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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.....197.....

.....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 Ninetieth Annual Session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association Freewill Baptist Church met with the Cooper's Chapel Church, Fentress County, Jamestown, Tenn. on October 12-13, 1973. The former moderator The Rev. Leeman Cravens being present, called the house to order with Congregational Singing. Scripture was read from I John the 3rd chapter. Prayer was lead by the Rev. Oliver England. The Association proceeded to organize by electing the Rev. Tommie Vaughn Moderator, The Rev. Leeman Cravens Asst. Moderator, The Rev. Ronald Norrod Clerk, The Rev. Melvin Brown Asst. Clerk.

DELEGATES

With the calling of the roll of Churches, the following Delegates represented the following Churches:

BANNER SPRINGS: Bobby Anderson, Keith Payne
CALVARY: Burris Howard, Lester Howard, Martha Howard, Gladys Howard
CENTER POINT: Hettie King
CIRCLE DRIVE: Lucille Bilbrey, Martha Hargis
COOPER'S CHAPEL: Dorthy Beaty, Halie Thrasher
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Eugene Wright, Charles Doss
FAIRVIEW: Wanda Lacy, Jewel Lacy, Tilbert Phillips
FIRST F.W.B. OF PORTLAND: Delela Shumaker, Laura Miller
HIGHLAND: Mary Harris, Velma Ledbetter
HIGH POINT: Mary Belle Robbins, Minnie Lavender
JONESVILLE: Richard England, Eleanor England
LIVINGSTON: Jo Anna Carmack, Deloris York
MARTHA WASHINGTON: Clara Threet
MIDWAY: Edna Cooper, Wilma Allred
MINERAL SPRINGS: Nellie Henery, Savage Henery, Elvin Presley
MT. CARMEL: Tilford Smith, Mitchell Beaty, Buddy Edwards
RINNIE: Macel Farmer, Daisy Stults, Gladys Lowe, Lonzo Lowe
SECOND F.W.B. OF MONTEREY: Johnny Copeland
STOCKTON CHAPEL: Dewey Stowers, Ben A. Shepard
TINCH TOWN: Gordon York, Henry Crouch
UNION B.: Leeman Swallows, Roenia Phillips, Treva Bertram
UNION CHAPEL: Varner Harding, Wilma Harding
UNION GROVE: Ruthie Norrod, Daisy Phillips
UNION POINT: Flora Phillips, Wilburn Phillips
VICTORY: Roberta Miller, Anna Belle Norris
WOODY: W. O. Watson, Etta Watson, Cora Williams

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:

Rev. Hershel Phillips, Chairman, Bro. Tilford Smith, Bro. Kenneth Hargis

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Rev. Porter Penniculf, Chairman, Lonzo Lowe, Bro. Ben Sheppard

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION:

Rev. Omar Allred, Chairman, Rev. Donald Whittaker, Rev. Luther Cox

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY:

Sister Ruthie Norrod, Sister Minnie Lavender, Sister Daisy Stults

COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING:

Rev. Obed Delk, Chairman, Bro. Mitchell Beaty, Wilburn Choate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Rev. Elmer McCowans, Chairman, Rev. Tony Durham, Bro. Elvin Presley

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Rev. Omar Ellerd, Chairman, Rev. Leeman Cravens, Rev. Ronald Norrod, Rev. Luther Cox, Rev. Leelan Green

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONS:

Rev. Woodrow Cooper, Chairman, Wilburn Choate, Aaron Warden

DEVOTIONAL REPORT:

Friday Night, 7 P.M. Rev. Forest Denny

Saturday Morning, 11 A.M. Omar Allred

Saturday Night, 7 P.M. Tony Durham

Sunday Morning, 11 A.M. Oliver England

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CHURCH LETTERS CALLED FOR *Manner*

11.00 BANNER SPRINGS: Read and Passed *16*
22.00 CALVARY: Read and Passed *21*
10.05 CENTER POINT: Read and Passed *12*
1.00 CIRCLE DRIVE: Read and Passed *11*
16.00 COOPER'S CHAPEL: Read and Passed *8*
16.00 CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Read and Passed *17*
16.00 FAIRVIEW: Read and Passed *26*
16.00 FIRST F.W.B. OF PORTLAND: Read and Passed *10*
1.00 HIGHLAND: Read and Passed
5.00 HIGHPOINT: Read and Passed *18*
10.00 JONESVILLE: Read and Passed *17*
16.00 LIVINGSTON: Read and Passed *25*
16.00 MARTHA WASHINGTON: Read and Passed *8*
16.00 MIDWAY: Read and Passed *26*
56.00 MINERAL SPRINGS: Read and Passed *22*
25.00 MT. CARMEL: Read and Passed *36*
23.00 NANNIE: Read and Passed *28*
SECOND F.W.B. OF MONTEREY: Read and Passed
5.00 STOCKTON CHAPEL: Read and Passed *14*
10.00 TENCH TOWN: Read and Passed *16*
UNION B.: Read and Passed *12*
~~UNION CHAPEL: Read and Passed~~
10.00 UNION GROVE: Read and Passed *19*
~~UNION POINT: Read and Passed~~ *14*
~~VICTORY: Read and Passed~~
24.31 WOODY: Read and Passed *9*

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ADJOURNED AT 11 A.M. FOR THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. Olmus England 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 I John 2:1-6. Prayer was lead by the Rev. Herman Hooten.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES:

Letter came from the Second Freewill Baptist of Monterey, 801 Jackson Ave., Monterey, Tenn. Motion made and Second to accept it into our association.

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER:

Bro. David Wright came from the Mt. Carmel Church with a letter to go before the Presbytery for examination for a deacon. After examination he was ordained. THE RULES OF THE DECORUM WERE 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 9 A.M.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order at 9 A.M. with Congregational Singing. The Moderator read Scripture from II Timothy 4:1-6. Prayer was lead by The Rev. James Oliver McCowans.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELIST

As the Traveling Evangelist I enjoyed visiting all churches. I found all the churches in good spiritual condition. We need to pray for all churches. I thank all churches for their cooperation. I enjoyed my years work.

Rev. Glen D. Bilbrey

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. Hershel Phillips, Bro. Tilford Smith, and Bro. Kenneth Hargis all made a wonderful talk on temperance. Agreed to accept the former report.

We Your Committee on Temperance beg to advise Ministers and Deacons, Sunday School Teacher and Members to not only abolish intoxicating drinks such as beer, whiskey and wine; but also 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 if taken any other way except by a Doctor's Prescription. Avoid anything whereby our Brother might be offended.

Rev. Hershel Phillips, Chairman
Bro. Tilford Smith
Bro. Kenneth Hargis

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We your committee on Sunday School, feel and believe that each church should have a good Sunday School well organized with good and well established Christian people, to teach and lead our young people.

We further believe that all Fathers and Mothers should take their children to Sunday School each Sunday. Because 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. We read and hear of so much crime today. Most all young people that are involved in crimes, are the ones that have never been given the right leadership or been taken to Sunday School. Ninety-eight percent of all Sunday School trained young people never get into trouble or crime. Seventy-five percent of our Bible knowledge was obtained in Sunday School. Eighty percent of all the Protestant Churches in the United States were first Sunday Schools. The great majority of prominent men and women in our Nation, Presidents, legislators, educators, doctors agree that they have an earnest desire to give their pupils a real systematic Christian education. We pray that you will find your place in a good Sunday School and Church.

Rev. Porter Penticuff, Chairman
Bro. Lonzo Lowe
Bro. Bennie Shepard

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS

We your committee on Resolutions agree to stand on the former Resolutions and make them more firmer and resolute.

Rev. Omer Allred, Chairman
Rev. Luther Cox
Rev. Donald Whittaker

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries find that twenty members of our churches passed away. They are as follows:

BANNER SPRINGS: Rachel Anderson

COOPER'S CHAPEL: Edro Cooper

FAIRVIEW: Bill Beason

HIGHLAND: Nancy Dixon

HIGH POINT: Rosco Durham, Polly Adams

MT. CARMEL: Mary Jane Allred, Alice Smith, Lora Etter Byers, Mary Atkins, Paul Smith

RINNIE: Clyde Matthews, Rev. Talmadge Bowman

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Raymond King

UNION B.: Lastas Bilbrey

UNION CHAPEL: Ova Hancock

UNION POINT: Willie Joe Looper, Martha Honeycutt, Mayford Phipps, Bud Vaughn

Sister Ruthie Norrod
Sister Minnie Lavender
Sister Daisy Stults

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Rev. Obed Delk, Bro. Mitchell Beaty, and Bro. Wilburn Choate all made a wonderful talk on Prayer and agreed to use the former report as follows, We your Committee on Prayer Meetings, 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 Meetings in all the Churches.

Rev. Obed Delk, Chairman
Bro. Mitchell Beaty
Bro. Wilburn Choate

REPORT ON FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance find \$363.04 for the Childrens Home, and \$265.00 for Minutes, paid our Pastors \$10,134.04, and a building fund of \$26,163.35. A motion was made and Seconded to accept as is.

Rev. Elmer McCowans, Chairman
Rev. Tony Durham
Bro. Elvin Presley

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The session was called to order with congregational singing. The Moderator read scripture from John 15:1-5, prayer was lead by the Rev. Raymond Peek.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

When the Association met with the Mt. Carmel Church, Bro. Clay Hancock and Bro. S. D. Burnett came before the presbytery from the Union Chapel Church to be examined for licenses, they were turned down. On Oct. 14 the Presbytery was called to the Union Grove Church to examine Bro. Troy Harris, Bro. Charles Whittaker, Bro. Billie Joe Hedgecough, and Bro. Miller Thompson as Deacons after examination they were ordained. On Oct. 28, 1972 we met with the Calvary Church. Rev. Olmas England, pastor of the Portland church brought a letter wanting to unite with the Eastern Division. The church was accepted into full fellowship in the Association. Also Bro. Forest Denny came with a letter from the Portland Church after examination he was licensed to preach the gospel for one year. On Dec. 30, 1972 we met with the Rinnie Church, Bro. Lawrence Edward Hill came from the Victory Church and after examination he was licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Also Bro. Bill McCormick and Bro. Stanley Wright came from the Center Point Church after examination they were ordained as Deacons. On April the 21st we were called to the Calvary Church to examine Bro. Albert Key for deacon; he was ordained. April 28, 1973 we met with the Fairview Church. Bro. Ralph Phillips and Bro. Johnnie Ray were ordained as deacons of the Fairview Church. Also Bro. Elmer McCowans was examined and ordained to the full ministry. July 28, 1973 we met with the Union Grove Church, Bro. Farris Cook from the Calvary Church was ordained as deacon, also Bro. Donnie Ray was ordained as deacon of the Circle Drive Church. Bro. Obed Delk came from the Cooper's Chapel Church and was ordained to the full ministry. Bro. Richard England came from the Jonesville Church and was licensed for one year to preach the gospel. Sept. 29, 1973 we met with the Jonesville Church, Bro. James Phillips was examined and granted privilege to pastor churches in the Eastern Division. Rev. Tommie Vaughn came with a letter from the Union Grove Church and a letter from the Western Division to be examined to take membership in the Eastern Division, he was accepted in full fellowship. Bro. T. C. Hargis came with a letter from the Portland Church requesting he be examined to pastor the church also a letter from the Gospel Tabernacle Association of good recommendation, he was granted privilege to pastor for six months then he is to come back to be re-examined and if passed his credentials ratified. Oct. 7, 1973 the Presbytery was called to Monterey to organize a Church after examination they were organized with 12 members and Bro. G. D. Randolph and Bro. Doyle Vaughn were ordained as deacons. Rev. Tommie Vaughn was elected as pastor named the Second F.W.B. of Monterey. During the Association Rev. Maford Beaty came from the Western Division well recommended after examination he was granted privilege to pastor churches in our Association. Also Bro. David Wright came from the Mt. Carmel Church after examination he was ordained as deacon.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. Glen Bilbrey, Rev. Tony Durham, and Rev. Hershel Phillips, asked for a letter of recommendation to the Western Division to pastor churches in that association, a motion was made and second to grant them a letter of good standing.

A motion was made and second and voiced by the association to send \$15 next year for printing the minutes.

All churches should send a total amount that they have sent to the childrens home, whether through the association or directly to the home so the clerk can place it in the minutes.

The Rev. M. G. Phillips sent a letter asking to be excused because of sickness.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

The Rev. Elbert Copeland was elected to be the Traveling Evangelist for the year 1973 and 1974.

PLACE FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The association voted that the next association would meet with the Calvary Church, in Overton County, Crawford, Tenn. on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1974. The Moderator, the Rev. Tommie Vaughn will call the House to order at 9 A.M.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The Rev. Hershel Phillips was voted by the Association to preach the Introductory Sermon at 11 A.M.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We, the Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Laymen, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful people of the Cooper's Chapel Church for the good food that was furnished us during our stay with you. We enjoyed visiting with you and your cooperation helped us to have a good association we hope to see you next year at the Calvary Church. May God Bless each of you, lets Pray and work more in the next year for more prosperous Churches. The work being ended, a motion was made and second to adjourn until the time and place of the next association.

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~~(((PASTORAL LABOR FOR 1973-1974)))~~

BANNER SPRINGS: Rev. Gerald Taylor, Pastor

CALVARY: Rev. Forest Denny

CENTER POINT: Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor—Rev. Obed Delk, Asst.

CIRCLE DRIVE: Rev. Mayford Beaty, Pastor

COOPER'S CHAPEL: Rev. Woodrow Cooper, Pastor—Rev. Obey Delk, Asst.

CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Rev. Leeman Cravens, Pastor

FAIRVIEW: Rev. Elmer McCowan, Pastor

HIGHLAND: Rev. Melvin Brown, Pastor—Rev. Eugene Brown, Asst.

HIGH POINT: Rev. Oliver England, Pastor

JONESVILLE: Rev. Leelan Green, Pastor—Rev. Olmus England, Asst.

LIVINGSTON: Rev. Ovie Tinch, Pastor

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Rev. Porter Penticuff, Pastor—Rev. Oscar Smith, Asst.

MIDWAY: Rev. James Phillips, Pastor

MINERAL SPRINGS: Rev. Luther Cox, Pastor

MT. CARMAL: Rev. ????

PORTLAND: Rev. T. C. Hargis, Pastor

RINNIE: Rev. Omer Allred, Pastor

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Rev. Cassell Huling, Pastor

SECOND F.W.B.: Rev. Tommie Vaughn, Pastor

TINCH TOWN: Rev. Oscar Smith, Pastor—Rev. Porter Penticuff, Asst.

UNION B.: Rev. Olmus England, Pastor

UNION CHAPEL: Rev. Oliver England, Pastor

UNION GROVE: Rev. Donald Whittaker, Pastor

UNION POINT: Rev. Hoyt Looper, Pastor

VICTORY: Rev. Willard Norris, Pastor—Rev. Oliver England, Asst.

WOODY: Rev. Clayton Padgett, Pastor

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Omer Allred	Rte. 1, Box 132, Jamestown, Tenn.—Phone 863-3149
Clyde Bilbrey	Rte. 2, Allgood, Tenn.—Phone 537-6237
Glen Bilbrey	Rte. 2, Allgood, Tenn.
Roy Bright	Rockwood, Tenn.
Eugene Brown	
Melvin Brown	Rte. 1, Rickman, Tenn.—Phone 823-2504
Woodrow Cooper	Jamestown, Tenn.
Elbert Copeland	Rte. 2, Jamestown, Tenn.—Phone 879-2504
Luther Cox	Rte. 3, Box 445, Crossville, Tenn.—Phone 484-3738
Leeman Cravens	Rte. 3, Jamestown, Tenn.—Phone 879-8944
Tony Durham	Deer Lodge, Tenn.
Obey Delk	Jamestown, Tenn.
Oliver England	Rte. 1, Crossville, Tenn.—Phone 484-7167
Olmus England	Monterey, Tenn.
Leelan Green	245 4th Ave., Allgood, Tenn.—Phone 537-6275
S. H. Hall	Banner Springs
Cordell Hargis	319 A. Medlock St., Livingston, Tenn.—Phone 823-4582
Cassell Huling	
Woddie Key	Rte. 6, Cookeville, Tenn.—Phone 537-6275
Hoyt Looper	Rte. 3, Monterey, Tenn.—Phone 839-2838
Bill McCowan	Rte. 3, Monterey, Tenn.
Daily McCowan	Rte. 1, Cloverdale Sub., Sparta, Tenn.
Marlin Miller	Rte. 1, Crawford, Tenn.—Phone 445-3367
Willard Norris	Rte. 7, Crossville, Tenn.
Willie Norris	Roslin, Tenn.
Ronald Norrod	Rte. 3, Monterey, Tenn.
Porter Penticuff	
E. H. Phillips	Rte. 3, Monterey, Tenn.
M. G. Phillips	Rte. 1, Cresent Drive, Bonagua, Tenn.
Oscar Smith	Jamestown, Tenn.
Gerald Taylor	Box 201 A., Clarkrange, Tenn.—Phone 863-3245
Harlon Thompson	Rte. 1, Box 250 B., Clarkrange, Tenn.—Phone 863-3396
Ovle Tinch	Rte. 5, Box 16, Livingston, Tenn.—Phone 823-2685
Tommie Vaughn	Monterey, Tenn.
Donald Whittaker	Monterey, Tenn.
Claude Wilson	4409 Airway Drive, Dayton, Ohio

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Banner Springs	Mae Waters, Rte. 1, Box 213, Jamestown, Tenn.
Calvary	Gail Bowman, Crawford, Tenn.
Center Point	Betty Chote, Rte. 3, Box 385, Jamestown, Tenn.
Circle Drive	Lula M. Ray, Rte. 7, Cookeville, Tenn.
Cooper's Chapel	Joyce Warden, Jamestown, Tenn.
Cross Roads Chapel	Beachel Creslious, Rte. 3, Box 83, Jamestown, Tenn.
Fairview	Marie L. Looper, Rte. 7, Cookeville, Tenn.
Highland	Alice Faye Looper, Rte. 2, Monterey, Tenn.
High Point	Minnie Lavender, Deer Lodge, Tenn.
Jonesville	Marie Beaty, Rte. 1, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Livingston	Jesse Smith, Box 76, Alpine, Tenn.
Martha Washington	Golda Stepp, Rte. 1, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Midway	Hoyt A. Miller, Rte. 1, Box 205 A, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Mineral Springs	Ina Stephens, Box 96, Monterey, Tenn.
Mt. Carmel	Billie Fike, Rte. 1, Box 131, Jamestown, Tenn.
Rinnic	Lois Matthews, Rte. 1, Crossville, Tenn.
Second F.W.B. Monterey	Edna Dixon
Stockton Chapel	Sylvia King, Rte. 1, Jamestown, Tenn.
Tinch Town	Harold Choate
Union B.	Winnie Phillips, Rte. 1, Box 204, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Union Chapel	Betty Hicks, Hedalgo, Ky.
Union Grove	Ruthie Norrod, Rte. 3, Monterey, Tenn.
Union Point	Laura Looper, Rte. 2, Monterey, Tenn.
Victory	Charlotte Alexander, Rte. 4, Box 302, Kingston, Tenn.
Woody	Gerald Williams, Rte. 1, Box 421, Crossville, Tenn.
First F.W.B. Portland	Judy Farley, 912 S. Shank St., Portland, Ind.

RULES FOR 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 received 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

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~~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.

Section 14--It shall be the duty of all our Churches to support their Pastors financially and support them with their presence. And any Pastor that feels a Church is not backing him and feels led to resign, will give the Church a thirty day notice that he is leaving, so that the Church may be able to find a Pastor. Also before a Church calls an Evangelist, the Pastor be consulted. And when a Deacon is called to preach the Gospel, and he is licensed to preach, his Deacon Ordination papers are annulled. Also any Minister coming 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1--We believe in one eternal God, the creator and upholder of all things and in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in the Holy Ghost and that these three are one.

Article 2--We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.

Article 3--We believe that man is unable to recover himself from the fallen state that he is in by reason of sin, only by the grace of God through the exercise of faith.

Article 4--We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper and the washing of the saints feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that immersion is the only mode of baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Article 5--We believe that no minister has the right to administer these ordinances except such as are regularly ordained.

Article 6--We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and the joys of the righteous are eternal.

Article 7--We believe that no persons are members of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ only those who have the witness within themselves.

Article 8--We believe that all Christians have a right to the sacramental table upon the principles of their acceptance with him for Saint Paul says: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup."--1 Cor. 11:28.

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 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 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

CHURCH	ADDRESS	Inc. by Letter	Inc. by Rec.	Inc. by Prof.	Dec. by Exc.	Dec. by Letter	Dec. by Death	No. in Fellowship	Home for Children	Minutes	Day of Meeting	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid other Ministers	Building and Repair	Miscellaneous
Banner Springs ✓	Banner Springs	—	—	4	—	—	1	32	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	1-3	\$ 349.60	\$ 12.00	\$ 99.50	\$ 1,145.36	
10 Calvary ✓	Crawford	2	2	—	—	—	—	147	18.75	10.00	All	876.66	17.00	582.60	600.00	
13 Circle Drive ✓	Allgood	—	—	3	—	1	—	32	8.74	10.00	All	688.36	14.50	183.74	1,243.90	
10 Cooper's Chapel ✓	Jamestown	—	—	4	—	1	—	136	10.00	10.00	All	295.30	9.00	113.72	3,500.00	
26 Cross Roads Chapel ✓	Jamestown	—	1	6	—	2	—	80	15.36	10.00	All	888.65	18.30	196.00	2,348.62	
14 Fairview ✓	Livingson	1	2	7	—	9	1	76	—	10.00	All	126.50	—	225.17	672.30	745.49
12 Second F.V.B. Monterey ✓	Monterey	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	16.37	10.00	All	—	—	—	—	
14 Highland ✓	Livingson	—	—	—	—	3	1	81	10.58	10.00	All	355.16	11.50	100.00	316.50	
14 High Point ✓	Deer Lodge	8	—	—	—	1	2	32	25.00	10.00	2-4	246.59	—	246.65	216.59	
16 Jonesville ✓	Clarkrange	4	1	3	—	2	—	69	10.00	10.00	All	339.99	9.00	145.00	1,622.13	
25 Livingston ✓	Livingson	2	2	12	—	—	—	57	10.00	10.00	All	400.00	10.00	—	2,265.61	314.00
Martha Washington ✓	Clarkrange	—	—	—	—	2	—	55	15.00	10.00	All	360.00	11.25	69.00	4,197.92	
Midway ✓	Clarkrange	6	2	4	—	9	—	99	—	15.00	All	—	—	1,360.00	192.45	633.74
Mineral Springs	Monterey	3	2	3	—	2	—	88	27.18	10.00	All	37.01	27.00	348.98	438.18	
Mt. Carmel	Grimley	—	—	1	—	1	5	138	30.41	10.00	All	1,392.91	37.01	129.04	2,148.30	
Rhine	Crossville	—	—	—	—	1	2	160	21.00	10.00	4th	1,247.75	42.70	129.54	—	
First F.V.B. Portland	Portland, Ind.	—	1	4	—	2	—	38	15.00	10.00	All	550.90	—	—	—	
Stockton Chapel	Ben Stockton	—	1	4	—	—	—	87	10.00	10.00	1st	326.83	10.15	473.27	—	
Tinch Town	Jamestown	4	1	2	—	1	1	75	10.00	10.00	2nd	156.00	18.00	180.00	—	
Union B	Monterey	—	2	3	—	—	—	103	35.00	10.00	All	277.05	12.55	204.65	438.21	
Union Chapel	Sunny Brook, Ky.	—	6	—	—	1	1	54	—	10.00	2nd	195.94	—	135.32	40.00	
Union Grove	Monterey	5	10	1	—	—	—	116	21.00	10.00	All	334.98	31.78	180.00	3,931.47	509.60
Union Point	Monterey	—	1	1	—	5	—	152	—	10.00	All	210.60	13.00	166.74	802.75	249.96
Victory	Rockwood	3	2	1	—	—	—	31	12.00	10.00	All	146.64	16.00	63.00	85.00	
Woody	Crossville	1	1	3	—	—	—	102	14.05	10.00	All	161.49	80.00	60.66	174.65	160.45
Center Point	Jamestown	39	29	70	—	43	20	98	17.60	10.00	All	196.50	21.00	179.28	—	
								2,200	\$363.04	\$265.00		\$10,134.04	\$421.74	\$5,573.85	\$26,163.35	\$2,452.72

Ministers Reports

Ministers	Addresses	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Held	Contributions
Omer Allred	Rt. 1, Box 132 Jamestown, Tenn.	2	87	26	10	5	9	20	\$ 770.70
Melvin Brown	Rt. 1 823-2504 Rickman, Tenn.	1	83	64	2	9	6	4	
Luther Cox	Rt. 3, Box 445 Crossville, Tenn.	1	63	7	7	3	0	0	\$1511.69
Leeman Cravens	Rt. 3 879-8944 Jamestown, Tenn.	1	84	7	2	9	1	14	\$1669.45
Elmer McCowans	Rt. 7 823-5836 Cookeville, Tenn.	1	86	25	10	4	-	2	\$ 379.72
Daily McCowans	Rt. 8, Sub. Div. Sparta, Tenn.	1	106	11	3	7	0	0	\$ 813.36
Ronald Norrod	Rt. 3 Monterey, Tenn.	0	53	8	0	0	0	1	\$ 267.89
Ovle Tinch	Rt. 3, Box 303 Livingston, Tenn.	1	147	51	16	19	2	8	\$ 631.00
Tomie Vaughn	107 Agee St. Monterey, Tenn.	1	51	6	0	0	4	26	

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Clyde Bilbrey
 Roy Bright
 Eugene Brown
 Woodrow Cooper
 Elbert Copeland
 Tony Durham
 Oliver England

Willard Norris
 Willie Norris
 Porter Pentecuff
 E. H. Phillips
 M. C. Phillips
 Oscar Smith
 Gerald Taylor

Donald Whittaker
 Claude Wilson
 Obed Delk

DISABLED MINISTERS
 S. J. Hall

LETTER FROM.....CHURCH

To the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church

Date 197.....

When convened with the church at

.....197 --- 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 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

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 ofChurch

assembled in regular meeting this..... day of ,197.....

Our day of meeting is.....Sunday

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

.....Address

