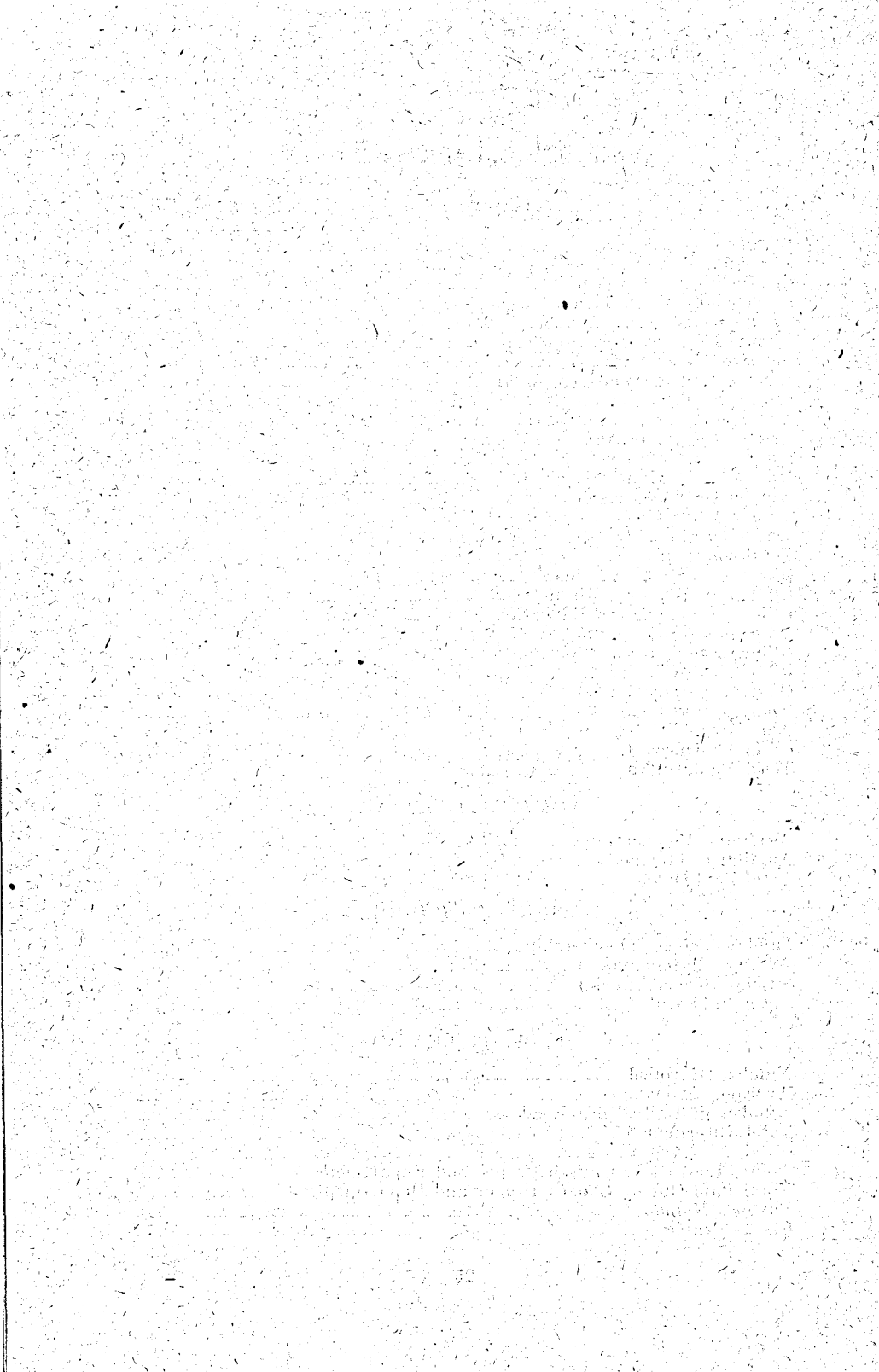
Auxiliary Membership -----
Auxiliary Offering \$ -----
Total Paid Out \$ -----

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Membership -----
Average Attendance -----
Sunday School Offerings \$ -----
Total Paid Out \$ -----

F. W. B. LEAGUE

Number Enrolled -----
Average Attendance -----
Number of Daily Bible Readers -----
Total Offerings \$ -----
Total Paid Out \$ -----
Total Collected by Church Proper and Departments \$ -----
Total Paid Out by Church Proper and Departments \$ -----
Pastor's Name -----
Clerk's Name -----



MINISTER'S REPORT

All ministers are urged to fill out a report like this and hand it to the Association next year:

Report for year ending _____ 19____

Churches in charge _____; names of churches _____

Sermons preached _____; Conversions witnessed _____; Prayer

Meetings conducted _____; Received into church _____;

Baptized _____; Funerals conducted _____; Marriages

solemnized _____; Home 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 _____

Churches in charge for ensuing year _____

Remarks _____

Signed _____, *Pastor*

P. O. _____

State _____

County _____

Street No. _____

R. R. _____

BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

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 the faith and practice 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 suffered and died upon the cross, and thereby made full atonement for every human being, and by His obedient life, sacrificial death, triumphant resurrection, glorious ascension, and present intercession at His Father's throne hath wrought 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; however, we do 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 Hebrews, 6th chapter, 1st to 7th verses, that after a man has been made a 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, that 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 I 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.

ARTICLES 10. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, Math. 19:14.

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 it is desired.

2. In the letter from each church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, restoration; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, died, since the last Association; and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present pastor and one called for the ensuing year; the name and addresses of Sunday

School Superintendent and Secretary, the enrollment of Sunday School; the amount collected since last Association; the enrollment of Sunday School; the amount collected since last Association; the amount paid out to pastor, to missionary, to minutes, and to miscellaneous expenses; and the amount left in the 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 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 Association who shall petition by letter or delegates, if they have been regularly organized upon a profession of 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; in order to enable the Association to print their minutes it is expected that each church will send such sums of money as they think proper, and when the money is received, it 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 un-Christian 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 the Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery who deem it necessary to make such a call. The 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 for ordination sent with recommendations, from their churches composing this Association, and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by laying on of hands. The Presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for un-Christian 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. It is his duty, also, to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs within his charge. It shall be the duty of each pastor to encourage the organization and support of a Sunday School in the church or churches where he is pastor.

11. No person shall be ordained to the ministry until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the 3rd chapter of I Timothy, and this shall be tested by the Presbytery. The Presbytery shall have full power to profound such Spiritual questions as they consider necessary to determine his qualifications. All candidates for ordination shall be required to answer these questions 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 vote, except exclusion of churches which shall require two-thirds (2/3) majority.

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 the body, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

16. This Association may adjourn to meet with any church composing it, at any time it deems proper.

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 Free Will Baptists to sit in council with us, and to propose resolutions coming before this body as though they were delegates from the church.

19. This Association, having jurisdiction over all the churches within its bounds, shall discipline any church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Presbytery.

Boards

All standing boards shall be composed of three members, except the Executive Board, which shall be composed of seven members. Standing boards include the Executive Board, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Board of Education, and Orphanage Board. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the Executive Board, shall be elected as follows: The first named for a period of one year, the second named for a period of two years, and the third named for a period of three years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 2. The personnel of the Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Chairman of each of the following boards: Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Board of Education and Orphanage Board.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to act in behalf of, and for the Cumberland Association, from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans, and undertakings, of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make written reports, of all its work, to each Annual Session of the Association.

Section 4. The duties of the various Standing Boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operations in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the Association.

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. No speaker shall

cast any personal reflection 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 the permission of a majority of the Association.

The speaker shall not be interrupted during his speech by anyone except the Moderator unless he violates the rules of order.

No member shall absent himself without permission 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 the roll call be taken 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 permission from the Moderator.

Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reported by the Moderator and shall 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.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant:

We promise by his grace to love and obey him in all things; to avoid all appearances of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages; and to provide things honest in the sight of all men. We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in "grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, for its poor and all its benevolent works. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace; to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises "supreme," counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come and that his will may be done on earth as it is in heaven; to this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world; and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly; and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHURCHES CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Received by Exp.	Received by Letter	Received by Rec.	Received by Rest.	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	No. of Members	Day of Meeting	Value of Church Property	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	Total Collections
Asland City	Miss Mary Patton, Asland City.	2	---	---	---	2	---	2	83	1-3	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 610.00	\$50.00	\$ 1,885.60
Bethel	Mrs. Tyson Frazier, Neptune, Tenn.	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	335	2-4	2,000.00	165.00	55.00	324.46
Bethlehem	Mrs. C. F. Reed, Asland City, Rt. 1.	6	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	2-4	2,500.00	430.77	---	1,227.43
Brother's Chapel	Mrs. T. F. Robertson, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	3	---	---	---	1	---	---	214	1	2,500.00	310.23	---	349.78
Cofer's Chapel	Miss Mary E. Griffin, 1620 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.	6	---	---	---	---	---	1	308	1-2-3-4-5	20,000.00	1,500.00	---	3,877.50
Craigfield	Mrs. Embury Galligan, Bon Aqua, Tenn.	7	---	---	---	2	---	---	52	1-3	1,000.00	45.38	---	59.38
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Alex Webb, Indian Mound, Tenn.	3	---	---	---	---	---	1	36	3	1,000.00	160.00	---	196.00
East Nashville	Mrs. Johnny Matthews, 1403 Pennock Ave., Nashville 7, Tenn.	16	2	---	---	---	---	2	164	1-2-3-4-5	35,000.00	2,080.00	---	4,738.10
Emmanuel's Chapel	Emmanuel's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
First F.W.B. Columbia	S. C. Witherspoon, 514 White St., Columbia	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,000.00	470.95	---	948.02
Friendship	Mrs. Bertha Harris, Asland City, Rt. 2	1	---	---	---	2	---	---	85	2-4	2,000.00	221.85	35.00	321.95
Good Springs	Theodore Dowlen, Asland City, Rt. 2	9	---	---	---	---	---	2	102	2-4	4,500.00	221.85	25.00	529.80
Gorman	Gorman	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hagwood's Chapel	Hagwood's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Heads	G. E. Gover, Rt. 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	3	---	---	---	1	---	1	250	3	3,500.00	259.00	---	481.44
Hurricane's Chapel	Mrs. Nettie Tummins, McEwen, Tenn.	5	---	---	---	---	---	1	28	3	1,000.00	105.00	---	625.00
Miller's Chapel	Miller's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. H. M. Creel, Joelton, Tenn., Rt. 1	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	52	2-4	1,000.00	44.36	---	105.56
Mt. Zion	Miss Marie Culwell, Joelton, Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	139	2-4	1,500.00	166.25	---	211.11
New Hope	Mrs. Felix Simpson, Joelton, Tenn.	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	287	1-2-3-4-5	2,500.00	662.50	40.00	1,411.17
Oak Grove	E. C. Baker, Rt. 2, Charlotte, Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	74	2	1,000.00	151.07	29.72	248.95
Oakland	Mrs. Mary A. Carney, Rt. 3, Asland City	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	17	2	1,000.00	25.00	---	33.14
Oakland	Mrs. Walter Winters, Thomasville, Tenn.	1	---	---	---	---	---	2	125	4	3,000.00	300.00	13.00	365.73
Oakwood	Mrs. Willie Clinard, Rt. 2, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	46	1	2,000.00	85.15	---	128.10
Olivet	J. B. Reding, Rt. 2, Adams, Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	91	1-3	1,000.00	263.14	---	947.41
Pewitt's Chapel	Pewitt's Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pleasant Hill	W. B. Wallace, Rt. 3, Dover, Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	34	---	1,200.00	216.82	---	---
Rock Springs	L. M. Proctor, Neptune, Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	207	4	3,000.00	205.71	---	304.00
Scott's Chapel	Christine Clements, Cumberland City, Tenn.	3	---	---	---	1	---	1	71	1	1,500.00	148.00	---	159.60
Shady Grove	Mrs. O. B. Felts, Hickory Point, Tenn.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	61	1-3	1,000.00	100.00	---	270.80
Spring Hill	Spring Hill	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Starkey's Chapel	Beulah Ivy, Kingston Springs, Rt. 2	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	65	---	---	31.50	---	---
Stoney Point	Mrs. Lizzi, Averett, Rt. 2, Vanleer, Tenn.	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	40	2-4	---	102.00	---	112.00
Union Hill	J. W. Boren, Rt. 1, Cadiz, Ky.	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	59	2	500.00	122.20	---	155.40
West Nashville	W. E. Marshall, 310 Osceola Ave., Nashville	2	---	---	---	---	---	1	200	1-2-3-4-5	2,500.00	360.00	---	1,416.98

