

Minutes

of the

Sixty-Ninth Annual Session of the

(EASTERN DIVISION)

of the

STONE ASSOCIATION

of the

*Freewill Christian
Baptist Church of Christ*

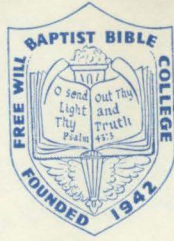
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RENNIE CHURCH

FENTRESS COUNTY, CROSSVILLE, TENN., R. 1

OCTOBER 9, 10, 11, 12, 1952

REV. TOMMY VAUGHN, ModeratorMonterey, Tenn.
REV. HERMAN HOOTEN, Asst. Moderator ...Algood, Tenn.
BRO. CORDELL WHITE, ClerkClarkrange, Tenn.
BRO. LOYD STOWERS, Asst. Clerk ..Banner Springs, Tenn.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Wilburn Phillips

THIRD DAY:

Committee Reports:

1. Report on Temperance.
2. Report on Sunday Schools.
3. Report on Resolutions.
4. Report on Obituaries.
5. Report on Prayer Meeting.
6. Contributions counted; Minutes ordered.
7. Appointment for next meeting place.
8. Expressing thanks.
9. Adjournment.

MINUTES

The sixty-ninth annual session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ met with the Rennie Church, of Fentress County, Tennessee, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1952, and proceeded to organize by electing Rev. Tommy Vaughn, Moderator; Rev. Herman Hooten, Assistant Moderator; Bro. Cordell White, Clerk, and Bro. Loyd Stowers, Assistant Clerk.

DELEGATES

Banner Springs—Loyd Stowers.

Allardt—Loyd Beeler.

Center Point—W. C. Whited.

Cross Roads—Elmer Rich, Wheeler Conatser.

Columbia Hill—Marvin Murphy.

Cooper's Chapel—Wayne Choate, Ray Cooper.

Calvary—Lee Howard, Evora Howard.

Hoover's Chapel—Sarah Hoover.

Highland—J. C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ledbetter.

High Point—Tommie Adams, Thurman Lavender.

Jonesville—Dorothy Beaty, Flossie England.

Mt. Carmel—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

Mt. Pleasant—Beaty Guffy, Lydia Atkins.

Martha Washington—Cordell White, Clara Baldwin.

Rinnie—Hansel Smith, Hershel Harville.

Stockton Chapel—Willie Cooper.

Union Point—W. J. Looper, Oliver McCowan, Thurman Key.

Union Grove—Dora Murphy, Lancy Smith.

Union Ridge—Claude Eldridge, Joe Human.

Woody Community—Not represented.

A Committee on Devotional Service was appointed. Rev. Tommy Vaughn, chairman; Bro. Jack Taylor, Rev. Oscar Smith.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Omer Allred, from second chapter of St. Mark.

The Committee on Devotion reported as follows: Thursday night, Rev. Herman Hooten, Rev. Wilborn Stepp. Friday, 11:00 A.M., Rev. Barney Cooper, Rev. Robert Hall. Friday night, Rev. Luther Cox, Rev. L. F. Bilbrey. Saturday, 11:00 A.M., Rev. Oliver England, Rev. Willard Norris. Saturday night, Rev. Daily Norrod, Rev. Hershel Phillips. Sunday, 11:00 A.M., Rev. Hobert Tinch, Rev. Travis Conatser.

The following committees were appointed: Committee on Resolutions—Rev. Omer Allred, chairman; Rev. Robert Hall, Rev. Dailey Norrod. Committee on Obituary—Bro. W. C. Whited, chairman; Bro. W. J. Looper, Bro. Thurman Key; Committee on Sunday School—Rev. Herman Hooten, Chairman; Rev. Foyster Harris, Rev. Travis Conatser. Committee on Prayer Meeting—Rev. (Sis.) Sarah Jane Hall, Chairman; Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Clara Baldwin; Committee on Temperance—Rev. Willard Norris, Chairman; Rev. Wilborn Stepp, Bro. Tommie Adams; Committee on Finance—Rev. Barney Cooper, Chairman; Bro. Oliver McCowan, Bro. Hershel Harville.

A Presbytery was appointed as follows: Rev. Hershel Phillips, Chairman; Rev. L. F. Bilbrey, Rev. Barney Cooper, Rev. Willard Norris, Rev. Robert Tinch.

Met Friday at 9:00 A.M. Opened by song. The Moderator read from 15th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Rev. Barney Cooper. Called roll of delegates. Called for letters. Adjourned business for preaching service.

Prayer by Rev. Jerome Todd. Rev. Barney Cooper read Bible from Acts 5th chapter, and delivered sermon. Following him Rev. Robert Hall delivered sermon without reading from Bible. Adjourned for lunch.

Opened by song at 2:00 P.M. The Moderator read from 17th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Rev. Daily Norrod. Finished reading church letters. All accepted.

Bro. Oliver England was examined by the Presbytery and was accepted in the Association as an ordained minister.

By request of former pastor, the Association sent Rev. Oliver England as pastor of the Woody Community Church.

Invitation for new churches.

Invitation for office of elder. Read Rules of Decorum. Motion to adjourn until Saturday.

Opened by song at 9:00 A.M. The Moderator read 7th chapter of St. Matthew. Prayer by Rev. Charlie Wright.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg to advise our preachers and members to not only admonish temperance in intoxicating drinks, but also in their talks or anything whereby our brethren might be offended.

Willard Norris, Chairman; W. H. Stepp, Tommie Adams.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Be it resolved, That we urge each church member of our churches to attend Sunday School, and each church leader to visit their members and encourage them to attend some Sunday School, and add, we believe Sunday School is the best feeder of any church. We wish to state further that our church leaders are not as many as we would like to see. By training in the proper way we can have some new leaders.

Rev. Herman Hooten, Chairman; Rev. Foyster Harris,
Rev. Travis Conatser.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to report as follows: We agree to stand on the former resolutions, and ask the Association to adapt this solution and making it more resolute in carrying our church work.

Rev. Omer Allred, chairman; Rev. Robert Hall,
Rev. Daily Norrod.

OBITUARY

We find that seven of our members have passed away since our last Association. Union Point—Henry Bilbrey, William Lambers, and Myrtle Key. Union Ridge—Rev. Verlie Phillips. Cooper's Chapel—J. Cooper. Banner Springs—Alice Stowers.

Bro. W. C. Whited, Chairman; Willie Joe Looper, Thurman Key.

PRAYER MEETING

We urge and insist that each church member of our churches hold regular meetings in the churches and communities, for we believe that prayer is the key that unlocks heaven's door.

Sister Sarah J. Hall, Chairman; Mrs. Chas. Smith, Clara Baldwin.

Preaching at 11:00 A.M. Opened by song. Prayer by Bro. Buss Beaty. Rev. Oliver England read from 2nd chapter II Kings as text for sermon, followed by Rev. Willard Norris and Bro. Bud Manis.

Came together at 2:00 P.M., with singing. The Moderator read from first chapter of St. John. Prayer by Bro. Thurman Key.

REPORT FROM MINISTERS

Rev. Tommie Vaughn pastored three churches, helped in eight revivals, conversions witnessed unknown, sermons preached, 79; home visits, unknown; miles traveled, unknown. I have baptized 14, took into church, conducted 7 funerals. Received from Mt. Carmel Church at Grimsley, \$85.00; received from Rennie Church, \$77.46; received from Union Grove Church, \$19.85; other offerings received, \$113.54; total, \$295.79.

Rev. Daily Norrod pastored four churches, helped hold eight revivals, witnessed 29 professions; members recorded, 24; conducted 2 funerals; married one couple; baptized 12; preached 104 sermons. received from churches: Western Division: Cross Roads, \$162.00; Union Hill, \$207.86; Eastern Division, Union Ridge, \$61.09; Martha Washington, \$45.22; Woody Community, \$6.92; other offerings, \$62.09. Total, \$545.18.

Rev. Omer Allred: I have pastored three churches; have helped conduct four revivals; conversions, I don't remember; homes visited, unknown; miles traveled, unknown; conducted three funerals; preached 72 sermons. Received from Jonesville Church, \$34.75; from Highland Church, \$135.17; from Union Point Church, \$108.28; others freewill offerings, \$47.00. Total, \$324.20.

EVANGELIST REPORT

Our evangelistic work was very interesting to us. Visited each church once, and some of them twice. We went to our church on the pastor's day. We found church buildings in need of repair. Some still in school houses. Build a house to worship the Lord in. Asking you as a pastor to still insist for Sunday School and prayer services; give the Lord his part and you'll receive yours. Offerings from each church were as follows: Allardt, none; Banner Springs, \$8.75; Cross Roads Chapel, \$5.25; Center Point, \$5.55; Columbia, \$2.75; Cooper's Chapel, none; Calvary, \$7.50; Hoover's Chapel, none; Highland, \$11.55; High Point, \$6.13; Jonesville, \$3.50; Mt. Carmel, none; Mt. Pleasant, \$3.25; Martha Washington, \$4.50; Rennie, \$8.70; Stockton Chapel, \$5.50; Union Point, \$6.05; Union Grove, \$6.32; Union Ridge, \$7.34; Woody Community Church, none. Total, \$92.61. We hope and trust God that you as a church support and help to bear your pastor's expenses to and from the church.

Your evangelist, Rev. Charlie Wright.

Rev. Barney Cooper was appointed for your traveling evangelist for the coming year.

The next meeting of the Association will be with the Martha Washington Church. The Rev. Charlie Wright was appointed to preach the introductory sermon on Thursday before the second Sunday in October.

THANKS

We, the ministers and delegates, wish to thank the good people of Rennie for the good food and lodging furnished us during our stay with them. We hope to be with them again at Martha Wash-

ington in 1953. We also want to thank God for giving us one of our best Associations it has ever been our privilege to attend. Our work being finished, we adjourn.

IN MEMORY

My dear and loving husband, Verla Phillips, is gone, but I'll meet him up in heaven. When the shadows of my heart are falling brings memory of one I love, my sweetheart so dear. He's gone on before to that heavenly home above. Though the Master has called him to heaven above he is still in my heart, and when I meet him up there in that beautiful land I know we shall never part. I know my sweetheart is happy up there where the birds eternally sing, and where there is never heard a discouraging word, and the sweet golden bells ever ring, and when my work is ended and I am called to go, my toils on earth will be ended, and I know he will meet me with love and he will greet me when I reach that bright golden shore.

The bereaved Mrs. Verla Phillips.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ras Bilbrey, Monterey, Tenn.
Daily Norrod, Clarkrange, Tenn.
R. S. Hall, Banner Springs, Tenn.
S. J. Hall, Banner Springs, Tenn.
Wilburn Stepp, Banner Springs, Tenn.
Claude Smith, Crossville, Tenn.
Foyster Harris, Monterey, Tenn.
Barney Cooper, Crossville, Tenn., R. 1.
Hillary Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.
Omer Allred, Grimsley, Tenn.
Herman Hooten, Algood, Tenn.
Tommie Vaughn, Monterey, Tenn.
Oscar Smith, Allardt, Tenn.
L. F. Bilbrey, Crawford, Tenn.
Clay Smith, Deer Lodge, Tenn.
Willie Norris, Roslin, Tenn.
E. H. Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.
Tom Conatser, Jamestown, Tenn.
Charlie Wright, Grimsley, Tenn.
Joe Hicks, Jamestown, Tenn.
Talmadge Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.
Travis Conatser, Manson, Tenn.
Willard Norris,
Luther Cox, Crossville, Tenn.
Oliver England, Crossville, Tenn., R. 1.

DECEASED MINISTERS

Melvin Cook, Banner Springs, Tenn.

Richard Byars, Jamestown, Tenn.

George McCowan, Monterey, Tenn.

V. V. Vaughn, Monterey, Tenn.

Logan Tinch, Ben Stockton, Tenn.

John Howard, Lancing, Tenn.

Jerry Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.

Verlie Phillips, Monterey, Tenn.

PASTORAL LABOR FOR 1952-53

Allardt—Oliver England, Pastor; Barney Cooper, Assistant.

Banner Springs—Herman Hooten, Pastor.

Center Point—Willard Norris, Pastor; Hershel Phillips, Assistant.

Cross Roads Chapel—Hobert Tinch, Pastor; Travis Conatser, Assistant.

Columbia Hill—Louis Bilbrey, Pastor; Foyster Harris, Assistant.
Cooper's Chapel—Travis Conatser, Pastor; Barney Cooper,

Assistant.

Calvary—Hershel Phillips, Pastor; Omer Allred, Assistant.

Hoover's Chapel—Travis Conatser, Pastor; Barney Cooper, Assistant.

Highland—Hershel Phillips, Pastor; Omer Allred, Assistant.

High Point—Barney Cooper, Pastor; Clay Smith, Assistant.

Jonesville—Charlie Wright, Pastor.

Mt. Carmel—Omer Allred, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant—Oscar Smith, Pastor; Hobert Tinch, Assistant.

Martha Washington—Herman Hooten, Pastor; Daily Norrod, Assistant.

Rennie—Omer Allred, Pastor; Oliver England, Assistant.

Stockton Chapel—Oscar Smith, Pastor; Wilborn Stepp, Assistant.

Union Point—Omer Allred, Pastor.

Union Grove—Omer Allred, Pastor; Foyster Harris, Assistant.

Union Ridge—Daily Norrod, Pastor; Clayton Padgett, Assistant.

Woody Community—Oliver England, Pastor.

CHURCH CLERKS

Allardt—Rosalee Beeler; Banner Springs—Mrs. Bertie Cook; Center Point—Frank Cooper; Cross Roads Chapel—Earlene W. Doss; Columbia Hill—Leva Stephens; Cooper's Chapel—Bonnie King; Calvary—Verna Vaughn; Hoover's Chapel—Sarah Hoover; Highland—F. E. Ledbetter; High Point—Maggie Adams; Jonesville—Lola Norris; Mt. Carmel—Lydia Wright; Mt. Pleasant—Lillie Guffy; Martha Washington—Alene White; Rennie—Virgle Beaty; Stockton's

Chapel—Sylvia King; Union Point—Wilburn Phillips; Union Grove—Polly Phillips; Union Ridge—Mrs. Arlie Phillips; Woody Community Church.

FINANCE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, find \$146.07 total in all. For Minutes, \$78.49; for Orphans Home, \$67.58. Committee orders \$66.49 worth of minutes printed; \$12.00 for Clerk's expenses.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REPORT

The Quarterly Conference met with various churches during the past year. At Martha Washington December 29, 1951, with eight churches represented, and six ministers present. At Allardt March 29, 1952, with eight churches represented, and 13 ministers present. At Mt. Pleasant June 28, 1952, with 13 churches represented, and 13 ministers present. At Cross Roads Chapel August 30, 1952, with 14 churches represented, and 12 ministers present. We wish to extend our thanks to the people of all these churches for the good food and lodging we had during our stay.

REV. CHARLIE WRIGHT, Clerk.

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 aggrieved causes. It shall also 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 questions: 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 the 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 subjects of repentance, faith, justification, the door to 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 by letter from association or conference, 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 rules 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 Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ only those who have the witness within themselves.

Article 8—We believe that all Christians 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."—1 Cor. 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 an 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 as may be necessary to carry into effect the great system of Christianity.

Section 8—There may be three grades of Associations 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 had 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 every church to send delegates with an order to the Annual Association.

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 in 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
_____, 195____. _____ Moderator
_____, Clerk.

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

Dear Brethren: _____ We have chosen our messen-
gers _____ 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 Post Office is
_____ County, Tenn.

This done by voice of the church present and signed by order of
the same on the _____ day of _____, 195____
_____, Moderator; _____
Clerk.

STATISTICS

Name of Church	Post Office All in Tennessee	County	Inc. by Letter	Inc. by Recom.	Inc. by Prof.	Inc. by Res.	Dec. by Exc.	Dec. by Letter	Dec. by Death	Fellowship	Orphans' Home	Minutes	Paid Pastor	Day of Meeting	Other Ministers	Other Expenses
Allardt	Allardt	Fentress	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	\$5.00	\$3.00	3	3	...
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	Fentress	0	1	10	0	0	0	1	51	...	5.00	111.60	2-4	\$ 8.00	\$37.00
Cooper's Chapel	Manson	Fentress	11	0	15	0	0	0	1	49	1.75	3.50	...	4	...	...
Columbia Hill	Monterey, R. 1	Overton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148	...	3.00	...	1	...	...
Center Point	Manson	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	135	3.35	3.35	...	2	...	...
Cross Roads Chapel	Jamestown	Fentress	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	30	2.00	3.00	26.00	3	...	...
Calvary	Crawford	Overton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	3.00	6.50	97.51	3	...	20.64
Highland	Livingston, R. 3	Overton	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	110	6.00	5.05	135.17	4	...	33.82
Hoover's Chapel	Jamestown	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	2.00	2.23	...	4	...	...
High Point	...	Morgan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	5.00	2.20	...	1-3	...	...
Jonesville	...	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	6.00	5.50	36.50	2	...	...
Mt. Carmel	Grimsley	Fentress	4	1	6	0	0	0	0	112	10.80	8.80	85.00	1	...	50.00
Mt. Pleasant	Jamestown	Fentress	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	6.00	4.25	17.03	2	...	14.15
Martha Washington	Clark Range	Fentress	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	38	...	5.00	121.63	...	...	61.44
Rennie	Crossville, R. 1	Fentress	1	1	9	1	0	0	0	74	4.50	3.00	77.46	4	...	...
Union Grove	Monterey, R. 3	Overton	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	35	1.90	3.11	40.25	2	...	...
Union Point	Crawford	Overton	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	157	4.08	4.50	108.38	3	...	74.10
Union Ridge	Monterey	Overton	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	83	5.00	4.00	61.80	4	...	...
Stockton's Chapel	Ben Stockton	Fentress	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	49	1.50	3.50	...	...	...	...

