

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**OLD FASHION**  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**

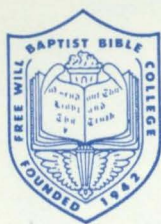
**WHEN CONVENED WITH THE**

**UNION B**  
**FREEWILL BAPTIST**  
**CHURCH**

**OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

**OCTOBER 15, 1976**

|                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| REV. TALMAGE PHILLIPS ..... | MODERATOR           |
| REV. OLIVER ENGLAND .....   | ASSISTANT MODERATOR |
| REV. FOREST DENNY .....     | CLERK               |
| BRO. ROY FARLEY .....       | ASSISTANT CLERK     |



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

Rev. Thurmon Murphy

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OCTOBER CONFERENCE  
INVITATION FOR ELDER  
COMMITTEES ELECTED  
PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE REQUESTED  
COMMITTEES REPORTS  
EXPRESSING THANKS  
PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION  
TRAVELING EVANGELIST

The Session was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Olmus England. After singing, prayer was led by the Rev. Woodroe Cooper. After prayer, the service was turned over to the Moderator, the Rev. Talmage Phillips. Scripture reading was taken from the Revelations Chapter 22, Verses 18-20.

A motion was made and seconded that the Rev. Talmage Phillips be elected Moderator. Motion was carried. Motion was made and seconded, that the Rev. Oliver England be elected Assistant Moderator. Motion was carried. Motion was made and seconded that the Rev. Forest Denny be elected Clerk. Motion was carried. Motion was made and seconded that Bro. Roy Farley be elected Assistant Clerk. Motion was carried. Motion was made and seconded that Bro. Paul Burnett be elected Treasurer and that the Rev. Billy England be elected Assistant Treasurer, and after a second, they were elected.

The Moderator gave an invitation for Charter Churches. The Union B Freewill Baptist Church, from Monterey, Tennessee, responded. The letter was accepted and the delegates were enrolled. The Union Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, from Sunnybrook, Kentucky, responded. The letter was accepted, and the delegates were enrolled.

The Clerk read the Articles of Faith, the Declarations of Rights, and the Rules of Decorum, and they were accepted and changed as follows:

Motion and second that we accept the Articles of Faith as were read. Motion was carried.

Motion and second, that we drop from the Declaration of Rights the following: "Through their representatives", and "or ammend their form of government, two-thirds agreeing thereto". Motion was carried. Motion and second that we adopt the rest as now are printed in the minutes. Motion was carried.

Motion and second that we add Section 9 to the Rules for Decorum as they are now printed in the minutes. Motion was carried.

Motion and second, and carried, that we drop the word Presbytery, and use the words, Ordaining Council.

Invitation was given to ministers and deacons desiring to unite with our Body. The following ministers and deacons responded, and their credentials were ratified.

Rev. Forest Denny, Rev. Billy Joe England, Rev. Leelen Green, Rev. Olmus England, Rev. Marlin Miller, Rev. Talmage Phillips, Rev. Oliver England. All were ratified.

Deacons: Brothers Roy Farley, Erbin Phillips, Cort Hall and Leeman Swallows. All were ratified.

A song was sung, and a fellowship and Christian handshake was given. The Ordaining Council consisted of the Revs. Forest Denny, Talmage Phillips, Oliver England, Billy England, Olmus England, Leelen Green, and Marlin Miller.

Motion and second that we meet again on Oct. 30th, 1976, at the Union B Freewill Baptist Church, Monterey, Tennessee, for the purpose of selecting the Committees, at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Oliver England to bring the message. Motion was carried.

Motion and second, and carried that we adjourn until the next appointed time and place. Motion was carried.

OCTOBER 30TH, 1976

### CONFERENCE, UNION B CHURCH

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. Talmage Phillips. Singing was led by Bro. Paul Burnett, and Bro. Roy Farley. After singing, the Moderator asked that prayer be led by all. After prayer, the Moderator read from I John, Chapter 1, Verses 1-3.

Business being tabled from the last session, the delegates were present, the Moderator asked that the report from the last session be read. The minutes from the last session were read, and a motion and second that we accept them as read. All elected officers were present from the last session, the Moderator gave invitation for elders. Rev. Woodroe Cooper responded, and after recommendation, he was accepted into our Body. Rev. Cassell Huling responded, and after recommendation, he was accepted into our Body. Both our Brother's credentials were ratified.

Bro. Lindsey Dishman came before the Ordaining Council, and after examination, Bro. Dishman was given license from the Union Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Sunnybrook, Kentucky. Motion was made and seconded, and carried by all.

### COMMITTEES SELECTED

**TEMPERANCE:** Rev. Oliver England, Rev. Olmus England

**SABBATH SCHOOL:** Bro. Erbin Phillips, Bro. Dewey Melton

**FINANCE:** Bro. Paul Burnett, Treasurer, Rev. Billy England, Assistant

**PRAYER MEETING:** Rev. Talmage Phillips, Rev. Woodroe Cooper

**OBITUARY:** Rev. Cassell Huling, Rev. Marlin Miller

An offering was taken in the amount of \$33.00.

Rev. Woodroe Cooper requested that the Conference come to ~~the~~ *Hales* Chapel Church on Jan. 29, 1977. Request was granted by the Body.

It was agreed that the Conference meet at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made and seconded that the Rev. Cassell Huling bring the message.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Temperance:

That we, in association, in common with all other Christian Organizations, recommend temperance in the fullest sense of the word; that we, as a denomination, use our influence for the promotion of the temperance cause; that all ministers of our Body give special attention to it, and that this report to never be changed, as voted by this Body, Oct. 30th, 1976.

Rev. Oliver England  
Rev. Olmus England

### Sabbath School:

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report: "Whereas, we believe Sabbath School to be the nursery of the Church; therefore, we recommend that all our churches and pastors organize and maintain the work of the Sabbath School throughout our Association, and try and bring up all our children in the way Christ would have them go.

Bro. Erbin Phillips  
Bro. Dewey Melton

### Finance:

We, the committee on finance, give the following report:

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Collected ..... | \$90.06 |
| Spent .....     | \$24.00 |
| Balance .....   | \$66.06 |

Bro. Paul Burnett  
Rev. Billy Joe England

### Prayer Meeting:

We, The Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association, request that all churches in our Association promote good prayer meetings in each church, believing that it is a benefit to our churches, our people, and our community, and will by all means, help bring the lost to Christ.

Rev. Talmage Phillips  
Rev. Woodroe Cooper

### **Obituary:**

We, your committee on Obituary, are proud to report that we haven't lost one of our members to the appointment of death the past year.

Rev. Cassell Hulling

Rev. Marlin Miller

### **Ordaining Council Report:**

We, the Ordaining Council, consisting of this Body, do report by the Clerk, the following work this year:

On Oct. 15th, 1976, we met with the Union B Freewill Baptist Church, Monterey, Tennessee, and the following ministers came into our Body, and were ratified. Revs. Forest Denny, Billy Joe England, Leelen Green, Olmus England, Marlin Miller, Talmage Phillips, and Oliver England. Deacons: Roy Farley, Erbin Phillips, Cort Hall, and Leeman Swallows. On Oct. 30, 1976. In conference at the Union B Freewill Baptist Church, Monterey, Tennessee, the Revs. Cassell Hulling, and Woodroe Cooper came before this Body, and after recommendation, they were accepted, and their credentials were ratified.

Ordaining Council

Rev. Talmage Phillips, Forest Denny,

Olmus England, Oliver England

Marlin Miller, Billy Joe England

Bro. Lindsey Dishman came from the Union Chapel Freewill Baptist Church with a letter of recommendation for license. After examination by the Body, a motion was made that the Union Chapel Church, at Sunnybrook, Ky., grant Bro. Dishman license for one year. Motion was seconded, and was carried.

Ordaining Council

Revs. Talmage Phillips, Forest Denny,

Olmus England, Oliver England, Marlin Miller,

Billy Joe England, Woodroe Cooper, Cassell Hulling

### **Expressing Thanks**

We, The Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association wish to thank the Union B Freewill Baptist Church for its hospitality in this Associational year, our first, and hope to have many more in the years to come.

### **PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION**

The Association will meet at the Union B Freewill Baptist Church on Sept. 10th, 1977 at 10:00 a.m. Messenger to be selected at that time.

### **TRAVELING EVANGELIST**

Rev. Marlin Miller

**ARTICLE OF FAITH, RULES FOR DECORUM,  
AND DECLARATIONS OF RIGHTS,  
ADOPTED BY THE OLD FASHION  
FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ON  
OCTOBER 15, 1976**

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one Eternal God, the Creator and Upholder of all things, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, and our Savior, and in the Holy Ghost, these Three are One.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ARTICLE 3. We believe that all mankind must come to God by repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 4. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and washing the Saint's Feet are ordinances of Christ Jesus, and that Immersion is the only true Mode of Baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience.

ARTICLE 5. We believe that no minister has a right to administer these ordinances except such as are ordained.

ARTICLE 6. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and the joy of the righteous are eternal.

ARTICLE 7. We receive persons into the Freewill Baptist Church by:

1. Conversion and Baptism
2. Recommendation
3. Letter
4. Restoration

ARTICLE 8. We believe that no persons are members of the Church of Christ, only those that have the Witness within themselves.

ARTICLE 9. We believe that all the members of the Church of Christ, have a right to the Sacramental Table upon the principles of their acceptance with Him. I Cor. 11:28.

## **RULES FOR DECORUM**

**SECTION 1.** No charge will be brought against trespassing members until the aggrieved party complies with the direction given by our Lord in St. Matthew 18, Verses 15-18.

**SECTION 2.** It shall be the duty of the deacons of the churches to go to the transgressing members; talk to them; admonish them; and they shall have until the second church meeting to make reconciliation. It may be the duty of the churches to choose a committee to settle questions of aggrieved causes.

**SECTION 3.** It shall be the duty of the stewards to advise the church to promote means to sustain their church and preacher.

**SECTION 4.** It shall be the duty of the minister, upon receiving members into the church, to ask each applicant the following questions.

1. Do you feel you were a sinner in the sight of God?
2. Do you feel, for Christ's sake, that God has forgiven your sins?
3. Are you willing to walk in all His Holy Precepts?
4. If you haven't been baptized, are you willing to be baptized by burial?

**SECTION 5.** It shall be the duty of all persons who become members of the Freewill Baptist Church, who have not been baptized by a burial, and that for the answer of a good conscience, to attend the Ordinance of Baptism.

**SECTION 6.** It shall be the duty of the several churches to organize a treasury for the purpose of defraying church expenses.

**SECTION 7.** It shall be the duty of the different church clerks to keep correct minutes of all their church meetings in a book kept for that purpose.

**SECTION 8.** Each church represented in the Annual Association shall be entitled to two delegate votes, whose membership does not exceed fifty, and one additional vote for every twenty-five over fifty.

**SECTION 9.** That each church, if they desire, support the home for children, either through the Association, Conference, or Church, and the total be sent to the Association, to be placed in the minutes.

## DECLARATIONS OF RIGHTS

SECTION 1. That all power of church government is inherent in the preachers, and the church members belonging to the different churches; that they have a right to establish their form of church government.

SECTION 2. That a Christian church is a society of believers in Christ, and is a divine institution, Jesus Christ being the Head of the Church, and the King James Version of the Bible, the only rule of faith and practice.

SECTION 3. That no rule of faith and practice or doctrine shall ever be established in the Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association contrary to the Bible.

SECTION 4. No persons who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and obey the gospel, should ever be deprived of church membership.

SECTION 5. Church trials shall be conducted on gospel principles only, and no minister should be excommunicated except for immorality or un-Christian conduct or doctrine, or the neglect of duty enjoined by the Word of God, or the rules of the church.

SECTION 6. The church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only as are in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, and that are necessary to carry into effect the great system of practical Christianity.

SECTION 7. There may be three grades of associations in the Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association. First, the monthly business meeting; second, the Quarterly Conference; third, the Yearly Association, all of which may be established by the rules of the church.

SECTION 8. A church has a right to select her delegates and leaders to the Quarterly Conference and Yearly Association.

SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of every church to elect two deacons and a clerk, steward and treasurer.

SECTION 10. It shall be the duty of each church to send up their delegates, with letters in order, to the Quarterly Conference and Yearly Association.

SECTION 11. **REQUIREMENTS BEFORE ORDAINATION** No minister or deacon shall be ordained to the office of elder until having passed a satisfactory examination on the subjects of:

1. Faith
2. Justification
3. Baptism
4. Washing the Saint's Feet
5. The Lord's Supper
6. The Door into the Church
7. Church Business in General

**SECTION 12. ELDERS:** Anyone who desires the office of elder, shall take the following steps before presenting himself for ordination.

1. He shall go before an Ordaining Council, and comply with Section 11, and if found competent, he shall be issued license.

2. After a one year period or longer, he shall come with a letter of recommendation to the Ordaining Council, and after complying with Section 11, he shall be ordained.

**SECTION 13. DUTY OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL:** Those ministers or deacons coming to the Association or Conference for ordination or licensing, shall go before the ordained authority of this Body, at the proper session of business, and after he has complied with Sections 11 and 12. The Moderator and Clerk shall sign his credentials, and the candidate shall have the right to choose the remaining three Elders to sign his credentials. Also, that each church has the right to call an Ordaining Council to their church for the purpose of ordaining ministers, deacons, or licensing ministers, and that the church has the right to choose their Ordaining Council.

**SECTION 14.** That ministers wishing to unite with this Body, may unite after they have complied with our rules and regulations, and doctrine of the Freewill Baptist Church, and being well recommended, we will receive them, and ratify their credentials if found competent. If they are from another denomination, they shall go before the Ordaining Council, and if found competent, they shall be ratified.

**SECTION 15.** THAT THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE NEVER TO BE CHANGED, ALTERED, OR AMENDED IN ANY FORM OR FASHION, NEVER.

### **PASTORAL LABOR 1976-77**

Union B, Olmus England, Pastor, Monterey, Tennessee.

Union Chapel, Oliver England, Pastor, Sunnysbrook, Kentucky.

### **CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES**

Union B, Flora Bowman, 308 Miller Street, Livingston, Tennessee  
38570

Union Chapel, Betty Hicks, Star Route 586, Monticello, Kentucky  
42633.

### **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

Woodroe Cooper, Route 3, Box 206K, Jamestown, Tennessee, 869-9790  
Forest Denny, Route 2, Box 504, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, 839-2005  
Billy England, 802 Standing Stone Dr., Monterey, Tennessee 38574,  
839-2477

Oliver England, Route 1, Box 291, Crossville, Tennessee 38555,  
484-7161

Olmus England, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, 839-3453

Leelen Green, Route 3, Monterey, Tennessee 38574

Cassell Hulling, Sunbright, Tennessee 37872, 628-2818

Marlin Miller, Route 1, Box 121, Crawford, Tennessee 38554, 445-3367

Talmage Phillips, Route 1, Hanging Limb Community, Tennessee  
445-3461

| STATISTICS | CHURCH                       | Rec'd by Recommend. | Rec'd by Profession | Rec'd by Letter | Left by Letter | Exclusion | Departed by Death | Baptized | No. in Fellowship | Gave Pastor | Gave Evangelist | Gave other Ministers | Building & Repair | Misc.  | Home for Children | Paid for Minutes | Gave to Assist. Trea. | Day of Meetings |
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|            | UNION B MONTEREY, TN         | 8                   | 5                   | 1               | 0              | 6         | 0                 | 5        | 131               | 863.19      | 15.00           | 693.17               | 88.22             | 325.18 | 162.00            | 0                | 0                     | all             |
|            | UNION CHAPEL SUNNYBROOK, KY. | 0                   | 2                   | 1               | 0              | 0         | 0                 | 2        | 70                | 627.31      | 0               | 399.33               | 110.00            | 0      | 0                 | 0                | 25.00                 | 2nd             |
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## ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

Letter from the \_\_\_\_\_ Freewill Baptist Church,  
 when convened with the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Freewill Baptist Church, in The Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ County,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (State)

We send as our delegates to our Association \_\_\_\_\_

whom we pray, that you will receive them, to sit with you in your business  
 and Godly service to God.

### STATISTICS

State of Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Members received past 12 mos \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. Letter \_\_\_\_\_  
 G. Profession \_\_\_\_\_  
 D. Restoration \_\_\_\_\_  
 Members Leaving:  
 A. Letter \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. Exclusion \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. By Request \_\_\_\_\_  
 D. By Death \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
 Day of Prayer Meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition of Prayer Meeting \_\_\_\_\_  
 Condition of Sabbath School \_\_\_\_\_  
 A. Average number of pupils \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of officers and teachers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of deacons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Offering for Assoc. Treasury \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of minutes ordered \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCES

A. Paid Pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. Gave Traveling Evangelist \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. Other Evangelists \_\_\_\_\_  
 D. Home for Children \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. Building Repairs \_\_\_\_\_  
 F. Total \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ministers belonging to our church \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Pastor's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Assistant Pastor's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Assistant Pastor's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

We have called the Rev. \_\_\_\_\_  
 for Pastor, and the Rev. \_\_\_\_\_  
 for Assistant Pastor.  
 Our Clerk's address is \_\_\_\_\_

Done by the order of the \_\_\_\_\_ Freewill Baptist Church,  
 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFERENCE LETTER

Letter from the \_\_\_\_\_ Freewill Baptist Church, to THE OLD FASHION FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

IN CONFERENCE, \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_.

When convened with The \_\_\_\_\_ Freewill

Baptist Church, \_\_\_\_\_ County,

\_\_\_\_\_ (State). We send as our delegates to this

Conference our Beloved Bro. or Sis. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your business and Godly deliberations. This done by the order of the church present, this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_. We send to the Associational Treasury the sum of \_\_\_\_\_.

We send to Home for Children \_\_\_\_\_.

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

## CHURCH LETTER

To the Church and lovers of Jesus Christ.

We the \_\_\_\_\_ Freewill Baptist Church

at \_\_\_\_\_ (State)

do hereby dismiss our beloved (Bro. or Sis.) \_\_\_\_\_ in full faith and fellow-

ship from our Body this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_.

This letter shall be in full force for 90 days from date signed.

Moderator \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

