

MINUTES

OF THE

Eleventh Annual Session

OLD FASHION

FREEWILL BAPTIST

ASSOCIATION

WHEN CONVENED WITH THE

FAIRVIEW

Freewill Baptist Church

Overton County

SEPTEMBER 13, 1986

Bro. Forest Denny, Jr.	Moderator
Bro. Gerald Phillips	Assistant Moderator
Bro. Bret Pallotta	Clerk
Bro. Duane Hargis	Assistant Clerk
Bro. Doug Parsons	Treasurer
Bro. Kenneth Short	Assistant Treasurer

CHARTERED DECEMBER 7, 1977
BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

ASSOCIATIONAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Registration of delegates
2. Calling to order
3. Roll call of ordained ministers, deacons, and delegates
4. Electing Moderator and Assistant Moderator
5. Electing Clerk and Assistant Clerk
6. Electing Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
7. Invitation for new churches
8. Reading conference reports and clerk's report
9. Electing Committees
10. Sunday School
 - Prayer Meeting
 - Obituary
 - Devotional
 - Grievance
11. Calling for letters
12. Adjournment for message and lunch
13. Calling to order
14. Calling roll of delegates, ministers, and deacons
15. Calling for letters (if needed)
16. Committee reports
17. Electing Traveling Evangelist
18. Treasurer's Report
19. Invitation for Elder
20. Ordaining Council Report
21. Articles of Faith, Declarations of Rights, and Rules for Decorum read,
or passed as in the minute
22. Old Business
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24. Place of next Association
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THE OLD FASHION FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 13, 1986

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association convened with the Fairview Freewill Baptist Church, September 13, 1986, at 10:00 a.m. We were called to order by Bro. Forest Denny, Jr. The singing was led by Bro. Tracy Langsford. Prayer was led by Bro. Eugene McCowan. Bro. Junior had read scripture from the book of James.

We were then seated for business and proceeded to elect officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED

MODERATOR ELECTED - Bro. Forest Denny, Jr.
ASSISTANT - (Bro. Robert Dodson was elected, but afterwards had to decline, so Bro. Gerald Phillips was elected.)
CLERK - Bro. Bret Pallotta
ASSISTANT - Bro. Bud Hargis
TREASURER - Bro. Doug Parsons (Not present, but elected on grounds if he would accept)
ASSISTANT - Bro. Kenneth Short

COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Bro. Tim Perdue, Bro. Tracy Langsford
PRAYER MEETING - Bro. Gerald Phillips, Bro. Phillip Cantrell
OBITUARY - Bro. Eugene McCowan, Bro. Eddie Hargis
TEMPERANCE - To stay the same.

The last Conference report was read and accepted.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None

CALLING FOR LETTERS

UNION B - Letter read and accepted
FAIRVIEW - Letter read and accepted
RIDGEDALE - Letter read and accepted
LAKEVIEW - Letter read and accepted

Motion made, seconded, and passed to adjourn for morning message. Thank the Lord for Bro. Gene's singing, Bro. Gerald's testifying, and Bro. Tracy's preaching on "Being There". We were then dismissed for dinner. Brought back to order with Bro. Tracy's singing. We fellow shipped and went to the Lord in prayer. Bro. Junior read scripture. We were then seated for business. Bro. Doug accepted position of treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We the Sunday School Committee, submit the following report: Sunday School is a very important part in the service of the Lord, even more so as the day approaches. Let us pray that we can keep this privilege to read and discuss God's word with our fellow Christian brothers and sisters. Furthermore let us pray that through this year our teachers will set higher standards for their students as well as for themselves, because Sunday School is the only time some people ever read the Bible. If we don't read in depth what God's word says, how can we live an effective life for Christ?

Bro. Tim Perdue
Bro. Tracy Langsford

PRAYER MEETING

We the Prayer Meeting Committee think it good and request that all churches in our association promote a good prayer meeting in each church. We believe it will benefit our churches and that in this, it will help bring the lost to Christ.

Bro. Gerald Phillips
Bro. Phillip Cantrell

OBITUARY REPORTS

We the obituary committee finds that Rev. Willie (Bill) McCowan, Sister Avie Bilbrey, and Sister Arminda Miller, passed over the other side to be with the Lord.

Bro. Eugene McCowan
Bro. Eddie Hargis

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 never be changed, as voted by this body, Oct. 30th, 1976.

Bro. Oliver England
Bro. Olmus England

TRAVELING EVANGELIST REPORT

As your traveling evangelist for the past year, it has been a rewarding experience for myself as well as my family.

I trust the churches have been blessed by the grace of God, as I have felt. Some things have been achieved through God's mercy souls have been saved, many others have moved closer to God. Thanks to God! And praise him.

It hasn't all been easy - but it's worth it all. Thank you each one for allowing me to come into your churches.

I am reminded of what Paul said to Timothy in II Timothy 4.5, But watch in all things endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. Verse 7 also - I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Let's work together for the Glory of God.

Bro. Robert Dodson

Articles of Faith, Declaration of Rights, and Rules for Decorum accepted as in the minutes.

Motion made to postpone Old Business until later in service, motion made, seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCE REPORT

Bills and payments for the last year	\$542.00
Balance brought forward	\$847.34
Total paid for minutes	<u>\$260.00</u>
Balance	\$587.34

RESIDENT AGENT - Bro. Kenneth Short

TRAVELING EVANGELIST - Bro. Robert Dodson

PLACE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION - Lakeview

ALTERNATE LOCATION - Union B (Because it would be next in line to hold the Association)

MESSENGER - Bro. David Morgan

ALTERNATE - Bro. Eugene McCowan

Thanks was given to the sisters, for all their effort and work in preparing food and making everybody welcome. Thanks also given to the Fairview Church.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Bro. Eugene talked about the Youth Revival scheduled to be at Fairview next time.
2. Bro. Robert encouraged churches to take up offerings for the churches use when he is preaching that night.
3. Bro. Eugene and Bro. Tracy talked about the by-laws. Voting on by-laws went as follows:

ARTICLE 1: Motion made and seconded and passed to accept as read.

ARTICLE 2: Motion made and seconded and passed to accept as read.

ARTICLE 3: Sections were voted on individually as follows:

Moderator Section 1 and 2; Assistant sec. 1; Clerk sec. 1 and 2; Assistant Clerk sec. 1; Treasurer sec. 1 and Assistant Treasurer sec. 1; Ordaining Council sec. 1 and 2; Grievance Committee sec. 1, 2 and 3; Traveling Evangelist sec. 1, 2 and 3; Resident Agent sec. 1; Prayer Meeting, Sunday School and Obituary Committees sec. 1. All were motioned, seconded and voted and passed.

ARTICLE 4: Ministers and Deacons Section 1-14; Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

ARTICLE 5: Licensed Ministers Sections 1-6; Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

ARTICLE 6: Delegates and Duties Sections 1-4; Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

ARTICLE 7: Ministers Leaving Sections 1-5; Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

ARTICLE 8: Churches Sections 1-5; Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

ARTICLE 9: Conference Sections 1-4; Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

ARTICLE 10: Associational Order of Business Sections 1-27; Motion made, seconded and passed to accept as read.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE ELECTED - Bro. Eugene McCowan, Bro. Tracy Langsford, Bro. Doug Parsons, Bro. Gerald Phillips, and Bro. David Morgan.

PREACHERS PRESENT

Tracy Langsford
Robert Dodson
Forest Denny, Jr.
Olmus England
Eugene McCowan
Gerald Phillips
Bud Hargis
Eddie Hargis
David Morgan

DEACONS PRESENT

Kenneth Short
Erbie Phillips
Bret Pallotta
Doug Parsons
Garry Lewis

DELEGATES PRESENT

FAIRVIEW
Duane Hargis
Tim Perdue
Phillip Cantrell

UNION B
Robert Phillips
Lynn Phillips

RIDGEDALE
Gary Bolin
Ronald Lewis

LAKEVIEW
Troy Warden

STATISTICS		
CHURCH		
Union B	1	Rec'd by Reccommend
Monterey, Tn.	1	Rec'd by Profession
Fairview	1	Rec'd by Letter
Livingston, Tn.	1	Restoration
Ridgetdale	1	Left by Letter
Crossville, Tn.	2	Exclusion
Lakeview	0	Departed by Death
Jamestown, Tn	1	Left by Request
Total	141	No. in Fellowship
17	4679.48	Gave Pastor
26	849.56	Gave other Ministers
3	9370.80	Building & Repair
1	77	Minutes Ordered
4	204.23	Home for Children
1	341.94	Paid for Minutes
3	25.00	Gave To Assoc. Treas.
4	636.75	Gave Trav. Evang.
	55	Day of Meetings
		Home Missions
		Baptized

CONFERENCE REPORT

CONFERENCE REPORT Nov. 30, 1985

CALLED TO ORDER - Bro. Billy England

SINGING LED BY - Bro. Junior Denny

PRAYER LED BY - Bro. James Phillips

We were then seated for business.

MODERATOR ELECTED - Bro. Melvin Brown

ASSISTANT - Bro. James Phillips

CLERK - Bro. Bret Pallotta

ASSISTANT - Bro. Tracy Langford

TREASURER - Bro. Doug Parsons

ASSISTANT - Bro. Kenneth Short

CALLING FOR LETTERS

FAIRVIEW - Read and accepted

UNION B - Read and accepted

RIDGEDALE - Read and accepted

LAKEVIEW - Read and accepted

Association report read and tabled till later.

Dismissed for morning message. Bro. Jeff preached a wonderful message, thank the Lord for it. Dismissed for dinner.

Brought back with singing. Bro. Melvin opened up business with prayer. We were then seated for business. Bro. Junior made motion to accept Association report as read, seconded and passed.

INVITATION FOR ELDERS

Bro. Jeff Short was ordained Nov. 8, 1985 at Fairview church; work accepted.

Bro. Vaden Phillips was ordained a deacon Nov. 13, 1985 at Union B; work accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Bro. Billy England requested a letter of recommendation to go to another conference. He said he felt he was being a hindrance to the conference. Motion made and passed to give Bro. Billy a letter. Motion made that Bro. Olmus be placed on the grievance committee in Bro. Billy's place, passed. Bro. Tracy had to give up his position as traveling evangelist because he started pastoring. Bro. Robert Dodson was elected as the new traveling evangelist. Bro. Junior made motion to send an offering plus the difference of \$100.00 to the Union B benefit singing, seconded and passed.

TREASURY REPORT

Read and accepted

PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE: Fairview
MESSENGER SELECTED: Bro. Eugene McCowan
ALTERNATE: Bro. James Phillips

Bro. James gave thanks.

Motion made and seconded to dismiss business, passed.

CONFERENCE REPORT

CONFERENCE REPORT Mar. 29, 1986

BROUGHT TO ORDER - With singing
LED TO PRAYER - Bro. Olmus England
MODERATOR - Bro. Eugene McCowan
ASSISTANT - Bro. Junior Denny
CLERK - Bro. Bret Pallotta
ASSISTANT - Bro. Tracy Langsford
TREASURER - Bro. Doug Parsons
ASSISTANT - Bro. Kenneth Short

Reading of the Conference Report voted to be postponed till next conference.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None

CALLING FOR LETTERS

UNION B: Read and accepted
FAIRVIEW: Read and accepted
RIDGEDALE: Read and accepted
LAKEVIEW: Read and accepted

Conference offering then taken up. Dismissed for morning message. The Lord blessed wonderfully through Bro. Eugene. Dismissed to dinner. Brought back with singing.

INVITATION FOR ELDERS

Bro. Bud Hargis sat before the ordaining council to be licensed to preach the gospel. His letter was read and accepted. Motion then made; seconded and passed to accept Bro. Bud under license.

OLD BUSINESS

Bro. Gene brought up the youth revival, Bro. Junior suggested praying about it and discussing it at the next conference.

NEW BUSINESS

None

TREASURY REPORT

Read and accepted

PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE: Ridgedale

MESSENGER: Bro. David Morgan

ASSISTANT: Bro. Bud Hargis

Thanks was given to the Fairview church. Everyone than gathered around and gave Bro. Bud the right hand of fellowship. Dismissed.

CONFERENCE REPORT

CONFERENCE REPORT May 31, 1986

CALLED TO ORDER - Bro. Eugene McCowan

BROUGHT TOGETHER WITH - Singing

We were then seated for business.

MODERATOR ELECTED - Bro. Tracy Langford

ASSISTANT - Bro. Gerald Phillips

CLERK - Bro. Bret Pallotta

ASSISTANT - Bro. David Morgan

TREASURER - Bro. Doug Parsons (Not Present)

ASSISTANT - Bro. Kenneth Short

Motion made and seconded to send Bro. Billy England a letter of good standing, passed.

The November 30, and the March 29 conference report were both read. The November 30 reading was postponed at the last conference. Both were accepted.

CALLING FOR DELEGATES

UNION B - Read and accepted

FAIRVIEW - Read and accepted

RIDGEDALE - Read and accepted

LAKEVIEW - Represented by Pastor

Dismissed for morning message. The Lord wonderfully blessed through song, testimonys, and Bro. David's message. Dismissed to dinner.

Brought back with singing led by Bro. Jeff.

INVITATION FOR ELDERS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Bro. Eugene talked about his youth revival at Mineral Springs church. Motion made, seconded, and passed to support the youth revival. The youth revival is in June. Bro. Eugene elected youth revival director.

NEW BUSINESS

None

TREASURY REPORT

Read and accepted

PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE: Union B

MESSENGER: Bro. Eugene McCowan

ASSISTANT: Bro. Bud Hargis

Thanks was given, dismissed.

CONFERENCE REPORT

CONFERENCE REPORT August 30, 1986

CALLED TO ORDER BY - Bro. Tracy Langsford (Read from Matthew)

SINGING LED BY - Bro. Jeff Short

PRAYER LED BY - Bro. Thurman Key

Motion then made and seconded to be seated for business, passed.

MODERATOR ELECTED - Bro. Eugene McCowan

ASSISTANT - Bro. Olmus England

CLERK - Bro. Bret Pallotta

ASSISTANT - Bro. Tracy Langsford

TREASURER - Bro. Doug Parsons

ASSISTANT - Bro. Kenneth Short

Conference report read and accepted.

CALLING FOR LETTERS

FAIRVIEW - Read and accepted

UNION B - Read and accepted

RIDGEDALE - Read and accepted

LAKEVIEW - Read and accepted

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None

We were then adjourned for morning message. The Lord blessed through Bro. Eugene's message of "Growing Together" (The inward and the outward man). We were then dismissed to dinner.

We were then brought back together with singing. Bro. Olmus read scripture from the book of Psalm chapter 108.

INVITATION FOR ELDERS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Bro. Junior asked everyone to be present at the next Preacher's and Deacon's meeting, Friday, September 12.

The conference offering was then taken up.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made and seconded to send \$100.00 to Joshua Clinton, passed. It was brought up to bring old minutes to the Clerk. Motion made and seconded to get a safe deposit box for minutes and other items.

TREASURY REPORT

Read and accepted

PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE - Lakeview
MESSENGER - Bro. Bud Hargis
ALTERNATE - Bro. Robert Dodson

Thanks was given to all the sisters and to the Union B church.

PREACHERS PRESENT

Tracy Langsford
James Sisco
Eugene McCowan
Olmus England
Robert E. Dodson
Duane Hargis
Forest Denny Jr.
David Morgan
Jeff Short
James Phillips
*Bro. Melvin Brown
was hospitalized.

DEACONS PRESENT

Aaron M. Warden
Garry Lewis
Bret Pallotta
Doug Parsons
Vaden Phillips
Erbie Phillips
Kenneth Short

DELEGATES PRESENT

FAIRVIEW
Duane Hargis
Rick Lacy

UNION B
Roenia Phillips

RIDGEDALE
Bill Bertram
Mabel Lewis

LAKEVIEW
Danny E. Haley

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

ARTICLE OF FAITH

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.

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 of 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.

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.

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 fellowship from our Body this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

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

Moderator _____

Clerk _____

ASSOCIATIONAL LETTER

Letter from the _____ Freewill Baptist C
 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 _____
 C. Profession _____
 D. Restoration _____
 Members Leaving:
 A. Letter _____
 B. Exclusion _____
 C. By Request _____
 D. By Death _____
 E. Baptized _____
 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

J. Total Sent Assoc. Treasury _____
 A. Paid Pastor _____
 B. Gave Traveling Evangelist _____
 C. Other Evangelists _____
 D. Home for Children _____
 E. Building Repairs _____
 F. Home Missions _____
 G. Total _____

Ministers belonging to our church _____

Pastor's Name _____

Pastor's Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Assistant Pastor's Name _____

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 _____

CHARTER
OF
THE OLD FASHION FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The undersigned natural persons, having capacity to contract and acting as incorporators of the corporation under the Tennessee General Corporation Act, adopt the following charter for such corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is The Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association.

2. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

3. The address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Tennessee shall be Route 2, Box 504, Monterey, Tennessee 38574, County of Putnam.

4. The corporation is not for profit.

5. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are: to promote and carry on a program of Christian ministry through the organized church which presents the Christian gospel to the people of the surrounding areas and the areas embraced in said Association in the name of the Freewill Baptist Church; to engage in, promote and carry on such missionary, religious, educational, charitable and fellowship activities as deemed reasonably necessary to fully implement and carry out the goals and purposes of this organization and each and every facet and part thereof; to promote the Christian brotherhood of this Association in the areas served within the same; to insure that each church of this Association adheres to the Articles of Faith, Declarations of Rights and Rules for Decorum, and the Holy Bible, namely, the King James Version; to promote and insure that brotherly love abounds within the churches, among the members, ministers and the deacons of the Association;

To purchase, lease, accept by gift, or otherwise hold such real and personal property as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Corporation or any facet thereof; to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of said property and to mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber said property for the promotion of and furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation or any facet thereof; to enter into such contracts, agreements and undertakings as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this Corporation or any facet thereof.

This Association, as an independent, autonomous body, may work with, co-operate and associate with other associations or conventions of like faith, but the extent of such association and co-operation will be voluntarily.

6. This corporation shall have members all of the same class. Each church properly associated with said Association or which may hereafter become associated according to the rules, regulations and by-laws of the Association shall be members of the corporation. Each church now or hereafter accepted into the Association shall be entitled to two delegates who shall be the voting members of the corporation and the delegates from the churches which now or may hereafter constitute the Association shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Those churches who shall voluntarily remove themselves from the Association or who shall have their membership suspended or revoked or their names purged from the roll of membership under rules and regulations adopted, shall cease to be members of the corporation.

Certificates of membership shall be issued to churches which are members of the corporation.

7. Other Provisions:

(a) The Corporation shall be governed and operated in accordance with the by-laws and the Constitution of The Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association as heretofore adopted or as may hereafter be adopted and/or amended and in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of Incorporation.

(b) In the event of final dissolution or liquidation of this corporation, all property and assets of the corporation after payment of debts shall be divided equally among the churches which are at the time members of the corporation.

BY-LAWS OF THE OLD FASHION FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Adopted September 13, 1986, at the Fairview Freewill Baptist Church
Livingston, Tennessee

ARTICLE 1
CALLING TO ORDER

SECTION 1: The Association shall be called to order by the moderator on the second Saturday in September of each year, or the Assistant Moderator in his absence.

ARTICLE 2
REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

SECTION 1: Delegates to the Association or Conference shall register with the Clerk prior to the calling to order.

SECTION 2: Late Delegates shall register with the Clerk by requesting permission from the moderator.

SECTION 3: The Clerk shall provide a book for the purpose of registering delegates to the Association or Conference.

SECTION 4: When delegates are called they shall then present their letters to the Clerk for reading, and all the money sent to the Body shall be turned to the treasurer.

SECTION 5: That the roll of delegates may be called at anytime by the request of the Moderator or the Body.

ARTICLE 3
ELECTING OFFICERS AND DUTIES

MODERATOR

SECTION 1: Shall be an Ordained Minister in good standing with the Body, and shall be elected for a one year term. He shall preside over all Associational business for the year, and shall have the right to call special sessions of the body when needed.

SECTION 2: The Moderator may not appoint committees, but may fill vacancies when they occur until the next session of the Conference. Decisions made by the moderator when not in session shall comply with the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this Body.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

SECTION 1: Qualifications shall be the same as the moderator, and he shall assume the duties of Moderator in his absence, and fill the office if it becomes vacant.

CLERK

SECTION 1: Shall be an ordained Authority of this Body, and shall be elected for one year. He shall serve as the Clerk for the Association and the Conference.

SECTION 2: He shall register delegates, ministers, and deacons to the body, and upon request of the moderator or body shall call the roll in business, and notify churches, ministers, and deacons of any called special meetings of the body.

ASSISTANT CLERK

SECTION 1: Qualifications to be the same as the clerk. Shall render assistance to the clerk when requested, to assume his duties in the absence of the clerk, and to fill the office should it become vacant.

TREASURER

SECTION 1: Shall be an ordained authority of this body, and shall be elected for one year. He shall serve as the chairman of the finance committee for the Association and the Conference, keep a record of the finances for the body, make reports when needed, and keep all the debts of the body paid when due.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

SECTION 1: Qualifications to be the same as the treasurer, serve on the finance committee, assist the treasurer, to assume his duties in the absence of the treasurer, and to fill the office should it become vacant.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

SECTION 1: Shall consist of the ordained authority of this body in good standing.

SECTION 2: Are obligated to go to the different churches when called upon for the purpose of licensing ministers, ordaining ministers and deacons, and to make their report to the Association or Conference. In the event that the Clerk is not a member of the ordaining council, the council shall elect a clerk from among themselves, and he shall keep a correct record of their work, and make a report in business when needed.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: Shall consist of five ordained authorities of this body in good standing, and shall investigate only those ministers, deacons, and licensed ministers of this body, only when requested to do so by the Association, Conference, or church to which they belong, and that no committee go to a church unless it has been requested by the church to do so, and then that by the letter of the church in regular business, signed by the moderator and clerk of that church.

SECTION 2: That this committee go to the aggrieved party with the desire to reconcile them to the Lord and the Church. It is not the duty of this committee to pass judgement, but to investigate, in the Spirit of love to reconcile such as one, and to bring their report back to the body for action.

SECTION 3: This committee shall visit those Ministers or Deacons that have failed to attend the conference or Association for one year, and shall make their report to the following conference. Based upon the report, the body shall make the decision as to whether they may be dropped.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

SECTION 1: Shall be elected for one year, and may be an ordained or licensed minister of the body.

SECTION 2: Shall visit each church at least once a year, and render whatever assistance in his power upon the request of the church, and will make an effort to notify each church of his intent to visit that they may make time for him.

SECTION 3: It is the responsibility of each church to support the traveling evangelist with their prayers and financial support.

RESIDENT AGENT

SECTION 1: Shall be an ordained minister or deacon of this body in good standing. He shall be elected for one year or longer, shall have a complete knowledge of the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this body. Shall issue certificates of standing to each church when due, record his name with the Secretary of state when required to do so, and insure that this body adheres to the rules, regulations and by-laws of this body.

PRAYER MEETING, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND OBITUARY COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: May consist of two or more ministers, deacons, or sent delegates of this body, serving for the duration of the Association in business, and that the first person named to these committees shall serve as the chairmen, and that their report to be made at the proper session of business.

ARTICLE 4

MINISTERS AND DEACONS

SECTION 1: No man shall be examined for this office that has two living wives, or their wife has two living husbands. (1 Timothy 3:2, 3:12), See charter, section 5, and KJV Bible.

SECTION 2: Those Ministers or Deacons becoming involved in divorce and shall marry another, shall return their credentials, and their names be dropped from the roll of Ministers or Deacons. All credentials shall become void in these cases.

SECTION 3: All Ministers and Deacons have the right to serve on those committees which they are allowed, and that all Ministers and Deacons are subject to investigation by the Grievance Committee, if so requested by the Association, Conference, or church to which they belong.

SECTION 4: Those Ministers desiring to unite with this body shall first belong to a church in this body, and comply with the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this body before being accepted.

SECTION 5: Ministers from another denomination shall comply with Section 4, By-laws, and Section 14, Declaration of Rights, before being accepted.

SECTION 6: Those Ministers desiring to Pastor churches in this body shall come with a letter of recommendation from their association or church, and after examination upon the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this Association, by the ordained authority, may be accepted to Pastor.

SECTION 7: Ministers unable to obtain letters of recommendations from their association or church, and wish to unite with this body, must first come through a church of this body, and upon their recommendations, may be examined by the ordained authority of this body, and may be accepted, after strict examination upon the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this association.

SECTION 8: It is the duty of each Pastor to advise their candidates for the office of Elder upon the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this Association, and no candidate for this office will be considered unless they have a knowledge of the same.

SECTION 9: It is the duty of each Minister, Deacon, and Licensed Minister of this body to attend the different meetings of the body, including Ministers and Deacons meeting on the Friday before each Conference or Association, and that each Minister should make a report to the Association each year, and that report be placed in the minute. Ministers who make no report, to be placed in Ministers who made no report.

SECTION 10: That all ordained Deacons of this body provide the Clerk with their names and addresses, and the church name to which they belong, that it may be placed in the minute as ordained Deacons.

SECTION 11: Those Ministers and Deacons who fail to attend the conference or Association for one year, may be dropped from the roll, upon action of the Grievance Committee. (Article 3, By-laws Section 3)

SECTION 12: It is the duty of each Deacon in this body to have a knowledge of the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this body, seeing as their duties consist of conducting service in the absence of the pastor, receiving members, baptizing, serve the communion and feetwashing, conducting church business, and have care of the widows and orphans in time of need.

SECTION 13: It is recommended by this Body, that all Candidates for the office of Deacon, be set aside by thier Church for a period of three to six months, as it says in 1 Tim. 3:10, to let these also first be proved.

SECTION 14: It is the duty of Ministers and Deacons to stay for the duration of the Association or conference. Those needing to leave may ask permission from the Moderator.

ARTICLE 5

LICENSED MINISTERS

SECTION 1: That candidates and Licensed ministers adhere to all the rules, regulations and by-laws of this body.

SECTION 2: That candidates must first come before the ordained authority of this body, with a letter of recommendation from his church and/or conference, and after examination, he being found competent, may be licensed by the conference, for the church.

SECTION 3: Ministers for this office are placed in the care of the ordaining council at the time of their examination, and shall be turned back to the church after examination. No minister or deacon serving on the committee shall feel he is bound, and may ask those questions deemed proper for examination of the candidate, seeing as no candidate will be considered for this office that does not have a knowledge of the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this association.

SECTION 4: Those licensed ministers who make no effort to attend the different meetings of this body will not be considered for ordination.

SECTION 5: That licensed ministers of this body provide the Clerk with their name and address, along with their church name to which they belong, that it may be placed in the minute as Licensed Minister.

SECTION 6: Licensed ministers may assist in Baptism, preach Communion, but not serve the tables, may serve as pastors, but may not conduct church business.

ARTICLE 6

DELEGATES AND DUTIES

SECTION 1: Delegates shall register with the Clerk prior to the calling to order.

SECTION 2: Delegates sent to the association or conference represent their church in business, and therefore are required to stay for the duration of the business. Delegates that must leave, must request permission from the moderator to have leave.

SECTION 3: Those delegates that wish to speak in the business, must, as required by all those that speak, first obtain permission from the moderator.

SECTION 4: No person who is not a minister, deacon, or delegate to this body, is allowed to speak in the business portion of this meeting.

ARTICLE 7

MINISTERS LEAVING

SECTION 1: Ministers leaving the association, may ask for a letter of standing before leaving. Ministers desiring to Pastor in another body may ask for a letter of standing.

SECTION 2: Ministers leaving the body with a letter in good standing are urged to place their letter with another body within 4 months of leaving, as the body cannot be responsible for those ministers who leave this body, seeing as this body is under Charter from the state. Letters not placed within this period are deemed void.

SECTION 3: Ministers asking to be dismissed for whatever their reason, and leave without a letter of standing, and they desire to return to this body, they must then come through a church in this body, and comply with the rules and regulations, and by-laws, and then they may be accepted. This section shall also apply to those ministers who have had letters of recommendation, and their letters have expired.

SECTION 4: Those ministers who have become out of fellowship or who have had their credentials voided by this body, should they desire to return to the association, must come by way of the church, and having complied with all the rules, regulations, and by-laws, and have been examined by the ordaining council, after their recommendation, may be accepted. Be it known that this rule also applies to ordained deacons, as well as ministers.

SECTION 5: Be it known that the ordained authority of this body, upon examination of any candidate, has the right to place any minister or deacon under the watchcare of the association for six months, or until these have proven themselves to the body.

ARTICLE 8

CHURCHES

SECTION 1: That all churches in this body must comply with the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this Association.

SECTION 2: Those churches needing assistance from the body concerning uniting, or being organized, shall contact the Moderator of the Association, and he shall call upon the ordained authority of this body, and together they shall proceed to render the assistance required by the church.

SECTION 3: Those churches desiring to unite with this body from another association, must bring a letter of standing from their association, and they may be accepted. Those churches not belonging to another association, may unite, after examination of their organization by the ordaining council of this body, and comply with the rules, regulations, and by-laws of this body, and have elected a Pastor, may be accepted.

SECTION 4: Recognizing the right of the church, and understanding that each deacon works with the church in which they belong, that it is the right of these churches to be ever alert to the conduct of their deacons, and that it is the responsibility of each church to act upon those deacons out of fellowship, and that are neglectful of their duty. In those cases wherein the church fails to act, then it shall be the responsibility of the association or conference to which said deacon belongs to act according to the rules, regulations, and by-laws of the association.

SECTION 5: Seeing as the church has the right to call it's own ordaining council, it is the desire of the body that the churches keep a correct minute of their work, and report it to the association or conference, that these candidates may be put in the minute. Those ministers and deacons who are ordained, or licensed in the church by your called council, must then come with a letter to the association or conference, and then may be accepted, and their names placed in the minute. (Section 13, Declaration of Rights). Ministers and deacons called to the different churches for this work, shall elect a chairman from among themselves, if the pastor of that church chooses not to serve as the chairman. A clerk shall also be elected if the associational clerk is not present.

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1: that the conference meet on the fifth Saturday in those months that have a fifth Saturday, except that the conference may vote to change the conference that falls within two or three weeks before or after the association.

SECTION 2: That the conference business be conducted in the same order of business as the association, except that the officers for the association, and the committees, not be filled except there be a vacancy.

SECTION 3: That the conference elect a Moderator and Assistant Moderator at each meeting, and that the former Moderator of the previous Conference call the business to order.

SECTION 4: That the Conference has the right to present by-laws to the Association that have been considered and received from the by-laws committee.

ARTICLE 10

ASSOCIATIONAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Registration of delegates
2. Calling to order
3. Roll call of ordained ministers, deacons, and delegates
4. Electing Moderator and Assistant Moderator
5. Electing Clerk and Assistant Clerk
6. Electing Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
7. Invitation for new churches
8. Reading Conference reports and Clerk's report
9. Electing Committees
10. Sunday School
 - Prayer Meeting
 - Obituary
 - Devotional
 - Grievance Committee
11. Calling for letters
12. Adjournment for message and lunch
13. Calling to order
14. Calling roll of delegates, Ministers, and deacons
15. Calling for letters (If needed)
16. Committee reports
17. Electing Traveling Evangelist
18. Treasurer's Report
19. Invitation for Elder
20. Ordaining Council Report
21. Articles of Faith, Declarations of Rights, and Rules for Decorum read, or passed as in the Minute
22. Old Business
23. New Business
24. Place of next Association
25. Electing Messenger and Alternate
26. Expressing Thanks
27. Adjournment

This 5th day of December, 1977.

Clayton O. England
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Forest L. Denny
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STATE OF TENNESSEE, PUTNAM COUNTY

The foregoing instrument and certificate were noted in Note Book 11, Page 366 at 4:00 o'clock p.m. 1-17-1978 and recorded in Charter Book 6, Series Page 43 State Tax Paid \$ Fee Recording Fee \$5.00 Total \$5.00

Witness My hand.

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Elmer Sisco
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