

MINUTES
of the
One Hundred and Third Annual Session
of the
Cumberland Association
of
Free Will Baptists
of
TENNESSEE

Which Convened With
CRAIGFIELD CHURCH
Hickman County, Tennessee
October 16-17, 1946

REV. J. L. WELCH, Moderator
1409 Tenth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

MRS. HUEY GOWER, Clerk
3716 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. E. A. Craft.

Clerk, Mrs. Huey Gower.

Treasurer, J. E. Frazier.

BOARDS

Education and Literature—L. O. Burroughs, J. B. Reding, Rev. H. E. Willis.

Free Will Baptist Home for Children—W. A. Binkley, W. E. Coville, Rev. C. A. Craft.

Superannuation—Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. W. R. Carroll, Sydney Henry.

Foreign Missions—Isaac Clifton, Rev. J. B. Parsons, Rev. E. A. Craft.

Home Missions—Rev. E. A. Craft, Chairman; Rev. J. R. Davidson, Secretary; Rev. H. E. Gower, Treasurer; Rev. J. B. Parsons, Rev. J. L. McIntosh.

Treasurers to whom various funds is to be sent:

Education—Rev. J. R. Davidson, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Winfred Davis, Monett, Missouri.

Home Missions—Rev. Huey Gower, 3716 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Superannuation—Mr. J. E. Frazier, 1624 E. Cahal Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

(Orphanage), Free Will Baptist Home for Children—I. L. Stanley, Superintendent, Greenville, Tennessee, Route 9.

Unified Program—Rev. R. B. Crawford, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Program Committee—Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. Noah Tuttle, and Mrs. Huey Gower.

Delegates to State Association are: Mr. J. B. Reding, Mr. L. M. Proctor, Mr. J. H. Pidcock, Mr. W. A. Binkley, Mrs. Tommie Binkley, Mr. M. J. Read, Mr. Bailey Walker, Mr. Elmer Harris, Garner Caldwell.

The next session of the Association will be held with Ashland City Church, October 15-17, 1947.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS

Boyte, J. W.	Gower, Huey
Bowen, C. F.	Mangrum, J. W. E.
Carroll, W. R.	Marshall, W. E.
Chester, L. W.	McIntosh, J. L.
Clearman, Clyde	Miller, J. G.
Conner, Fred	Parsons, J. B.
Craft, C. A.	Pate, C. R.
Craft, E. A.	Pruitt, G. M.
Crawford, R. B.	Scott, Adam
Davidson, J. R.	Welch, J. L.
Davis, O. W.	Willis, H. E.
Gower, G. E.	

DELEGATES

Binkley, Mrs. Tommie	Maxey, Mrs. J. W.
Boyte, Mrs. J. W.	Perry, J. R.
Conatser, Mrs. Lou	Pidcock, J. H.
Davis, Tal	Rainey, Mrs. J. W.
Ford, Mrs. Charlie	Reding, J. B.
Harris, Mrs. Bertha	Read, M. J.
Howell, J. N.	Simpson, Elmo
Hunter, Mrs. Lula	Sensing, Mrs. Mai
Kirby, W. H.	Stinson, Mrs. Annie
Lane, Mrs. Hattie	Walker, Bailey
Majors, Mrs. Elsie	Walker, Sanford
	Waynick, Mrs. Ella

DEACONS

Anderson, Monroe	Dunnegan, A. H.
Binkley, Lloyd	Lee, Russell
Binkley, W. A.	Read, M. J.
Clifton, I. N.	Simpson, Elmo
Coville, W. E.	Simpson, J. E.
Walker, Howard	

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Third Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Craigfield Church, Hickman County, Tennessee, October 16 and 17, 1946. The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. L. Welch.

After congregational singing, Rev. J. B. Parsons led in prayer. Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. E. Marshall who read as a scripture I Corinthians 12:12-31 using as the theme of his remarks "Unity".

The Moderator called for the registration of ministers, delegates and deacons. Visiting ministers were recognized by the Moderator and invited to sit as advisory council. A large number of students were present from the Bible College.

The address of welcome was given by Rev. Allen Bryan to which Mr. W. E. Coville responded.

Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. R. B. Crawford and Rev. J. B. Parsons were appointed by the Moderator to serve as a committee on committees.

A very effective musical program was rendered by the College Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Sterling Sawyer.

Rev. L. R. Ennis gave a report of the Bible College in which he stated that fifty-four students are enrolled in the college at present and thirteen states are represented. Brother Ennis presented very emphatically the need of expanding the college in order to care for the increasing enrollment as well as to give more adequate training to those enrolled.

The introductory sermon was delivered by the Rev. L. R. Ennis who used as a subject, "The Missionary Function of the Church." The Scripture was taken from Acts 2:1-4; 14-16. The missionary impact of this message was keenly felt throughout the Association.

The college quartet brought a special number in song.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read and adopted. The following were selected for the following committees.

Resolutions—Rev. W. E. Marshall, Rev. Huey Gower, Rev. C. R. Pate.

Petitions and Requests—Mrs. J. W. Boyte, Rev. G. E. Gower, Mr. Tal Davis.

Finance—W. A. Binkley, Lloyd Binkley, Mr. Henry Stinson.

Obituary—Rev. O. W. Davis, Mr. Bailey Walker, Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Temperance—Rev. J. W. Boyte, Mrs. Elsie Major, Mrs. Mat Maxey.

After the reading of this report we were dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. B. Parsons.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. J. B. Parsons with Rev. Albert Harris at the piano.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. B. Parsons with Scripture reading from II Timothy 4:1-8.

The enrollment of ministers and delegates coming in late, was taken.

By motion, the delegates turned in their reports and the chair appointed a digest committee to compile the reports. The committee appointed was: I. N. Clifton, J. B. Reding, and George Ludwig.

By motion, Rev. E. A. Craft was appointed to serve temporarily as treasurer in the absence of Mr. J. E. Frazier.

The report of the delegate to the State Association as given by Mrs. Huey Gower was received.

The report of Orphanage given by Mr. W. E. Coville was adopted.

A partial report of the Committee on Petitions and Requests was given by Mrs. Martha Boyte. By motion, the recommendations were adopted and the two churches, Union and Trinity were unanimously accepted into this association.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted a partial report with a series of resolutions which, after discussion, were adopted with the exception of one. (See reports).

By motion, we entered into the election of a Home Mission Board containing five members. The Board elected is as follows: Rev. E. A. Craft, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Rev. H. E. Gower, Rev. J. B. Parsons, and Rev. J. R. Davidson.

In order to comply with the resolution presented, Section I, under Boards in the Constitution was changed to read "five" instead of three and "that this board be elected every two years."

Inasmuch as the resolution requesting the churches to send three per cent of their offerings for associational funds and minute money was rejected, the committee was asked to submit another resolution that would meet our needs.

Rev. W. R. Carroll presented a petition to this body from the Brandon's Chapel Church. He stated that the church parsonage is deeded to the Board of Trustees of the Cumberland Association and that the church requests that the title of the property be transferred to the Trustees of the Brandon's Chapel Church property. Motion sustained that this petition be granted.

On motion the body adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning and was dismissed with prayer by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session opened with congregational singing led by Rev. C. F. Bowen with Mrs. W. M. White at the piano.

Devotions were conducted by Miss Zalene Lloyd, a student of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, who read John 6: 1-13. The thought emphasized by Miss Lloyd was "Giving Our All."

The ministers and delegates who had not registered heretofore were enrolled.

The report of the Sunday School Convention as given by Mr. I. N. Clifton was adopted.

The Committee on Petitions and Requests reported that Oak Grove, Oak Lawn, Stoney Point and Ashland City had asked for the 1947 session of the association. By motion, the report was received and Ashland City was selected as the place for the next sitting of the association.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read and adopted.

The report of the Home Missions Board as given by Rev. J. L. McIntosh, was adopted.

Rev. R. B. Crawford presented a report of the National Work which showed a great increase in all departments of our denominational work. The records reveal that there were 2,886 churches reporting to the National Association. He said, "Free Will Baptists are better organized; they are improving on their plans of work; and the number of states where Free Will Baptists are found are rapidly showing interest in the work."

At this time the Moderator called off the business session for the morning worship and associational sermon.

The congregation was led in a brief song service, by Rev. C. F. Bowen, after which Rev. E. A. Craft presented Rev. C. F. Bowen, pastor of the East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, who delivered an outstanding message on the subject, "The Enabling Grace of God," based on the text, Phillipians 4:13.

At the close of the message we sang "Amazing Grace" and were dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled on schedule time and congregational singing was led by Rev. C. F. Bowen, after which devotions were conducted by Rev. Noah Tuttle. After reading I John 4:7-12, the speaker brought a stirring message on "love".

The report of the Digest Committee was given by Mr. I. N. Clifton and adopted as read. (See statistical table).

The report of the Finance Committee was given by Brother W. A. Binkley and adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions completed its report by submitting through Rev. Huey Gower a series of resolutions, which were thoroughly discussed, and finally adopted with the exception of the one which recommended the buying of a station wagon for the Free Will Baptist Home for Children. This resolution was tabled until such time that we find from the Board of Trustees their reaction on this matter.

By motion, the Chair appointed Rev. W. R. Carroll, Rev. C. R. Pate and Rev. H. E. Willis to serve on a nominating committee for the election of officers.

By motion, a committee of three was elected to serve on the Superannuation Board for the ensuing year. The board elected is as follows: Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. W. R. Carroll, and Mr. Sydney Henry.

By motion, the privilege was granted whereby other quarterly meetings may be organized in this association.

By motion, the Moderator appointed Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. Noah Tuttle, and Mrs. Huey Gower to serve as program committee for the ensuing year.

The report of the treasurer was given by Mrs. J. E. Frazier, in the absence of the treasurer, Mr. J. E. Frazier. The report was adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and adopted and the officers elected are:

Moderator—Rev. J. L. Welch.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. E. A. Craft.

Clerk—Mrs. Huey Gower.

Treasurer—Mr. J. E. Frazier.

The report of the Committee on Education and Literature as given by Mr. J. B. Reding, was adopted.

A verbal report on Orphanage was given by Rev. C. A. Craft.

The report of the Foreign Missions Board was given by Rev. E. A. Craft, and adopted as read.

Rev. H. E. Willis was elected to serve on the board of Education and Literature.

Rev. Carlos Craft was elected to serve on the Orphanage

Board.

Rev. E. A. Craft was elected to serve on the Foreign Missions Board.

The Home Missions Board gave its final report to the association and announced the officers of the board as follows:

Rev. E. A. Craft, chairman.

Rev. J. R. Davidson, secretary.

Rev. H. E. Gower, treasurer.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Board was read and adopted.

Motion sustained that the clerk be paid \$35.00 for the printing of minutes.

An offering was taken to supplement the minute money and motion sustained that whatever is needed for the printing of minutes be drawn from the association funds.

By motion, the Moderator appointed the delegates to the State Association as follows: Mr. J. B. Reding, Mr. J. H. Pidcock, Mrs. Tommie Binkley, Mr. Bailey Walker, Mr. L. M. Proctor, Mr. W. A. Binkley, Mr. M. J. Read, Mr. Elmer Harris and Garner Caldwell.

By motion, a rising vote of thanks was given to Craigfield Church for their splendid hospitality and for the fine way that they entertained this sitting of the association.

Motion sustained that the Moderator and Clerk prepare suitable greetings to be sent to Rev. J. E. Hudgens. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Welch in behalf of Brother Hudgens.

By motion, we adjourned to meet with Ashland City Church on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1947.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. C. R. Pate.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Moderator.

MRS. HUEY GOWER, Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Annual Session of the Cumberland Association Presbytery convened with Craigfield Free Will Baptist Church October 16-17, 1946.

After a short devotion, the Moderator, Rev. J. R. Davidson, called the session to order.

An enrollment of the ministers and deacons was made, which is as follows:

Rev. G. M. Pruitt, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. C. R. Pate, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. Fred Conner, Bro. Howard Walker, Bro. W. E. Coville, Bro. W. A. Binkley, Bro. Lloyd Binkley, Rev. W. E. Marshall, Rev. E. A. Craft.

The minutes of the previous annual session was read for the purpose of presenting some matters that had been pending since the last annual session of the Presbytery.

The minutes of the called session of the Presbytery, held February 23, 1946, in the Free Will Baptist Bible College, were read and adopted.

Bro. H. C. Brown offered his credentials to this Presbytery with a letter defending his standing as a minister. The letter was read and by motion his credentials were accepted.

A letter coming from a minister of the South Georgia Association in behalf of I. J. Blackwelder, together with a partial acknowledgement of guilt signed by I. J. Blackwelder was offered

to this Presbytery intimating their desire that the Presbytery release the charges against I. J. Blackwelder. By motion, the Chair appointed a committee to investigate the matter more carefully and make recommendations to the Presbytery. The committee named was Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. E. A. Craft, and Brother Howard Walker.

By motion, we stood adjourned until the call of the Moderator. The Presbytery resumed its work immediately after the adjournment of the association on Wednesday afternoon.

By motion, the Chair appointed an examining board for the purpose of examining applicants for ordination and for the ratification of credentials of ministers coming to the Presbytery for membership. The board appointed is as follows: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. G. E. Gower, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Rev. W. R. Carroll and Brother Russel Lee.

By motion, the resolution asking for the writing of a constitution and by-laws was adopted.

The credentials of Rev. G. B. Trotter, together with a letter of explanation was presented to the Presbytery. The letter was read and on motion the matter was tabled for further study.

By motion, the Presbytery stood adjourned until the call of the Moderator.

The Presbytery held its final session at the close of the Cumberland Association.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. R. B. Crawford and by motion, the report was adopted.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and adopted.

The matter pertaining to Rev. G. B. Trotter was reconsidered and by motion the Presbytery voted to hold the credentials of Brother Trotter until such time as he would come before the Presbytery and clear himself.

The committee appointed to consider the matter concerning I. J. Blackwelder stated that it had not reached a decision and was not ready to make a report. By motion, the matter was left in the hands of the committee until such time as a decision could be reached and that the committee report to a called session of the Presbytery.

The committee appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws made its report and by motion the constitution was adopted. By motion, the Clerk was authorized to mimeograph copies of the constitution and by-laws and send to each of the ministers in the Cumberland Association. The Clerk was also instructed to have Cards of Standing printed and mailed to all ministers eligible for them.

By motion, the following officers were elected:

Moderator—Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. H. E. Willis

Clerk—Rev. H. E. Gower.

Treasurer—Rev. E. A. Craft.

By motion, the Presbytery adjourned the business of its regular session until the call of the Moderator to go into the ordination service.

For the benedictory service, the Presbytery ordained Brother Raymon Mayo and Brother W. H. Stringer to the full work of the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. Rev. J. L. Welch gave the charge after which Rev. J. R. Davidson led in prayer.

MINUTES

The called session of the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association which was held in the Free Will Baptist Bible College February 23, 1946, was opened by singing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" and prayer was led by Brother Pruitt. The Moderator asked for the enrollment of those present. It is as follows:

Fred Rich, L. C. Witherspoon, Fred Wall, Jimmy Wall, Chester Austin, Wallace Paul, James Paul, J. E. Simpson, George Ludwig, Clarence Bowen, J. W. Boyte, C. A. Craft, E. A. Craft, J. R. Davidson, H. E. Gower, G. E. Gower, W. E. Marshall, J. L. McIntosh, J. B. Parsons, G. M. Pruitt, G. B. Trotter, Shellie Watts.

After the purpose of the meeting was stated which was to clear up a matter between the Presbytery and the First Church of Columbia, Tennessee, the Moderator, the Rev. J. R. Davidson, declared the session open and ready for the transaction of business.

Rev. Wallace Paul, pastor of the First Church, responded with a verbal report saying he regretted any action that had been taken on the part of the First Church which offended the Presbytery and was willing to make any adjustment necessary to restore fellowship with the Presbytery.

By motion and unanimous vote, the Presbytery accepted the report of Brother Paul with the understanding that the grievance between the First Church of Columbia and the Presbytery be erased.

By motion, the Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the First Church of Columbia, expressing to them our gratitude for their desire to come to a mutual understanding with the Presbytery and for the fine spirit they have manifested in so doing.

The writing presented in the form of a motion to the last annual session of this Presbytery by Bro. H. C. Brown and declared to be an actual copy from the Clerk's record in Columbia had been compared and found to be false. This matter was presented and a motion was made that a committee be appointed to investigate Brother Brown and ask him what he meant by presenting a false motion to this Presbytery; also that this Presbytery disregard any further communication from Brother Brown.

By motion, Rev. W. H. Oliver, J. B. Parsons and J. B. Reding, a former committee, was given the responsibility of investigating Brother Brown.

Adjournment by motion.

Prayer by Wallace Paul.

REV. J. R. DAVIDSON, Moderator.

HUEY GOWER, Clerk.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Examining Council of the Presbytery, make the following report:

1. We recommend that Brother Raymon Mayo be ordained to the full work of the ministry.
2. That Brother W. E. Belford continue preaching another year with license, that he apply himself as charged by this committee.
3. That Brother W. H. Stringer be ordained to the full work of the ministry.

4. That the credentials of the following persons be ratified to become members of this Presbytery: Brother Adam Scott, Brother Homer Willis and Brother Clyde Clearman.

5. That more time be given to this Presbytery before action on Brother B. A. Moore's application for membership.

THE COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTIONS

Be it Resolved, That this body elect a committee to draw up a constitution and by-laws to govern this body. Such writing requiring that each member of this Presbytery hold a card of standing to be issued each year upon the presentation of a report of his year's work, together with a donation of one dollar, this money to be used in securing or printing of such materials as is needed, and also for defraying the expenses of investigating committees.

REPORTS OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, wish to submit the following report: We have received \$100.11 for minutes.

W. A. BINKLEY, Chairman.

OBITUARIES

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg to submit the following:

Since so far as we know there have been no deaths reported to us and since God in His infinite wisdom hath seen fit to spare the lives of all our church leaders, we feel very grateful to God for his tender mercies and protection over us through another year.

We pray that God will continue His blessings upon us and help us to be submissive to His Will.

O. W. DAVIS, Chairman

W. B. WALKER

W. R. CARROLL

TEMPERANCE

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

1. Intoxicating liquor in any form has no place in the life or home of a Christian. We would recommend that every opportunity to fight the "demon drink" be taken advantage of.

2. We further recommend that all of our people refrain from all un-Christian conduct, for such has a tendency to bring a reproach on the cause which we represent.

J. W. BOYTE

MAT MAXEY

ELSIE MAJOR

RESOLUTIONS

1. After carefully considering the work and possibilities of the Home Missions Board, be it resolved that the present Home Missions Board be annulled and that this body elect a Home Missions Board of five members whose duty it shall be to organize themselves and elect a chairman, secretary, and treasurer from among themselves, draw up a constitution and by-laws governing themselves (to be read and approved by this body), this constitution presenting a workable plan of Home Missions.

Furthermore, we recommend that all money now in the Home Missions fund be transferred to the treasurer of this body and that all money given for Home Missions by the local churches hereafter be sent direct to this treasurer.

That the necessary constitutional changes be made to sustain this recommendation.

2. Be it Resolved that all money given by our local churches for Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Superannuation, Orphanage, and Unified Program be sent direct to the treasurers that have power to spend said funds and the local church keep a report of all funds and make an accurate report to the association each year.

Furthermore, that names and addresses of treasurers appear in our minutes.

3. Be it resolved that all reports that are to be contained in the minutes, be in the hands of the Clerk not later than two weeks after the close of this association.

4. Be it resolved that the present form of associational funds and minute money be annulled and that this association ask each church to send ten cents (.10) per capita of its total membership to each session for associational funds.

5. Be it Resolved, That the Presbytery meet on Wednesday morning and the association meet Thursday and Friday.

REV. W. E. MARSHALL

REV. HUEY GOWER

REV. C. R. PATE

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

In view of the status of and needs of our cause as represented in our educational programs and service to the denomination through the printed page, we make the following recommendations:

1. That all churches operating Sunday Schools give full cooperation to the plan of work of the Sunday School Convention of this association, and those operating leagues take advantage of training courses which may be offered by the league convention.

2. That all Christian Workers of the Cumberland Association investigate their possibilities for improvement in efficiency by enrolling for the two weeks course to be offered in the Bible College at the opening of the spring semester and by their attendance upon the Bible Conference in its 1947 session.

3. As a means toward the completion of Tennessee's quota for 1945 and 1946 on the expansion program for the Bible College, that the churches of the Cumberland Association raise the sum

of \$2,000.00 for the last quarter of 1946. Said amount to be apportioned to the churches of the association on the per capita basis which is approximately 60 cents a member.

4. That our leaders use their influence in leading the churches in a liberal use of our literature which is approved by our National Board "Publications and Literature" and made possible through the services of our publishing companies and different departments of our work and last but not greater than all recommend a revival of reading and the study of God's Word to our people as a whole.

J. R. DAVIDSON

J. B. REDING

HOME MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Home Missions, beg to make the following report:

In view of the fact that a complete reorganization of the Home Missions work is planned in the Cumberland Association, this committee recommends:

1. That each church in the association take an offering on the first regular preaching day in each quarter for Home Missions. This amount to be mailed to the treasurer of the Home Missions Board for use in promoting Home Mission work in this association.

2. We suggest that we train ourselves and our people to be constant, or continual givers.

3. We suggest that each pastor take the lead in his church in seeing that our Home Mission program and its associate needs be properly placed before our people.

4. We suggest that each pastor not neglect to call his people together often in special prayer for our missionary work.

5. We urge the pastors, the ministers in general, the deacons and the laity as a whole to encourage and endeavor to help promote our Home Mission Work. We want to impress on the minds of our people that the success of our Foreign work depends largely upon the efforts put forth in our Home Mission Work.

REV. J. L. McINTOSH

I. N. CLIFTON

MRS. LOU CONATSER

FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

1. By recent action of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Free Will Baptist Orphanage, the name of our home was changed to the Free Will Baptist Home for Children.

2. The services of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley have been secured. They will be our superintendent and head matron, respectively.

3. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton have returned to their home as of October 1, 1946. Mr. Stanton has returned to his position with the Post Office Department after a one year leave of absence.

4. There are thirty-one children at the home at this time.

5. The Executive Committee of the Home suggests that each church decide on a definite amount to be given for the support of the home. It would be very desirable if the churches would make their contributions each month.

6. The crops have been good this year. A new barn has been erected at an expense of \$504.16. New farm implements have been

purchased. Fruit trees have been set out, also strawberry plants. Three acres of tobacco was raised this year and several tons of bell peppers. Corn, hay, and much garden truck is on hand for use on the farm and in the home.

7. The George T. Harris endowment of \$10,000.00 has been invested at Greenville and pays 6% interest.

8. We plan to build a home for the superintendent and his family from lumber cut and sawed on the property. We also solicit your offerings for the purchase of a station wagon for the Home.

W. E. COVILLE, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1945-46

HOME MISSION FUND

Balance on hand, 10/16/45	\$610.81
Receipts for 1945-46	182.31
Balance on hand, 10/16/46	\$793.12

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Balance on hand, 10/16/45	None
Receipts for 1945-46	\$590.67
Disbursements to National Foreign Mission Treasurer	532.49
Balance 10/16/46	\$ 58.18

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUND

Balance on hand, 10/16/45	None
Receipts for 1945-46	\$418.75
Disbursements to National Treasurer of Educational Board	400.50
Balance on hand, 10/16/46	\$ 18.25

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Balance on hand, 10/16/45	\$205.37
Receipts for 1945-46	61.34
Balance on hand, 10/16/46	\$267.71

UNIFIED PROGRAM FUND

Balance on hand, 10/16/45	None
Receipts for 1945-46	\$697.65
Disbursements to National Association Treasurer	681.80
Balance on hand, 10/16/46	\$ 15.85

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME FUND

Balance on hand, 10/16/45	None
Receipts for 1945-46	\$1,075.37
Disbursements to Superintendent of Home	892.09
Balance, 10/16/46	\$ 183.28

COLPORTAGE FUND

Balance on hand, 10/16/45	\$ 76.63
Disbursements for 1945-46:	
1/30/46—Duty Printing Co. for Minutes.....	\$40.65
1/30/46—Mrs. Huey Gower (Mailing Minutes....	2.40
1/30/46—Transferred by Motion to Associational Fund	4.27

Total	47.32
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Balance on hand, 10/16/46	\$ 29.31
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MINUTE MONEY

Balance on hand, 10/16/45	None
Receipts at 1945 Association	\$ 94.35
Disbursements: 1/30/46 Duty Printing Co. for Minute Job....	94.35
Receipts at 1946 Association.....	\$102.71
Balance on hand, 10/16/46	\$102.71

ASSOCIATIONAL FUND

Receipts, 10/16/45	\$133.55
Disbursements:	
2/6/46—Cumberland Association Clerk	\$20.00
7/16/46—National Associational Dues	10.00
8/1/46—Expense of Delegate to Association.....	22.50
8/29/46—Dues to State Association	25.00
Overdrawn for 1944 Expenses	55.32

Total Disbursements	132.82
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Balance on hand, 10/16/46	.73
Receipts at 1946 Association	\$133.00

Total Balance on hand, 10/16/46	\$133.73
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GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

NAME

This Board shall be known as the Home Missions Board of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee.

PURPOSE

The purpose of said board shall be to broaden and strengthen the work of the Cumberland Association.

MEMBERS

This board shall consist of five members who shall be elected by the Cumberland Association according to the Constitution of the Cumberland Association.

Any member who shall persistently neglect any of the duties of his office, fails to attend meetings, etc., shall forfeit his office and the same may be declared vacant by the Moderator of the association and his successor named.

The officers of the board shall be a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer who shall be elected by the board annually and shall serve until their successors are elected.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

It shall be the duty of the chairman to preside over all the meetings, announce called meetings or do any other work devolving upon the chairman.

The secretary shall make and keep a correct account of the proceedings of the board and perform any duty that usually pertains to his office.

The treasurer shall receive and keep a record of all money, bonds, mortgages, etc., belonging to the board. He shall report at all regular meetings of the board.

He shall give bond in such sum as may be fixed by the board from time to time which bond the secretary shall be custodian.

MEETINGS

This board shall hold regular semi-annual meetings, the first one not later than the second Saturday in April, the second one not later than the second Saturday in October of each year.

Called sessions may be held at any time it is deemed wise, at the call of the chairman of the board.

Three members shall constitute a quorum. Business shall not be transacted without a quorum. Important matters shall not be passed without the presence of the entire board.

AUTHORITY

1. This board shall have spending power of all funds retained in the Home Missions treasury.

2. This board shall at its discretion have the power to rent, purchase or sell any materials, such as tent, piano, song books, etc., needed for the carrying on of mission work and evangelistic campaigns.

3. This board shall have the power to employ or elect from among themselves and employ a home missionary or missionaries, with helpers if needed, whose duties it shall be to establish among groups (where there is a possibility of a future church), a worship service such as, prayer meeting or Sunday School, etc. Said missionary shall not cease to serve such a group (unless he is replaced) until there is a church organized and a pastor is called to take over and carry on the work.

4. This board shall have the power to employ its evangelist or evangelists with helpers when needed and place them on the field. All funds received in offerings during evangelistic campaigns must come under the control of the board.

5. In case of any worthy minister who desires to do mission work the board shall have the privilege of contributing up to 33 1/3% of his salary provided he begins a new work or takes a run down work to build up. The board, however, should consider carefully the future prospects of any group, the ability of any minister and period of time in which contributions have been made by the board in continuing support to any project.

6. The board in compliance with state and national boards shall not contribute to the erection of any buildings but may on proper security lend money for same.

7. This board shall make a written report of all its work to the Cumberland Association, including the proceedings of each meeting, also itemized report of all funds received and expended.

8. Remunerations for services of board and expenses incurred in operation of program may be allowed at the discretion of the board.

9. This constitution may be amended from time to time, on recommendation by the board and a majority vote of the Cumberland Association during any regular session.

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Abernathy, J. J.	Route 1, Joelton, Tenn.
Bowen, Clarence	518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tenn.
Boyte, J. W.	11th Ave., No., Nashville, Tenn.
Carroll, O. S.	Neptune, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R.	Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Castele, W. M.	Route 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.
Chester, L. W.	213 Orlando Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Clearman, Clyde	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Conner, Fred	Route 6, Franklin, Tenn.
Craft, C. A.	6301 Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Craft, E. A.	4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Crawford, R. B.	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B.	Route 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Davidson, J. R.	3618 Westbrook Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Davis, Oscar	2005 12th Ave., No., Nashville 8, Tenn.
Dodd, D. C.	Apartado 27, Pinar Del Rio, Cuba
Gower, G. E.	Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.
Gower, Huey	3716 Charlotte Ave., Nashville 9, Tenn.
Hagewood, W. T.	Main St., Clarksville, Tenn.
Hatcher, D. A.	McEwen, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Mangrum, J. W. E.	Fairview, Tenn.
Marshall, W. E.	310 Oceola Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Mayo, Raymon	Route 1, Springfield, Tenn.
McIntosh, J. L.	Lyles, Tenn.
Miller, J. G.	5500 Michigan Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Mosley, T. G.	Erin, Tenn.
Oliver, William H.	116 South 12th St., Nashville, Tenn.
Parsons, J. B.	Route 1, Joelton, Tenn.
Pate, C. R.	Neptune, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	5900 Mackey St., West Nashville, Tenn.
Sanders, J. L.	201 White Bridge Road, Nashville, Tenn.
Scott, Adam	3533 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Stringer, W. H.	Route 2, Dickson, Tenn.
Sullivan, Dee	Route 2, Fairview, Tenn.
Watts, Shellie C.	2006 24th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1409 10th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.
Willis, H. E.	104 37th Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.
Wright, Bedford	Route 3, Kingston Springs, Tenn.

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

CHURCH	Pastor for 1945-46	Pastor for 1946-47
Ashland City	Rev. Noah Tuttle	Rev. Noah Tuttle
Bethel	Rev. L. R. Ennis	Rev. J. B. Parsons
Bethlehem	Rev. Adam Scott	Rev. Adam Scott
Brandon's Chapel	Rev. W. R. Carroll	Rev. W. R. Carroll
Cofer's Chapel	Rev. J. L. Welch	Rev. J. L. Welch
Craigfield	Rev. Allen Bryan	Rev. Allen Bryan
Dunbar's Chapel	Rev. Wm. H. Oliver	Rev. Wm. H. Oliver
East Nashville	Rev. C. F. Bowen	Rev. C. F. Bowen
1st F.W.B. Columbia	Rev. Wallace Paul	Rev. Wallace Paul
Friendship	Rev. Huey Gower	Rev. Huey Gower
Good Springs	Rev. J. B. Parsons	Rev. J. B. Parsons
Hurricane's Chapel	Rev. C. O'Donnel	Rev. Wade Jernigan
Heads		Rev. Wm. Mishler
Mt. Pleasant	Rev. J. J. Abernathy	Rev. J. J. Abernathy
Mt. Zion	Rev. W. B. Davenport	Rev. Kermit Esther
New Hope	Rev. E. A. Craft	Rev. E. A. Craft
Oak Grove	Rev. Huey Gower	Rev. Clyde Clearman
Oakland	Rev. G. M. Pruitt	Rev. G. M. Pruitt
Oaklawn	Rev. J. R. Davidson	Rev. J. R. Davidson
Oakwood	Rev. J. J. Abernathy	Rev. J. J. Abernathy
Olivet	Rev. J. B. Parsons	Rev. J. B. Parsons
Pleasant Hill	Rev. W. R. Carroll	Rev. W. R. Carroll
Pleasant Ridge	Rev. C. O'Donnel	Rev. C. R. Pate
Rock Springs	Rev. W. R. Carroll	Rev. W. R. Carroll
Scott's Chapel	Rev. D. A. Hatcher	Rev. D. A. Hatcher
Shady Grove	Rev. J. R. Davidson	Rev. J. R. Davidson
Starkey's Chapel		Rev. Giles Givens
Stoney Point	Rev. J. L. McIntosh	Rev. J. L. McIntosh
Sylvan Park	Rev. W. E. Marshall	
Trinity	Rev. H. E. Willis	Rev. H. E. Willis
Union	Rev. J. L. McIntosh	Rev. J. L. McIntosh
Union Hill	Rev. W. R. Carroll	Rev. W. R. Carroll
West Nashville	Rev. C. A. Craft	Rev. C. A. Craft

MINUTES
of the
Nineteenth Annual
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
of the
CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Held With Craigfield Church
October 16, 1946

CONVENTION OFFICERS

President.....I. N. Clifton, Neptune, Tenn.
Vice President.....J. B. Reding, Route 2, Adams, Tenn.
Secretary and Treasurer.....Betty Jane Binkley,
Route 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Board of Directors—I. N. Clifton, D. L. Binkley, C. B. Turrentine,
Russel Lee, Rev. J. R. Davidson.

PROCEEDINGS

The Nineteenth annual Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee met with Craigfield Church on October 16, 1946.

The convention opened Wednesday evening with the congregation singing "Blessed Assurance." Devotional services conducted by Mrs. Allene Gower. Scripture, Rev. 2:10. Subject of the lesson: "Faithfulness." Mrs. Gower brought out the importance of our being faithful to Christ and to our work that we are called to do for Christ, and the reward of faithfulness.

A brief history of the convention's progress by D. L. Binkley. "Evangelism Through Our Sunday Schools" by Miss Gertrude Bowe. Miss Bowe gave us some very important facts, also the great need of how to help evangelize the world through our Sunday Schools.

"Needed Facilities for Our Sunday Schools" by Isaac Clifton. Mr. Clifton pointed out the greatest needs for our Sunday Schools were adequate housing room, and trained efficient teachers, and Sunday School workers. And to work to make our Sunday Schools attractive and interesting enough to win people from worldly pleasures.

Song, "Stand Up For Jesus." Roll call with six Sunday Schools represented.

Recognition of ministers, deacons, delegates and superintendents.

Presentation of, discussion and action for increasing efficiency in our Sunday School work by the following resolutions:

Whereas, statistics declare a weakness in the conventional type of evangelism in that only 13 per cent of those who come into the churches through special revival effort can be accounted for after five years following their induction, and

Whereas, statistics further declare that 75 per cent of all church members are inducted through the influence of the Sunday School, 85 per cent of all Christian workers and 95 per cent of all preachers and missionaries come from the Sunday School, and

Whereas, many of the Sunday Schools in the Cumberland District are much deficient in efficiency in their teaching and official staff and necessary facilities with which to produce maximum results, be it therefore resolved:

First. That all pastors and Sunday School Superintendents are hereby urged to consider the importance of their taking the initiative in necessary arrangements for the putting on of study courses for our teachers and officers for each church.

Second. That the leadership in each church which operates a Sunday School plan a building program which will provide necessary class rooms, and assembly rooms, and install equipment necessary in meeting the requirements of the different age groups.

Third. That this Convention create a board of five members whose duty it shall be to organize by electing a chairman, secretary and treasurer and out of its membership elect one who will serve as General Field Worker in the promotion of the interest of local Sunday Schools, and of the Convention's Program. The entire business management, including the financing of the Board's activities and arranging terms by which the Field Worker is to be remunerated, to be in the hands of the Board.

A talk by Bro. Ennis on the Church Management day program presented by the Bible College students. The great need of trained Sunday School workers and urged that the Convention give the Bible College students some work to do to help out in the Convention program.

Motion sustained that the Convention adopt the resolutions offered by the Program Committee.

After the following were nominated for the five-man board motion was sustained that nominations cease and they be elected by acclamation. I. N. Clifton, D. L. Binkley, C. B. Turrentine, Russell Lee, Rev. J. R. Davidson.

Motion sustained that the Convention accept President Clifton's recommendation for the Convention to continue its fifth Sunday rally days.

Motion sustained to send the Orphanage \$10.00 for Xmas.

Decision on time and place for Convention assembly in 1947.

The fifth Sunday Rally day at Shady Grove, December 29, 1946.

The annual meeting to be with Bethlehem on Thursday between the first and second Sunday in October, 1947.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion sustained that President Clifton represent the Sunday School Convention at the Cumberland Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand beginning of year.....	\$ 76.00
Convention dues received.....	30.00

Total	\$106.00
Paid to Orphanage for Xmas.....	10.00

Balance on hand.....	\$ 96.00
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Motion sustained that Convention extend to Craigfield a rising vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this sitting of the Convention.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ennis.

I. N. CLIFTON, President

D. L. BINKLEY, Secretary and Treasurer

REPORTS

BETHEL

Number on roll beginning of year.....	30
New members for year	15
Number leaving school for year	1
Present enrollment	45
Number visitors	312
Number daily Bible readers	6
Number chapters read	3,988
Average attendance	20
Number of classes	4
Number of teachers and officers	6
Convention dues	\$ 5.00
Paid to Orphanage	\$ 22.97
Miscellaneous	\$ 46.13
Superintendent	I. N. Clifton

OLIVET

Number on roll beginning of year.....	55
Average attendance	40
Number chapters read	3,109
Convention dues	\$ 5.00
Paid to Education	\$ 75.00
Paid Foreign Missions	\$ 50.00
Paid to Orphanage	\$154.38
Miscellaneous	\$ 40.49
Superintendent.....	R. L. Parham, Route No. 1, Guthrie, Ky.

OAKLAWN

Number on roll beginning of year.....	48
New members for year	45
Present enrollment	93
Average Attendance	65
Number daily Bible readers	6
Number of classes	5
Number of officers and teachers	7
Convention dues	\$ 5.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 48.00
Superintendent.....	Russel Lee, Thomasville, Tenn.

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 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.

Article 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 each 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 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 en-

rollment 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 a Presbytery, which shall convene at the opening of the Association, 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 propound 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 that is a regular member of 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 this 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 the 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, and the Home Mission Board, which shall be composed of five 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 and Home Mission Boards 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. The Home Mission Board shall be elected every two years.

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 appearance 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 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.

MINISTERS' STATISTICAL REPORTS

Sermons Preached	Conversions Witnessed	Prayer Meetings Held	Received Into Church	Baptized	Funerals Conducted	Marrriages Solemnized	Homes Visited	Revivals Assisted In	Revivals Held In Above Churches	Miles Traveled	Received from Church	Received from Other Sources	Total
Abernathy, J. J.	8	8	2	1	10	--	125	--	1	10,400	\$ 175.50	\$ 10.00	\$ 188.50
Bowen, C. F.	9	48	16	9	--	3	208	1	--	3,500	872.21	289.14	3,014.14
Carroll, W. R.	10	5	13	10	15	2	--	--	1	1,000	---	136.00	1,008.21
Chester, L. W.	10	6	--	--	--	4	75	--	--	1,000	100.00	---	---
Craft, E. A.	167	9	50	8	3	2	60	3	2	700	840.00	100.00	940.00
Craft, C. B.	142	28	14	6	15	11	--	4	1	12,000	1,565.00	150.00	1,715.00
Crawford, R. B.	115	46	9	1	3	2	128	--	--	1,500	2,550.00	---	2,550.00
Davenport, W. B.	50	11	--	7	26	--	45	3	1	20,000	263.50	202.00	433.50
Davidson, J. R.	120	33	--	44	19	--	50	4	2	1,500	---	---	---
Davis, Oscar	175	72	10	10	--	--	60	2	--	12,000	---	---	---
Dodd, D. C.	83	15	2	6	1	--	130	2	2	4,520	571.03	308.30	1,500.00
Gower, Huey	50	3	10	8	--	--	44	1	2	1,522	201.82	19.45	879.33
Marshall, W. E.	80	3	4	6	1	--	44	1	1	2,522	201.82	19.45	221.27
McIntosh, J. L.	31	1	12	4	--	--	100	1	2	2,500	160.00	30.00	190.00
Olliver, Wm. H.	25	12	6	3	6	4	502	1	2	8,000	700.00	35.00	735.00
Parsons, J. B.	108	3	2	3	7	3	75	3	1	1,600	250.00	300.00	550.00
Pate, C. R.	150	15	10	7	10	3	83	4	--	2,000	650.00	80.00	730.00
Paul Wallace	98	29	54	12	5	--	300	--	--	2,000	224.00	25.00	249.00
Pruitt, G. M.	--	--	--	--	--	3	203	--	--	--	---	---	---
Scott, Adam	56	36	--	8	--	--	2,000	--	--	2,000	390.00	237.00	445.00
Tuttle, Noah	72	15	--	--	--	--	2,250	5	--	2,250	---	---	---
Watts, Shelle C.	14	2	4	--	--	--	1,100	2	--	1,100	11.83	---	11.83
Welch, J. L.	160	34	8	4	17	3	10	4	--	2,940	1,800.00	537.43	2,337.43
Willis, H. E.	132	24	40	21	2	1	205	4	--	3,500	---	---	2,500.00
Clearman, Clyde	50	--	--	35	--	--	150	--	--	2,000	335.00	125.00	348.55
Hatcher, D. A.	100	--	--	--	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION STATISTICS FOR 1911

CHURCHES

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Received by Exp.	Received by Conf.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Active Members	Inactive Members	Deacons	Value of Church or Property	Education	Orphanage
Ashland City	Miss Mary Patton, Ashland City, Tenn.	...	3	3	9	1	3	56	45	4	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 110.00
Bethel	V. W. Nicholson, Route 1, Neptune, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	220	98	4	2,000.00	50.00	50.00
Bethlehem	Mrs. C. F. Reed, Route 1, Ashland City, Tenn.	3	1	1	...	15	2	169	54	4	2,500.00	64.35	111.83
Brandon's Chapel	Mrs. Hattie Robertson, Route 1, Bumpus Mills, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	140	3	2,500.00	...	...
Cofer's Chapel	Mary E. Griffith, 1706 Blair Blvd., Nashville 4, Tenn.	3	...	6	2	3	...	307	...	7	20,000.00	250.00	150.00
Craigfield	Clarys Rainey, Prim Springs, Tenn.	3	...	...	...	...	...	15	25	4	1,000.00	...	...
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Alex Webb, Indian Mound, Tenn.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.00	19.00
East Nashville	W. B. Harris, 1730 Arthur Ave., No. Nashville, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	113	57	7	35,000.00	252.00	15.00
First F.W.B. Columbia	S. C. Witherspoon, Route 1, Columbia, Tenn.	9	29	1	...	...	1	150	50	6	6,500.00	96.00	96.00
Friendship	Mrs. Gladys Harris, Route 2, Ashland City, Tenn.	...	9	...	...	...	...	89	15	...	2,000.00	24.00	25.00
Good Springs	Mrs. Ervin McMahon, Pleasant View, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	80	44	5	4,500.00	15.00	24.00
Hurricane's Chapel	Mrs. Nettie Tumblins, Route 3, McEwen, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	2	...	10	10	...	...	...	...
Heads	G. E. Gower, Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	8	2	8	...	2	...	200	96	...	3,500.00	56.00	34.00
Mt. Pleasant	C. A. Robertson, Route 1, Joelton, Tenn.	1	7	...	...	2	...	27	23	...	5,000.00	8.00	12.00
Mt. Zion	Miss Mildred Read, Joelton, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	88	...	2,000.00	...	78.91
New Hope	Mrs. Felix Simpson, Joelton, Tenn.	3	4	2	...	1	...	287	39	7	1,500.00	16.00	275.31
Oak Grove	Miss Sallie Bell Sensing, Route 2, Charlotte, Tenn.	1	...	...	...	...	...	78	37	...	1,000.00	...	5.00
Oakland	Mrs. Mary A. Carney, Route 3, Ashland City, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	237	10	...	2,500.00	266.28	28.00
Oaklawn	Mr. J. C. Knox, Thmasville, Tenn.	9	...	26	...	...	...	60	50	...	2,000.00	150.50	220.00
Oakwood	Mrs. Willie Clinard, Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	3	1	...	...	...	...	35	...	...	1,500.00	7.00	11.00
Oliver	J. B. Redding, Route 2, Adams, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,000.00	9.25	25.98
Pleasant Hill	I. M. Proctor, Neptune, Tenn.	6	...	...	...	4	...	221	...	6	1,000.00	246.55	5.00
Pleasant Ridge	Mrs. Christine Wallace, McEwen, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	20	...	1,500.00	2.75	8.75
Rock Springs	I. O. Clench, Route 1, Cumberland City, Tenn.	...	5	4	...	...	...	56	22	...	1,500.00	10.00	10.00
Scott's Chapel	Mrs. O. P. Feltz, Hickory Point, Tenn.	...	4	...	...	1	...	20	51	...	5,000.00	92.98	85.50
Starkey's Chapel	Mrs. Beulah Ivey, Route 3, Kingston Springs, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	4	...	750.00	...	...
Stoney Point	Mrs. Lizzie Aveline, Laurel, Tenn.	...	...	...	...	...	...	30	4	...	...	...	...
Sylvan Park	Mrs. Roberta Graves, 507 Ohio Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	7	7	1	...	...	...	70	14	5	...	...	...
Trinity	Mrs. Lois Taley, 1123 Shelton Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	7	7	6	...	...	...	25	30	...	...	...	...
Union Hill	Mrs. J. L. McIntosh, Lyles, Tenn.	4	2	...	...	...	...	70	30	...	...	...	...
West Nashville	L. P. Eavin	91	66	64	25	26	...	2,734	1,069	100	\$36,250.00	\$1,826.41	\$1,628.58
TOTALS													

Churches not reporting: Emmanuel's Chapel, Gorman, Hagerwood's Chapel, Miller's Chapel, Fewitt's Chapel, Spring Hill.

ASSOCIATION STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1945-46

Deceased	Active Members	Inactive Members	Deacons	Value of Church of Property	Education	Orphanage	Foreign Missions	Paid Pastor	Paid Assistant	Total Collected By Church	Total Paid Out	Auxiliary Membership	Auxiliary Offering	Sunday School Membership	Sunday School Offering	League Enrollment	League Offering
1	56	45	4	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 2,210.40	\$ 1,427.40	15	\$ 312.91	52	79.72	30	\$ 75.00
3	220	98	4	\$ 5,000.00	50.00	50.00	48.00	270.00	90.00	772.76	723.96	13	57.00	30	79.72	26	43.03
2	169	154	3	\$ 2,500.00	64.35	111.83	104.01	335.00	191.20	1,492.82	1,103.85	31	110.00	29	66.07		
3	307	140	7	\$ 2,500.00	250.00	150.00	227.00	320.59	126.50	4,836.18	3,536.86	38	178.94	124	921.10		
15	25	25	7	\$ 1,000.00			2.50	1,725.00		4,856.15	485.15			50	94.49	25	79.63
2	113	57	4	\$ 1,000.00	3.00	19.00	370.51	160.00	100.00	10,242.38	13,985.18	14	157.80	22	49.00		
1	150	50	6	\$ 35,000.00	252.00	96.00	19.50	2,725.00	175.00	2,911.08	2,783.27	36	318.53	127	804.45		49.13
1	89	15	6	\$ 6,500.00	10.00	25.00	41.46	235.24	65.00	383.70	383.70			248	1,549.04		
2	80	44	4	\$ 4,500.00	24.00	24.00	27.05	300.00	61.32	1,132.01	544.54	15	65.59	70	70.60	42	17.44
2	200	96	4	\$ 3,500.00	56.00	34.00	28.21	272.65		595.43	196.00			40	246.84	59	
2	27	23	4	\$ 1,000.00	8.00	12.00	23.21	53.50		93.50	578.16	6	12.00	60	70.30		
2	60	88	4	\$ 2,000.00	120.50	78.95	14.86	283.50	100.00	484.81	93.50			40			
1	287	39	7	\$ 2,500.00	16.00	50.67	40.00	1,565.00	100.00	3,158.58	3,160.13	32	198.58	152	890.60	75	157.27
1	78	37	4	\$ 1,500.00	16.00	50.67	40.00	365.74	84.50	824.69	824.69	6	6.80	41	10.31	25	15.52
8	237	10	1	\$ 1,000.00	286.28	5.00		70.00		119.67	938.47			93	130.00		
1	19	28	3	\$ 2,500.00	28.00	28.00	63.66	339.03	63.50	988.47	938.47			38	42.18		
2	35	50	2	\$ 1,500.00	150.50	220.00	163.10	400.00	150.00	1,253.96	215.16	14	179.50	55	383.17	30	59.35
3	60	35	2	\$ 1,500.00	11.00	11.00		123.01	20.00	197.59	170.03			40	60.97		
4	221	22	3	\$ 1,500.00	7.00	5.00	36.00	224.33	203.35	434.99	439.99			30			
4	46	22	3	\$ 3,000.00	9.25	25.28		259.38	103.35	483.94	473.29			30			
4	56	26	3	\$ 1,500.00	246.55	5.00	43.50	235.00	37.50	265.00	265.00			30	40.41		
1	20	51	3	\$ 1,000.00	2.75	8.75		429.36	15.00	841.78	88.98			45			
1	24	20	5	\$ 1,500.00	10.00	10.00		201.82	35.00		262.82			72	104.00	30	60.87
3	30	4	4	\$ 6,000.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	142.00	35.00	1,828.80	1,973.03	10	84.50	40	104.00	25	86.82
5	70	14	5	\$ 5,000.00	92.98	85.50	154.49	2,042.00	196.01	3,826.56	3,554.83			108	345.48	60	
1	6			\$ 750.00													
2	25	30	2	\$ 1,000.00	46.00	10.00		174.71	50.00	1,722.41	234.71	21	182.60	25	1.00		
3	70	70	3	\$ 1,000.00	120.00	120.00	109.42	840.00	109.00	1,722.41	1,538.56	100	888.49	100	888.49	26	84.00
26	2,734	1,069	100	\$36,250.00	\$1,826.41	\$1,623.53	\$1,645.21	\$26,552.99	\$5,044.84	\$32,683.86	\$37,595.70	251	\$1,887.75	1,728	\$2,969.68	453	\$623.99

