

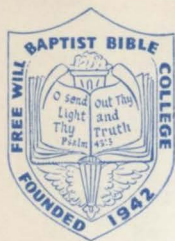
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Calling the delegates to order.
2. Electing a Moderator and Clerk.
3. Enrollment of names of Delegates.
4. Appointment of Committees on Devotional Service and making their report.
5. Reading Rules of Decorum.
7. Calling the Roll of Delegates.
8. Calling for and receiving letters from various churches.
9. Invitation for reception of Sister Churches.
10. Contribution counted, printing minutes ordered.
11. Invitation for office of Elder.
12. Appointment of place of next meeting.
13. Report on Temperance.
14. Report on Sunday School.
15. Report on Resolutions.
16. Appointment to preach Introductory.
17. Expressing Thanks.
18. Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

George McCowan—Crawford, Tenn., Route 1.
Melvin Cook—Banner Springs, Tenn.
Ras Bilbrey—Monterey, Tenn.
B. A. Moore—Cookville, Tenn.
Archie Blair—Allardt, Tenn.
Daily Norrod—Livingston, Tenn.
Oscar Smith—Allardt, Tenn.
S. J. Hall—Banner Springs, Tenn.
R. S. Hall—Banner Springs, Tenn.
L. F. Bilbrey—Monterey, Tenn.
V. V. Vaughn—Monterey, Tenn.
H. A. Johnson—Davidson, Tenn.
Logan Tinch—Stockton, Tenn.
Foyster Harris—Monterey, Tenn.
Albert Howard—Lancing, Tenn.
Reid Watson—Lancing, Tenn.
Clay Smith—Deer Lodge, Tenn.
Robert Thompson—
Barney Cooper—Jamestown, Tenn.
John Howard—Deer Lodge, Tenn.
Willie McCowan—Monterey, Tenn.
Willie Norris—Roslin, Tenn.
Hilary Phillips—Monterey, Tenn.
Verlie Phillips—
Boyd Choate—Manson, Tenn.
Ormer Allred—Manson, Tenn.
Harold Smith—Manson, Tenn.
Jerry Smith—Crawford, Tenn., Route 1.
Melvin Ooten—Allardt, Tenn.
Richard Byars—Crossville, Tenn.
Rev. Roberson—Clarkrange, Tenn.
Arvil Brown—Deer Lodge, Tenn.
E. H. Phillips—Monterey, Tenn.
Herman Hooten—Algood, Tenn.
Chester Stephens—Grimsley, Tenn.
Tommie Vaughn—Crawford, Tenn., Route 1.
Tom Conatser—Jamestown, Tenn.

CHURCH CLERKS

- Vines Ridge—Charlie Smith, Crawford, Tenn.
Highland—Susie Walker, Livingston, Tenn., Route 1.
Allardt—Rosie Lee Beeler, Allardt, Tenn.
Pleasant Green—Calvin Adams, Deer Lodge, Tenn.
Martha Washington—Emma Stepp, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Banner Springs—Lloyd Stowers, Banner Springs, Tenn.
Columbia Hill—McKinley Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.
High Point—Maggie Adams, Deer Lodge, Tenn.
Union Point—A. B. Phillips, Crawford, Tenn.
Mt. Pleasant—Frank Tinch, Allardt, Tenn.
Stockton Chapel—Alma Brannon, BenStockton, Tenn.
Union Ridge—Mrs. Sarah Phillips, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Hoovers Chapel—Sarah Hoover, Jamestown, Tenn.
Center Point—Frank Cooper, Manson, Tenn.
Coopers Chapel—Rita Cooper, Manson, Tenn.
Jonesville—Lola Norris, Roslin, Tenn.
Cook Place—Bonza Hill, Twinton, Tenn.
Shady Grove—Lloyd Bonham, Lancing, Tenn.
New Mt. Carmel—Mrs. Lum Bryant, New Mt. Carmel, Tenn.
Rinnie—Virgil Beaty, Jamestown, Tenn., York Rt.
Sharp's Place—Author Duggan, East Jamestown, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY

The association of ministers and delegates composing the Eastern Division of the Free Will Baptist church of Christ met with the Banner Springs Church, October 11, 1945.

The former Moderator, Bro. B. A. Moore, being present, proceeded to organize by electing Bro. Melvin Cook Moderator, Bro. B. A. Moore, Assistant Moderator, Reid Watson, Clerk, Chester Stephens, Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator called for enrollment of delegates and the following responded.

Union Point—Tommie Vaughn, Wilbur Philip.

Union Ridge—Claude Eldridge.

Columbia Hill—McKinley Philips.

Highland—Irvin Shelton, J. C. Smith, Hermon Harris.

Vine Ridge—Not represented.

Cook Place—Not represented.

Center Point—Frank Cooper, W. C. Whited, A. Allred, Ester Cooper, Clara Cooper, Edith Cooper.

Jonesville—Crab England.

Allardt—Dewey Anderson, Melvin Ooten.

High Point—Tommie Adams, Magie Adams.

Pleasant Green—Clay Smith, Calvin Adams.

Mt. Pleasant—Tim Tinch.

Stocktons Chappel—Raymond King.

Coopers Chappel—Ray Cooper.

Howers Chappel—Danial Hick.

Banner Springs—Lloyd Stowers, Elmer Stowers, Milford Waters.

Shady Grove—Earnest Howard.

Martha Washington—M. P. Stepp, Claude Wilson.

New Mt. Carmel—Not represented.

Rinnie—Hassie H. Turner, Sam Cox.

Sharps Chappel—Not represented.

Cross Roads Chappel—Cyrus Cooper, W. L. Hensley.

A committee was appointed on Devotion, consisting of, Chairman—1. Lloyd Stowers, 2. Ray Cooper, 3. Omer Allred. The Committee reported as follows: Friday, G. W. McCowan, Richard Byars, Chester Stephens; Saturday, Hermon Hooten, Hershel Philips and Earnest Howard; and that Bro. B. A. Moore should serve as Evangelist to preach each night of the association.

Rules of decorum were read and adopted.

A committee was appointed on temperance. Chairman. 1. Richard Byars, 2. Hermon Hooten, 3. Hershel Philips.

A committee was appointed on Sunday School. Chairman, S. J. Hall, Mattie Moore, Lloyd Stowers.

A committee on Resolution. Chairman, Clay Smith, Barney Cooper, W. C. Whited.

A committee was appointed on prayer meetings. Chairman, Frank Cooper, Joe Hicks, Tommie Adams.

Committee on Obituary. Chairman, Logan Tinch, Daily Narrod, Chester Stephens.

Committee on Finance. Chairman, Daily Narrod, Lloyd Stowers, Irvin Shelton.

A presbytery was appointed consisting of B. A. Moore, Richard Byars, Ried Watson.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. Logan Tinch.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet on Friday at 8 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY

The Association convened at 8 o'clock. After singing by the congregation and prayer by Bro. G. W. McCowan, the committee on Temperance reported and recommended that we stand on and adopt Section 13 in Declaration of rights and strictly enforce said Section. Interesting talks were given by each member of the committee.

Letters from the churches were called for and read. After preaching by Bro. McCowan, Bro. Byars and Chester Stephens, the Association was dismissed until Saturday, 8 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY

The Association met at 8 o'clock. After singing by congregation and prayer by Bro. Hershel Phillips, committee on Sunday School reported. Each member of committee made interesting talk.

The Presbytery met and recommended that Bro. Ealis Stephens be licensed by his church to preach for 1 year.

Bro. Charlie Wright was brought before the Presbytery and recommended that his church license him for one year, starting August 11, 1945.

Invitation was given for new church. Cross Road Chappel was presented and accepted.

Bro. B. A. Moore was elected as evangelist for this year.

Committee on Finance reported \$49.45 in contributions and recommended \$40.00 be spent for printing minutes and the clerk have the rest for expenses.

The committee on Resolution reported:

We, your committee on Resolution, beg leave to report as follows: Be it Resolved that we stand on the rules of Decorum in ordaining our ministers and that each church shall have a treasurer and steward and the steward shall take up a free will offering each church meeting in order that we may have money to pay our pastors and evangelists and to build more churches to work in.

We urge each church to send as much as they can to the Orphan homes.

Signed:

Clay Smith,
Barney Cooper,
Bro. W. C. Whited.

The committee on Prayer Meeting reported. We your committee on Prayer Meeting beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that each pastor and church member help to organize prayer meetings in their churches and committee.

Tomie Adams,
Frank Cooper.

Committee on Obituay reported: Sister Amie Stephens, Sister Antha Ramsey, Bertie Wenningham, Millie Adams, E. H. Vaughn, C. C. Cooper, Gibert Howard, Joe Hover, T. H. Hannock, W. B. Rhum, W. L. Tompson, John Stowers, K. P. Sims, W. T. Bowman.

The next association will be held with the Shady Grove Church, beginning Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October, 1946.

Bro. Hershel Philips was elected to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Hermoh Hooten alternate. On motion and second, the Association adjourned to meet next at the above place and time.

Melvin Cook, Moderator.
Reid Watson, Clerk.

PASTORAL LABOR

Banner Springs—Chester Stephens, pastor; R. S. Hall, Assistant.
Shady Grove—Reid Watson, Pastor.

High Point—Melvin Cook, Pastor; B. A. Moore, Assistant.

Allardt—Barney Cooper, Pastor; Oscar Smith, Assistant.

Union Point—Melvin Cooly, Pastor; G. W. McCowan, Assistant.

Union Ridge—Tommie Vaughn, Pastor; Hershel Philips, Assistant.

Pleasant Green—Melvin Cook, Pastor; Clay Smith, Assistant.

Jonesville—Melvin Cook, Pastor.

Center Point—Omer Allred, Pastor; Charlie Wright, Assistant.

Highland—Tommie Vaughn, Pastor; Hershel Philip, Assistant.

Columbia Hill—Hershel Philips, Pastor; Daily Narrod, Assistant.

Rinnie—Barney Cooper, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant—Richard Byars, Pastor; Logan Tinch, Assistant.

Hoovers Chappel—Joe Hick, Pastor; Logan Tinch, Assistant.

Stockton Chappel—Oscar Smith, Pastor; Logan Tinch, Assistant.

Cross Roads Chappel—Tom Conatser, Pastor.

Cook Place—Omer Allred, Pastor; Charlie Wright, Assistant.

Coopers Chappel—Omer Allred, Pastor; Charlie Wright, Assistant.

RULES OF DECORUM

Section 1.—No complaint shall be brought in the church against transgressing members until the aggrieved party complies with the direction given by our Lord in St. Matthew 18: 13-17.

Section 2.—It shall be the duty of the deacons of the church to go to the transgressing members, talk with them, admonish them and they shall have until the second church meeting to make reconciliation. It may be the duty of the church to choose a committee to settle of aggrieved causes. It also shall be the duty of the deacons of the church to look after the widows in their daily ministrations.

Section 3.—It shall be the duty of all persons who become members of the Freewill Baptist church who have not been baptised by immersion, and that for the answer of good conscience, to attend the ordinance.

Section 4.—We receive members into the Freewill Baptist church by conversion and by letter and recommendation. It shall be the duty of each minister on receiving members into the church to ask your applicant the following question. First, do you feel that you love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? Second, are you a believer with all your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God? Are you willing to walk in all His Holy precepts.

Section 5.—It shall be the duty of stewards to advise the church to promote means to sustain the church and preachers.

Section 6.—It shall be the duty of several churches to organize a church 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 50, and one additional for every 25 over 50.

Section 9.—No minister shall be ordained to the office of Elder until having passed a satisfactory examination upon the subject of repentance, faith, justification the door into the church, water baptism, washing the saints feet, the Lord's supper, and transaction of the church business in general.

Section 10.—That, for the purpose of receiving licentiates or ordained ministers from other denominations who come to us well recommended, we receive them and ratify their license or credential.

Section 11.—It shall be the duty of the presbytery to give a letter of dismissal and recommendation to any ordained minister in good standing wishing to leave our association.

Section 12.—No minister shall be ordained in the Freewill Baptist church without first being licensed for a period of 12 months.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1—We believe in one eternal God, the creator and upholder of all things and in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in the Holy Ghost, and that 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 man is unable to recover himself from the fallen state that he is in, by reason of sin, only by the grace of God through the exercise of faith.

Article 4—We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that immersion is the only mode of baptism; not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Article 5—We believe that no minister has the right to administer these ordinances except such as are regularly ordained.

Article 6—We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and the joys of the righteous are eternal.

Article 7—We believe that no persons are members of the Church of Christ only those who have the witness within themselves.

Article 8—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 for Saint Paul says: "But let a man examine himself, and so let Him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."—I Corinthians 11: 28.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

Section 1.—That all power of church government is inherent in the people and the preachers; that is, that they may have a right, through their representatives to establish, alter or amend their form of church government, two-thirds agreeing thereto.

Section 2.—That a Christian Church is a society of believers in Christ, and is a divine institution, Jesus Christ being at the head of the Church and the Bible the only rule of our faith and practice.

Section 3.—That no faith and doctrine shall ever be established in the Freewill Christian Baptist Church contrary to the Bible.

Section 4.—No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and obeys the Gospel should ever be deprived of church membership.

Section 5.—Every person has inalienable rights to private judgment in matters of religion and may speak freely of the same in a way that will not violate the law of God, or their country, or the rights of their fellowmen.

Section 6.—All church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be ex-communicated except for immorality, the propagation of un-Christian doctrines, neglect of duty enjoined by the Word of God, or the rules of the church.

Section 7.—The church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only as are in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, and may be necessary to carry into effect the great system of Christianity.

Section 8.—There may be three grades of Association established in the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ: First, the Monthly Association; second, the Annual Association; third, the General Association; all of which may be established by the rules of the church.

Section 9.—That the church has a right to select their leaders and delegates to the Annual Association.

Section 10.—It shall be the duty of every church to elect two Deacons and one Clerk.

Section 11.—It shall be the duty of each church to send delegates with an order to the Annual Conference.

Section 12.—It shall be the duty of the Annual Association to send to the General Association delegates with corresponding letters in order.

Section 13.—Be It Resolved that no minister be allowed to aid or abet either, direct or indirectly in the manufacture of intoxicating drinks or to indulge in the sale of them. We know by observance that it is a great hindering cause to the upbuilding of God's kingdom on earth.

A.—Be It Further Resolved that no minister or member of the Freewill Baptist Church be allowed to dram drink.

B.—Be It Further Resolved that no member of this church shall tolerate the sale or manufacture or use or sale of intoxicating drinks, such as liquors, wines or beers in their homes or on the premises.

Section 14.—It shall be the duty of any member wishing to leave the Freewill Christian Baptist Church to call for a letter before leaving.

FOR MOF LETTER TO CHURCH MEMBERS

To All Lovers of Jesus Christ: This is to certify that the beloved-----
----- is a member of the Freewill Christian Baptist
Church of Christ at-----County, State of Tenn., and is
hereby dismissed from us in full fellowship. This is done by a voice of the
entire church, the-----day of-----, 194-----
-----Moderator-----Clerk

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FORM OF LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ at-----
County, Tenn., to the Stone Association, when convened with the -----
-----Church, -----County, Tenn.

Dear Brethren: -----We have chosen our messengers
----- to represent us in your body. The statistics of
our church are as follows: Increase by profession-----; by letter-----;
by recommendation-----; by restoration-----; our decrease by letter
-----; by exclusion-----; by death-----; Total fellowship-----; our
day of meeting is-----Sunday our present pastor is Bro.-----
-----; our postoffice is-----County, Tenn.
This done by the unanimous voice of the church and signed by order of the
same on the-----day of-----, 194-----.

-----Moderator-----Clerk

Name of Church	Postoffice and Counties All in Tennessee	Counties	Incr. by Letter	Incr. by Recommendation	Increase by Profession	Decrease by Exclusion	Decrease by Letter	Decrease by Death	Total Fellowship	Day of Meeting	Orphan's Home	Contribution
Cooper's Chappel	Manson	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	4	\$1.27	\$2.00
Stockton Chappel	Ben Stockton	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	1	1.00	2.00
Mt. Pleasant	Jamestown	Fentress	0	0	0	0	1	0	28	2	3.00	2.00
Rinnie	Crossville	Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	4	3.00	3.00
Columbia Hill	Monterey, R-3	Overton	0	0	0	0	0	1	150	1	4.50	3.70
Pleasant Green	Deer Lodge	Morgan	0	0	6	0	0	1	42	1	---	3.85
Union Point	Crawford, R-1	Overton	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	3	---	3.10
Hoovers Chappel	Jamestown	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	4	---	2.00
Allardt	Allardt	Fentress	0	1	1	0	0	0	32	3	1.00	2.00
High Point	Deer Lodge	Morgan	0	0	0	3	0	0	11	3	---	2.00
Shady Grove	Lancing	Morgan	0	0	17	0	0	0	60	2	7.89	4.10
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	Fentress	0	1	4	0	0	2	94	4	4.50	3.00
Highland	Livingston, R-3	Overton	2	1	0	0	0	0	89	3	4.00	3.70
Center Point	Manson	Fentress	1	0	0	0	0	0	180	2	---	2.00
Jonesville	Deer Lodge	Fentress	0	0	6	0	0	0	28	1	5.80	2.50
Union Ridge	Monterey, R-3	Overton	0	8	0	0	0	0	31	4	3.79	2.00
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2	2.25	2.00
Cook Place	Twinton	Overton	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	3	---	2.00
Crossroads Chappel	Jamestown	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	3	1.00	2.00

