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Minutes

of the

Seventy-Fifth Annual Session

EASTERN DIVISION

of the

STONE ASSOCIATION

of the

FREE WILL CHRISTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

When Convened With

Highland Church

LIVINGSTON, OVERTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

October 9, 10, 11, 1958



REV. DAILY NORROD, Moderator	Clarkrange, Tenn.
REV. OLIVER ENGLAND, Asst. Moderator	Crossville, Tenn.
REV. DONALD WHITTAKER, Clerk	Monterey, Tenn.
REV. CHARLIE WRIGHT, Asst. Clerk	Grimsley, Tenn.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST DAY:

1. Calling Delegates to order.
2. Electing Moderator and Clerk.
3. Enrollment of Delegates.
4. Appointment of all committees.
5. Presbytery appointed.

SECOND DAY:

1. Calling Roll of Delegates.
2. Calling for letters from Churches.
3. Invitation for new Churches.
4. Invitation for office of Elder.
5. Reading rules of Decorum.

THIRD DAY:

Committee Reports:

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

MINUTES

The Seventy-Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ met with the Highland Church, Overton County, State of Tennessee, on Oct. 9, 10, 11, 1958. The former Moderator, Rev. Daily Norrod, being present called the house to order. After singing and prayer proceeded to organize by electing Rev. Daily Norrod, Moderator, Rev. Oliver England, Asst. Moderator, Rev. Donald Whittaker, Clerk, Rev. Charlie Wright, Asst. Clerk.

DELEGATES

After calling the roll of Churches the following delegates represented the following Churches.

Alhardt—Ida Beeler, Rosalee Smith.
Anderson—William McCowan, Edwan Hargis.
Banner Springs—By letter.
Calvary—Center Bowman, Nanie Bowman, and Hailey Smith.
Center Point—Frank Cooper, A. L. Duty.
Columbia Hill—Foil Harris, Media Harris.
Cooper Chapel—Wayne Choate.
Cross Road Chapel—Carson Cooper.
Highland—Jessie Dixon, W. E. Ledbetter.
High Point—Minnie Lavender.
Hoover Chapel—Sarah Hoover.
Jonesville—Olnus England, Haskel Miller.
Martha Washington—Liza Miller, Burton Miller.
Mineral Springs—C. C. Miley.
Mt. Carmel—Jim Smith, Sam Stephens, Paul Smith, Martha Allred, and Ertie Ledford.
Muncie, Ind.—Orlie Bilbrey, Deloice Bilbrey.
Rennie—Herman Wilson, Treva Wilson.
Stockton Chapel—Sylvester Wright, Vencie Wright.
Tinch Town—Lilie Guffy, Onitea Tinch.
Un.on Grove—Carson Howard, Hollis Buckner.
Union Point—Elmer Tinch, Hoyt Looper, and Wilburn Phillips.
Union Ridge—Ethridge Phillips, Winnie Phillips, Flora Hargis.
Woody Community—Richman Bilbrey, Irean Bilbrey.

Adjourned at 11:00 A.M. for preaching service. Song by the body. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Omer Allred, reading from 2nd Thessalonians 2d chapter: Be not deceived: God is is not mocked: For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap.

Met at 1:00 o'clock P.M. Called to order by Moderator: Singing by Congregation. Scripture reading by Moderator from 95th Psalms. Prayer by Donald Whittaker.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL REPORTS

Thursday night, 7 o'clock—Rev. Richard R. Cordell, Rev. James Oliver McCowan.

Friday at 11:00 o'clock—Rev. Charlie Wright, Rev. Ben Allred.

Friday Night, 7 o'clock—Rev. Barney Cooper, Bro. Cecil Speck.

Saturday at 11:00 o'clock—Rev. Oliver England, Rev. Donald Whittaker.

Saturday Night, 7 o'clock—Rev. Dally Norrod, Rev. James Phillips, and Bro. Lemon Cravins.

Sunday at 11:00 o'clock—Rev. E. H. Phillips, Rev. Thurman Key.

REV. OMER ALLRED, Chairman,

BRO. W. E. LEDBETTER

BRO. CECIAL SPECK, Committee

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Committee on Temperance: Rev. E. H. Phillips, Chairman, Rev. Omer Allred, Rev. Oliver England.

Committee on Sunday Schools: Bro. W. E. Ledbetter, Chairman, Rev. Charlie Wright, Rev. Cordell Hargis.

Committee on Resolutions: Rev. James Oliver McCowan, Chairman, Rev. Richard R. Cordell, Rev. Donald Whittaker.

Committee on Obituary: Sister Martha Allred, Chairman, Sister Nanie Bowman, Sister Deloise Bilbrey.

Committee on Prayer Meeting: Bro. Herman Wilson, Chairman. Bro. Haskel Miller, Rev. Ben Allred.

Committee on Finance: Bro. Frank Cooper, Chairman, Bro. Byrd King, and Bro. Hoyt Looper.

Presbytery was Appointed: Rev. Oliver England, Chairman, Rev. Omer Allred, Rev. Dally Norrod, Rev. Donald Whittaker and Rev. Charlie Wright.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn to meet at 9:00 A.M. Friday.

FRIDAY

Met at 9:00 A.M. Friday. Called to order by Moderator. Singing by body, "I Feel Like Traveling On", Scripture Reading, 1st Chapter St. John's Gospel. Prayer by Rev. Oscar Smith.

CHURCH LETTERS CALLED

The Moderator called for church letters from various churches.

Allardt—Read and passed.

Anderson—Read and passed.

Banner Springs—Read and passed.

Calvary—Read and passed.

Center Point—Read and passed.

Columbia Hill—Read and Passed.

Cooper's Chapel—Read and passed.

Cross Roads Chapel—Revised and Passed.

Highland—Read and Passed.

High Point—Read and passed.

Hoover Chapel—Read and Passed.

Jonesville—Read and passed.

Martha Washington—Read and passed.

Mineral Springs—Read and passed.

Mt. Carmel—Read and passed.

Muncie of Indiana—Revised and passed.

Rennie—Revised and passed.

Stockton Chapel—Revised and passed.

Tinch Town—Read and passed.

Union Grove—Read and passed.

Union Point—Revised and passed.

Union Ridge—Read and passed.

Woody Community—Read and passed.

Adjourned for 11:00 A.M. preaching. Met at 1:15 P.M. Friday. Called together by singing. "When we all get to Heaven." Moderator read scripture from 20th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, followed by the altar prayer.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

No New Church Responded.

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

Bro. James W. Phillips, Bro. Marlin Miller and Bro. Claude Wilson, responded, after passing examinations were ordained and to be placed in Minutes. Also Bro. Talmadge Bowman who was ordained this past year was accepted in the Association and to be placed in Minutes.

Remains standing to transact our business as it is in our Minutes the First, Second and Third Day.

Rules of Decorum Read. With Section 9 amended to read, that before issuing license to any one the Presbytery shall be called by the church to examine applicants. Done by motion and seconded. Total vote 17, 12 votes for, 5 opposed, passing by a two thirds majority.

Motion to adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Saturday.

SATURDAY

Called together at 9:00 A.M. by congregation singing, "I'll Be Satisfied." Moderator read scripture from 1st chapter Psalms, prayer by Bro. Claud Wilson.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST

I have visited 22 Churches in our Association. I have found it to be interesting work and needful.

The condition of the churches fair; some without Sunday Schools

some without Prayer meeting. I noticed some of the Churches need repairs, witnessed a number of professions had a wonderful time in the Lord. I need the prayers of all God's people. Offering for Evangelistic work \$218.75.

REV. GILBERT MATA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Bro. E. H. Phillips, Chairman, made a nice talk on Temperance. Subject, "Be Temperate in All Things," followed by Bro. Oliver England, and Bro. Omer Allred, and that the committee ordered that it stand as in our Minutes.

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.

REV. E. H. PHILLIPS, Chairman,
REV. OLIVER ENGLAND,
REV. OMER ALLRED.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bro. W. E. Ledbetter made a nice talk on Sunday Schools followed by the Committee, and that it stand as in our Minutes.

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 can't reach otherwise. It sure backs up the church.

BRO. W. E. LEDBETTER, Chairman,
REV. CHARLIE WRIGHT,
REV. CORDELL HARGIS.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn for 11:00 o'clock preaching.

SATURDAY EVENING

Called together by singing. Moderator read scripture from 10th chapter of St. Matthew's gospel. Prayer by Bro. Buss Beaty.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION

We, Your Committee on Resolution, beg to report as follows: We agree to stand on the Former Resolution, and ask the Association to adopt this resolution and make it more resolute in carrying our church work, and to remain standing with ministers who do not make a report to be placed in Minutes as Ministers who made no report. We also ask that the Association adopt this resolution that Ministers who fail to represent for two consecutive sessions of our Association be dismissed from roll of Ordained Ministers.

REV. JAMES OLIVER McCOWAN, Chairman,
REV. RICHARD R. CORDELL,
REV. DONALD WHITTAKER.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, Your Committee on Obituaries, find that eight of our members have passed away in the past year.

Sister Margaret Cooper, of Cooper Chapel.

Sister Synthia Hatfield, of Cross Roads Chapel.

Sister Elsie Brown, of Highland.

Bro. Robert Howard, and Sister Dora Howard, of High Point.

Sister Alta Smith, of Mt. Carmel.

Sister Turse Miller, of Union Grove.

Sister Alice Hinds, of Stockton Chapel.

SISTER MARTHA ALLRED, Chairman,

SISTER NANIE BOWMAN,

SISTER DELOICE BILBREY.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We, Your Committee on Prayer Meeting, urge and insist that prayer is needed more regular throughout our communities. We feel that prayer meeting is needed at least once a week in all our Churches for we feel that prayer is the key that unlocks Heaven's Door.

BRO. HERMAN WILSON, Chairman,

BRO. HASKEL MILLER,

BRO. BEN ALLRED.

FINANCE REPORT

We, Your Committee on Finance, find \$160.89 for the Freewill Baptist Home for Children, and \$95.66 for Minutes. We recommend that the clerk have \$70.00 worth of Minutes printed and that he keep the balance of 25.66 for his expenses.

BRO. FRANK COOPER, Chairman,

BRO. BYRD KING,

BRO. HOYT LOOPER.

Bro. E. H. Phillips, was appointed for our Traveling Evangelist for the year 1958 and 1959.

Moved that we make an offering for Freewill Baptist Home for Children. Offering was made \$16.87.

It was voted that our next Association be held with the Stockton's Chapel Church, at Ben Stockton, Fentress County, State of Tennessee.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Bro. Donald Whittaker, followed by Bro. Oscar Smith.

Recognized and welcomed Bro. John L. Barnes, Bro. Hermon Hooten, Bro. Carlos Webb, Bro. Carson Whittaker, Bro. Tommie Vaughn, Bro. Ben Brown, Bro. Buss Beaty, Bro. John Phillips, Bro. Daws Bridges, all visiting ministers.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We, the Ministers and Delegates, wish to thank the Good People of Highland for the good food and lodging furnished during our stay with them. We hope to see you all at Stockton's Chapel next year. May God bless you all is our prayer.

Our work being ended, motion made that we adjourn until the time and place appointed above.

MINISTER'S REPORTS

I have pastored 3 churches, preached 154 sermons, helped conduct 10 revivals, witnessed 50 professions, baptised 11, received 11 members in the church, conducted 6 funerals, I have helped to ordain 4 ministers and 3 deacons. I have preached in 23 churches in the past year. Received offering from Martha Washington Church \$69.42. From Union Hill \$192.33, from Mt. Carmel \$196.76, from Anderson of Ind. \$161.00, from Prince Albert of Dayton, Ohio, \$228.00. Other offerings \$213.70. Total offerings for year \$1,061.21.

REV. DAILY NORROD, Clarkrange, Tenn.

I have pastored 2 churches, helped conduct 4 revivals, witnessed 25 professions, Baptized 10. Preached 76 sermons, I have preached 6 funerals, married 3 couples, received from Highland church \$188.16, from Center Point \$55.21, other offerings \$64.71. Total offerings for year \$508.08, miles traveled unknown. Homes visited unknown. I desire your prayers.

REV. OMER ALLRED, Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 1, Box 132

I have pastored 2 churches, helped conduct 3 revivals, worked in several other revivals, helped ordain 2 Brethren for Ministers, witnessed a number of souls saved, sermons preached unknown, homes visited unknown, miles traveled unknown. Conducted 4 funerals; worked in Sunday School and prayer meeting, offering for years work Jonesville church \$38.50. Cross Roads Chapel \$60.20 other offerings \$24.96 total offerings \$123.66. I desire your prayers.

REV. CHARLIE WRIGHT, Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 1, Box 130

I was pastor of 1 church, helped in several revivals, witnessed 14 conversions, preached 49 sermons, received 5 members in the Banner Springs Church. Received offerings from Banner Springs church \$149.43. Other offerings \$159.91. Total of offerings for the years \$309.34. I desire the prayers of All God's people.

REV. LUTHER COX, Crossville, Tenn., Rt. 3

I have pastored 4 churches, witnessed 164 professions. I have baptized 42, held 12 funerals, and helped in 6 other funeral services. I have married 2 couples. I have held 17 revivals. I have had a wonderful time in the Lord. Miles traveled unknown. Offerings received unknown.

REV. OLIVER ENGLAND, Crossville, Tenn., Rt. 1

I have pastored 3 churches, helped conduct 4 revivals, witnessed 17 professions, preached 114 sermons, baptized 27. Married 1 couple, received offerings for years work \$168.58.

REV. DONALD WHITTAKER, Monterey, Tenn., Rt. 3

I pastored 1 church, and Assistant pastored 1 church. Preached 101 sermons, witnessed 31 professions conducted 4 revivals; baptized 21, received 18 in the Anderson, Ind. church, conducted 2 funerals received offering from the Anderson church \$300.00. Other offerings total \$549.88. Total \$849.88. I had a wonderful time in the Lord. I desire the prayers of God's people.

REV. JAMES OLIVER McCOWAN, Anderson, Ind.

I have pastored 1 church, and assistant pastored 1 church, helped conduct 3 revivals. Witnessed 31 professions, baptized 5. Received 9

members in the church preached 39 sermons. Received as offering for years work \$47.49.

REV. CORDELL HARGIS, Monterey, Tenn.

I have preached 39 sermons, baptized 13, conducted 1 revival. Conducted 1 funeral, witnessed 12 professions. I received for offerings the past year \$56.82. Pray for me that I will do more for the cause of Christ.

REV. RICHARD R. CORDELL, Anderson, Ind.

As I have not pastored any church being crippled, I could not go much. Preached 15 sermons, witnessed souls saved. Conducted 1 funeral. Offering for the year \$30.00. I desire your prayers.

REV. BEN ALLRED, Grimsley, Tenn.

I was ordained January 26, 1958. After this time I pastored 2 churches. Helped conduct 3 revivals. Witnessed 56 conversions. Preached 74 sermons, baptized 15, took 13 members into the Mt. Zion Church, and 4 members into the Mt. Pleasant Church. Held prayer services in several homes. I visited several churches. I had a 30 minute Radio program for 39 successive weeks. Miles traveled unknown. Received as offering \$180.00. Had a wonderful time in the Lord. I desire the prayers of God's people.

REV. TALMADGE BOWMAN, Rockwood, Tenn.

I was ordained in this Association. I preached under license the past year. Sermons preached unknown. I have conducted 1 revival. Witnessed 9 professions. Preached in various churches and held prayer services. Offering for year's work. \$59.00.

REV. JAMES W. PHILLIPS, Muncie, Ind.

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORTS

Ras Bilbrey
R. S. Hall
S. J. Hall
Wilburn Sepp
Claude Smith
Barney Cooper
Oscar Smith
Willie Norris
E. H. Phillips

Joe Hicks
Talmadge Phillips
Travis Conatser
Willard Norris
Bill McCowan
Thurman Key
Leelen Green
Claude Wilson
Marlin Miller

PASTORAL LABOR FOR 1958-59

Allardt—Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor.

Anderson—Rev. James Oliver McCowan, Pastor; Rev. Richard R. Cordell, Asst.

Banner Springs—Rev. Luther Cox, Pastor; Rev. Luther Crabtree, Assistant.

Calvary—Rev. Talmadge Phillips, Pastor; Rev. Donald Whittaker, Assistant.

Center Point—Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor; Rev. E. H. Phillips, Asst.

Columbia Hill—Rev. Donald Whittaker, Pastor; Rev. E. H. Phillips, Assistant.

Cooper's Chapel—Rev. Gilbert Mata, Pastor.

Cross Roads Chapel—Rev. Travis Conatser, Pastor.
 Highland—Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor; Rev. Daily Norrod, Asst.
 High Point—Rev. Oliver England, Pastor, Rev. Daily Norrod, Asst.
 Hoover's Chapel—Rev. Joe Hicks, Pastor; Rev. Oliver England, Asst.
 Jonesville—Rev. Travis Conatser, Pastor; Rev. Charlie Wright, Asst.
 Martha Washington—Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor.
 Mineral Springs—Rev. Talmadge Phillips, Pastor; Rev. Donald Whittaker, Asst.
 Mt. Carmel—Rev. Daily Norrod, Pastor; Rev. Omer Allred, Asst.
 Muncie—Rev. William Simmonds, Pastor; Rev. Leelen Green, Asst.
 Rennie—Rev. Luther Cox, Pastor.
 Stockton's Chapel—Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor; Rev. Luther Crabtree, Assistant.
 Tinch Town—Rev. Charlie Wright, Pastor.
 Union Grove—Rev. E. H. Phillips, Pastor; Rev. Omer Allred, Asst.
 Union Point—Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor; Rev. Donald Whittaker, Assistant.
 Union Ridge—Rev. Gilbert Mata, Pastor; Rev. Donald Whittaker, Assistant.
 Woody Community—Rev. Cordell Hargis, Pastor; Rev. Talmadge Bowman, Asst.

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.
 Barney Cooper—Crossville, Tenn.
 + Omer Allred—Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 1, Box 132.
 Oscar Smith—Allardt, Tenn.
 Willie Norris—Rosline, Tenn.
 + E. H. Phillips—Monterey, Tenn.
 Charlie Wright—Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 1, Box 130.
 Joe Hicks—Jamestown, Tenn.
 + Talmadge Phillips—Crawford, Tenn.
 Travis Conatser—Jamestown, Tenn.
 Willard Norris—Crab Orchard, Tenn.
 + Luther Cox—Crossville, Tenn., Rt. 3.
 + Oliver England—Crossville, Tenn., Rt. 1.
 Bill McCowan—Monterey, Tenn., Rt. 3.
 + Donald Whittaker—Monterey, Tenn.
 + James Oliver McCowan—R.R. 1, Box 67, Anderson Ind.
 + Gilbert Mata—Rt. 4, Box 351, Anderson, Ind.
 Cordell Hargis—Monterey, Tenn., Rt. 3.
 + Thurman Key—Rt. 1, Box 107, Anderson, Ind.
 Richard R. Cordell—Rt. 2, Box 296-A, Anderson, Ind.
 Leelen Green—Rt. 1. Muncie, Ind.
 Ben Allred—Grimsley, Tenn.
 + Talmadge Bowman—Rockwood, Tenn.
 + James W. Phillips—Muncie, Ind.
 Marlin Miller—Crawford, Tenn.
 Claude Wilson—Dayton, Ohio.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Allardt—Clancy Beeler, Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 2.

Anderson—Mary Sue McCowan, 713 Louise St., Anderson, Ind.
 Banner Springs—Milford Waters, Banner Springs, Tenn.
 Calvary—A. G. Bowman, Crawford, Tenn.
 Center Point—Frank Cooper, Livingston, Tenn., Star Route, Box 2
 Columbia Hill—Jonnie Mae Vaughn, Monterey, Tenn., Rt. 3.
 Cooper Chapel—Clella King, Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 3.
 Cross Roads Chapel—Bechel Creselious, Rt. 3, Jamestown, Tenn.
 Highland—Florence Ledbetter, Livingston, Tenn., Rt. 3.
 High Point—Minnie Lavender, Deer Lodge, Tenn.
 Hoover's Chapel—Sarah Hoover, Allardt, Tenn.
 Jonesville—Marie Beaty, Clarkrange, Tenn., Rt. 1, Box 153.
 Martha Washington—Golda Stepp, Clarkrange, Tenn.
 Mineral Springs—Levirden McCowan, Monterey, Tenn., Rt. 3
 Mt. Carmel—Lyda Wright, Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 1, Box 130.
 Muncie, Ind.—James Stephens, Muncie, Ind.
 Rennie—Daisy Stults, Crossville, Tenn., Rt. 1.
 Stockton Chapel—Sylvia King, Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 1.
 Tinch Town—Lillie Guffey, Jamestown, Tenn., Rt. 1.
 Union Grove—Carson Howard, Monterey, Tenn., Rt. 3.
 Union Point—Wilburn Phillips, Crawford, Tenn., Rt. 1.
 Union Ridge—Flora Hargis, Monterey, Tenn., Rt. 3.
 Woody Community—Irena Bilbrey, Crossville, Tenn., Rt. 1.

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 a 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 and 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. Also before issuing license to any one the Presbytery shall be called by the church to examine applicants.

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 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."—I 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 laws 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 directly 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 LETTER 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.

STATISTICS

Name of Churches	Post Offices All in Tennessee except two	County	Inc. by Letter	Inc. by Recom.	Inc. by Profession	Inc. by Rest.	Dec. by Exc.	Dec. by Letter	Dec. by Death	No. in Fellowship	Home for Children	Minutes	Day of Meeting	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Other Ministers	Building Repair
Allardt	Allardt	Fentress								46	\$ 3.33	\$ 2.00	3	\$ 33.14	\$ 7.19	\$	
Anderson, Ind.	Anderson, Ind.	Indiana								69	20.00	10.00	All	300.00	41.05	628.45	516.40
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	Fentress	3					2	1	115	43	15.35	3.00	149.43	5.50	14.65	58.56
Calvary	Crawford	Overton						2		115	10.00	5.00	4	37.50	10.00	62.45	32.36
Center Point	Manson	Fentress						1	1	41	7.75	4.50	2	55.91	7.50		
Columbia Hill	Monterey	Overton						1	1	108	3.88	3.40	1	51.18	7.50	7.00	179.47
Cooper Chapel	Jamestown	Fentress						1	1	90	2.75	3.00	3	60.20	16.70		
Cross Road Chapel	Jamestown	Fentress						1	1	48	4.70	2.00	3	183.65	5.37	12.20	16.00
Highland	Livingston	Overton						2	1	106	19.00	6.10	1-4	82.05	13.61	31.95	109.00
High Point	Deer Lodge	Morgan							2	20	5.00	2.00	3	10.00	2.00	2.00	2.50
Hoover's Chapel	Jamestown	Fentress						1		32	2.65	2.50	2	38.50	6.00		
Jonesville	Deer Lodge	Morgan						1		33	6.95	4.00	4	69.42	9.37		
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	Fentress								35	2.37	2		5.36	12.00	78.30	
Mineral Springs	Monterey	Overton								20	10.75	10.50	1-3	196.76	11.16	16.05	
Mt. Carmel	Grimsley	Fentress						5	1	164	21.00	5.00	All	93.78	23.95	101.61	1,026.50
Mt. Carmel	Muncie, Ind.	Indiana						2	2	24	1.00	4.45	4	48.55	5.95		500.00
Rennie	Crossville	Cumberland								95	3.00	4.00	1		5.82		
Stocktons Chapel	Ben Stockton	Fentress						2	1	31	9.00	4.00	2		7.25		
Tinch Town	Jamestown	Fentress						1	1	68	3.00	4.00	1		7.25		
Union Grove	Monterey	Overton						1	1	71	3.06	3.06	2	59.02	4.50	13.19	30.00
Union Point	Crawford	Overton						2	2	161	5.46	5.50	3	95.69	4.78	71.58	17.15
Union Ridge	Monterey	Overton						1		78	1.65	4.50	4	36.65	13.19	7.35	
Woody Community	Crossville	Cumberland								46	2.00	2.00	3	19.75	4.00	5.00	
TOTALS			36	3	184	25	10	1544	\$160.89	\$95.60	\$1,625.79	\$218.75	\$985.48	\$2.7			

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