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FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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BRUSH ARBOR

Williamsburg, Kentucky

**Next Session To Be Held At Free Will Baptist Brush Arbor,
Williamsburg, Kentucky, To Commence On Fourth
Saturday In July, 1976**

INTRODUCTORY SERMON BY
REV. BILL PHILLIPS
Moderator: REV. CLAYTON PERRY
Ass't. Moderator: REV. JIMMIE LOGAN

ORDER OF BUSINESS — FRIDAY

1. Call to Order for Business
2. Seating Delegates of Various Churches
3. Roll Call of Ordained Authority
4. Read Rules of Decorum
5. Minutes of last Session to be read
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Receive Letters from Various Churches
8. Call for Letters from New Churches with Investigation
9. APPOINT COMMITTEES
 - A. Pulpit Committee — Immediate Report
 - B. Temperance Committee
 - C. Sunday School Committee
 - D. Finance Committee
 - E. Resolutions Committee
 - F. Obituary Committee
 - G. Card of Thanks
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
 - A. Election of Officers for Following Year

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 the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinance of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

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 bonds of peace to be careful of one another's happiness and 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 principle 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 His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denomination enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting glorious and immutable in all His attribute. —1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God born of the Virgin Mary whom God freely sent into the world because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ freely gave Himself as ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and dead. —1 Tim. 2:56; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1-7; Acts 2:15; 1 John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is only one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear son unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God. —St. John 16:7; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell and by that means brought on himself a miserable and moral state subject to death. —Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth; that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. —Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them; because, they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradiction that all men at one time or other are found in such capacity as through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. —Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. —II Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God to Christ for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel. —Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son and that the Holy Ghost offers His Divine aid to all the human family, so as they might be happy, would they give impression of His Holy Spirit, shall at a future day, own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. —Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44; Psalms 1:1; Tit. 2:11; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men but ungodly men of old were ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ who brought them, and therefore shall bring upon themselves swift destruction, but we observe that they, and such the apostles saith because they receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved; therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God —Jude 1:14; II Peter 2:1; II Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adams sin for such is the kingdom of God. —I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to man. —Rev. 22:15-16; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7-8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability which he has in and of himself; only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ, to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. —Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life out of respect or mere godly unto life and the ungodly, who die in sin unto death. —Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:21-22; Matt. 25-31-46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinance, in believer's baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God and the public ministry of the word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament. —Mark 16:15-16; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel of Baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subject for baptism. —Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 2:38-39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day. —John 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torment of the wicked is endless. —Matt. 25:46.

19. We believe in individual, personal, conditional Perseverance of the Saints. There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support,¹ but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought, therefore, to watch and pray lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.² ¹ —Rom. 8:38, 39; I Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 12:9; Job 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Phil. 1:6 ² 2 Chron. 15:2; 2 Pet. 1:10; Ezek. 33:18; John 15:6; I Cor. 10:12; I Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; I Tim. 1:19; 2 Pet. 2:20, 21; I Cor. 9:27; Matt. 24:13; Acts 1:25; Rev. 22:19.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise to his feet and address the Moderator.

3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the Moderator until he gets through; nor shall the Moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.

4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast reflection on any person who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than two times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.

7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brethern, and sisters.

8. No members of this Association shall absent himself when the Association is sitting in conference without leave of the Moderator.

9. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association thinks is necessary.

10. No member shall speak longer than ten minutes at any one time without leave of the Moderator.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association, when properly organized shall consist of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly, and take the vote thereon; to have the liberty of speech as other members, providing his seat be filled; to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons and licentiates, together with the messengers duly chosen by the several churches in our union and sent to represent them in this Association, said messengers being members of some church within this Association, whom the members judge best qualified for the purpose, who, on producing letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from several churches shall be expressed their respective number of members in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded or died since the last sitting of the Association, and day of church meeting.

4. No query shall be received by the Association from any church unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which the Association shall take up same and act upon it.

5. Every church in the Association shall be entitled to a representation of messengers not exceeding three.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. The Association shall not have power to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless, we agree that the churches composing the Association shall stand in the same relationship in this Association that individuals do to each other in the churches; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed, they shall be dropped by our union.

8. We agree to do all business by a majority of all members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this Association by letter and messengers. If upon examination, it is found to be orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers thereof.

10. This Association shall have power to sit as an advisory council, to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in this Association; to appoint any members, by and with his or her consent in the ministry to a seat in the Association; to adjourn the Association at any time and place that may be thought necessary; to exclude from his seat any member who does not conform to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his or their conduct to the churches from which he or they were messengers.

11. The Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all cases of difficulty that may arise in the churches.

12. The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing shall be administered at each annual session of the Association.

13. Each annual Association shall be held on the 4th Saturday in July.

BY-LAWS

1. Ministers shall be licensed for a period of one year before being ordained and they must be a member of a church for 1 year for a total of 2 years before ordination.
2. Deacons shall be proved under the care of the church for a period of 6 months before ordination and must be a member of a church for a period of 1 year for a total of 18 months.
3. This association shall not license or ordain women to preach the gospel.
4. A man cannot fill 2 seats in an associational meeting at the same time.
5. Churches of this association shall be permitted to have an inactive membership book of those members who become inactive by not fellowshiping in their church and business meetings for a period of 6 months without providential reasons.
6. Churches of this association should dismiss those members who cannot be regained according to Matthew 18:15-17.
7. Any member upon being placed on the inactive book shall not be permitted to vote or have any authority until he has come back into the fellowship of the church and has been active for a period of 3 months.
8. No member who is on the inactive book shall be given a letter of recommendation to another church without first being active in his home church.
9. No member shall be granted a letter for any reason except for the purpose of uniting with another church and letters should only be sent by church clerk to church clerk.
10. Any member who unites with another church without a letter being sent should be dismissed from the church as it is improper to be a member of 2 or 3 churches.
11. Church members 16 years of age and under should not be permitted to vote on disciplinary actions of another member.
12. Church members who are walking unchristian like should be dealt with and if they will not adhere to the gospel and repent, they should be excluded from the church.
13. This association shall deal with ministers who walk disorderly, after charges have been brought against them, and a trial has been held by the executive committee which shall be impartial.
14. When charges are brought against one of the executive committeemen, another minister shall be chosen to fill his place for the trial.
15. Any ordained minister or deacon who has attained the age of 60 years and has been ordained for a period of 15 years or more shall be considered an elder in the church.
16. Any ordained minister or deacon who has become disabled and unable to fully perform his duties and has been ordained for a period of 15 years shall also be considered an elder of the church.
17. This association shall dismiss its Friday session each year by 3 p.m. so as to have a ministers' conference.
18. The King James version of the Bible be used in our Churches.

OLD FASHIONED CONFERENCE

October 26, 1974

Conference met with the Flatwoods F.W. Baptist Church Saturday, October 26, 1974 at 10:30 A.M. Opened with Congregation singing: "That Jubilee," "I'm Redeemed" and "Prayer Bells of Heaven." Bro. Jim Hurst gave opening remarks to the assembly. Prayer requests given. Prayer at the altar by all. Called for fellowship song of "Amazing Grace."

Moderator Clarence Perry took charge. Asked if all were at peace. Letters received. Motion by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Jimmie Logan to be seated for business. Passed. Signing in of Delegates, Ministers and Deacons.

Motion by Bro. LeRoy Bunch that the Moderator appoint a Pulpit Committee. Motion seconded by Bro. Clayton Perry. Passed. Those selected were Bro. Willie Capps, Bro. LeRoy Bunch and Bro. Roger Hurst.

Pulpit Committee picked Bro. Gary Lovitt to preach the morning Message. Bro. Jimmie Logan for the afternoon and Bro. Jim Hurst for the evening.

Moderator called for special singing. Sis. Barbara Barton sang: "He Did It All For Me." Bro. Gary Lovitt brought the morning message from Isa., Luke 12th. Chapter and Psalm 127. Used for a theme: "Building For God." "Amazing Grace" sang for fellowship handshake song.

Moderator Clarence Perry called meeting to order for business. Treasurer gave report. Motion by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Robert McNew to accept report. Passed. Clerk read letters from the various Churches. Motion to accept all letters at one time offered by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Clayton Perry. Passed. Corrections made and oral report given before acting upon receiving letters. Motion to accept letters as read offered by Bro. Jimmie Logan and seconded by Bro. LeRoy Bunch. Passed. Moderator excused the delegation for lunch.

Afternoon service opened by congregational singing of: "Press On It Won't Be Long." Moderator Clarence Perry took charge and called meeting to order. Bro. Gary Lovitt gave report of his work in Tennessee and explained his need for resignation of duties from this Conference. (Bro. Lovitt is Pastor of Pleasant Ridge F.W. Baptist Church of McUnen, Tenn. and is affiliated with another Conference.) Motion to grant request offered by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Jinnie Logan. Passed.

Discussed need to replace Bro. Gary Lovitt on Executive Committee. Motion by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Clayton Perry that we wait upon decision to appoint replacement for Bro. Lovitt. Passed. Letter of resignation of Bro. Gary Lovitt accepted by the Conference. Handshake song of: "I Feel Like Traveling On" sang by congregation. Motion by Bro. Clayton Perry to accept oral report of Wooldridge Church given by Bro. Clarence Perry. Motion seconded by Bro. LeRoy Bunch. Passed.

New Business: Election of Officers for next Conference. Bro. Clayton Perry nominated Bro. Andrew Kyle. Bro. Jimmie Logan nominated Bro. Clayton Perry. Motion for all nominations to cease and those named to be Moderator and Assistant offered by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Jimmie Logan. Passed. Bro. Andrew Kyle elected as Moderator and Bro. Clayton Perry as Assistant Moderator. Motion to adjourn business portion until the 4th Sat. April 25th offered by Bro. Jim Hurst and seconded by Bro. LeRoy Bunch. Passed.

Moderator called upon Bro. Jimmie Logan to bring the afternoon message. Used as scripture: 2nd. Tim. 1-8 "Unfeigned Faith," "Stir Up The Gift Of God," We are not given a Spirit of fear; but God gives us the Spirit of Power of love and a sound mind. Called for altar of prayer. Prayer by all. Congregation sang: "Where The Soul Of Man Never Dies." Moderator called for song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" as offering of \$24.66 was received.

Services turned over to Bro. Jim Hurst of Flatwoods Church. Called for testimonies. Several gave testimonies. Bro. Jim Hurst brought such wonderful words of comfort and encouragement. Called for song of: "That Will Be A Glad Reunion Day." "Card of Thanks" read by Bro. Clayton Perry. Testimonies of several given. Prayer request for behalf of Rev. Coffey. Services dismissed in prayer by Bro. LeRoy Bunch.

No record of the evening service as the majority of the delegation would be returning home. Services given out to be held by those present at the evening service.

Lee Roach
Conference Clerk

OLD FASHIONED CONFERENCE

April 26, 1975

Conference met with the Dayton F.W. Baptist Church on Saturday, April 26, 1975 at 10:15 A.M. Services opened with congregation singing: "I Love To Walk With Jesus," "Press On It Won't Be Long" and "Let My Life Be A Light." Pastor Bill Phillips gave opening remarks and welcomed everyone present. Bro. Bob McQuire took prayer requests. Had handshake song of: "I Feel Like Traveling On" as altar of prayer was opened to all.

Special singing by the Phillips family of: "Blessed Jesus Loves You Too" and "The Answer Is On The Way." Bro. Henry and Sis. Betty Brown sang: "Is He Satisfied With Me."

Bro. Bill Phillips, Pastor of the Dayton Ch. brought the morning message from Isa. 59th. Chapter and the book of Jonah. Handshake song of: "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In" sang.

Moderator Andrew Kyle took charge. Seating of the delegates. Delegates, Ministers and Deacons signed in. Roll call of ordained authority. Rules of Decourm read. Clerk read minutes. Motion by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Clarence Perry to receive as read. Passed. Treasurer's report omitted.

Letters received from the various Churches. Clerk read letters. Bro. Bill Childress gave oral report of Cumberland Church. Bro. Clarence Perry gave oral report of Wooldridge Church. Motion to accept letters offered by Bro. Francis West and seconded by Bro. Danny Mains. Passed.

Oral report given by Pastor Bob McQuire concerning the Lighthouse F.W. Baptist Church along with letter of admission. Motion to receive new Church into the Conference offered by Bro. Clayton Perry and seconded by Bro. LeRoy Bunch. Passed. "Amazing Grace" sang as fellowship handshake given to those of new Church welcomed into fellowship.

Motion by Bro. Francis West that Moderator appoint Pulpit Committee. Motion seconded by Bro. LeROY Bunch. Passed. Those appointed were: Bros. Francis West, Jerry Knight and Woodrow Ratliff. Congregation sang: "Jesus Hold My Hand" as Pulpit Committee were excused. Ministers selected by the Pulpit Committee were: for the afternoon: Clayton Perry, for the evening: Bob McQuire and Pastor of Church where next Conference to be held to bring the morning message at that Conf. Motion to dismiss for noon meal and meet at 2:00 o'clock was offered by Bro. Bill Phillips and seconded by Bro. Danny Mains. Passed.

Afternoon Service opened by congregation singing: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," "Living By Faith" and "Farther Along." Moderator Andrew Kyle called for prayer requests. Prayer at altar by all. Called upon Bro. Clayton Perry to bring the afternoon message. Used Genesis 28th. Chapter and for a thought: "Vision of God." Invitational song of: "Where He Leads Me" sang. Fellowship handshake song of: "He Lives" sang. Several testimonies given.

Moderator called delegation into business session. Enrolling of Delegates, Ministers and Deacons. Bro. Anderson Moore was recommended to the Conference for ordination as Minister. Motion by Bro. Jerry Knight and seconded by Bro. Randall Profit that Bro. Moore be turned over to the Ordaining Council. Questioning and charge given. Laying on of hands by the Presbytery and then by all of the delegation. Motion by Bro. Clayton Perry and seconded by Bro. LeRoy Bunch that Bro. Moore be turned back to the Church. Passed.

Mentioning of Ministerial Roll and Deacons and Clerks' names should be corrected for the next minutes. Those delegates who lived far away wishing to be excused were free to go.

New Business: It was brought out that the Pastor of new Church to come into the Ministers Conference when Church was received. Election of Officers: Nomination of Bro. Bill Phillips by Bro. Clayton Perry. Bro. Bob McQuire nominated by Bro. Woodrow Ratliff. Motion to close nominations offered by Bro. Woodrow Ratliff and seconded by Bro. Danny Mains. Passed. By vote of body Bro. Bob McQuire was elected as Moderator and Bro. Bill Phillips as Assistant Moderator. Decision of place to hold next Conference to be made at the Associational Meeting. Motion by Bro.

Woodrow Ratliff and seconded by Bro. Bob McQuire to adjourn business session and regather at 6:30 P.M. Passed. "Card of Thanks," written by Sister Bunch, read. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Randall Profitt.

Evening Service opened with congregation singing: "I've Been Waiting," "The Eastern Gate" and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There." Bro. Andrew Kyle took charge. Requests given. Prayer at the altar by all.

Special singing by Bro. Bill Phillips and Sis. Corrine Phillips of: "When You Kneel At Mothers' Grave" and "Reunion In Heaven." Bro. Jerry, Sis. Gerogina Knight and family sang: "Stand By Me." Bro. Randall and Sis. Phyllis Profitt sang: "This Is Just What Heaven Means T Me." Sis. Phyllis Profitt sang: "Sheltered In The Arms Of God."

Sis. Evelyn Grubbs sang: "I'm Poor As A Begger: But Rich As A King" and "Thank God." Bro. Bobby and Sis. Pat McQuire sang: "I've Got More To Go To Heaven For" and "Heaven." Bro. Henry and Sis. Betty Brown sang: "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All."

Bro. Bobby McQuire brought the evening message. Used for scripture (Rom. 12:1-3) and (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). Sang of: "Almost Persuaded" sang as invitation was extended.

Bro. Kyle took charge. Called for examining prayer in preparation for the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing Ordinances. Those who wished to participate, came voluntary to the altar.

Prayer of the vine offered by Bro. Randall Profitt. Prayer over fruit of the vine offered by Bro. Bill Phillips. Feet washing followed the Lord's Supper. Hymn sang. Testimonies given. Handshake song of: "When We All Get To Heaven" sang by congregation. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jerry Knight.

Lee Roach
Conference Clerk

PROCEEDINGS OF THE YEARLY ASSOCIATION

Friday, July 25, 1975

Bro. Bill Childress gave opening remarks to the 39th annual assembly of the Mt. Olive Association. Services began at 10:30 A.M. with congregation singing: "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In" and "Fill My Way With Love."

Moderator Clayton Perry took charge. Opening remarks and prayer requests taken. Prayer by all at the altar.

Gave way to special singing. Sis. Thelma Anderson sang: "We'll Never Grow Old" and "I Won't Have To Worry Anymore." Bro. Bill Childress and others sang: "My Lord Keeps A Record" and "Wayfaring Pilgrim." Prayer of thanksgiving offered by Bro. Clarence Perry.

Sis. Barbara Barton and Sis. Pauline Johnson sang: "I Know What You Are Talking About" and "Because He Lives." Testimonies given. Bro. George Blankenship sang: "I'm Moving Up Home Someday." Song of "Amazing Grace" sang for fellowship handshake.

Moderator called upon Bro. Jerry Sester to bring the morning introduction sermon. 1st. Samuel Chapter 4 used as scripture. Subject: The name of "Ichabod". Also 2 Tim. 4:1-5 "Preach The Word." Words of warning to not let the Church become wordly so as to cause the Glory of the Lord to depart. Also encouragement to preach God's Word brought out in the message. Closing prayer. Invitational song of: "Let My Life Be A Light". Prayer at the altar by all.

Moderator Clayton Perry took charge. Bro. Bill Childress read a 33 year old copy of "My Church and I," also a humorous poem of people being like animals. Before lunch Moderator called delegation to order for business. Enrolling of Delegates, Ministers and Deacons. Dismissed for the noon meal. Prayer by Bro. Bill Childress.

AFTERNOON SESSION - JULY 25, 1975

Services opened by congregational singing of: "Sowing Righteous Seed" and "Dread Not The Things That Are Ahead."

Moderator took charge. Opening prayer by Bro. Carl Patrick. Roll call of Ordained authority. Moment of silent prayer in memory of departed loved ones. Rules of Decorum read. Motion by Bro. Clarence Perry and seconded by Bro. Bill Childress that Clerk omit reading of Associational Minutes because the delegation had printed copies. Passed. Motion to wait upon Treasurers report until Treasurer be present at evening service offered by Bro. Claud Lovitt and seconded by Bro. Jim Hurst. Passed.

Motion to accept all letters at one time offered by Bro. Clarence Perry and seconded by Bro. Carl Patrick. Passed. Letters received and read by Clerk. Motion to receive as read by Bro. Bill Childress and seconded by Bro. Claud Lovitt. Passed.

Nominations for members on the Executive Committee were opened. Bro. Carl Patrick nominated Bro. Bill Childress. Bro. Jerry Sester by Bro. Homer Chinn. Bro. Clarence Perry named Bro. Carl Patrick. Motion for nominations to cease offered by Bro. Bill Childress and seconded by Bro. Homer Chinn. Passed. Motion that election be by number of votes received and 3rd. person with less votes be as substitute. Those elected by this order were Bro. Bill Childress, Bro. Carl Patrick and Bro. Jerry Sester with Bro. Clarence Perry being original member as Chairman. Motions were by Bros. Clarence Perry and Homer Chinn. Passed.

Motion by Bro. Childress and seconded by Bro. Carl Patrick to give Moderator power to appoint all necessary committees. Passed. Those selected to serve on the Pulpit Committee were: Bros. Homer Chinn, Clyde Hicks and George Blankenship. Committee selected Bro. Clayton Perry to preach the evening message. Bro. Clarence Perry for Saturday evening. Bro. Bill Phillips to bring the introductory sermon at the next Associational Meeting. The delegation agreed to hold the next Conference at the Gatliff Ch.

Motion by Bro. Carl Patrick that Moderator name an Assistant. Seconded by Bro. Claud Lovitt. Passed. Bro. Clayton Perry named Bro. Bill Childress as his Assistant. Motion to adjourn by Bro. Bill Childress and seconded by Bro. Carl Patrick. Passed. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Dave Lockwood until 7:30 P.M.

EVENING SERVICE - JULY 25, 1975

Opened by congregational singing of "I'll Fly Away", "Let Me Live Close To Thee", "Lord Lead Me On", "Where We'll Never Grow Old" and "I've Been Waiting."

Assistant Moderator Bill Childress took charge. Opening remarks to the assembly. Prayer requests taken. Prayer at the altar by all. Special singing by Bro. Childress, Sis. Mina Hudson, Sis. Della Ball, Bro. and Sis. Jerry Sester and Sis. Lela Lewallen of: "In The Hands Of The Lord", "Seing Wide Those Gates" and "I'm Heading Home."

Bro. George Blankenship sang: "Till The Storm Passes By", Little Paula and Becky Logan sang: "Jesus Loves Me". Bro. Jimmie Logan sang: "I'm Going To Die On The Battlefield For The Lord." Sis. Betty Brown sang: "He Lives." Bro. Logan led in prayer.

Bro. Clayton Perry brought the evening message. Heb. 10:22-25 used for scripture reading. For a subject: "Let Us draw near to God and hold fast our profession." Words of encouragement were brought out in the message, Invitational song of: "Lord I'm Coming Home" and "It's Me Again Lord" sang by Bro. Bill Childress, Sis. Mina Hudson and Sis. Della Ball. Several gave testimonies. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jerry Sester until 10:00 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING - JULY 26, 1975

Association met together and opened with congregation singing: "I'll Fly Away" and "Someday." Assistant Moderator Bill Childress gave opening remarks to the assembly. "Amazing Grace" sang for fellowship handshake. Prayer requests given in. Prayer by all at the altar with Bro. Jimmie Logan leading.

Special singing by Bro. and Sis. LeRoy Bunch, Sis. Wanda Rynder, Sis. Ora Mae Johnson of Negangard Corner Church of: "Is He Satisfied With Me." Sis. Ora Mae Johnson sang: "Be Very Sure." Bro. Bill Childress playing the banjo and Bro. Bill Phillips playing the guitar led the congregation in singing: "Troublesome Waters." Sis. Barbara Barton sang: "A Valley For Me." Bro. Jimmie Logan sang: "I'm Going To Die On The Battlefield For The Lord." Sis. Thelma Anderson sang: "Oh How I Love Jesus." Bro. Bill Phillips gave a wonderful testimony. Congregation stood and gave a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Bro. Clarence Perry brought the morning message. Used for scripture reading John 5:1-9. With subject: "Don't stand in the way of sinners." Everyone enjoyed the wonderful words of God. "Fill My Way With Love" sang as a love offering of \$77.00 was lifted for the ladies who cooked and prepared the food for the Association. Bro. Claud Lovitt asked the blessing on the offering received.

Moderator Clayton Perry took charge. Openint remarks to the delegation. Signing in of late delegates, Ministers and Deacons. Dismissed for the noon meal. Prayer of thanksgiving offered for the food.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON - JULY 26, 1975

Delegation met at 1:30 P.M. Service opened with congregation singing: "I Feel Like Traveling On" and "Victory In Jesus." Moderator Clayton Perry took charge. Called upon Bro. Blankenship to lead in prayer.

Called degelation to order. Seating of delegates. Rules of Decorum read. Treasurer's report given by Bro. Jimmie Logan. Motion to receive as read offered by Bro. Clarence Perry and seconded by Bro. Carl Patrick. Passed. Letter received from Bro. Noble Cooper read by the Clerk. Committees gave their reports and were accepted.

Unfinished Business: Discussed charter for Association. Moderator gave a report. New Business: Motion by Bro. Homer Chinn and seconded by Bro. LeRoy Bunch that Sis. Buleh Childress' name be stricken from Safety Deposit Box authorized signature and registered in new Treasurer's name. Passed. Motion by Bro. George Blankenship and seconded by Bro. Bill Phillips that \$100.00 each be given to the Greenville Home and the Buelh Heights Orphanage. Passed.

Motion to give the Brush Arbor \$100.00 offered by Bro. Lee Roach. Seconded by Bro. Bill Phillips. Passed. Motion by Bro. Bill Phillips that the Association meet at 9:30 A.M. on the 4th Saturday in July. Seconded by Bro. Ed Ross. Passed. Motion by Bro. Clarence Perry and seconded by Bro. Carl Patrick that the cover of minutes be changed and the word "at" inserted in place of "with" Brush Arbor. Passed.

Election of Officers: Bro. Carl Patrick nominated Bro. Clayton Perry. Bro. Clarence Perry nominated Bro. Jimmie Logan. Motion for all nominations to cease offered by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Carl Patrick. Passed. It was agreed that the one with the greatest number of votes be elected as Moderator and the other as Assistant. Bro. Clayton Perry elected as Moderator for the next Association with Bro. Jimmie Logan as Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Jerry Sester named Bro. Lee Roach for Clerk. Motion for nominations to cease offered by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Clarence Perry. Passed. Bro. Roach elected as Clerk. Nomination of Bro. Jimmie Logan by Bro. LeRoy Bunch for Treasurer. Motion for all nominations to cease offered by Bro. Clarence Perry and seconded by Bro. Homer Chinn. Passed. Bro. Logan elected as Treasurer.

Motion to appoint Sis. Logan to assist Treasurer offered by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Clarence Perry. Passed. Motion by Bro. LeRoy Bunch and seconded by Bro. Homer Chinn that 200 copies of minutes be printed. Passed. Motion to adjourn by Bro. Carl Patrick and seconded by Bro. LeRoy Bunch. Passed. Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Anderson Moore.

SATURDAY EVENING - JULY 26, 1975

Called to order. Card of Thanks read. Bro. Lake Richardson asked the blessing on offering of \$24.81 received. Congregation sang: "I Feel Like Traveling On," "When I Reach That City On The Hill" and "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In." Bro. Homer Chinn led congregation in prayer.

Bro. Guy Evans of Flatwoods Church made motion that Bro. Jim Hurst be turned over to the Presbytery to be ordained. Seconded by Bro. Clay Hunley. Passed. Bro. and Sis. Hurst went through strick examination. Questioning by Bro. Clarence Perry and Bro. Bill Childress. Qualifications read. Charge given. Laying on on hands with prayer, first by the Presbytery, then by all who wished of the congregation. Congregation sang: "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" as right hand of fellowship was extended Bro. and Sis. Hurst Bro. Hurst gave a stirring message of praise.

Motion by Bro. Clarence Perry that they be turned back to the Church. Motion by Bro. Willie Capps and seconded by Bro. Guy Evans that the Flatwoods Church receive Bro. and Sis. Hurst. Passed. Motion to dismiss business of the Association until next year offered by Bro. Bill Childress and seconded by Bro. Clarence Perry. Passed.

Special singing by Bro. Lake Richardson, Bro. Childress, Sis. Mina Hudson, Sis. Della Ball, Sis. Lela Lewallen and Sis. Rena Sester who sang: "I'm Longing For Home," "Inside The Home Gate" and "While The Ages Roll On." Bro. George Blankenship sang: "Supper Time." Bro. Clayton Perry gave the service to Bro. Bill Childress to bring the evening message. Called for Sis. Thelma Anderson to sing: "I'm Homesick For Heaven."

Bro. Childress preached about "The Last Supper" from Mark 14:12 and I Cor. 11:23. After the message, called for examining prayer. Prepared for the Lord's Supper. Bread blessed by Bro. Jim Hurst. Bro. Clarence Perry asked the blessing on the fruit of the vine. Washing of the Saints' Feet followed when Supper was ended. Testimonies given. Hymn at close of service sang: "If I Could Count My Blessings" and Bro. Jimmie Logan sang: "I'm On The Battlefield For The Lord."

Lee Roach
Associational Clerk

DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES

Cumberland — Homer Chinn, Della Ball, Lela Lewallen
Dayton — George Blankenship, Betty Brown
Flatwoods — Clay Hunley, Willie Capps, Guy Evans
Gatliff — Thelma Anderson, Barbara Barton, Bill McKiddy
Lighthouse — Woodrow Ratliff
Negangard Corner — Wanda Bunch, Alfreda Kyle, Ora Mae Johnson
Pine Knot — Anthony Patrick, Della Stephens, Patty Smith
Wooldridge — Louise Clemans, Irene Hicks, Renee Evans

MINISTERIAL ROLL — July 26, 1975

Rev. Bill Childress — Williamsburg, Ky.
Rev. Clarence Perry — Box 62, Pine Knot, Ky.
Rev. Clayton Perry — 23 Sylvan Drive, Alexandria, Ky.
Rev. Millard Wright — Pine Knot, Ky.
Rev. William Phillips — Rt. #2, David Rd., Falmouth, Ky.
Rev. Bobby McQuire — 1115 Central Row, Elsmere, Ky. 41018
Rev. Carl Patrick — Rt. 3, Box 198, Williamsburg, Ky.
Rev. James Isom — Blackey, Ky.
Rev. Jim Hurst — Rt. #1, Speedwell, Tenn. 37870
Rev. Jimmie Logan — Gen. Delivery, Rockhold, Ky.
Rev. Noble Cooper — Rt. #2, Mooreshill, Ind. 47032
Rev. Lloyd Edgar Taylor — Emlyn, Ky. 40730
Rev. Jerry Sester — 4258 Georgia Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
Rev. Andrew Kyle — 10194 Harrison Ave., Harrison, Ohio 45030
Rev. Anderson Moore — 315 Pleasure Isle, Independence, Ky.

DEACONS AND CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES

Deacons — Cumberland — James Jones, Everett Collins, Lake Richardson,
Mina Hudson - Clerk
Deacons — Dayton — Jerry Knight, Ed Ross, Joe Poe, Dennis Leach, Randall
Profitt, Lee Roach - Clerk
Deacons — Gatliff — Claud Lovitt, Pleas Hickey, A.J. Barton, Faye McKiddy -
Clerk
Deacons — Lighthouse — 3 to be ordained — Gene Roberts - Clerk
Deacons — Pine Knot — Everett Taylor, Ernie Spradlin - Clerk
Deacons — Flatwoods — Clay Hunley, Hugh Davis, Guy Evans, Ray Rogers,
Willie Capp, Opal Rogers - Clerk
Deacons — Negangard Corner — Francis West, Leroy Bunch, Ora Mae Johnson
- Clerk
Deacons — Wooldridge — Freddy McNealy, Clyde J. Hicks, L.T. Hicks, Connie
McNealy - Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, agree that each church send \$25 with a letter to the association for expense of printing of the minutes, \$4 of said amount to go to the associational clerk for expenses. A report is to be sent with the letter of the yearly expenses of the church, consisting of pastors' and evangelists' offerings and upkeep of the building.

We also agree that each church should take as many freewill offerings as are necessary to supply the needs of their pastor and their church to keep it a growing and prosperous church.

We also agree that each church should ask their treasurer to send \$7.50 each month or \$15 every two months to the associational treasurer to be used for its growth and up-building for God's Kingdom. This is not compulsory, but as though an act of love or free will. Should any church desire to send more than \$7.50 they could do so of their own free will and mail said amount to:

Jimmie Logan, General Delivery, Rockholds, Ky.

Signed: Clarence Perry, George Blankenship, Jim Hurst

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, agree to abstain from all intoxicating drinks and that our conversation be godly, and that our daily walks be Christ-like. The Word teaches us to walk honestly, as in a day, not in rioting and drunkenness, not in clambering wantonness; not in strife and envying (Romans 13:3); that the aged man be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience (Titus 2:2); Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man shall draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him (Hebrews 10:38) "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, right dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15).

Signed: Della Ball, Grace Blankenship, Thelma Anderson

RESOLUTIONS

God, in His great love and grace, has brought us together again, and has given us a great spirit of co-operation and a renewed vision of the task He has set up for us.

Be it therefore resolved that we give God all the glory and praise for everything accomplished by us, His servants, during the year; that we give thanks to Him for answering our prayers according to His blessings and goodwill.

Be it resolved that the pastors and preachers in our churches study the Bible on tithing and stress the need of tithing for the advancement and up-building of the cause and Kingdom of God.

Be it further resolved that we recognize the Holy Spirit as the all-sufficient leader of every child of God and the church; the Bible as the divinely inspired book and every man as in error when he violates any part of it; that the Word of God and the Holy Spirit yet in the world be recognized as sufficient to cause us to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes for God.

Signed: Bill Childress, Dave Lockwood, Millard Wright

OBITUARY

We, your committee on Obituaries agree that each church clerk keep a record of all deceased members of their church and send a copy to the yearly conference, which shall be printed in the minutes. Also, that the associational treasurer shall have the right to buy each minister and deacon a \$20 floral spray and pay for same from the associational treasury.

Signed: Barbara Barton, Louise Clemens, Betty Brown

HOME COMING DATES OF VARIOUS CHURCHES

Cumberland	Second Sunday in July
Flatwoods	Second Sunday in September
Lighthouse	Second Sunday in June
Dayton	Third Sunday in September

CARD OF THANKS

This year's Delegation of the Mt. Olive Association including Delegates, Ministers and Deacons wish to thank the ladies who faithfully labored in the preparation, cooking and serving the wonderful food we each enjoyed. May God richly bless and reward each and all in the work of this Association.

Signed: Lee Roach

...OBITUARIES...

In our little church they knelt,
Sang and prayed; God's presence felt
They are now beyond the blue,
Waiting there for me and you.

In memory of the members who have passed away since our last assembly.

Cumberland
Anna Mae Issac — December 1974

Gatliff
Martha Morris

Pine Knot
Rev. W.O. Coffey - Box 7, Pine Knot, Ky.
Mar. 26, 1913 — Dec. 5, 1974
Vacancy on the Ministerial Roll
New address: Heaven - Saints welcomed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School, recommend that each church have a Sunday School; that all teachers be Christians and that we get teachers from our own church or our sister churches. That all teach the Word of God as it comes from the Bible (Ephesians 6:4), and ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. That all Sunday School literature be approved by the Sunday School and pastor of the church. Also that each Sunday School elect or re-elect teachers and officers once a year or quarterly. We feel that all teachers should remain for Church Services after Sunday School.

Signed: Millard Wright, Clay Hunley, Claud Lovitt

TREASURER'S REPORT CONFERENCE

Total on hand April 27, 1974	\$ 79.39
Offering October 26, 1974	\$ 25.65
Total in treasury April 26, 1974	\$105.04

YEARLY REPORT JULY 26, 1975

Total on hand at end of 1974	\$457.74
Monthly offering Community F.W.B.	\$ 45.00
Monthly offering Dayton F.W.B.	\$180.00
Paid out for printing of minutes	\$275.00
Paid out for flowers W.O. Coffey	\$ 21.00
Paid out for locked box	\$ 4.00
Total paid out	\$300.00
Total received	\$682.74
Paid out	\$300.00
Balance	\$382.74
Monthly offering Cumberland F.W.B.	\$ 90.00
Monthly offering Wooldridge F.W.B.	\$ 50.00
Offering from Gatliff F.W.B. on Assoc. food expense	\$ 25.00
Lettering in of Churches (5)	\$115.00
Lettering in & mthly. offering of Negangard Cnr. F.W.B.	\$115.00
Lettering in & mthly. offering of Lighthouse F.W.B.	\$ 50.00
Paid out for Assoc. groceries	\$ 81.81
Paid out for Clerks' fee	\$ 32.00
Paid out to Brush Arbor	\$100.00
Paid out to Greenville F.W.B. Home	\$100.00
Paid out to Bualah Hgts. Home	\$100.00
Total paid out	\$413.81
Offering Saturday evening July 26, 1975	\$ 24.81
Total received	\$852.55
Spent	\$413.81
Balance	\$448.74

Signed: Jimmie Logan, Treasurer

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Signed: Helen Ross, Mina Hudson, Faye McKiddy

TREASURERS REPORT CONFERENCE

Total on hand April 30, 1973	\$ 48.88
Offering October 27, 1973	\$ 30.51
Offering April 27, 1974	<u>\$ 36.80</u>
	\$116.19
April 27, 1974 offering to buy coffee pot for conference	\$ 36.80
Total paid out	\$ 36.80
	<u>-\$ 36.80</u>
Total in treasury April 27, 1974	\$ 79.39

YEARLY REPORT JULY 27, 1974

In Treasury July 27, 1974	\$462.80
Monthly offering from 4 Churches	\$230.00
Monthly offering from Flatwoods Church	\$ 30.00
Lettering in of 5 Churches	\$156.00
Paid out for printing minutes	\$275.00
Paid out for locked box 1974	\$ 4.00
Paid out for flowers Alonzo Hudson	<u>\$ 20.50</u>
Total paid out	\$299.50
Total received	\$878.80
	<u>-\$299.50</u>
Balance	\$579.30
Lettering in for Pine Knot Church	\$ 20.00
Monthly offering Flatwoods Church	\$ 30.00
Lettering in of Negangard Corner Church	\$ 20.00
Monthly offering Negangard Corner Church	\$ 60.00
Paid out for groceries	\$ 50.56
Paid out to Brush Arbor	\$100.00
Paid out to Childrens' Home	\$100.00
Paid out for clerks' fee	<u>\$ 21.00</u>
Total paid out July 27, 1974	\$271.56
Offering Saturday evening July 27, 1974	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Total received	\$729.30
Spent	<u>\$271.56</u>
Balance	\$457.74

LETTER FROM A CHURCH
TO
A CONFERENCE OR ASSOCIATION

Date..... 19.....

We, the Free Will Baptist Church at
County of State of to the
Old Fashioned Conference
Mt. Olive Association when convened with the
..... Church. County of..... State of.....

Dear Brethren: We send as delegates our beloved
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..... to represent us in your body.

The statistics of our Church are as follows:

Received by baptism By letter By recommendation
By restoration Died Dismissed Total membership
Sunday School Enrollment Young People's League
Willing Workers Band Value of Church Property \$.....
Year organized 19..... Miscellaneous expenses \$.....
Offering for Pastor and Evangelists \$.....

Name of Deacons:
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Pastors and Address:
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Our Post Office is County of
State of

Done by order of Church
in business meeting, this day of, 19.....
....., Moderator
.....; Clerk

Remarks:
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Obituary:
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FORM OF LETTERS TO MEMBERS

TO ALL LOVERS OF JESUS CHRIST: This is to certify that the well
beloved is a
member of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at
County of State of Is hereby
dismissed from us in full fellowship. This done by vote of Church.

This the day of, 19.....

SUMMARY TABLE

MT. OLIVE ASSOCIATION

STATISTICS FOR 1975

Year Organized	Churches	Pastor and Address	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Young People's League	Willing Worker's Band	Value of Church Property	Miscellaneous Expenses	Offering for Pastor and Evangelists
1950	Cumberland	Bill Childress, Williamsburg, Ky.	105	69	0	12	50,000	7,134.24	3,720.00
1954	Dayton, Ky.	Bill Phillips, Rt. #2, Falmouth, Ky.	69	65	0	0	30,000	6,930.98	2,266.16
1938	Flatwoods	Jim Hurst, Rt. #1, Speedwell, Tenn.	135	164	0	12	20,000	2,242.84	1,461.74
1951	Gatliff		33	40	0	0	5,000	3,179.94	350.00
1942	Pine Knot	Carl Patrick, Williamsburg, Ky.	40	40	0	0	25,000	-	-
1974	Lighthouse	Bobby McQuire, Elsmere, Ky.	32	40	0	0	25,000	75.00	140.00
1952	Negangard Corner	Andrew Kyle, Harrison, Ohio	44	32	0	0	30,000	6,316.31	970.00
1973	Wooldridge	Clarence Perry, Pine Knot, Ky.	14	20	0	0	25,000	1,100.00	196.97
		TOTALS	472	370	0	24	210,000	26,979.31	9,104.87