

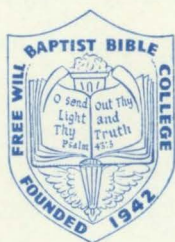
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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **First Day**

- 1. Calling Delegates to Order**
- 2. Electing Moderator and Clerk**
- 3. Enrollment of Delegates**
- 4. Appointment of all Committees**
- 5. Presbytery Appointed**
- 6. Calling for Letters from Churches**
- 7. Invitations for new Churches**
- 8. Invitation for Office of Elders**
- 9. Reading Rules of Decorum**

### **Second Day**

#### **Committees Reports**

- 1. Calling Roll of Delegates**
- 2. Report of Evangelist**
- 3. Report on Temperance**
- 4. Report on Sunday School**
- 5. Report on Resolutions**
- 6. Report on Obituaries**
- 7. Report on Prayer Meeting**
- 8. Contributions Counted, Minutes Ordered**
- 9. Report of Presbytery**
- 10. Miscellaneous Business**
- 11. Traveling Evangelist Appointed**
- 12. Appointment of Next Meeting Place**
- 13. Introductory Sermon**
- 14. Expressing Thanks**
- 15. Adjournment**

## MINUTES

The Eighty Seventh Annual Session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church met with the Rinnie Church, Cumberland County, Crossville, Tennessee, Route No. 1, on October 9-10, 1970. The Former Moderator The Rev. Omer Allred being present called the house to order with Congregational Singing. Scripture was read and Prayer was offered by the Rev. Herman Hooten. The Association proceeded to organize by electing the Rev. Omer Allred, Moderator, Rev. Donald Whittaker Assistant Moderator, Rev. Talmadge Bowman Clerk, Rev. Cecil Speck Assistant Clerk.

## DELEGATES

With the calling of the roll of Churches, The following Delegates represented the following Churches.

ALLARDT: No Delegates

BANNER SPRINGS: Stella Young, Rosie Hall.

CALVARY: Burris Howard, Neoma Guffey, Mary Bowman, Ova Key, Tina Vaughn.

CENTER POINT: Hettie King.

CIRCLE DRIVE: Martha Hargis, Lucile Bilbrey.

COOPER'S CHAPEL: Betty Cravens, Sadie Cooper, Elaine Cooper.

CROSS RD'S CHAPEL: Jack Byrd.

FAIRVIEW: Marie Looper, Faye McCowan.

HIGHLAND: Jerry Harris, Bessie Harris, Mary Harris.

HIGHPOINT: Marie Robbins.

JONESVILLE: Junior Nash.

LIVINGSTON: Leelen Green, Mable Green.

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Golda Stepp, Bertha Cross.

MIDWAY: Willard Roberts, Daily Ashburn.

MINERAL SPRINGS: Ina Stephens, Brenda Norrod.

MT. CARMEL: General Sims.

MT. PLEASENT: No Delegates.

RINNIE: Lonzo Lowe, Virgil Beaty.

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Bennie A. Shephard, Raymond Crabtree, Delmer Miller.

TINCH TOWN: Gordon York, Allen Smith.

UNION B: Winnie Phillips.

UNION CHAPEL: Joan England.

UNION GROVE: Hollis Buckner, Ruthie Norrod, Nellie Looper.

UNION POINT: A. P. Looper, Lou Looper.

VICTORY: Roberta Miller, Savannah Miller.

WOODY: Willie Watson.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED

### COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. Hoyt Looper, Chairman, Rev. Talmadge Phillips, Rev. Oliver England.

### COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bro. Tilford Smith, Chairman, Bro. Elmer McCowan, Rev. Lellen Green.

### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Cecil Speck, Chairman, Rev. Melvin Brown, Rev. Talmadge Bowman.

### COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Sister Ova Key, Chairman, Sister Ruthie Norrod, Sister Tina Vaughn.

### COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING

Rev. Leeman Cravens, Chairman, Bro. Coleman Looper, Bro. Hollis Buckner.

### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rev. Cordell Hargis, Chairman, Bro. Author Key, Bro. A. P. Looper.

### PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

Rev. Donald Whittaker, Chairman, Rev. Leeman Cravens, Rev. Cecil Speck, Rev. Luther Cox, Rev. Hoyt Looper.

### DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Rev. Omer Allred, Chairman, Bro. Lonzo Lowe, Bro. Virgil Beaty.

## DEVOTIONAL REPORT

FRIDAY NIGHT: 7 P.M. Rev. Hershel Phillips, Rev. Oliver England.  
SATURDAY MORNING: 11:00 A.M. Rev. Leeman Cravens.  
SATURDAY NIGHT: 7 P.M. Rev. Bill McCowan, Rev. Hoyt Looper.  
SUNDAY MORNING: 11:00 A.M. Rev. Donald Whittaker.

### CHURCH LETTERS CALLED FOR

ALLARDT: not represented.  
BANNER SPRINGS: Read and Passed.  
CALVARY: Read and Passed.  
CENTER POINT: Read and Passed.  
CIRCLE DRIVE: Read and Tabled on Condition Pending.  
COOPER'S CHAPEL: Read and Tabled on Condition Pending.  
CROSS RD'S CHAPEL: Read and Passed.  
FAIRVIEW: Read and Passed.  
HIGHLAND: Read and Passed.  
HIGH POINT: Read and Passed.  
JONESVILLE: Read and Tabled on condition pending.  
LIVINGSTON: Read and Passed.  
MARTHA WASHINGTON: Read and Passed.  
MIDWAY: Read and Passed.  
MINERAL SPRINGS: Read and Passed.  
MT. CARMEL: Read and Passed.  
MT. PLEASANT: Not represented.  
RINNIE: Read and Passed.  
STOCKTON CHAPEL: Read and Passed.  
TINCH TOWN: Read and Passed.  
UNION B: Read and Tabled on Condition Pending.  
UNION CHAPEL: Read and Passed.  
UNION GROVE: Read and Passed.  
UNION POINT: Read and Tabled on condition Pending.  
VICTORY: Read and Tabled on condition pending.  
WOODY: Read and Passed.

### ADJOURNED at 11:00 A.M. FOR INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Talmadge Bowman.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at 1:00 P.M. with the Moderator calling the session to order. Song by the Congregation. The Moderator read Scripture from Eph. 4th Chapter. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Luther Cox.

### INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None Responded

### INVITATIONAL FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

Bro. Roy Bright, came before the Presbytery to be Ordained to the Ministry after examination. He was Ordained to the full Ministry of the Gospel. He came from the Victory Church at Rockwood, and will now Pastor the Victory Freewill Baptist Church.

Bro. Woodrow Cooper came before the Presbytery to be Ordained to the Ministry. After examination he was Ordained to the full Ministry of the Gospel. He came from the Cooper's Chapel Church of Fentress County. And will now Pastor the Cooper's Chapel Church.

Rev. Donald Whittaker, Chairman  
Rev. Cecil Speck  
Rev. Leeman Cravens  
Rev. Luther Cox  
Rev. Hoyt Looper

## RULES OF DECORUM READ

The rules of the Decorum was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept them as read and voiced by the Association.

A motion was made to adjourn until Saturday morning at 11:00 A.M.

## SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order at 9 A.M. with congregational singing. The Moderator read Scripture from St. John 10th Chapter, Prayer was led by the Rev. Daily Norrod.

## REPORT OF THE EVANGELIST

I have been unable to visit all the Churches of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association this year because of bad health most of the year although God has been good to me and blessed wonderful the Churches and myself, had it not been for the prayers of the Churches I would not have been able to visit but few Churches. I am so well pleased with the Churches I have visited, good attendance good Sunday Schools in all the Churches I visited the ones with full time Pastors are in better shape in many ways. Please pray for the boys in service and for lost people.

Rev. Marlin Miller

Rt. 1, Box 98, Crawford, Tenn. Phone 445-3367

A motion was made and seconded to accept his report as read and voiced by the Association.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. Hoyt Looper the chairman, and Rev. Oliver England, made wonderful talks on Temperance, that was enjoyed by everyone.

We your committee on Temperance beg to advise our Ministers and Deacons Sunday School teachers and members to not only abolish Temperance in intoxication drinks such as beer, whiskey, and wine, but also in drugs such as marijuana, opium, L.S.D. and pot, but that which is given by a doctor's prescription. We your Committee feel that such drugs as these are Sin taken any other way except by a doctor's prescription.

We beg not only Temperance but any thing whereby our Brother's might be offended.

Rev. Hoyt Looper, Chairman

Rev. Oliver England

Rev. Talmadge Phillips, Absent

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bro. Tilford Smith and Bro. Elmer McCowan, made a wonderful talk on Sunday School which was enjoyed by everyone. We your Committee reports that Sunday School is one of the most important institutions ever organized. The Bible says to bring up a child in the way it should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it. Ninety-eight per cent of all Sunday School trained boys and girls never get into serious trouble or crime. The vast majority of criminals never attended Sunday School.

It has been estimated that more than fifty per cent of our Bible knowledge was acquired through the Sunday School. Eighty-five per cent of Protestant Church members were members of the Sunday School before their Conversion and were led to be saved, unite with the Church and become Christian workers largely through the influence of the Sunday School. Eighty per cent of all the

Protestant Churches in the United States today were first Sunday Schools. The great majority of prominent men and women in America--Presidents, Governors, Legislators, Educators, Doctors, Lawyers, Editors agree that they have an earnest desire to give their pupils a real systematic Christian Education. We have splendid classes for adults, too. Won't you come next Sunday?

Bro. Tilford Smith, Chairman  
Bro. Elmer McCowan  
Rev. Lellen Green

## REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions urge all our Churches to support their Pastors financially and love them better and support them with their presence. We also urge that in our resolutions to be placed in our minutes, that any Pastor that feels a Church is not backing him and he feels led to resign, that he will give the Church a thirty day notice that he is leaving, so the Church may be able to find a Pastor.

Also before a Church calls an Evangelist that the Pastor be consulted, we also want in our resolution that when a Deacon is called to preach the Gospel, and when he is Licensed to preach his Deacon Ordination papers are annulled. Also any Minister coming to us from another Conference or Association to unite with our Association, we will ratify their credentials if with in ninety days from the date of their dismissal from their former Association. (1969 Resolution)

We your Committee on Resolutions wish to ask that the former Resolution stand as is and to ask for all Churches from here on out coming to our Association have a Deed to the Freewill Baptist to never be traded or transferred.

A Motion was made and seconded to accept the Resolution and voiced by the Association.

Rev. Cecil Speck, Chairman  
Rev. Melvin Brown  
Rev. Talmadge Bowman

## REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries find that nineteen members of our Churches passed away in 1970. They are as follows:

BANNER SPRINGS: N.C. Lerve and Stacey Lerve and Jewell Crabtree.

CALVERY: Lee Howard and Elige Miller.

COOPER'S CHAPEL: Juanita King and Rettia Cooper.

CROSS RD'S CHAPEL: Eunice Whited.

HIGHLAND: John Harris.

LIVINGSTON: Robert Reener.

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Wade Brumblough and Millard Stepps.

MIDWAY: Rev. Loyd Padgett.

MT. CARMEL: Rev. Charlie Wright and Stanton Louis.

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Addie Stowers.

WOODY GROVE: Bredford Murphy and Woodrow Hargis.

WOODY: Robert Brannon.

A motion was made and seconded to accept their report and voiced by the Association.

Sister, Ova Key, Chairman  
Sister, Ruthie Norrod  
Sister, Tina Vaughn

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the business session for the 11:00 A.M. preaching service. The message was brought by the Rev. Leeman Cravens and was enjoyed by everyone.



## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at 1:00 P.M. with the Moderator calling the session to order by congregational singing. The Moderator read Scripture and Prayer was led by Rev. Melvin Brown.

### REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Rev. Leeman Cravens, made a wonderful talk on Prayer Meeting, we your Committee on Prayer Meeting urge you to be much in Prayer, as prayer is the most needed thing for the Church and the home. We beg all our pastors to have regular Prayer Meeting in all our Churches. A motion was made and seconded to accept as in our minute, and voiced by the Association.

Rev. Leeman Cravens, Chairman  
Bro. Hollis Buckner  
Bro. Colman Looper.

### REPORT ON FINANCE

We The Finance Committee find \$252.36 for the Home for Children and \$240.00 for Minutes. We recommend that the Clerk have the usual amount of Minutes printed and the Clerk have the Balance for his expenses. A Motion was made and Seconded and Voiced by the Association to accept the report.

Rev. Cordell Hargis, Chairman,  
Bro. Auther Key,  
Bro. A.P. Looper.

### PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery met in Conference at the Livingston Church on Nov. 29, 1969 and Ordained Bro. Jerry Harris for a Deacon of the Highland Church. Also Bro. Joe Riley Dickens came from the Jonesville Church to be Ordained and was rejected.

Met with Conference at the Banner Springs Church March 28, 1970. Examined and accepted and Ordained Bro. Cassell Huling to the Ministry, Bro. Tilford Smith and Bro. Everett Wilson came from the Mt. Carmel Church and was Ordained as Deacons, Bro. Glen Bilbrey came from the Circle Drive Church to be Examined for Licenses to Preach the Gospel and was Licensed for twelve months.

Bro. Lellen Green came for ratification of credentials and time was lapsed from other Conference put him under watch care of the Church until the Association Bro. Thurman Young came to be reinstated in our Association. Without a letter we had no Jurisdiction.

Met at the Union Grove Church on May 30, 1970 and examined Bro. Daily McCowan, and Licensed him for twelve months.

Met in Conference at the High Point Church August 29, 1970. Bro. Johnny Ringley came from Center Point Church, examined and Ordained him for a Deacon.

Bro. Allton York came from the Livingston Church, was examined and Ordained a Deacon, Bro. Harlon Thompson came from the Union Grove Church to be examined and was Ordained to the full Ministry. Bro. Roy Bright came without a letter to be Ordained and we had no Jurisdiction. We ask the Association to place Rev. Cassell Huling and Rev. Harlon Thompson's names in the Minutes as Ordained Ministers.

Rev. Cecil Speck, Chairman,  
Rev. Omer Allred,  
Rev. Donald Whittaker,  
Rev. Talmadge Bowman,  
Rev. Luther Cox.

## PRESBYTERY REPORT AT THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Lellen Green came before the Presbytery to have his credentials ratified to rejoin the Eastern Division of the Stone Association, after examination his Credentials were ratified, and was excepted into the Association from the Livingston Church.

Rev. Daily Norrod came from the Western Division of the Stone Association to be examined to Pastor Churches in the Eastern Division of the Stone Association after examination he was granted permission to Pastor Churches in the Eastern Division of the Stone Association.

Rev. Donald Whittaker, Chairman  
Rev. Leeman Cravens,  
Rev. Hoyt Looper,  
Rev. Cecil Speck,  
Rev. Luther Cox.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A discussion was brought to the floor about having a Ministers and Deacons Meeting before the Association each year. A Motion was made and Seconded to have a meeting each Friday Night before each Conference.

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## TRAVELINGEST EVANGELIST

The Rev. Ronald Norrod was elected to be the traveling Evangelist for the year of 1970-71.

## PLACE FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The Association voted that the next Association would meet with the Calvary Freewill Baptist Church in Overton County near Crawford, Tenn. On Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1971. The Moderator the Rev. Omer Allred will call the house to order at 9 a.m. Friday.

## INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The Rev. Donald Whittaker was voted by the Association to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 a.m. Friday morning.

## EXPRESSING THANKS

We the ministers and deacons and delegates and laymen wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful people of the Rinnie Church for the good food and lodging that were furnished us during our stay with you. Your cooperation made it possible for us to have the successful association that we had. We hope to see you all next year at the Calvary Church. Everyone is invited and all are welcome. Pray that the Lord will bless, and may the Lord bless all of you.

The work being ended a motion was made and seconded to adjourn until the time and place appointed above.

## PASTORAL LABOR FOR 1970-1971

ALLARDT: Not represented.

BANNER SPRINGS: Rev. Bill McCowan Pastor.

CALVARY: Rev. Hershell Phillips, Pastor.

CENTER POINT: Rev. Omer Allred Pastor; Rev. Leeman Cravens, Asst. Pastor.

CIRCLE DRIVE: Rev. Gilbert Mata, Pastor.  
 COOPER'S CHAPEL: Rev. Woodroe Cooper, Pastor.  
 CROSS RDS CHAPEL: Rev. Elbert Copeland, Pastor; Rev. Woodie Key, Asst. Pastor.  
 FAIRVIEW: Rev. Cecil Speck, Pastor.  
 HIGHLAND: Rev. Donald Whittaker, Pastor.  
 HIGH POINT: Rev. Cassell Hulling, Pastor.  
 JONESVILLE: Rev. Lelen Green, Pastor.  
 LIVINGSTON: Rev. Hoyt Looper, Pastor.  
 MARTHA WASHINGTON: Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor.  
 MIDWAY: Ovie Tinch, Pastor.  
 MINERAL SPRINGS: Rev. Harlon Thompson, Pastor; Rev. M.G. Phillips, Asst. Pastor.  
 MT. CARMEL: Rev. Leeman Cravens, Pastor; Rev. Omer Allred, Asst. Pastor.  
 MT. PLEASANT: Not Represented.  
 RINNIE: Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor.  
 STOCKTON CHAPEL: Rev. Oliver England, Pastor; Rev. Elbert Copeland, Asst. Pastor.  
 TINCH TOWN: Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor.  
 UNION B: Rev. Daily Norrod, Pastor.  
 UNION CHAPEL: Rev. Oliver England, Pastor.  
 UNION GROVE: Rev. Tommie Vaughn, Pastor.  
 UNION POINT: Rev. Daily Norrod, Pastor; Rev. Daily McCowan, Asst. Pastor.  
 VICTORY: Rev. Ray Bright, Pastor.  
 WOODY: Rev. Luther Cox, Pastor.

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Omer Allred: Rt. 1, Box 132, Jamestown, Tenn. Phone 863-3149.  
 Clyde Bilbrey: Rt. 2, Allgood, Tenn. Phone 537-6237.  
 Talmadge Bowman: 201 N. Patton Ave. Rockwood, Tenn. Phone 354-9048.  
 Ray Bright: Rockwood, Tenn.  
 Eugene Brown:  
 Melvin Brown: Rt. 1, Rickman, Tenn.  
 Woodroe Cooper: Jamestown, Tenn.  
 Elbert Copeland: Rt. 2, Jamestown, Tenn. Phone 879-7305.  
 Luther Cox: Rt. 3, Box 445, Crossville, Tenn. Phone 484-3738.  
 Leeman Cravens: Rt. 3, Jamestown, Tenn.  
 Tony Durham: Deer Lodge, Tenn.  
 Oliver England: Rt. 1, Crossville, Tenn. Phone 484-7167.  
 Olimus England: Clarkrange, Tenn.  
 S.J. Hall: Banner Springs, Tenn.  
 Cordell Hargis: 319 A. Medlock St., Livingston, Tenn. Phone 823-4582.  
 Cassell Hulling:  
 Woodie Key: Rt. 6, Cookeville, Tenn. Phone 526-6988.  
 Hoyt Looper: Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn. Phone 839-2838.  
 Marlin Miller: Rt. 1, Crawford, Tenn.  
 Willard Norris: Rt. 7, Crossville, Tenn.  
 Willie Norris: Roslin, Tenn.  
 Ronald Norrod: Monterey, Tenn.  
 E.H. Phillips: Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.  
 Talmage Phillips: Rt. 1, Crawford, Tenn. Phone 445-3461.  
 Oscar Smith: Jamestown, Tenn.  
 Bill McCowan: Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.  
 Harlon Thompson:  
 Cecil Speck: Rt. 3, Livingston, Tenn. Phone 823-5321.  
 Donald Whittaker: Monterey, Tenn.  
 Claude Wilson: 4409 Airway Rd. Dayton, Ohio. Phone 252-0082.  
 M.G. Phillips: Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.

## CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

### ALLARDT:

BANNER: Mae Waters, Rt. 1, Box 213, Jamestown, Tenn.

CALVARY: Edith Key, Rt. 1, Crawford, Tenn.

CENTER POINT: Betty Choate, Rt. 3, Box 385, Jamestown, Tenn.

CIRCLE DRIVE: Lula Mae Ray, Rt. 7, Cookeville, Tenn. 38501.

COOPER'S CHAPEL: Joyce Warden, Rt. 3, Jamestown, Tenn.

CROSS RDS. CHAPEL: Beachel Creselious, Rt. 3, Box 83, Jamestown, Tenn.

FAIRVIEW: Faye McCowan, Rt. 7, Cookeville, Tenn. 38501.

HIGHLAND: Alice Fay Looper, Rt. 2, Monterey, Tenn.

HIGH POINT: Minnie Lavender, Deer Lodge, Tenn.

JONESVILLE: Marie Beaty, Clarkrange, Tenn.

LIVINGSTON: Jo Anna Carmack, Rt. 5, Livingston, Tenn.

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Golda Stepp, Rt. 1, Clarkrange, Tenn. 38553.

MIDWAY: Hoyt A. Looper, Clarkrange, Tenn. 38553.

MINERAL SPRINGS: Ina Stephens, Rt. 1, Monterey, Tenn.

MT. CARMEL: Tonzie Cooper, Rt. 1, Clarkrange, Tenn.

MT. PLEASANT:

RINNIE: Lois Matthews, Rt. 1, Box 278, Crossville, Tenn.

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Sylvia King, Rt. 1, Jamestown, Tenn.

TINCH TOWN: Barbara Robbins, Rt. 1, Jamestown, Tenn.

UNION B: Mrs. Winnie Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 240, Clarkrange, Tenn. 38553.

UNION CHAPEL: Betty Hicks, Hidalgo, Ky.

UNION GROVE: Ruthie Norrod, Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.

UNION POINT: Mrs. Laura Looper, Rt. 2, Monterey, Tenn.

VICTORY: Savannah Miller, Rt. 3, Rockwood, Tenn. 37854.

WOODY: Gerald Williams, Rt. 1, Box 421, Crossville, Tenn.

## 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 you 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. Also that the Chairman of the Presbytery keep a record to examine applicants. Also that the Chairman of the Presbytery keep a record of Ministers ordained throughout the year and his report brought to the Association, that the names of those Ordained be placed in the Minutes.

Section 10--The Ministers who do not make a report to be placed in the minutes as Ministers who made no report. And also Ministers who fail to represent for two consecutive sessions of our Association be dismissed from roll of Ordained Ministers. And Ministers who are unable to attend the Association be represented by letter.

Section 11--Ministers coming from another Association to Pastor Churches in our Association be examined by our Presbytery before Pastoring our Churches in the Eastern Division. And bring a letter of recommendation from their association.

Section 12--No one shall be ordained a minister of the Gospel, nor to the office of a deacon who is living in adultery in any way.

Section 13--No Minister belonging to the Eastern Division of the Stone Association be allowed to pastor more than two churches in one year. We also urge Pastors and Deacons and Members in the Freewill Baptist Church to really stand firm against the revised version of the Bible and the use of it in our Churches.

## 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."--1 Cor. 11:28.

## DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

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

two-thirds agreeing thereto.

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

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

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

Section 5--Every person had 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.

## STATISTICS

| Name Of Church    | Address          | County     | Inc. By Letter | Inc. By Rec. | Inc. By Prof. | Inc. By Res. | Dec. By Exc. | Dec. By Letter | Dec. By Death | No. In Fellowship | Home For Children | Minute | Day Of Meeting | Paid Pastor | Paid Evangelist | Paid Other Ministers | Building And Repair |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Allardt           | Allardt          | Fentress   |                |              | 2             |              |              |                |               | 30                | 206.00            | 10.00  | 1-2            | 168.80      | 6.00            | 66.00                | 413.71              |
| Banner Springs    | Banner Springs   | Fentress   |                |              |               |              |              |                | 3             | 169               | 30.00             | 10.00  | All            | 429.50      |                 | 253.38               |                     |
| Calvary           | Crawford         | Overton    |                |              |               |              |              |                | 2             | 75                | 22.05             | 10.00  | 1-2            | 281.81      |                 | 97.00                |                     |
| Center Point      | Jamestown        | Fentress   | 1              | 1            | 5             |              |              | 4              | 5             | 43                | 10.18             | 10.00  | All            | 439.75      |                 | 86.93                | 147.25              |
| Circle Drive      | Aligood          | Putnam     |                | 4            | 4             |              |              |                | 2             | 132               | 10.00             | 10.00  | All            | 116.94      |                 | 200.85               |                     |
| Coopers Chapel    | Jamestown        | Fentress   |                |              |               |              |              |                | 1             | 70                | 5.00              | 10.00  | 2nd            | 184.94      | 12.00           | 50.00                | 1931.79             |
| Cross Rds. Chapel | Jamestown        | Fentress   |                | 1            | 4             |              |              |                | 1             | 50                | 7.50              | 10.00  | All            | 300.00      | 125.94          |                      | 6726.89             |
| Fairview          | Livingston       | Overton    | 1              | 8            | 3             |              |              |                | 1             | 92                | 5.95              | 10.00  | All            | 388.81      | 10.00           | 47.85                |                     |
| Highland          | Livingston       | Overton    |                |              | 2             |              |              | 6              | 2             | 54                | 10.00             | 10.00  | All            | 398.36      | 8.50            | 204.62               | 243.50              |
| High Point        | Deer Lodge       | Morgan     |                |              | 16            |              |              |                | 1             | 41                | 14.60             | 10.00  | 2-4            | 99.14       | 6.33            | 33.00                | 668.63              |
| Jonesville        | Clarkrange       | Fentress   | 4              | 1            | 2             |              |              |                | 2             | 47                | 11.00             | 10.00  | All            | 205.28      |                 | 96.00                | 340.85              |
| Livingston        | Livingston       | Overton    |                |              |               |              |              |                | 1             | 60                | 102.18            | 10.00  | 3-4            | 93.00       |                 | 89.00                |                     |
| Martha Washington | Clarkrange       | Fentress   |                |              | 5             |              |              | 11             | 1             | 70                | 3.70              | 10.00  | All            | 650.00      |                 | 245.16               | 1547.89             |
| Midway            | Clarkrange       | Fentress   |                |              |               |              |              |                | 2             | 177               | 13.83             | 10.00  | All            | 858.42      |                 | 45.00                | 1277.46             |
| Mineral Springs   | Monterey         | Overton    | 1              | 1            | 5             |              |              |                |               | 164               | 15.23             | 10.00  | 4th            | 417.95      | 17.62           | 234.62               | 2955.68             |
| Mt. Carmel        | Grimsley         | Fentress   |                |              |               |              |              |                | 2             | 80                | 20.00             | 10.00  | 1-3            | 338.29      |                 | 152.00               | 1129.83             |
| Mt. Pleasant      | Jamestown        | Cumberland | 1              |              | 24            |              |              |                | 1             | 65                | 10.00             | 10.00  | 2nd            | 34.50       |                 | 92.93                | 504.75              |
| Rinnie            | Ben Stockton     | Fentress   |                |              | 10            |              |              | 2              |               | 101               | 5.00              | 10.00  | All            | 150.00      |                 | 90.72                | 187.96              |
| Stockton Chapel   | Jamestown        | Overton    | 2              | 3            |               |              |              |                |               | 53                | 10.00             | 10.00  | 2nd            | 151.52      | 10.00           | 250.37               | 225.00              |
| Tinch Town        | Monterey         | Wayne      |                |              | 1             |              |              |                | 2             | 86                | 10.00             | 10.00  | All            | 263.11      | 21.34           | 132.48               | 2128.66             |
| Union B.          | Sunny Brook, Ky. | Overton    | 4              | 1            |               |              |              |                |               | 163               | 5.00              | 10.00  | 134            | 264.42      | 7.09            | 158.00               |                     |
| Union Chapel      | Monterey         | Overton    |                |              |               |              |              |                |               | 17                | 5.00              | 10.00  | All            | 195.00      |                 |                      | 1128.81             |
| Union Grove       | Monterey         | Overton    |                |              |               |              |              |                |               | 96                | 8.28              | 10.00  | All            | 305.49      |                 | 48.76                | 240.00              |
| Union Point       | Rockwood         | Roane      |                |              | 3             |              |              |                |               |                   |                   |        |                |             |                 |                      |                     |
| Victory           | Crossville       | Cumberland |                |              |               |              |              |                |               |                   |                   |        |                |             |                 |                      |                     |
| Woody             |                  |            |                |              |               |              |              |                |               |                   |                   |        |                |             |                 |                      |                     |
| Totals            |                  |            | 15             | 33           | 94            |              |              | 50             | 26            | 2004              | 354.50            | 240.00 |                | 6635.03     | 224.82          | 2674.67              | 21967.27            |

# MINISTERS REPORT

| MINISTERS           | ADDRESS                                             | Churches Pastored | Sermons Preached | Confession | Members Rec. | Baptized | Couples Married | Funerals Held | Contributions |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Rev. Omer Allred    | Rt. 1, Box 132, Jamestown, Tenn.<br>Phone 863-3149  | 2                 | 90               | 58         | 33           | 29       | 10              | 5             | 814.80        |
| Rev. Clyde Bilbrey  | 137 Cedar St., Allgood, Tenn.<br>Phone 537-6237     | 2                 | 72               | 12         | 14           | 16       |                 |               | 207.56        |
| Rev. Melvin Brown   | Rt. 1, Rickman, Tenn.<br>Phone 823-2504             | 1                 | 127              | 68         | 12           | 36       |                 | 3             | 682.00        |
| Rev. Luther Cox     | Rt. 3, Box 445, Crossville, Tenn.<br>Phone 484-7795 | 1                 | 56               | 11         | 6            | 9        | 2               | 2             | 487.89        |
| Rev. Leeman Cravens | Rt. 3, Jamestown, Tenn. 38556<br>Phone 879-8944     | 1                 | 81               | 15         | 8            | 4        | 3               | 6             | 1076.30       |
| Rev. Hoyt Looper    | Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.<br>Phone 839-2838            | 1                 | 83               | 12         | 7            | 4        | 2               | 2             | 389.69        |
| Rev. Cecil Speck    | Rt. 3, Livingston, Tenn.<br>Phone 823-5321          | 1                 | 107              | 14         |              |          | 3               | 9             | 800.00        |

## MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Rev. Talmadge Bowman  
 Rev. Ray Bright  
 Rev. Eugene Brown  
 Rev. Woodroe Cooper  
 Rev. Elbert Copeland  
 Rev. Tony Durham  
 Rev. Oscar Smith

## Rev. Donald Whittaker

Rev. Willard Norris  
 Rev. Willie Norris  
 Rev. Ronald Norrod  
 Rev. E. H. Phillips  
 Rev. Talmage Phillips  
 Rev. M. G. Phillips  
 Rev. Claude Wilson

## DISABLE MINI STERS

Rev. S. J. Hall

## DECEASED MINI STERS

Rev. Charlie Wright



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

Baptist Church at .....

..... County, State of Tennessee, and is hereby

dismissed from us in full fellowship, This is done by a voice of the

entire church the ..... day of ..... 196 .....

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

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LETTER FROM ..... CHURCH

To the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church

Date ..... 196 .....

When convened with the ..... church at

..... 196 --- We send as delegates our beloved brethern:

..... whom

We pray you to receive to sit with you in your business and godly deliberations.

# Statistics

State of Religion .....

Members Received Past 12 Mos. ....

Received by Letter .....FINANCES

Received by Recommendation ..... Paid Pastor .....

Received by Profession ..... Paid Evangelist.....

Baptized ..... Other Ministers .....

Died..... Home Missions .....

Dismissed ..... Foreign Missions .....

Total Membership ..... Building and Repairs .....

Condition of Prayer Meeting..... For Education.....

Condition of Sunday School..... For Publication.....

Average No. of Pupils in Sunday School..... Enclosed for minutes.....

No. of Officers and Teachers.....

Ministers Belonging to Our Church .....

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Pastor's Name .....

Pastor's Address .....

Assistant Pastor's Name .....

Assistant Pastor's Address .....

We have called Rev..... for pastor,

and Rev..... for assistant pastor.

Done by order of ..... Church

assembled in regular meeting this..... day of ....., 196.....

Our day of meeting is..... Sunday

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

..... Address

