

MINUTES

— of the —

STONE ASSOCIATION 65th SESSION

(Eastern Division)

— of the —

Freewill Christian Baptist Church

Of Christ

Held With

CAVALRY CHURCH AT HANGING LIMB,

Overton County, Tennessee.

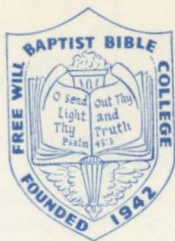
OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 1948

MELVIN COOK, Moderator Banner Springs, Tenn.

H. M. HARRIS, Clerk Livingston, Tenn.

W. E. LEDBETTER, Asst. Clerk Livingston, Tenn.

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- 2—Elec
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- 6—Call
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- 12—Con
- 13—Inv
- 14—Ap
- 15—Ap
- 16—Exp
- 17—Adj



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Hershel Phillips

Allardt
 Banner Springs—Loyd Stowers, Banner Springs, Tenn.
 Cooper's Chapel—Ray J. Cooper, Helena, Tenn.
 Columbia Hill—McKinley Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.
 Center Point—Frank Cooper, Manson, Tenn.
 Cross Roads Chapel—Laura Malone, Jamestown, Tenn.
 Cavalry—Verna Vaughn, Crawford, Tenn., Route 1.
 Catoosa—Ernestine Nelson, Wartburg, Tenn.
 Highland—Florence Ledbetter, Livingston, Tenn.
 Hoover's Chapel—Sarah Hoover, Allardt, Tenn.
 High Point—Maggie Adams, Deer Lodge, Tenn.
 Jonesville—Lola Norris, Roslin, Tenn.
 Mt. Pleasant—Frank Tinch, Allardt, Tenn.
 Martha Washington—Berris Stepp, Clarkrange, Tenn.
 Pleasant Green—Calvin Adams, Deer Lodge, Tenn.
 Rennie—Vergil Beaty, Crossville, Tenn.
 Shady Grove—Loyd Bonham, Lansing, Tenn.
 Stockton's Chapel—Ernest Crabtree, Ben Stockton, Tenn.
 Union Point—A. B. Phillips, Crawford, Tenn., Route 1.
 Union Ridge—Sarrah Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.
 Union Grove—Auda Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Melvin Cook—Banner Springs, Tenn.
Ras Bilbrey—Monterey, Tenn.
Daily Norrod—Livingston, Tenn.
S. J. Hall—Banner Springs, Tenn.
R. S. Hall—Banner Springs, Tenn.
Claude Smith—Crossville, Tenn.
Foyster Harris—Monterey, Tenn.
Barney Cooper—Jamestown, Tenn.
Hilary Phillips—Monterey, Tenn.
Verlie Phillips—Monterey, Tenn.
Omer Allred—Grimsley, Tenn.
Richard Byars—Jamestown, Tenn.
Herman Hooten—Algood, Tenn.
Tommie Vaughn—Crawford, Tenn., Route 1.
George McCowan (deceased)
Oscar Smith—Allardt, Tenn.
George K. Owens—Jamestown, Tenn.
L. F. Bilbrey—Monterey, Tenn.
V. V. Vaughn (deceased)
H. A. Johnson—Davidson, Tenn.
Logan Tinch (deceased)
Albert Howard—Lansing, Tenn.
Reid Watson—Lansing, Tenn.
Clay Smith—Deer Lodge, Tenn.
John Howard (deceased)
Willie McCowan—Monterey, Tenn.
Willie Norris—Roslin, Tenn.
Boyd Shoate—Manson, Tenn.
Harold Smith—Manson, Tenn.
Jerry Smith—Crawford, Tenn., Route 1.
Melvin Ooten—Allardt, Tenn.
Arvil Brown—Deer Lodge, Tenn.
E. H. Phillips—Monterey, Tenn.
Tom Conatser—Jamestown, Tenn.
Ernest O. Howard—Lansing, Tenn.
Ealis Stephens—Grimsley, Tenn.
Charlie Wright—Grimsley, Tenn., York Route
Joe Hicks (unknown)

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Stone Association of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church Of Christ

Sixty fifth Annual Session of the eastern division of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ held with the Cavalry Church, Overton County, Tenn., Oct. 8, 9, 10, 1948.

The ministers and delegates, composing of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church met in Annual Session on October 8th, came together by song.

Proceeded to organize by electing Bro. Melvin Cook, Moderator, Bro. Herman Hooten, Assistant Moderator, H. M. Harris, Clerk, W. E. Ledbetter, Assistant Clerk. Bro. Tommie Vaughn preached the introductory sermon. Subject, "If you love me keep my commandments." Adjourned 12:30 for lunch until 1:30. Met at 1:30, came together by singing a song titled, "I'll Live in Glory," by Cavalry choir.

The Moderator called for enrollment of delegates, the following responded:

Allardt—Fred Moody, H. N. Hoover.

Banner Springs—Loyd Stowers, Milford Waters, Tom Smith.
Coopers Chapel—Jacob Cooper.

Columbia Hill—Bird King, Charlie Murphy.

Center Point—W. C. Whited, Tilda Hoover.

Frank Cooper—Ester Cooper.

Cross Roads Chapel—by Letter

Cavalry—Floyd Padgett, Lee Howard.

Catoosa—Leo Nelson, Leonard Van Norstran.

Highland—W. E. Ledbetter, Sherlie Walker, J. C. Smith.

Hoover's Chapel—Joe Hicks, Daniel Hicks.

High Point—Paul Newman, Tommie Adams.

Jonesville—Omus England.

Mt. Pleasant—Frank Tinch, Beaty Gulfrey.

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Martha Washington—By Letter.

Pleasant Green—Calvin Adams, Thurman Lavender.

Rennie—Oscar Smith, Douglas Simcox.

Sharp's Place—Not Represented.

Shady Grove—Clifford Brown, Charles Potter, Loyd Bonham.

Stockton's Chapel—Raymond King, Ernest Crabtree.

Union Point—W. J. Looper, Emma Looper, Mary Dixon.

Union Ridge—Arlie Phillips, Tilbert Hargis.

Union Grove—Lydia Harris, Perlie Phillips.

COMMITTEES REPORTS

Committee on Resolutions: W. E. Ledbetter, Chairman; Tom Smith, Calvin Adams.

We your committee on resolutions Report as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that we stand on the rules of decorum in ordaining our Ministers and that each Church have a treasurer and Stewart, and the Stewart shall take a free-will offering each church meeting in order to have cash on hand to pay our pastors and evangelist and to build some more church buildings.

We also ask each church to send as much money as possible to the orphanage.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL

S. J. Hall, chairman; Barney Cooper, and Tom Conatser.

Friday night: Richard Byars, and Melvin Cook.

Saturday at 11:00 o'clock: Carson Whitaker and Claude Smith.

Saturday night: Hobert Tinch and Talmadge Phillips.

Sunday at 11:00 o'clock: S. J. Hall, Barney Cooper and Tom Conatser.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

Lloyd Stowers, Chairman; Tommie Adams, and W. C. Whited.

We your committee find seven of our members have passed away since we last met.

They are as follows:

Sister M. C. Stowers, Sister Tennessee Cantrell, Rev. John Howard, Rev. Logan Tinch, Bro. Daniel Hicks, Bro. Gordon Hoover, and Sister Millie Adams of which we wish to carry their names in our Minutes as deceased members.

COMMITTEE ON PRAYER SERVICE

Rev. Hobert Tinch, Chairman; Rev. Tilbert Henry, and Rev. L. E. Hammons.

BE IT RESOLVED, that each church in the Freewill Christian Baptist Associations, both Eastern and Western divisions, urge their pastors to have prayer service in their churches once a week, we believe this is very important.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

H. M. Harris, Chairman; Bud Vaughn and Rev. Herman Hooten. We your committee wish to report as follows:

We urge each member of our churches to attend Sunday School, and all Sunday School leaders visit their people and encourage them to attend, and add that we believe Sunday School is the best feeder of any church. Statistics show 75% of all churches came from folks who attended Sunday School. We further state we believe in educating our youth so they will make better church members when our churches receive them. We wish to state further: that leaders are needed in all churches and we know of no better place to teach them than in our Sunday Schools.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. Richard Bowers, Chairman; S. J. Hall and Robert Hall.

We your committee on temperance report: That we contend for the rule already adopted in Section 13 and Clause A. B. See that the declaration of rights be strictly enforced.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Floyd Padgett, Chairman; Paul Newman and Charlie Wright.

We your committee on finance report: we find a total collection for \$198.03. All of which is divided as follows:

Minutes \$40.00 worth printed, Clerk for postage and labor \$23.78; total of \$63.78; orphans home \$65.47; building and repair \$40.08. There was also a public collection made for the Orphan's Home and we received \$28.70, which makes a total for Orphan's Home \$94.17. Total collections \$198.03.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME

AT GREENVILLE, TENN.

Bro. W. E. Ledbetter made a very interesting report on his finding at the Freewill Baptist Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn., and was also elected treasurer of the funds to go to the home. If anyone has a donation for the home, please send to W. E. Ledbetter, Livingston, Tenn., Route No. 3.

BUILDING FUND

Rev. Hershel Phillips was elected Chairman of the building fund. If any one has any contributions, please send to Rev. Hershel Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.

MINISTER REPORTS

Omer Allred reports: Pastored two churches in 1947-48, conducted two revivals, eight conversions; Baptised fifteen and received them into the church. Sermons preached twenty-seven. Received for years work \$76.80.

Barney Cooper reports: 1947-1948, pastored two churches, conducted four revivals, Held seven prayer services in homes, Sermons preached—46, Received for year's work \$106.88. Funerals held, three.

Herman Hooten reports: Churches pastored two, Revivals two, members received thirteen, Baptised nine, Funerals held four. Received for year's work \$185.00.

PASTORIAL LABOR FOR 1948-1949

Allardt—Oscar Smith, pastor.

Banner Springs—Hershel Phillips, pastor; Tommie Vaughn, assistant.

Center Point—Omer Allred, pastor; Boyd Choate and Charlie Wright, assistant.

Cross Roads Chapel—Thomas Conatser, pastor.

Catoosa—Clay Smith, pastor.

Columbia Hill—Hershel Phillips, pastor; Verlie Phillips, assistant.

Cooper's Chapel—Oscar Smith, pastor; Omer Allred, assistant.

Cavalry—Omer Allred, pastor; Melvin Cook, assistant.

Hoover's Chapel—Oscar Smith, pastor; Melvin Cook, assistant.

Highland—Melvin Cook, pastor; Daily Norrod, assistant.

High Point—Melvin Cook, pastor; Clay Smith, assistant.

Jonesville—Tommie Vaughn, pastor; Ernest Howard, assistant.

Rennie—Charley Wright, pastor; Claude Smith, assistant.

Sharp's Place—Not represented.

Shady Grove—Thomas Conatser, pastor.
Stockton's Chapel—Oscar Smith, pastor; Omer Allred, assistant.

Pleasant Green—Ernest Howard, pastor; Tom Conatser, assistant.

Martha Washington—Tom Conatser, pastor; Herman Hooten, assistant.

Mt. Pleasant—Herman Hooten, pastor; Charley Wright and Omer Allred, assistant.

Union Grove—Forrester Harris, pastor; Ben Brown, assistant.

Union Ridge—Tommie Vaughn, pastor.

Union Point—Melvin Cook, pastor; Hershel Phillips, assistant.

Our next Association will be with the Pleasant Green Church, Morgan County, Tenn., on Friday before the Second Sunday in October 1949. Let's have a good representation. Rev. Carson Whitaker of the Western Division is to preach the introductory sermon.

Bro. Hobert Tinch was elected for our next evangelist for 1948-1949. Let's get behind Bro. Tinch, and help him to do us a great work in 1948-1949.

T H A N K S

We the ministers and delegates of this Association wish to express our thanks to the friendly families of Cavalry Church and also the ones in Hanging Limb for the good food and lodging we received during our stay with them and hope sometime in the near future to be with them in another association.

Adjourned Saturday, October 9, 1948.

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 baptized 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—No minister shall be ordained in the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ without first being licensed for a period of twelve months. Any ordained or licensed minister, who wishes to come to us well recommended we will receive them and ratify their credential or license.

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 11:29.

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 doctrine, 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; of all 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 their 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.

FORM OF LETTERS TO CHURCH MEMBERS

TO THE 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

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 let-
ter.....; by recommendation.....; by restoration.....; our
decrease by letter.....; by exclusion.....; by death.....;
Total fellowship.....; our day of meeting is..... Sun-
day; our present pastor is Bro.....; our post-
office is..... County, Tenn.

This done by unanimous voice of the church and signed by
order of the same on the..... day of....., 194....
..... Moderator..... Clerk

Name of Church	Post Office All In Tenn.	Counties	Inc. by Letter	Inc. by Recom.	Inc. by Prof.	Dec. by Exc.	Dec. by Letter	Dec. by Death	Fellowship	Day of Meeting	Orphan's Home	Minutes	Pd. Pastor	Bldg. Fund
Allardt	Allardt	Fentress	1	0	0	2	0	0	41	3	\$3.37	\$2.00	\$81.41	\$5.73
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	Fentress	1	0	0	0	0	1	94	4	2.00	2.00	63.77	5.50
Cooper's Chapel	Manson	Fentress	0	0	0	0	2	0	41	4	3.00	2.00		
Columbia Hill	Monterey, Route 1	Overton	0	0	8	0	0	2	158	1	0	3.60		
Center Point	Manson	Fentress	0	1	11	0	2	0	190	2	4.65	3.63	19.53	11.50
Cross Roads Chapel	Jamestown	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	3	0	0		
Cavalry	Crawford, Route 1	Overton	2	10	23	0	0	0	54	3	5.00	5.00		
Catoosa	Warburg	Morgan	0	1	4	0	0	0	26	3	0	2.00		
Highland	Livingston, Route 1	Overton	1	1	18	0	1	1	101	1	5.00	3.86	120.00	
Hoover's Chapel	Jamestown	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	1	33	4	2.00	2.50		
High Point	Deer Lodge	Morgan	0	0	10	0	0	0	22	2	4.50	2.00		
Jonesville	Deer Lodge	Morgan	0	1	0	0	0	0	28	3	4.50	4.00	65.00	7.00
Mt. Pleasant	Jamestown	Fentress	0	2	5	0	0	0	32	2	10.00	2.50	79.17	
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	Fentress	0	0	2	0	0	0	27	2	1.70	5.85	130.61	
Pleasant Green	Deer Lodge, Route 1	Fentress	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	1	5.00	2.00		
Rennie	Crossville	Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	4	2.45	2.00		
Sharp's Place	Jamestown	Fentress	0	0	2	0	0	0	77	1	4.50	2.00		
Shady Grove	Lansing	Morgan	0	0	1	0	0	0	37	1	2.00	2.00		
Stockton's Chapel	Ben Stockton	Fentress	0	3	3	0	0	0	32	2	0	4.00		
Union Grove	Monterey, Route 3	Overton	6	3	3	0	0	0	35	3	0	5.00	120.00	
Union Point	Crawford, Route 1	Overton	2	1	11	0	4	2	135	3	0	5.00	120.00	
Union Ridge	Monterey, Route 3	Overton	0	7	9	0	0	0	61	4	7.80	6.05	122.66	12.35
Totals			14	27	107	2	9	9	1233	53	65.47	63.78	802.15	40.08

