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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

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 Eight Annual Session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association Freewill Baptist Church, Met with the Calvary Church, Overton County, Crawford, Tenn. On October 8-9-1971. The former Moderator being present, Rev Omer Allred called the house to order with Congregational Singing. Scripture was read from Isaiah Fifty Sixth Chapter. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Herman Hooten. The Association Proceeded to organize by electing the Rev. Leeman Cravens Moderator Rev. Omer Allred Assistant Moderator Rev. Talmadge Bowman, Clerk, Rev. Daily McCowan Assistant Clerk.

DELEGATES

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

ALLARDT: No Delegates

BANNER SPRINGS: Theodore Hall, Elmer Stowers.

CALVARY: Neoma Guffey, Burris Howard, Ova Key, Lester Howard.

CENTER POINT: Johnnie Wright, Johnnie Ringley, Hoy L. King.

CIRCLE DRIVE: Lucille Bilbrey, Donnie Ray.

COOPER'S CHAPEL: Aron Warden.

CROSS RD'S CHAPEL: J.B. Creselious, Charles Doss.

FAIRVIEW: Marie Looper, Oral Looper.

HIGHLAND: Jerry Harris, J.B. Harris.

HIGH POINT: Minnie Lavender, Marilyn Hammond.

JONESVILLE: Virgil Beaty, Marie Beaty.

LIVINGSTON: Janet Ferrell, Jo Anna Carmack.

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Edna Burnham, Edward Burnham.

MIDWAY: Willard Roberts, Talmadge Looper.

MINERAL SPRINGS: Ama Jean Phillips, Oda Stevens.

MT. CARMEL: Willie Wright, Mrs. Willie Wright, Lyda Wright.

MT. PLEASENT, No Delegates.

RINNIE: Flonnie Smith, Bertha Beaty.

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Dewey Stowers, Delmer Miller, Elmer Durham.

TINCH TOWN: Gordon York, Allen Smith.

UNION B: Cortis Hall.

UNION CHAPEL: Varner Hardin, Wilma Hardin.

UNION GROVE: Ollie Harris, Daisy Philips.

UNION POINT: Eulos Hinson.

VICTORY: No Delegates.

WOODY: Cora Williams, Mary Green.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. Luther Cox. Chairman, Bro. Lester Howard, Bro. Aron Warden.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Woodrow Cooper, Chairman, Bro. Tilford Smith, Rev. Claude Wilson.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Bill McCowan, Chairman, Rev. Cassell Hauling, Bro. Willard Roberts.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

Sister Ova Key, Chairman Neoma Guffey, Minnie Lavender.

COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING

Rev. Woody Key Chairman, Rev. Daily McCowan, Bro. Bobby Choate.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Rev. Cordell Hargis, Chairman, Bro. Charles Doss Bro. Glen Bilbrey.

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Rev. Omer Allred Chairman, Rev. Leeman Cravens, Rev. Daily McCowan, Rev. Cassell Hauling, Rev. Talmadge Bowman.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Bro. Auther Key, Chairman, Rev. Cassell Hauling, Rev. Oscar Smith.

DEVOTIONAL REPORT

FRIDAY NIGHT: 7 P.M. Rev. Bill McCowan and Rev. Claude Wilson.
SATURDAY MORNING 11 A.M. Rev. Herman Hooten.
SATURDAY NIGHT: Rev. Omer Allred, Rev. Leeman Cravens.
SUNDAY MORNING: 11 A.M. Rev. Woodrow Cooper.

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 Passed.
COOPER'S CHAPEL: Read and Passed.
CROSS RD'S CHAPEL: Read and Passed.
FAIRVIEW: Read and Passed.
HIGHLAND: Read and Passed.
HIGH POINT: Read and Passed.
JONESVILLE: Read and Passed.
LIVINGSTON: Read and Passed.
MARTHA WASHINGTON: Read and Passed.
MIDWAY: Read and Passed.
MINERAL SPRINGS: Read and Passed.
MT. CARMEL: Read and Passed.
MT. PLEASENT: Not Represented.
RINNIE: Read and Passed.
STOCKTON CHAPEL: Read and Passed.
TINCH TOWN: Read and Passed.
UNION B: Read and Passed.
UNION CHAPEL: Read and Passed
UNION GROVE: Read and Passed.
UNION POINT: Read and Passed.
VICTORY: Not Represented
WOODY: Read and Passed

ADJOURNED AT 11 A.M. FOR INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. Ovle Tinch, And enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at 1 P.M. with the Moderator calling the Session to order. Song by the Congregation. The Moderator read Scripture from Romans 1st Chapter 15th Verse Prayer was offered by the Rev. Omer Allred.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None responded

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER.

Rev. Ovle Tinch came with a Letter from the Ohio Stone Association of Good standing a Motion was made and Seconded and voiced by the Association to accept Him and Ratify his Credentials.

THE RULES OF DECORUM WAS READ

A Motion was Made and Seconded to accept them as read and Voiced by the Association

A Motion was made and Seconded to Adjourn until Saturday Morning at 11:A.M.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order at 9:A.M. with Congregational Singing. The Moderator read Scripture from Psalms 1st Chapter Prayer was offered by the Rev. Omer Allred.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELIST

I have enjoyed this years work of being Traveling Evangelist I've visited the Churches which represented in the Association. I've found most of them in good Spiritual Condition especially the ones with full time Pastors. I encourage the Churches to emphasize Sunday School and young people league. I wish to Express my thanks for the warm welcome, Prayers and offerings I received. I sincerely desire your Prayers and may God bless in our Churches.

Rev. Ronald Norrod.

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

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. Luther Cox, The Chairman, made a wonderful talk on Temperance and was enjoyed by all. We your committee on Temperance beg to advise our Ministers and Deacons and 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 anything whereby our Brother's might be Offended.

Rev. Luther Cox, Chairman,
Bro. Lester Howard.
Bro. Aron Warden.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Woodrow Cooper, Chairman, and Rev. Claude Wilson made a wonderful talk on Sunday School and was enjoyed by all. 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 Percent of all Sunday School trained boys and girls never get into 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 Percent of protestant Church members were members of Sunday School before their conversion and was led to be saved unite with the Church and become Christian workers largely through the influence of the Sunday School. Eighty percent of all the protestant Churches in the United States to day were First Sunday School 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?

Rev. Woodrow Cooper, Chairman,
Rev. Claude Wilson,
Bro. Tilford Smith.

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's 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 an-

nulled. Also any Minister Coming to us from another Conference or Association to unite with our Association. We will Ratify their credentials if within 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. Bill McCowan, Chairman,
Rev. Cassell Hauling,
Bro. Willard Roberts.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We Your Committee on Obituaries find that Fifteen Members of our Churches passed away in 1971, They are as follows.

CALVARY: Diana Hodge.

HIGHLAND: Lon Hood, Sallie May Harris, Glenmore Ledbetter,

HIGHPOINT: Peggy Hauling.

JONESVILLE: Elbert Allred.

LIVINGSTON: Mary Dishman.

MIDWAY: Floria Smith.

MT. CARMEL: Fred Young.

TINCH TOWN: Mose Beaty.

UNION B. Early Norrod, Maggie Swallows, Erma Hargis.

UNION POINT: J.B. Vaughn

WOODY: Melba Torbett.

Sister Ova Key, Chairman,
Sister Minnie Lavender,
Sister Neoma Guffey.

A motion was made and Seconded to adjourn for the 11 A.M. Preaching Service. The Message was brought by the Rev. Herman Hooten. The Message was enjoyed by everyone.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at 1 P.M. with the Moderator calling the session to order by Congregational Singing. The Moderator read Scripture from Matthew fifth Chapter Prayer was offered by the Rev. Donald Whittaker.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Rev. Woody Key, Chairman, Rev. Daily McCowan. Bro. Bobby Choate. Made wonderful talks on Prayer Meeting. We your Committee on Prayer Meeting urge you to be much in Prayer as Prayer the most needed thing for the Church and the home. We beg all our Pastors to have regular Prayer Meeting in all the Churches. A Motion was made and Seconded to accept as in our Minutes and voiced by the Association.

Rev. Woody Key, Chairman,
Rev. Daily McCowan,
Bro. Bobby Choate.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We the Finance Committee find \$279.36 For the Home for Children and \$230.00 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.

Rev. Cordell Hargis, Chairman.
Rev. Glen Bilbrey
Bro. Charles Doss.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

Brother Harmon Norris came with a letter from the Jonesville Church to be examined by the Presbytery to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination by the Presbytery he was granted license for twelve months. This Presbytery Work was done at the Association. Presbytery Report of 1970-1971. November 4th, 1970 the Presbytery met at the Fairview Church and Examined. Rev. Gilbert Mata of the Central Indiana Stone Association after examination he was found qualified and was granted permission to pastor churches in our Association. The Presbytery met May 29-1971 and Ordained Bro. Daily McCowan, to the full Ministry of the Gospel. Also Ordained Bro. Glen Billbrey, to the full Ministry of the Gospel. Also Bro. Gerald Taylor, came from the Midway Church, and was licensed for twelve months to preach the Gospel. August 28-1971 Arron Warden, was ordained to be a Deacon at the Cooper's Chapel Church.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

Our visiting Ministers were Rev. Herman Hooten, Rev. James (Budd) Keylon, Rev. Mayford Beaty.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

The Rev. Woody Key was elected to be the Traveling Evangelist for the year 1971-1972.

PLACE FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The Association voted that the next Association would meet with the Mt. Carmel Freewill Baptist Church in Fentress County at Grimsley, Tennessee on Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1972. The Moderator the Rev. Leeman Cravens will call the house to order at 9 A.M. Friday.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The Rev. Daily McCowan, 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 Calvary Church for the good food and lodging that was 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 Mount Carmel 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 1971-1972

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. Daily McCowan, Pastor.

Coopers Chapel: Rev. Woodrow Cooper, Pastor, Rev. Melvin Brown, Asst. Pastor.

Cross Rd. Chapel: Rev. Daily Norrod, Pastor.

Fairview: Rev. Cecil Speck, Pastor.

Highland: Rev. Eugene Phillips, Pastor. Rev. Eugene Brown, Asst. Pastor.

High Point: Rev. Cassell Huling, Pastor.

Jonesville: Rev. Cassell Huling, Pastor.
 Martha Washington: Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor.
 Midway: Rev. Ovle Tinch, Pastor.
 Mineral Springs: Rev. M.G. Phillips, Pastor.
 Mt. Carmel: Rev. Leeman Cravens, Pastor, Rev. Omer Allred, Asst. Pastor.
 Rinnie: Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor.
 Stockton Chapel: Rev. Oliver England, Pastor. Rev. Elbert Copeland, Asst. Pastor.
 Tinch Town: Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor. Rev. Cassell Huling, Asst. Pastor.
 Union B: Rev. Bill McCowan, Pastor.
 Union Chapel: Rev. Oliver England, Pastor.
 Union Grove: Rev. Donald Whittaker, Pastor.
 Union Point: Rev. Hoyt Looper, 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.
 Glen Bilbrey: Rt. 2, Allgood, Tenn.
 Talmadge Bowman; 201 N. Patton Ave. Rockwood, Tenn. Phone 354-9048.
 Roy Bright: Rockwood, Tenn.
 Eugene Brown:
 Melvin Brown: Rt. 1, Rickman, Tenn. Phone 823-2504.
 Woodrow 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. Phone 879-8944.
 Tony Durham: Deer Lodge, Tenn.
 Oliver England: Rt. 1, Crossville, Tenn. Phone 484-7167. *484-7167*
 Olimus England: Clarkrange, Tenn.
 Leelan Green: 2708 S. Liberty St. Muncie Ind. 47302 Phone 284-0339.
 S.J. Hall: Banner Springs, Tenn.
 Cordell Hargis: 319 A Medlock St. Livingston, Tenn. Phone 823-4582.
 Cassell Huling:
 Woodie Key: Rt. 6, Cookeville, Tenn. Phone 537-6275.
 Hoyt Looper: Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn. Phone 839-2838.
 Bill McCowan, Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.
 Daily McCowan; Rt. 1, Cloverdale Sub. Sparta, Tenn.
 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.
 Talmadge Phillips: Rt. 1, Crawford, Tenn. Phone 445-3461
 M.G. Phillips: Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.
 Oscar Smith: Jamestown, Tenn.
 Harlon Thompson:
 Cecil Speck: Rt. 3, Livingston, Tenn. Phone 823-5321.
 Ovle Tinch: Rt. 5, Box 16, Livingston, Tenn. Phone 823-2685.
 Donald Whittaker: Monterey, Tenn.
 Claude Wilson: 4409 Airway Rd., Dayton, Ohio. Phone 252-0082.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Banner Springs: Mae Waters, Rte. 1, Box 213, Jamestown, Tenn.
Calvary: Ova Key, Rte. 1, Crawford, Tenn.
Center Point: Betty Choate, Rt. 3, Box 385, Jamestown, Tenn.
Circle Drive: Lula Mae Ray, Rt. 7, Cookeville, Tenn. 38501.
Coopers Chapel: Joyce Warden, Rte 3. Jamestown, Tenn.
Cross Rds. Chapel: Beachel Creselious, Rte 3. Box 83, Jamestown, Tenn.
Fairview: Faye McCowan: Rte 7, Cookeville, Tenn. 38501.
Highland: Alice Faye Looper; Rte 2. Monterey, Tenn.
High Point: Minnie Lavender, Deer Lodge, Tenn.
Jonesville, Marie Beaty, Rte 1, Clarkrange, Tenn. 38553.
Livingston: Jo Anna Carmack, Rte 5, Livingston, Tenn.
Martha Washington: Golda Stepp Rtel. Clarkrange, Tenn. 38553.
Midway: Hoyt Miller, Rte 2, Clarkrange, Tenn. 38553.
Mineral Springs: Ina Stephens, Box 96, Monterey, Tenn.
Mt: Carmel: Tonzie Cooper, Rt. 1, Clarkrange, Tenn. 38553.
Rinnie: Lois Matthews, Rte 1, Box 278, Crossville, Tenn.
Stockton Chapel; Sylvia King, Rt. 1, Jamestown, Tenn.
Tinch Town: Barbara Robbins, Rt. 2, 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.
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 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 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 up-building 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

Statistics			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 Metting	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Other Ministers	Building and Repair
Name Of Church	Address	County															
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	Fentess								30	20.00	10.00	1-3	171.81	10.00	97.88	169.36
Calvary	Crawford	Overton		4				17	1	147	17.43	10.00	All	547.22	11.00	236.00	72.11
Center Point	Jamestown	Fentess	1	13				2		89	17.00	10.00	1-2	221.97	16.40	97.50	600.00
Circle Drive	Allgood	Putman						2		23	16.25	10.00	All	450.00	24.25	164.28	76.03
Coopers Chapel	Jamestown	Fentess	5					4		133	10.00	10.00	All	401.09	13.40	430.05	1222.20
Cross Rds. Chapel	Jamestown	Fentess	5							75	5.00	10.00	All	78.74	11.00	183.50	995.48
Fairview	Livingston	Overton	5	3				1		58	15.00	10.00	All		15.00	90.00	2035.71
Highland	Livingston	Overton	1	1				4	3	86	10.00	10.00	All	360.65	10.35	48.67	2019.36
High Point	Deer Lodge	Morgan	1	1				8	1	30	5.00	10.00	All	381.35	14.27	480.65	596.25
Jonesville	Clarkrange	Fentess	1	1				1		56	10.00	10.00	All	91.38			71.10
Livingston	Livingston	Overton	3	3				12	1	38	15.00	10.00	All	275.20	10.30	104.67	193.88
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	Fentess	3	9				58			15.00	10.00	All	140.50	8.50	261.99	2134.59
Midway	Clarkrange	Fentess		36				1	2	94	145.00	10.00	All	955.42		715.54	1300.00
Mineral Springs	Monterey	Overton	5							74	14.05	10.00	All	91.11	22.77	128.84	851.05
Mt. Carmel	Grimmsley	Fentess		13				2	1	192	20.00	10.00	All	1001.47	23.00	95.30	54.89
Rimite	Crossville	Cumberland								164	21.32	10.00	4th	364.26	20.01	114.98	277.65
Stockton Chapel	Ben Stockton	Fentess		1						49	20.00	10.00	1-3	465.97	17.40	301.26	371.74
Tinch Town	Jamestown	Fentess	1	1						68	10.00	10.00	2nd	37.57	12.65	48.13	26.87
Union B.	Monterey	Overton	1	1				2	3	98	10.00	10.00	2-4	129.95	7.60	32.12	513.53
Union Chapel	Sunny Brook, Ky.	Wayne		2						55	10.00	10.00	2nd	139.00	10.00	215.09	156.00
Union Grove	Monterey	Overton						1		86	10.21	10.00	All	295.35	23.53	115.58	1684.17
Union Point	Monterey	Overton		2						162	9.77	10.00	All	500.07	17.25	210.38	253.82
Woody	Crossville	Cumberland		2				1	1	97	8.33	10.00	All	348.30	7.50	103.88	52.00
TOTALS			6	20	102	0	0	54	16	1962	424.36	230.00		7448.38	306.18	4276.29	15727.79

Ministers Reports

MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Confessions	Members Rec.	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Held	Contributions
Rev. Omer Allred	Rt. 1, Box 132, Jamestown, Tenn. Phone 863-3149	2	93	38	14	19	6	13	686.90
Rev. Melvin Brown	Rt. 1, Rickman, Tenn. Phone 823-2504	1	126	63	5	1	6	9	2200.00
Rev. Luther Cox	Rt. 3, Crossville, Tenn. Phone 484-7795	1	53	6	2	6	2	3	553.52
Rev. Leeman Gravens	Rt. 3, Jamestown, Tenn. Phone 879-8944	1	125	25	12	16	3	7	1775.67
Rev. Daily McCowan	Rt. 1, Cloverdal Sub. Sparta, Tenn. 38583		98	28					541.93
Rev. Cecil Speck	Livingston, Tenn. Phone 823-5321	1	111			2	4	9	
Rev. Ovie Tinch	Rt. 5, Box 16, Livingston, Tenn. Phone 823-2685	1	95	41	36	31	2	1	1236.00
Rev. Claude Wilson	4409 Airway Rd., Dayton, Ohio Phone 252-0082		34			4			

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Clyde Bilbrey	Olimus England	Willie Norris	Glen Bilbrey	Leelan Green
Ronald Norrod	Talmadge Bowman	Cordell Hargis	E. H. Phillips	Roy Bright
Cassell Hulling	M. G. Phillips	Eugene Brown	Woodie Key	Talmage Phillips
Woodroe Cooper	Hoyt Looper	Oscar Smith	Elbert Copeland	Bill McCowan
Harlon Thompson	Toney Durham	Marlin Miller	Donald Whittaker	Oliver England
Willard Norris				

DISABLE MINISTERS

S. J. Hall

LETTER FROM.....CHURCH

To the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church

Date196.....

When convened with thechurch 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 LetterFINANCES

Received by RecommendationPaid Pastor

Received by ProfessionPaid Evangelist.....

BaptizedOther Ministers

Died.....Home Missions

DismissedForeign Missions

Total MembershipBuilding 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

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

