

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION
EASTERN DIVISION
OF THE
STONE ASSOCIATION
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WHEN CONVENED WITH
THE CALVARY CHURCH
OVERTON COUNTY
CRAWFORD, TENNESSEE
OCTOBER, 11-12, 1974

Rev. Gilbert Mata, Moderator.....Crossville, Tenn.
Rev. Melvin Brown, Assistant Moderator.....Rickman, Tenn.
Rev. Ronald Norrod, ClerkMonterey, Tenn.
Rev. Gerald Taylor, Assistant Clerk:Clarkrange, Tenn.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST DAY

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

SECOND DAY

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. Report of Finance Committee
9. Miscellaneous Business
10. Traveling Evangelist Appointed
11. Appointment of Next Meeting Place
12. Introductory Sermon
13. Expressing Thanks
14. Adjournment

The Ninety First Annual Session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association Freewill Baptist Church met with the Calvary Church, Overton County, Crawford, Tenn. on October 11-12, 1974. The former Moderator the Rev. Tomie Vaughn, being present called the house to order by congregational singing. Scripture was read from Romans 15: 1-7 Prayer was lead by Bro. Darrel Phillips. The Association proceeded to organize by electing The Rev. Gibert Mata, Moderator, the Rev. Melvin Brown Asst. Moderator, the Rev. Ronald Norrod Clerk, and the Rev. Gerald Taylor Asst. Clerk.

DELEGATES

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

BANNER SPRINGS: Karen Stowers and Felecia Hall

CALVARY: Burris Howard, Lester Howard, Martha Howard and Josephine Cook

CENTER POINT: Betty Choate, Omie Ringley and Bill McCormick

CIRCLE DRIVE: Dean Copeland and Sophia Swafford.

COOPER'S CHAPEL: Steve Warden

CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Alonzie Wright and Charles Doss

FAIRVIEW: Marie Looper and Eulla Looper

FIRST F.W.B. PORTLAND: Pat Miller

HIGHLAND: Florence Ledbetter, Odis Speck and Cordell Speck

HIGH POINT: Russell Brock and Kathy Brock

JONESVILLE: Represented by letter.

LIVINGSTON: Michael Tinch, Joe Savage, and Allen Savage

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Golda Stepp and Clara Threet.

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MINERAL SPRINGS: Elvin Presley and Savage Henry

MT. CARMEL: Willie Wright, Mitchell Beaty, Carlene Smith, and Glenn Smith

RINNIE: Virgil Beaty and Oscar Smith

SECOND F.W.B. MONTEREY: John Copeland and Emma Copeland

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Dewey Stowers, Grace Cooper and Johnny Cooper

TINCHTOWN: Allen Smith and Gordon York

UNION B.: Darrel Phillips, Willie Mae Phillips and A. G. Phillips

UNION CHAPEL: Wilma Hardin and Varner Hardin

UNION GROVE: Jennie Bilbrey and Sara Phillips

UNION POINT: Tilda Phillips, Wilburn Phillips and Flora Phillips

VICTORY: C. E. Davis and Joan Davis

WOODY: Rissie Davis

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:

Rev. Olmus England, Chairman; Bro. Author Key, Bro. Tilford Smith.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Rev. Elmer McCowan, Chairman; Bro. Russel Brock, Bro. Hooper Farley.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION:

Rev. Tony Durham, Chairman; Bro. Eugene Wright, Bro. Dewey Stowers.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY:

Sis. Marie Looper, Chairman; Sis, Kathy Brock, Sis. Carlene Smith.

COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING:

Rev. Woodie Key, chairman; Rev. Forest Denny, Bro Mitchell Beaty

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Rev. Donald Whittaker, Chairman; Bro. Willie Wright, Rev. James Phillips.

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Rev. James Phillips, Chairman; Donald Whittaker, Leeman Cravens, Tomie Vaughn, and Omer Allred.

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONS:

Bro. Author key, Bro. Farris Cook and Bro. Lester Howard.

DEVOTIONAL REPORT:

Friday Night, 7 p.m. Rev. James Phillips and Rev. Melvin Brown

Saturday Morning 11 a.m. Rev. Leeman Cravens

Saturday Night 7 p.m. Rev. Tony Durham and Rev. Taldmadge Phillips

Sunday 11 a.m. Rev. Harlon Thompson

CHURCH LETTERS CALLED FOR

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

CROSSROADS CHAPEL: Read and Passed

FAIRVIEW: Read and Passed

FIRST F.W.B. PORTLAND: Read and Passed

HIGHLAND: Read and Passed

HIGHPOINT: Read and Passed

JONESVILLE: Read and Passed

LIVINGSTON: Read and Passed

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Read and Passed

MIDWAY: Read and Passed

MINTERAL SPRINGS: Read and Passed

MT. CARMEL: Read and Passed

RINNIE: Read and Passed

SECOND F.W.B. MONTEREY: Read and Passed

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Read and Passed

TINCHTOWN: Read and Passed

UNION B.: Read and Passed

UNION CHAPEL: Read and Passed

UNION GROVE: Read and Passed

UNION POINT: Read and Passed

VICTORY: Read and Passed

WOODY: Read and Passed

ADJOURNED AT 11 A.M. FOR THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. Hershel Phillips reading from the 13th chapter of I Cor. which was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

The Association reassembled at 1 p.m. with congregational singing lead by Bro. G. D. Randolph. The moderator called the house to order reading from I Cor. 14: 1-6. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Herman Hooten. The rest of the church letters were read then we continued with other business.

INVITATIONS FOR NEW CHURCHES

None Responded.

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

Bro. Clyde Bowman from the Calvary church came with a letter to be examined for deacon after examination he was ordained. Also Bro. Carl Reed Edwards was ordained as deacon of the Mt. Carmel Church. Bro. Author Key came to the Presbytery with a request of new credentials since his original burned. The presby made him a copy of the original.

THE RULES OF DECORUM WERE READ

A motion was made and second to accept them as read and voiced by Association.

A motion was made and second to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday Night a wonderful sermon was brought by Rev. James Phillips followed by Rev. Melvin Brown. Both sermons were enjoyed by all. A very spiritual congregation.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met at 9 a.m. with congregational singing led by the Rev. Forest Denny. The Moderator, Rev. Gilbert Mata, brought the session to order by reading verses 1 and 2 of the 12th chapter of Romans. The prayer was lead by the Rev. John L. Barnes.

Proceeded by the clerk calling the roll of delegates of which only 10 was present; Calvary, Fairview, 1st F.W.B. Portland, Highland, Highpoint, Livingston, Midway, Mt. Carmel, Stockton Chapel and Union B.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELIST

First, I want to say that it has been a wonderful year for me, having the opportunity to visit the churches. I have enjoyed it and I have received a warm welcome everywhere. I want to thank everyone for their offerings, helping me in my travel expenses and I am happy to find as a whole the churches have advanced spiritually, also in building Sunday School rooms. Now I have to say, I believe that some are weaker than others spiritually. We all need to pray for each other and submit ourselves to the will of God and be in one accord so that the churches can be a better light to the lost, I believe we have room to advance.

Elbert Copeland

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. Olmus England and Bro. Tilford Smith made a wonderful talk on temperance and stressed avoiding anything where by our brother might be offended. All agreed to accept the former report.

We your Committee on Temperance beg to advise Ministers and Deacons Sunday School Teachers 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. Olmus England, Chairman
Bro. Author Key
Bro. Tilford Smith

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

All three committee men made a wonderful talk on the necessity of Sunday School for adults as well as our young people.

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. Elmer McCowans, Chairman
Bro. Russel Brock
Bro. Hooper Farley

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

We your committee on resolutions express that all pastors and deacons to stand firm on keeping the King James Version of the Bible in our churches.

Motioned and Seconded and ruled by majority.

Rev. Tony Durham, Chairman
Bro. Eugen Wright
Bro. Dewey Stowers

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on obituaries find that twenty-one members of our churches passed away. They are as follows:

BANNER SPRINGS: Wilburn Stepps

CIRCLE DRIVE: Martha Hargis

CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Nova Wright, Oakley Hayse.

FIRST F.W.B. PORTLAND: Marie Lewis, Donnie Miller

HIGHLAND: Ernest Ledbetter, Shirly Walker, Sid Smith. Luther Eldridge, Thomas Stout.

JONESVILLE: Verna Ledbetter

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Eliza Miller

MT. CARMEL: General Sims, Sally Richards Whaley

TINCHTOWN: Etha Tinch

UNION GROVE: M. C. Bilbreyt

UNION POINT: Nellie Vaughn, Billie Matt Ray, Anna May Looper

VICTORY: Stanley Essex

Sister Marie Looper, Chairman
Sister Kathy Brock
Sister Carlene Smith

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

The committee on Prayer Meetings, believes it is essential for each church to have a Prayer Meeting, as it will strengthen our Christian character, our members, and our duties. By having Prayer Meetings, we can become more familiar with one another's needs, and burdens of others, by all means, we urge all Churches and Pastors to establish good Prayer Meetings, not only for the church, but for all mankind.

Rev. Woodie Key, Chairman
Rev. Forest Denney
Bro. Mitchell Beatty

The Association adjourned for the introductory sermon which was delivered by Rev. Leeman Cravens taking his scripture from Acts. 5: 1-11.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled at 1:30 by congregational singing. Scripture was read by Rev. Gilbert Mata, the Moderator, from Psalms 23. Prayer was lead by Bro. Doyle Vaughn. The association now called to order we proceeded with business.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We your committee on finance find \$459.23 for the home for Children, and \$420.00 for the printing of the minutes.

Rev. Donald Whittaker, Chairman
Rev. James Phillips
Bro. Willie Wright

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. James Earl Raper from the Children's Home was present and explained some of the operations of the Home. His presence was greatly appreciated.

Rev. Richard England and Rev. Ronald Norrod asked for a letter of good standing to go before the western division to pastor churches in that association. Motion made and second to give them a letter.

It was agreed to drop from our roll of ordained ministers, Roy Bright and Eugene Brown on grounds of not attending for two consecutive years.

A motion made and second and passed the entire association to start an Associational Treasure. Each church should send \$10.00 each conference and association of which the finance committee will be in charge of. Next year each church will order the exact number of minutes needed and the Associational clerk will mail them C.O.D.

Motion made and Second to strike from the minute the requirement of sending \$15.00 to the association for purpose of minutes.

The Association wishes to recognize the following visiting ministers: Rev. James Earl Raper, Rev. Herman Hooten, Rev. John L. Barnes, Rev. Mayford Beaty, Rev. Stacy Tollison, Rev. John Norris and Bro. Charles D. Ballard.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

The Rev. Hershel Phillips was elected to be the traveling evangelist for the year of 1974-1975.

PLACE FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The association voted that the next association would meet with the Martha Washington church in Fentress County, Clarkrange Tenn. on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1975. The Moderator, the Rev. Gibert Mata will call the house to order at 9 a.m.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The Rev. Gilbert Mata was voted 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 Calvary Church for the good food and hospitality that was offered during our stay. We enjoyed visiting with you and your cooperation that helped us have such a wonderful association. May God bless each of you see you next year at Martha Washington. A motion was made and second to adjourn until the time and place of the next association.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Taldmadge Phillip and his singer were on hand for the special singing which lead to the wonderful sermon which was brought by Rev. Tony Durham. The entire service was enjoyed by everyone present.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery met with the Union Grove Church Oct. 28, 1973, for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Forest L. Denny, after examination he was ordained to the full ministry. The Presbytery met with the conference at Martha Washington on Dec. 29, 1973. Bro. Eugene Wright came from the Cross Roads Church with letter recommending him for license to preach after examination he was licensed to preach for 12 months. Rev. James Phillips came with a letter of recommendation from the Central Ind. Stone Association of dismissal in good standing to unite with our Association.

After examination he was accepted in full fellowship. Bro. Lawrance Edward Hill came with a letter from the Victory church not well recommended to be ordained or relicensed. After examination the Presbytery agreed to relicense him.

The Presbytery met at the Livingston Church on Feb. 24, 1974, for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Danny Tich for a Deacon. He was ordained. The Presbytery met in the Conferenace at the Rinnie church on March 30, 1974. Bro. Leamon Swallows came from the Union B. Church to be ordained for deacon after examination he was ordained.

Rev. Gilbert Mata came from the Central Ind. Stone Association with a letter of good standing to join our Association. He was accepted in full fellowship into our body. The Presbytery met with the High Point church in conference June 29, 1974. Bro. Bobby Stowers came from the Banner Springs Church for deacon after examination he was ordained.

The Presbytery met with the conference at the Highland Church Sept. 28, 1974 with four members present the chairman appointed Rev. Tomie Vaughn to sit in on the presbytery in Rev. Luther Cox's absence. Bro. Herman Johnson and Bro. George Dillman came from the Portland church to be licensed to preach after examination they were granted license for 12 months.

Bro. Darrel Phillips came from the Union B. church after passing examination he was licensed to preach the gospel for a period of 12 months. Bro. Billy England was also granted license to preach coming from the Union B. Church. Bro. Loren Matthews and Bro. Donald Ledbetter of the Highland church were ordained as deacons of that church.

Bro Jimmy Hood from the Highland church was granted license to preach for 12 months. Bro. Richard England came from the Jonesville church well recommended to be ordained to preach, his license being expired after examination he was ordained to the full ministry.

Rev. Omer Allred, Chairman
Rev. Leaman Cravens
Rev. Ronald Norrod
Rev. Luther Cox
Rev. Leelan Green

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Elbert Copeland, Rt. 2, Jamestown, Tenn. Phone 879-7305
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Obey Delk, Jamestown, Tenn.
Oliver England, Rt. 1, Crossville, Tenn., Phone 484-7167
Olmus England, Monterey, Tenn.
Richard England, Rt. 1, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Leelan Green, 245 4th Ave., Algood, Tenn.

S. H. Hall, Banner Springs, Tenn.
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 Cassel Huling, Deerlodge, Tenn.
 Woodie Key, Rt. 6, Cookeville, Tenn. Phone 537-6275
 Hoyt Looper, Old Walton Rd., Monterey, Tenn. Phone 839-2828
 Gilbert Mata, 123 Ivanhoe Lane, Crossville, Tenn. Phone 484-6458
 Elmer McCowan, Rt. 7, Cookeville, Tenn. Phone 823-5836
 Bill McCowan, Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.
 Marlin Miller, Rt. 1, Crawford, Tenn. Phone 445-3367
 Willard Norris, Rt. 7, Crossville, Tenn.
 Willie Norris, Roslin, Tenn.
 Ronald Norrod, Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn. Phone 839-2145
 Porter Penticuff, Jamestown, Tenn.
 E. H. Phillips, Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn.
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 M. G. Phillips, Watertown, Tenn.
 Oscar Smith, Jamestown, Tenn.
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 Tomie Vaughn, 107 Agee St., Monterey, Tenn. Phone 839-2359
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 Claude Wilson, Rt. 1, Clarkrange

PASTORAL LABOR FOR 1974-1975

Banner Springs	Rev. Gerald Taylor
Calvary	Rev. Harlon Thompson
Center Point	Rev. Omer Allred; Rev. Obey Delk, Assistant
Circle Drive	???
✓Cooper's Chapel	Rev. Woodrow Cooper
Crossroads Chapel	Rev. Leeman Cravens
Fairview	Rev. Elmer McCowan
First F.W.B. Portland	
Highland	Rev. Melvin Brown
High Point	Rev. Oliver England
Jonesville	Rev. Leelan Green
Livingston	Rev. Ovle Tinch
Martha Washington	Rev. Porter Penticuff; Rev. Claude Wilson, Assistant
Midway	Rev. James Phillips
Mineral Springs	Rev. Forest Denny
Mt. Carmel	Rev. Gilbert Mata
Rinnie	Rev. Omer Allred
Second F.W.B. Monterey	Rev. Tomie Vaughn
✓Stockton Chapel	Rev. Cassel Huling
✓Tinch Town	Rev. Oscar Smith; Rev. Porter Penticuff, Assistant
Union B.	Rev. Olmus England
✓Union Chapel	Rev. Oliver England
Union Grove	Rev. Donald Whittaker
Union Point	Rev. Hoyt Looper
✓Victory	Rev. Willard Norris
Woody	Rev. Clayton Padgett

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Banner Springs, Lillie York; Rt. 1, Box 216, Jamestown, Tenn.
Calvary, Gail Bowman; Crawford, Tenn.
Center Point, Betty Chote; Rt. 3, Box 385, Jamestown, Tenn.
Circle Drive, Lula M. Ray; Rt. 7, Box 300, Cookeville, Tenn.
Cooper's Chapel Joyce Warden; Rt. 2, Box 119, Jamestown, Tenn.
Crossroads Chapel, Beachel Creslious; Rt. 2, Box 103, Jamestown, Tenn.
Fairview, Marie L. Looper; Rt. 1, Rickman, Tenn.
First F.W.B. Portland, Wonda Sisco, 107 N. Franklin St., Dunkirk, Ind.
Highland, Alice Faye Looper, Rt. 2, Monterey, Tenn.
High Point, Mary B. Robbins, Rt. 1, Box 93, Lancing, Tenn.
Jonesville, Marie Beaty, Rt. 1, Box 23A, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Livingston, Donnie Savage
Martha Washington, Golda Stepp; Rt. 1, Box 252, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Midway, Hoyt A. Miller; Rt. 1, Box 205A, Clarkrange, Tenn.
Mineral Springs, Ina Stephens; Box 96, Monterey, Tenn.
Mt. Carmel, Billie Fike; Rt. 1, Box 131, Jamestown, Tenn.
Rinnie, Lois Matthews; Rt. 1, Crossville, Tenn.
Second F.W.B. Monterey, Edna Dixon; 801 Jackson Ave., Monterey, Tenn.
Stockton Chapel, Sylvia King; Rt. 1, Jamestown, Tenn.
Tinch Town, Mallie J. Penticuff; Rt. 1, Jamestown, Tenn.;
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Union Chapel, Betty Hicks, Hedalgo, Ky.
Union Grove, Ollie V. Harris; Rt. 3, Box 123, Monterey, Tenn.
Union Point, Laura Looper; Rt. 2, Monterey, Tenn.
Victory, Joan Davis; 208 S. Patten Ave., Rockwood, Tenn.
Woody, Gerald Williams, Rt. 1, Box 421, Crossville, Tenn.

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

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 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.

MINISTERS REPORT

MINISTERS	ADDRESSES	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Held	Contributions
Omair Allred	Rt. 1, Box 132 Jamestown, Tenn.	863-3149	2	75	19	6	10	15	9 \$1,040.31
Melvin Brown	Rt. 1. Rickman, Tenn.	823-2504	1	62	15	11	10	4	5 1,000.00
Luther Cox	Rt. 3, Box 445 Crossville, Tenn.	484-7795	1	77	6	5	6	0	2 2,043.45
Leeman Gravens	Rt. 3, Box 389 Jamestown, Tenn	879-8944	1	101	39	24	21	1	8 2,378.51
Forest Denny	801 Standing Stone Dr. Monterey, Tenn.			95	40	2	14	0	1 1,684.85
Gilbert Mata	123 Ivanhoe Lane Crossville, Tenn.	484-6458	1	100	60		10	0	1 2,800.00
Elmer McCowan	Rt. 7 Cookeville, Tenn.	823-5836	1	96	27	13	13	0	1 231.46
Ronald Norrod	Rt. 3 Monterey, Tenn.	839-2145		70	6		2	2	1 366.32
Ovle Tinch	Rt. 3, Box 303 Livingston, Tenn.	823-2685	1	154	41	27	31	3	15 1,085.00
Tomie Vaughn	107 Agee St. Monterey, Tenn.	839-2359	1	54	14	9	3	9	18 157.00

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Clyde Bilbrey	Olmus England	Willard Norris	Donald Whittaker
Glen Bilbrey	Leelan Green	Willie Norris	Claude Wilson
Woodrow Cooper	Cordell Hargis	Porter Penticuff	
Elbert Copeland	Cassell Huling	E.H. Phillips	DISABLED MINISTERS
Obey Delk	Woodie Key	James Phillips	S.J. Hall
Tony Durham	Hoyt Looper	M.G. Phillips	
Oliver England	Bill McGowans	Oscar Smith	
Richard England	Marlin Miller	Gerald Taylor	

CHURCH	ADDRESSES	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
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	.	.	.	.	.	.	36	\$70.00	\$15.00
Calvary	Crawford	-	-	4	-	4	1	156		15.00
Center Point	Jamestown	-	3	1	-	2	-	96	78.98	15.00
Circle Drive	Allgood	1	1	10	-	2	1	31	40.00	15.00
Cooper's Chapel	Jamestown	5	7	12	-	1	2	146	40.00	15.00
Cross Rds. Chapel	Jamestown	1	2	8	-	13	2	101	25.00	15.00
Fairview	Livingston	1	1	1	-	5	2	72	67.58	15.00
1st F.W.B. Portland	Portland Ind.	2	7	2	-	1	5	45		15.00
Highland	Livingston	-	-	-	-	-	5	87	65.38	15.00
High Point	Deer Lodge	-	-	6	-	-	1	29	25.00	15.00
Jonesville	Clarkrange	4	9	14	-	-	1	74	10.00	20.00
Livingston	Livingston	-	-	-	-	-	-	86		25.00
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	3	10	9	-	4	1	59	25.00	15.00
Midway	Clarkrange	1	2	3	-	4	-	92	350.00	15.00
Mineral Springs	Monterey	1	1	14	-	2	2	200	181.56	15.00
Mt. Carmel	Grimsley	-	-	-	-	5	-	155	127.80	15.00
Rhni	Crossville	-	-	3	-	1	-	21	71.34	15.00
2nd F.W.B. Monterey	Monterey	-	6	1	-	1	-	86	10.00	15.00
Stockton Chapel	Ben Stockton	1	-	-	-	-	-	74	25.00	15.00
Union B.	Jamestown	2	5	7	-	3	-	118	40.00	15.00
Union Chapel	Sunnybrook, Ky.	1	-	13	-	5	1	62		15.00
Union Grove	Monterey	-	-	2	-	1	1	112	92.26	15.00
Union Point	Monterey	-	1	1	-	1	3	150	27.55	15.00
Victory	Rockwood	2	-	5	-	3	1	24	10.00	15.00
Woody	Crossville	24	69	129	-	57	21	106	93.18	30.00
										2,353.1,485.83 \$420.00

Day of Meeting	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid other Ministers	Building and Repair	Miscellaneous
All	\$ 633.98	\$ 26.33	\$ 100.55	\$ 1,990.95	\$ 298.90
All	1,024.63	21.09	495.55	3,629.83	330.96
All	276.64	11.25	364.43	1,384.86	
All	772.59	20.00	131.25	878.95	
All	694.49	17.00	289.32	200.00	
All	2,029.51	31.00	248.13	1,858.26	1,311.05
All			211.00	6,106.50	
All	272.86			900.85	
All	698.92	17.52	207.55	5,195.00	10.00
1-3	389.51		325.26		
All	642.06	24.00	54.00	2,493.10	
All	900.00	20.00	285.00	20,978.00	243.59
All	360.00	12.00	193.00	1,265.19	
All	2,670.00	29.53	285.00	3,532.38	1,592.52
All	2,022.48	73.00	477.02	1,030.97	1,043.33
All	2,523.42	21.53	369.58	714.66	
4th	763.67	35.21	273.75	509.03	
All		10.00	85.00		
1st	407.18	8.21	7.00	505.00	
2nd	65.65	10.11	17.04	89.57	
All	427.78	16.00	430.75	1,670.39	
2nd	239.16	8.84	203.76	150.00	
All	415.06	40.24	192.41	1,845.51	112.31
All	264.00	15.25	174.65	419.77	88.00
All	161.59				
All	239.84	33.17	135.11		45.15
	\$18,925.02	\$501.08	\$5,556.11	\$57,246.87	\$5,975.81

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 brethren:

..... 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

by letterFINANCES

by recommendation Paid Pastor.....

by profession Paid traveling evangelist.....

Baptized Other Ministers

Members deceased..... Home for Children.....

by letter Foreign Missions

by exclusion Associational Treasure.....

by death Building and Repairs.....

Total membership

condition of Prayer meeting

Condition of Sunday School.....

Average No. of Pupils in Sunday School.....

No. of Minutes order.....

No. of Officers and Teachers

No. of Deacons.....

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 197.....

Our day of meeting is Sunday

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

..... Address

