

MINUTES

OF THE

Twentieth Annual Session

OLD FASHION FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

WHEN CONVENED WITH THE

Union B

Freewill Baptist Church

Overton County

September 9, 1995

Bro. Bud Hargis	Moderator
Bro. Rick Dixon	Assistant Moderator
Bro. Jeff Short	Clerk
Bro. Doug Parsons	Assistant Clerk
Bro. Gerald Copeland	Treasurer
Bro. Vaden Phillips	Assistant Treasurer

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ORDER OF ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Calling to order

Electing Moderator and Assistant Moderator

Electing Clerk and Assistant Clerk

Electing Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer

Last Association Report

Invitations for New Churches

Calling for Delegates

Election of the Committees

Evening Message

Lunch

Calling to order

Committee Reports Read

Articles of Faith, Declaration of Rights, Rules for Decorum Read

Invitation for Elders

Old Business

New Business

Treasury Report

Resident Agent Elected

Traveling Evangelist Elected

Place of the next Association

Messenger Selected

Expressing Thanks

ORDER OF CONFERENCE BUSINESS

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Messenger and Assistant Selected
Expressing Thanks
Adjournment

The Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association

September 9, 1995

The Twentieth Annual Session of the Old Fashion Freewill Baptist Association convened at the Union B Freewill Baptist Church on September 9, 1995, at 6:00 p.m. We came together with singing and prayer. At this time the meeting was called to order by Bro. Bud Hargis.

Officers Elected

Moderator	-	Bro. Bud Hargis
Alternate	-	Bro. Rick Dixon
Clerk	-	Bro. Jeff Short
Alternate	-	Bro. Doug Parsons
Treasurer	-	Bro. Gerald Copeland
Alternate	-	Vaden Phillips

Last Association Report

Read and accepted

Invitation for New Churches

None.

Calling for Delegates

Lakeview	-	Not representing
Union B	-	Read and accepted. (Sister Rhonda Vaughn)
Fairview	-	Read and accepted. (Bro. Clyde Dishman, Bro. Richard Wilson)

Electing Committees

Sunday School	-	Bro. Richard Wilson, Bro. Clyde Dishman
Prayer Meeting	-	Bro. Gerald Phillips, Bro. Darrel Melton
Obituary	-	Bro. Doug Parsons, Bro. Vaden Phillips
Temperance	-	Bro. Olmus England

Evening Message

The Lord sent a wonderful message. We all had a wonderful time and fellowship.

Break for Dinner

Had a wonderful dinner and a great fellowship one and all.

Called Back to Order

Bro. Rick Dixon called the meeting back to order.

Committee Reports

Sunday School - We the Sunday School committee submit the following report. Sunday School is a very important part of our church services. As the Bible says in 2nd Timothy, ch. 2, v. 5, "We his people should study to show ourselves approved to God. A workman needeth not to be ashamed, rightfully dividing the work of God. Let us set higher and higher standards everyday for our churches and our lives. So as not to bring reproach to the name of Jesus." Also the Bible teaches that we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the matter of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Prayer Meeting - We the Prayer Meeting committee request that all churches promote a good prayer meeting. We also believe that a prayer meeting will encourage the people to win the lost to Christ and that new converts would have a desire to unite with the churches as active members. We urge everyone to remember the scriptures, Hebrews, ch. 10, v. 25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the matter of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

Obituary - We the Obituary committee find that Bro. Chester Eldridge from the Union B Church has deceased. Also Bro. Forest Denny, Jr. from Fairview Church has deceased.

Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Declaration of Rights

Passed in the minutes.

Invitation for Elders

None.

Old Business

Bro. Bud brought to the Association's attention about the dropping of the radio broadcast due to lack of funds.

New Business

Motion made and seconded to table two missing conference letters till set date for reading them. Also, Bro. Bud ask for a letter of recommendation to the Presby of the Western Division of Stone Association to pastor a church with him. Motion carried to do so. Letter from last conference was also read so it would be legal to transfer to minutes.

Treasury Report

Read and Accepted

(94 - 95)

Balance of 09-10-94	\$736.13
Clerk Expense	\$ 75.00
Minutes	\$100.00
Post Office Box Fee	\$ 29.00

Radio Time	\$920.00
Love Offering	\$200.00
Flowers	\$ 37.50

Total Expenses	\$1361.50
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Total Offering	\$ 918.76
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Year End Balance	\$ 293.39
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Resident Agent

Bro. Jeff Short

Traveling Evangelist

Bro. Rick Dixon

Place of Next Association

Fairview Freewill Baptist Church

Messenger

Bro. Rick Dixon

Alternate

Bro. Jeff Short

Adjournment

Bro. Rick expressed great thanks for the Associational body that turned out and the Lord's blessings most of all. Then we adjourned.

Conference Report

10/29/94 At Fairview Freewill Baptist Church

Called to Order

Bro. Bud Hargis

Moderator	-	Bro. Bud Hargis
Alternate	-	Bro. Donald Presley

Last Conference Report

Didn't have in possession.

Invitation for New Churches

None.

Calling for Delegates

Union B	-	Not representing
Fairview	-	Read and accepted. (Bro. Clyde Dishman, Bro. Richard Wilson)
Lakeview	-	Not representing

Evening Message

Without charity we are nothing. We profit nothing without charity. The gifts of God.

Evening Break

Had a wonderful fellowship

Called Back to Order

Invitation of Elders

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Brought up to help Bro. Jr. Denny for expenses to help defer cost for sickness.
Motion made and seconded to give him \$200.00.

Treasury Report

Read and accepted

Place of Next Conference

Union B Freewill Baptist Church

Messenger

Bro. Donald Presley

Assistant

Bro. Bud Hargis

Adjournment

The body expressed thanks and all had a wonderful time in the Lord. The we adjourned.

Conference Report

07/29/95 at Fairview Freewill Baptist Church

Called to Order

Moderator - Bro. Bud Hargis
Alternate - Bro. Rick Dixon

Last Conference Report

Tabled till next conference because we didn't have it.

Invitation for New Members

None

Calling for Delegates

Union B - Read and accepted
Fairview - Read and accepted

Evening Message

Bro. Bud Hargis preached "Keeping your vows to God."

Dinner

Had a great dinner and fellowship.

Called Back to Order

Led by singing and prayer

Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and Declaration of Rights.

Accepted in minutes.

Invitation for Elders

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Brought up about the next conference meeting, that it was close to Association meeting that it would be dropped. Motion was made and seconded that it should be done.

Treasury Report

Read and accepted.

Place of Next Conference

Union B Freewill Baptist Church, December 30, 1995.

Messenger

Bro. Rick Dixon

Alternate

Bro. Gerald Phillips

Adjournment

Bro. Rick Dixon gave thanks for the message and being in the Lord's house. The we adjourned.

**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 Up-holder 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 judgement, 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. 1 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 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.

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 fellow-

ship 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 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 _____
 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 Rt. 9 - Box 409, Sparta, Tennessee 38583, White County.

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 Free-will Baptist Association as heretofore adopted or as may hereafter by 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.

This 5th day of December, 1977.

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 \$5.00 Total \$5.00
Witness My hand.

Receipt No. 25161

PASTORIAL LABOR - 1994-1995

UNION B - Bro. Glen Murphy
FAIRVIEW - Bro. Gerald Phillips
LAKEVIEW - None

CLERKS ADDRESSES

UNION B - Sis. Betty Phillips, Rt. 2 Box 320, Monterey, TN 38574
FAIRVIEW - Janet Parsons, 255 Short Lane, Monterey, TN 38574
LAKEVIEW -

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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TRACY LANGFORD, Rt. 1, Monterey, TN 839-3947
MELVIN BROWN, Rt. 1, Rickman, TN 498-2761
HOWARD DAILY, Rt. 7 Box 236, Cookeville, TN 38501 498-2050
EDDIE HARGIS, Livingston, TN 823-2661 823-2961
GERALD PHILLIPS, Rt. 3 Box 82, Monterey, TN 38574
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DAVID MORGAN,
RICKY DIXON, Rt. 1 Box 403d, Livingston, TN 38570 823-5094
ROBERT DODSON,
JEFF SHORT, 277 Short Lane Rickman, TN 498-2474
CURTIS DIDAN
LOTIN TINCH
DONALD PRESLEY, Livingston, TN 823-6042

LICENSED MINISTERS

DECEASED MINISTERS

WOODROW COOPER
WILLIE (BILL) McCOWAN
MARLIN MILLER
WALTER MILLER
FORREST DENNY, JR.

ORDAINED DEACONS

DOUG PARSONS, 255 Short Lane, Monterey, TN 498-2519
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ERBIN PHILLIPS, Monterey, TN 38574
VADEN PHILLIPS, 863-8011
DARREL MENTON, Monterey, TN

**CHARTERED DECEMBER 7, 1977
BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

Year	Place	Moderator
1976-1977	Union B, Monterey, TN	Rev. Talmage Phillips
1977-1978	Union B, Monterey, TN	Rev. Talmage Phillips
1978-1979	Stockton, Jamestown, TN	Rev. Olmus England
1979-1980	Fairview, Livingston, TN	Rev. Oliver England
1980-1981	Union B, Monterey, TN	Rev. Oliver England
1981-1982	Ridgedale, Crossville, TN	Rev. Olmus England
1982-1983	Union B, Monterey, TN	Rev. Melvin Brown
1983-1984	Fairview, Livingston, TN	Rev. Eugene McCowan
1984-1985	Union B, Monterey, TN	Rev. Olmus England
1985-1986	Ridgedale, Crossville, TN	Rev. Forest Denny, Jr.
1986-1987	Fairview, Livingston, TN	Rev. Forest Denny, Jr.
1987-1988	Lakeview, Livingston, TN	Rev. Olmus England
1988-1989	Union B, Monterey, TN	Rev. Olmus England
1989-1990	Ridgedale, Crossville, TN	Rev. Eugene McCowan
1990-1991	Fairview, Livingston, TN	Rev. Eugene McCowan
1991-1992	Union B, Monterey, TN	Rev. Eugene McCowan
1992-1993	Fairview, Livingston, TN	Rev. Bud Hargis
1993-1994	Union B, Monterey, TN	Bro. Vaden Phillips
1994-1995	Fairview, Livingston, TN	Rev. Bud Hargis
1995-1996	Union B. Monterey, TN	Rev. Bud Hargis

