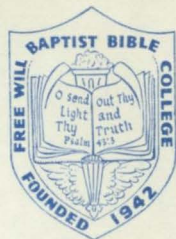


Minutes
of the
Seventieth Annual Session of the
(EASTERN DIVISION)
of the
STONE ASSOCIATION
of the
**Freewill Christian
Baptist Church of Christ**
When Convened With
Martha Washington Church
FENTRESS COUNTY, CLARKRANGE, TENN.
OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 11, 1953

REV. HERMAN HOOTEN, ModeratorAlgood, Tenn.
REV. DAILY NORROD, Asst. ModeratorClarkrange, Tenn.
BRO. A. M. HARRIS, ClerkLivingston, Tenn., R. 3
BRO. BARNEY COOPER, Asst. ClerkClarkrange, Tenn.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Wilburn Phillips

THIRD DAY:

Committee Reports:

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

MINUTES

The Seventieth Annual Session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ met with the Martha Washington Church of Fentress County, Tenn., Oct. 8, 9, 10, 11, 1953, and proceeded to organize by electing Rev. Herman Hooten, Moderator; Rev. Dally Norrod, Asst. Moderator; H. M. Harris, Clerk; Rev. Barney Cooper, Asst. Clerk; after which the roll was called for the Churches and their delegates. The following responded,

DELEGATES

Allardt—Tom Price, Arvil Price.

Banner Springs—Loyd Stowers, Theodore Hall.

Cooper's Chapel—Wayne Choate.

Columbia Hill—Sam Stephens, Wallace Stephens, Leva Stephens.

Center Point—W. C. Whitehead.

Cross Roads Chapel—David Wright, Carson Cooper.

Calvary—Ova Key, Evora Howard.

Highland—J. C. Smith, S. M. Walker, W. E. Ledbetter, H. M. Harris.

Hoover's Chapel—Sarrah Hoover.

High Point—Marie Robbins, Minnie Lavendar.

Jonesville—Marie Beaty.

Mt. Carmel—Jim Smith.

Mt. Pleasant—Lillie Guffey, Onita Tinch.

Martha Washington—Agnes Smith, Clara Baldwin.

Rennie—Hansel Smith, Rilda Harvill, Bertha Beaty.

Union Grove—Att Looper, Donald Whitaker.

Union Point—Silas McCowan, Clyde Looper, Allie Mae McCowan.

Union Ridge—Ethridge Phillips, Cordell Hargis.

Stockton's Chapel—Raymon King.

Woody Community—Mrs. B. L. McDonald, Mrs. Arthur Richardson.

Rev. Charlie Wright was not present to preach the introductory Sermon. Sister Sarrah J. Hall was chosen to take his place reading lesson from 27th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel—Text "Not my will but thy will be done." On motion the Association adjourned for noon to meet at 1:30.

Met at 1:30. Came together by singing song "Rock of Ages." The Moderator read lesson from 1st chapter of Isaiah after which the following committees were appointed.

Presbytery—Daily Norrod, Chariman; Omer Allred, Barney Cooper, Willard Norris and W. E. Ledbetter.

Temperance—Tommy Vaughn, Chairman; W. B. Vaughn and Loyd Stowers.

Sunday School—Sarrah Jane Hall, Chairman; J. C. Smith and Clara Baldwin.

Resolutions—Oliver England, Chairman; W. H. Stepp and W. C. Whitehead.

Orbituary—Silas McCowan, Chairman; Allie Mae McCowan and Sarrah Hoover.

Prayer Meeting—Willie Norris, Chairman; Marie Robbins and Marie Beaty.

Finance—Casto S. Key, Chairman; Sam Stephens and Wallace Stephens.

Devotional was read as follows:

Thursday Night—Rev. Travis Conatser, followed by Rev. Omer Allred.

Friday at 11 A. M.—Rev. Barney Cooper, Rev. W. H. Stepp.

Friday Night—Rev. Luther Cox, Rev. Tommy Vaughn.

Saturday at 11 A. M.—Rev. Haskel Miller, Rev. R. S. Hall.

Saturday Night—Rev. Oliver England, Rev. Hershel Phillips.

Sunday at 11 A. M.—Rev. Willard Norris, Rev. Buss Beaty.

Association adjourned the Thursday Session.

Friday 9 A. M. Came together by song service led by Casto S. Key, after which the Moderator read part of the 133rd Psalm. Prayer led by Rev. R. S. Hall. The moderator called for the Clerk to read all church letters which were read and approved by the Association, then the Association adjourned for 11 o'clock preaching service.

The minister and delegates met at 1 P. M. and took up business. The Moderator read 14th chapter of John. Prayer by Rev. Bilyeu, a visiting minister.

Invitation to the office of Elder was given but no one responded.

It was moved and second that the association order the Clerk to write a letter for Rev. Tommy Vaughn, one of our best loved ministers, recommending him to the Western Division of the Stone Association, which carried. The letter was written by and signed by the Moderator and delivered to Bro. Vaughn in person. We regret very much to give him up, but it was for his convenience.

Saturday 9 A. M. after reading, and prayer by the Moderator, it was moved and seconded that the Rules of Decorum be read by the Clerk, which was done.

Moved and Seconded that a committee be appointed to revise the Rules of Decorum, and passed. The following Committee was appointed: Bro. W. E. Ledbetter and H. M. Harris who recommends to drop Section 6 from the rules as we don't use it any more, which passed.

Articles of Faith read and approved. No changes.

Declaration of Rights read. No Changes.

Saturday 1:30 P. M. After singing and prayer, led by Sister Sarrah Jane Hall the Moderator asked for committee reports.

Temperance, same as in the 1952 report.

Resolution, same as in the 1952 report.

Prayer Meeting, same as in the 1952 report.

Visiting Delegates from the Western Division, Rev. Carson Whitaker and Rev. Carlos Webb, were given seats as one of our body and both made very interesting talks, also Bro. and Sister I. L. Stanley and pre-school children of the Orphanage.

Rev. Herman Hooten was chosen for our next Evangelist.

The next meeting of our Association will be with the Union Point Church, five miles north of Monterey in Overton County, Tenn. Introductory Sermon: Rev. Daily Norrod; Rev. Luther Cox, alternate.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We, the ministers and delegates, wish to thank the good people of Martha Washington, for the good food, and lodging, furnished us during our stay with them. We hope to be with them again at Union Point in 1954. We also want to thank God for giving us one of our best associations it has been our privilege to attend. Our work being finished, we adjourn.

ORDINATION

At the Quarterly Conference held with the Allardt Church on August 29, 1953, Cordell White was ordained as a Deacon in Martha Washington Church.

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.

RESOLUTION

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. Dally Norrod.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Committee on Sunday School, believe that the Sunday School is the most wonderful organized program in the church. For in this cause you can reach so many with God's word that you sure can't reach otherwise. It sure backs up the church.

Sarah Jane Hall, Chairman; J. C. Smith, Mrs. Clara Baldwin.

OBITUARY

We find that six of our members have passed away since our last association. Banner Springs—Venie Brown, Cooper's Chapel—Dave Cooper, Columbia Hill—Jane Vaughn, Hoover's Chapel—John Hall, Union Point—George Presly, Isan Looper.

Bro. Silas McCowan, Chairman; Allie Mae McCowan, Sarrah Hoover.

FINANCE REPORT

We, your committee on Finance find all contributions totals \$203.76; for Minutes \$65.00; for Orphan's Home \$120.36. The Clerk to have \$18.40 for expenses.

Casto S. Key, Chairman;
Sam Stevens, W. A. Stevens.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST'S WORK

As a traveling Evangelist I find it very interesting work and also find it is a needed work. I have found most of the Churches having Sunday School and some have begun their Sunday school this year and most are having prayer meeting and some have started Prayer meeting this year. I found some churches in need of a new house, some still using the school house and buildings need repairing, and we as a Church and association and being God's people should get more interested in those needs and help. We find much more to do as an evangelist than just preach to the people. We hope that what we have said through the help of the Lord will help the people get more interested in the Lord's work than ever before. If we would get more interested in the Lord's work and lost people have more revivals we would see more people saved. I have received for my work \$88.67, traveling expense unknown, but God provided the way and I being willing to Sacrifice have visited each church in the association.

Rev. Barney Cooper, Traveling Evangelist

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. Daily Norrod: Pastored three churches, preached 108 sermons, helped hold eight revivals, witnessed 36 professions, baptized 10, conducted 2 funerals. Received as offering from churches: Western Division: Union Hill \$260.58; Cross Roads \$142.87. Eastern Division: Union Ridge \$38.03; other offerings \$159.05. Total, \$600.53.

Rev. Omer Allred: I have pastored four churches, helped conduct three revivals, conversions I don't remember; miles traveled unknown; homes visited unknown. Received 10 into the church; preached three funerals. Received from Mt. Carmel church \$61.71; from Union Grove \$27.30; from Union Point \$111.07; from Rennie \$30.46. Total, \$230.54. Preached 57 sermons in all. Pray for me the coming year.

Rev. Tommie Vaughn: Pastored one church, helped in five revivals, received members in church 7. Baptized 4; preached 3 funerals; preached 104 sermons. Offering received \$724.00.

Rev. Oliver England: Pastored two churches, held 1 funeral and helped in 2 more; worked in 10 revivals; witnessed 112 professions; baptized 31. Sermons preached unknown; offerings unknown; miles traveled unknown.

Rev. Willard Norris: Pastored one church and had a wonderful time in the Lord during the past year giving Him the thanks for it all. Conducted one revival, worked in other revivals; conversions unknown; conducted one funeral. Sermons preached unknown; offering received unknown. Remember me in prayer.

PASTORAL LABOR FOR 1953-54

Allardt—Rev. Oliver England, Pastor; Rev. Barney Cooper, Assistant.
Banner Springs—Rev. Daily Norrod, Pastor; Sister S. J. Hall, Assistant.

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

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

Columbia Hill—Rev. Foyster Harris, Pastor; Rev. Luther Cox, Assistant.

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

Calvary—Rev. Oliver England, Pastor; Rev. Hershel Phillips, Assistant.

Hoover's Chapel—Rev. Travis Conatser, Pastor; Rev. Oliver England, Assistant.

Highland—Rev. Hershel Phillips, Pastor; Rev. Oliver England, Assistant.

High Point—Rev. Oliver England, Pastor; Rev. Barney Cooper, Assistant.

Jonesville—Rev. Oliver England, Pastor; Rev. Travis Conatser, Assistant.

Mt. Carmel—Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor; Rev. Luther Cox, Assistant.

Mt. Pleasant—Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor.
 Martha Washington—Rev. Dally Norrod, Pastor.
 Rennie—Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor; Rev. Barney Cooper, Assistant.
 Stockton's Chapel—Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor; Rev. W. H. Stepp, Assistant.
 Union Point—Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor; Rev. Hershell Phillips, Assistant.
 Union Grove—Rev. Luther Cox, Pastor; Rev. Foyster Harris, Assistant.
 Union Ridge—Rev. Clayton Padgett, Pastor; Rev. Oliver England, Assistant.
 Woody Community—Rev. Oliver England, Pastor; Rev. Willard Norris, Assistant.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Ras Bilbrey, Monterey, Tenn.
 Dally 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.
 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.

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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.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Allardt—Eloise Hoover; Allardt, Tenn.
 Banner Springs—Luther Crabtree; Banner Springs, Tenn.
 Center Point—Frank Cooper; Manson, Tenn.
 Cross Roads Chapel—Earlene W. Dodd; Helena, Tenn.
 Columbia Hill—Leva Stevens; Monterey, R. 3, Tenn.
 Coopers Chapel—Bonnie King; Manson, Tenn.
 Calvary—Evora Howard; Crawford, R. 1, Tenn.
 Hoovers Chapel—Sarrah Hoover; Jamestown, Tenn.
 Highland—Florence Ledbetter; Livingston, R. 3, Tenn.
 High Point—Maggie Adams; Deer Lodge, Tenn.
 Jonesville—Flossie England; Deer Lodge, R. 1, Tenn.
 Mt. Carmel—Lydia Wright; Grimsley, Tenn.
 Mt. Pleasant—Lillie Guffey; _____, Tenn.
 Martha Washington—Alene White; Clarkrange, Tenn.
 Rennie—Virgil Beaty; Rennie, Tenn.
 Stockton's Chapel—Sylvia King; Jamestown, R. 1, Tenn.
 Union Point—Wilburn Phillips; Monterey, Tenn.
 Union Grove—Mrs. Auda Phillips; Monterey, R. 3, Tenn.
 Union Ridge—Mrs. Arley Phillips; Monterey, Tenn.
 Woody Community—Avo Padgett; Crossville, Tenn.

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 _____
 _____ Church.

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.

We paid our pastor last year \$ _____

This done by voice of the church present and signed by order of
 the same on _____ day of _____, 195_____.
 _____, Moderator; _____
 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 the different church clerks to keep correct minutes of all their church meetings in a book kept for that purpose.

Section 7—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 8—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 9—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 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 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.

S T A T I S T I C S

Name of Church	Post Office All in Tennessee	County	Inc. by Letter	Inc. by Recon.	Inc. by Profession	Inc. by Res.	Dec. by Exc.	Dec. by Letter	Dec. by Death	No. in Fellowship	Orphans' Home	Minutes	Paid Pastor	Day of Meeting	Other Ministers	Other Expenses
Allardt	Allardt	Fentress	1	11	1	1	1		52			\$ 6.00	\$ 59.00	3		\$50.00
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	Fentress					1	48	10.00	5.35	177.00	4	\$300.00			
Cooper's Chapel	Manson	Fentress		7			1	55	3.00	2.00		4				
Columbia Hill	Monterey, R. 3	Overton	1				9	140		3.00		1				
Center Point	Manson	Fentress					8	127	2.10	4.95		2				
Cross Roads Chapel	Helena	Fentress		1	1	3		31	3.00	2.00	55.00	3				
Calvary	Crawford	Overton		3			2	73		5.75	116.00	4				
Highland	Livingston, R. 3	Overton		2			2	109	5.25	7.75	103.00	4	53.00	8.00		
Hoover's Chapel	Jamestown	Fentress						33		4.30		1				
High Point	Deer Lodge	Morgan						21	3.00	2.00		1				
Jonesville	Jamestown	Fentress		1	7			28	4.00	6.00		2				
Mt Carmel	Grimsley	Fentress		2			1	113	11.95	9.26	62.00	1	59.00			
Mt. Pleasant	Jamestown	Fentress		1				22	3.50	3.50		2				
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	Fentress		4				42	17.00	5.10	139.00	13	60.00			
Rennie	Crossville, R. 1	Fentress	1	2				78	4.05	5.00		4				
Union Grove	Monterey, R. 3	Overton			1			36	3.00	3.00	27.00	2				
Union Point	Crawford	Overton		7			2	164	3.75	6.25	104.00	3-1	168.00			
Union Ridge	Monterey	Overton						83	1.75	4.76	38.00	4				
Stockton's Chapel	Ben Stockton	Fentress						49	3.25	2.50		1				
Woody Community	Crossville, R. 1	Cumberland	11	6				40	1.50	3.00		2				
Totals			2	15	51	3	4	23	7	1344	\$80.10	\$91.47	\$880.00		\$640.00	\$58.00

