

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-THIRD
ANNUAL SESSION
EASTERN DIVISION
OF THE
STONE ASSOCIATION
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WHEN CONVENED WITH
MT. CARMEL CHURCH
FENTRESS CO.
GRIMSLEY, TENN.
OCTOBER 8-9, 1976

Rev. Omer Allred, Moderator Jamestown, Tenn.
Rev. Tomie Vaughn, Assistant Moderator Monterey, Tenn.
Rev. Ronald Norrod, Clerk Livingston, Tenn.
Bro. Tilford Smith, Assistant Clerk Jamestown, 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-Third annual session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association Freewill Baptist Church, met with the Mt. Carmel Church, Fentress County, Grimsley, Tenn. on October 8 and 9, 1976. The former Moderator, Rev. Omer Allred, being present called the house to order at 9:00 a.m., reading from Isaiah 1:17-20. Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough led the congregational singing. Prayer was led by all the ministers. The association proceeded by electing officials.

Rev. Omer Alred Moderator
 Rev. Tomie Vaughn Assistant Moderator
 Rev. Ronald Norrod Clerk
 Bro. Tilford Smith Assistant Clerk

DELEGATES

ALLARDT: Jackie Reagan
 BANNER SPRINGS: Georgia Young, Rosie Hall
 CALVARY: Juanita Reed, Ceola Reed, Burris Howard, Lester Howard,
 Martha Howard, A. G. Bowman
 CENTER POINT: Hettie King, Lena McCormick
 CIRCLE DRIVE: James E. McCloud, Herbert Swafford
 COOPER'S CHAPEL: Betty Cravens, Elaine Smithson
 CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Woody Hancock, Glen Creselious, Charles Doss
 FAIRVIEW: Annetta Winningham, Genivia Phipps, John Phipps
 GREENWOOD CHAPEL: Terry Huling
 HIGHLAND: Bennie Sells
 HIGH POINT: Kathy Brock, Marie Robbins
 JONESVILLE: Vella Ashburn
 LIVINGSTON: Mr. and Mrs. Oral Looper, Floyd Coleman
 MARTHA WASHINGTON: Clifford and Clara Threet
 MIDWAY: Wilma Allred, Opal Welch
 MINERAL SPRINGS: Elvin Presley, Linda Presley, Phyllis Vaughn
 MT. CARMEL: Ozell Cole, Dewey Cooper, Willie Fitzgerald, Mitchel Beaty,
 Earl Cook
 RINNIE: Macel Farmer, Gladys Lowe
 2nd F.W.B. MONTEREY: Dean Phillips, Barnus Phillips
 STOCKTON CHAPEL: Dewey Stowers, Barbara Brannon
 TINCH TOWN: Allen Smith, George Robbins
 UNION B.:
 UNION CHAPEL:
 UNION GROVE: George D. Bailey, Center Bowman, Ronald Harris
 UNION POINT: Flora Phillips, Wilburn Phillips
 VICTORY:
 WOODY: Betty Reagan

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:

Rev. Luther Cox, Chairman; Rev. Elmer McCowan, Rev. Eugene Wright

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough, Chairman; Rev. Harlon Thompson, Rev. Woodie Key

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION:

Rev. Hershel Phillips, Chairman; Rev. Darrel Phillips, Rev. Gilbert Mata

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY:

Bro. Miller Thompson, Chairman; Bro. Barnus Phillips, Bro. David Wright

COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING:

Rev. Hoyt Looper, Chairman; Bro. Doyle Vaughn, Bro. Carl Edwards

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Bro. Woody Hancock, Chairman; Bro. Earl Cook, Rev. Roger Sisco

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Rev. Elmer McCowan, Chairman; Rev. Darrel Phillips, Rev. Ronald Norrod,
Rev. Tommie Vaughn, Rev. Luther Cox

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONS:

Bro. Bradley Hatfield, Bro. Tilford Smith, Bro. Carl Edwards, Bro. David Wright

DEVOTIONAL REPORT:

Friday, 7 p.m. — Rev. Harlon Thompson and Rev. Eugene Wright

Saturday, 11 a.m. — Rev. Bradley Hatfield

Saturday, 7 p.m. — Rev. Omer Allred and Rev. Hershel Phillips

CHURCH LETTERS CALLED FOR

ALLARDT: Read and Passed

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

GREENWOOD CHAPEL: 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

MT. CARMEL: Read and Passed

MINERAL SPRINGS: Read and Passed

RINNIE: Read and Passed

2nd F.W.B. MONTEREY: Read and Passed

STOCKTON CHAPEL: Read and Passed

TINCH TOWN: Read and Passed

UNION B.: No Delegates

UNION CHAPEL: No Delegates

UNION GROVE: Read and Passed

UNION POINT: Read and Passed

VICTORY: No Delegates

WOODY: Read and Passed

ADJOURNED AT 11 A.M. FOR THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Rev. Porter Penticuff brought the morning message taking his text on "Determination" reading his scripture from Matt. 10:15-22, 38. The message was enjoyed by all. Rev. Henry Vann lead the congregation in prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

The moderator opened the afternoon session by reading from Psalms 23. Prayer was offered by Rev. Herman Hooten.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None responded.

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

1st day — none responded.

2nd day — Bro. Paul Coffee came before the Presby to be ordained for deacon of the Fairview church, after examination he was ordained. Rev. Daily Norrod came back before the Presby and was accepted into our Association.

THE RULES OF DECORUM WERE READ

Rev. Porter Penticuff made a motion to accept them as read, the motion was second by Rev. Kenny Winningham and voiced by all.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery report was read, motioned and seconded and voiced by all to stand as read.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT:

A wonderful service which started with Rev. Harlon Thompson reading his scripture from Jer. 12:1-5 taking a text on "a Christian race". Rev. Eugene Wright followed with a sermon on "Sickness" reading from James 5:13-16. Rev. Daily McCowan and family were present at the service.

SATURDAY MORNING:

The Association reassembled at 9:00 with congregational singing lead by Bro. David Wright. The moderator read from Ecc. 12:13-14. Prayer was lead by all the ministers.

The Association proceeded by calling the roll of delegates; the following churches were represented: Calvary, Cross Roads Chapel, Fairview, Highpoint, Mt. Carmel, Rinnie, 2nd F.W.B. Monterey, Stockton Chapel.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELIST

The report of Tomie Vaughn as Evangelist. I have visited the 26 churches in the Eastern Division association, that still has open doors. I had great liberty to preach in the churches. It has been a great privilege to me to visit each church, and I appreciate the Association for granting me this privilege as their Evangelist. I have received a good offering from all the churches but two. I have preached 32 sermons, baptized 10, held 9 funerals, and married 9 couples.

Tomie Vaughn

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Rev. Elmer McCowan made a wonderful talk on Temperance reading from II Peter 1:3. Motion was made by Bro. Doyle Vaughn and second by Lonzo Wright and voiced by all to accept the following report.

We your Committee on Temperance advise Ministers, Deacons and Sunday School Teachers and Members to not only abolish intoxicating drinks such as beer, whiskey and wine; but also drugs such as marijuna, opium, L.S.D. and pot, but that which is given only by a doctor's prescription. We your committee feel that such drugs as these are sin any other way except by a doctor's prescription. Avoid anything whereby our Brother might be offended.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love: and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 5:5-9)

Rev. Luther Cox, Chairman

Rev. Elmer McCowan

Rev. Eugene Wright

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. Harlon Thompson made a wonderful talk on Sunday School. The committee agreed to leave it as last year's report in the minute. Rev. Luther Cox motion and Rev. Leeman Cravens second and voiced by all.

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 train 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. 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 and 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. Billy Joe Hedgecough, Chairman

Rev. Harlon Thompson

Rev. Woodie Key

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

Rev. Darrel Phillips and Rev. Gilbert Mata made a talk on the need of a resolution, which was voted on and failed to pass, see miscellaneous business.

Rev. Hershel Phillips, Chairman

Rev. Darrel Phillips

Rev. Gilbert Mata

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We your committee on obituaries find that 14 of our beloved members passed away last year. They are:

Calvary: Hattie Miller Howard

Coopers Chapel: Theodore Jackson

Fairview: Herman Coffee

Highland: S. B. Hood

High Point: Etha Jones

Livingston: Omega Ledbetter and Carey Emic

Midway: Mary Key

Mt. Carmel: Elmer Bullard

Rinnie: Bessy Hanes and Glen Lowe

Stockton Chapel: George Freeman South

Tinch Town: Lorella Smith

Union Point: Goldie Pierce

Motion made by Rev. Hoyt Looper to accept as read and second by Rev. Leeman Cravens and voiced by all.

Bro. Miller Thompson, Chairman

Bro. Barnus Phillips

Bro. David Wright

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Bro. Looper and Bro. Edwards made a wonderful talk on the importance of prayer meeting.

We your committee on prayer meeting believe that prayer is the key that unlocks heaven's door. We urge all our people to have daily prayer; for we believe that prayer is the key to both christian and church growth. We believe that all church members should support our prayer meetings by prayer and their presence.

Motion made by Rev. Woodie Key and second by Rev. Elmer McCowan and voiced by all to accept as read.

Rev. Hoyt Looper, Chairman

Bro. Doyle Vaughn

Bro. Carl Edwards

The association adjourned at 11:00 for the introductory sermon which was delivered by Bro. Bradley Hatfield. Reading his scripture from Eph. 6:13-20, his subject was "Saints Armour".

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

The association reassembled at 1:15 by singing lead by Bro. David Wright. Prayer was offered by Bro. James Blaylock. Scripture reading from John 15:1-5. The association was now called to order and proceeded with business.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We your committee on finance find the association gave \$1,906.97 to the home for children last year. In the associational treasure we find a total of \$1,530.76.

Bro. Woody Hancock, Chairman

Rev. Roger Sisco

Bro. Earl Cook

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Porter Penticuff made a motion to accept the former resolution. Motion died for lack of a second.

M. G. Phillips motioned to adopt into our minutes that no minister be allowed to perform the ceremony of marriage to any one who has been married before with their former companion still living. Motion died for lack of a second.

The committee on resolution was tabled for miscellaneous business due to disagreement within the committee. Since two of the committee agreed on the new resolution, Bro. Kenny Winningham made a motion they be allowed to read it and Bro. Elmer McCowan second. The resolution:

"Be it resolved that no man be ordained as a minister of the Gospel or to the office of a deacon who has two or more living wives or if their wife has two or more living husbands.

"Be it further resolved that no one having two or more living wives or their wife having two or more living husbands be allowed to teach, superintend,

or hold any office in a church in the Eastern Division."

Bro. Hoyt Looper motion to accept it and Bro. Doyle Vaughn second and voted 30 for and 20 against, since it takes two-thirds majority the resolution wasn't accepted.

Rev. J. B. Harris and Rev. Darrel Phillips asked for a letter of recommendation to go before the Western Division presbytery for the purpose of pastoring churches in that association. Bro. Elmer McCowan motion and Bro. Kenny Winningham second and voiced by the association to give them a letter.

Bro. A. G. Bowman motion for the body of the association be allowed to elect the presbytery. Motion died for lack of a second.

We find that 29 ministers signed the register.

We would like to recognize the following visiting ministers: Rev. Harvey Garrison, Rev. Hal Kirk, Rev. Herman Hooten, Rev. Daily McCowan, Elder Grover Atkinson, Rev. Jobey Lyle Ledbetter, Rev. John L. Barnes, Rev. Mayford Beaty, and Rev. Henry Vann.

Rev. Hal Kirk from the children's home was present and made a talk on the home, thanking the association for their support and making any one welcome to visit the home.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

The Rev. Roger Sisco was elected as traveling evangelist for the associational year of 1976-1977.

PLACE FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The association was appointed to meet with the Rinnie church in Cumberland County, Crossville, Tenn. on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in October 1977. The moderator, Rev. Omer Allred will call the house to order at 9:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

The Rev. Harlon Thompson was voted to preach the introductory sermon and voted for Rev. Hoyt Looper to be his alternate.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We, the ministers, deacons, delegates and laymen, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful people of the Mt. Carmel 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 for your efforts. A motion was made by Bro. Elmer McCowan and second by Bro. Leeman Cravens to adjourn until the time and place of next year's association. The Rev. Leeman Cravens dismissed the association by prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT:

In our absence the assistant clerk reported a good service with Rev. Omer Allred reading from Ecc. 3:1-17 and taking his text on "what time is it". Bro. Allred was followed by Rev. Hershel Phillips reading his scripture from Ez. 1:1-9 taking a text on "What are we going to do about it".

PRESBYTERY REPORT

October 10, 1975 at Martha Washington church Bro. Ricky Hinson came from the Union Point church to be examined for a deacon and was ordained. Also Bro. Elmer Durham came from the Stockton Chapel church to be examined for a deacon and was ordained. Bro. Willard Roberts came from the Midway church to have his deacon papers replaced as his original ones were worn out; this was done.

In conference at Midway on Nov. 29, 1975, Bro. James Blaylock came from the Fairview church to be examined for license to preach; he was granted permission to be licensed. Also Bro. Timothy Blaylock came from the Fairview church to be examined for license to preach; he was granted permission to be licensed. Bro. Bobby Wheeler came from the Fairview church to be examined for license to preach; he was granted permission to be licensed.

On Dec. 29, 1975 the Presbytery met at the Union Grove church. Bro. Kenny Winningham came with a letter from the Fairview church and was ordained to the full ministry.

On Feb. 1, 1976 the Presbytery met at the 2nd F.W.B. church of Monterey. Bro. A. G. Phillips came with a letter from the Monterey church to be examined for a deacon and was ordained. Also Bro. Terry Wilson came with a letter from the Monterey church to be examined for a deacon and he was ordained.

In the Conference at Fairview church on Feb. 28, 1976 the Presbytery met. Bro. Bennie Sells came with a letter from the Highland church to be examined for license to preach; he was granted permission to be licensed.

The Presbytery met at the Highland church on March 28, 1976. Bro. J. B. Harris came from the Highland church for ordination in the full ministry; after examination, he was ordained. Bro. Wayne Brock came from the Greenwood Chapel church for ordination into the full ministry; after examination, he was ordained.

The Presbytery met at Calvary Church on May 29, 1976. Rev. Daily Norrod came from the Union B. church with a letter of recommendation to reunite with our association. He also had a letter of recommendation from the Western division. Bro. Omer Allred made a motion and Bro. Elmer McCowan second to probate Bro. Daily until the association because his 90 days had elapsed. Voted unanimously by the Presbytery.

The Presbytery met at Union Grove July 3, 1976. Bro. Jessie Dixon came from the Highland church to be examined for relicense for a period of 12 months. Motion made by Bro. Cox and second by Bro. Allred to question Bro. Dixon. Bro. Cox after questioning made a motion and second by Bro. Norrod and voiced by the Presbytery to recommend him to the church for relicense. Bro. Billy Joe Hedgecough came from the Union Grove church for examination for ordination as a minister; after examination, Bro. Norrod made a motion and Bro. Allred second and voiced by the Presbytery. He was ordained.

The Presbytery met at Mineral Springs on July 4, 1976. Bro. Basil Phillips Jr. came from the Mineral Springs church to be questioned for the purpose of ordination into the full ministry. After examination Bro. McCowan motion and Bro. Allred second and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Phillips. Bro. Allred asked for a new set of credentials since his was worn so. Bro. Norrod made the motion and Bro. McCowan second to make him new ones and to put his original signers on them with the Presbytery to sign the back of them. Voiced by the Presbytery.

Aug. 28, 1976 the Presbytery met with the Livingston church. Bro. Roger Dale Sisco came from the Union Grove church for questioning. After questioning Bro. McCowan made a motion and Bro. Allred second to ordain Bro. Sisco into the full ministry and voiced by all. Bro. McCowan made the motion and Bro. Cox second to bring in Bro. Bradley Hatfield for questioning. After questioning Bro. McCowan made a motion and Bro. Allred second to put him under license for 12 months under the Mt. Carmel church. Bro. McCowan made a motion and Bro. Cox second to call Bro. James McCloud in for questioning him for a deacon of the Circle Drive church. After examination,

STATISTICS

CHURCH	ADDRESS	Inc. by Letter	Inc. by Rec.	Inc. by Prof.	Dis. by Exc.	Dis. by Letter	Dis. by Death	No. in Fellowship	Day of Meeting
Allardt	Allardt	0	0	1	0	0	0	18	ALL
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	0	0	0	0	2	0	37	ALL
Calvary	Crawford	4	3	7	0	2	1	162	ALL
Center Point	Jamestown	0	0	3	0	1	0	105	ALL
Circle Drive	Algood	4	1	4	0	0	0	40	ALL
Cooper's Chapel	Jamestown	0	0	2	0	1	1	137	ALL
Cross Roads Chapel	Jamestown	4	2	11	1	0	0	119	ALL
Fairview	Livingston	8	17	0	10	1	1	78	ALL
Greenwood Chapel	Sunbright	2	3	0	0	0	0	28	ALL
Highland	Livingston	0	2	0	0	2	1	95	ALL
High Point	Deer Lodge	0	0	4	0	0	1	66	1-3-4
Jonesville	Clarkrange	2	1	5	0	2	0	79	ALL
Livingston	Livingston	3	4	17	0	3	2	131	ALL
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	ALL
Midway	Clarkrange	1	2	1	0	3	1	118	ALL
Mineral Springs	Monterey	0	5	1	0	3	0	102	ALL
Mt. Carmel	Grimsley	0	2	1	0	9	1	200	ALL
Rinnie	Crossville	0	1	0	0	1	2	154	3-4
2nd F.W.B. Monterey	Monterey	5	3	6	0	1	0	36	ALL
Stockton Chapel	Ben Stockton	0	0	11	0	0	1	115	ALL
Tinch Town	Jamestown	1	0	0	0	1	1	71	2
Union B.	Monterey								
Union Chapel	Sunnybrook, Ky.	5	1	2	0	3	0	112	ALL
Union Grove	Monterey	0	0	1	0	4	1	147	ALL
Union Point	Monterey								
Victory	Rockwood								
Woody	Crossville	3	3	7	0	0	0	108	ALL
		43	50	85	11	39	14	2,318	

Day of Meeting	Pastor	Evangelist	Other Ministers	Assoc. Treasury	Home for Children	Building and Repairs	Miscellaneous
ALL	0	14.11	210.59	0	412.33	0	0
ALL	247.40	18.20	272.17	10.00	40.00	2,511.54	183.71
ALL	1,246.59	21.50	100.00	30.00	179.58	271.97	218.16
ALL	236.52	24.00	254.05	50.00	107.58	595.00	0
ALL	940.37	12.64	125.68	0	56.32	454.32	655.27
ALL	661.25	50.00	327.00	0	15.00	0	0
ALL	3,677.39	30.00	675.22	10.00	145.00	4,836.87	0
ALL	0	0	0	10.00	0	20,155.54	0
ALL	248.60	10.00	321.00	0	30.00	5,309.76	0
ALL	824.71	22.50	284.50	50.00	65.14	203.79	0
1-3-4	1,388.32	20.00	714.73	40.00	80.00	0	451.36
ALL	339.15	13.00	0	40.00	40.00	530.15	0
ALL	1,650.00	25.00	337.00	0	350.00	13,218.05	0
ALL	750.00	32.00	150.00	40.00	100.00	0	0
ALL	1,840.00	369.78	45.76	60.00	200.00	1,748.39	1442.90
ALL	1,527.16	48.00	1,686.18	50.00	129.14	792.76	0
ALL	2,390.54	66.80	884.22	20.00	286.91	1,349.84	2330.80
3-4	911.15	45.24	0	50.00	275.20	552.93	0
ALL	0	0	262.50	40.00	103.82	4,981.99	457.65
ALL	772.38	40.00	448.71	0	30.61	0	0
2	95.83	21.40	52.35	0	20.00	375.00	0
ALL	1,040.05	27.90	825.77	50.00	125.00	646.96	0
ALL	460.15	20.32	161.00	10.00	12.50	0	0
ALL	760.67	15.00	244.65	30.00	40.00	2,730.67	0
	20,140.02	947.39	8,383.13	590.00	2,856.63	61,265.03	5739.85

MINISTERS REPORT

MINISTERS	ADDRESSES	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Held	Contributions
Omer Allred	Rt. 1, Box 132 Jamestown, Tenn.	2	86	11	4	3	5	4	\$1,173.03
Leeman Cravens	Rt. 4, Box 252 Jamestown, Tenn.	1	133	17	19	12	4	15	\$4,442.65
Richard England	Rt. 1, Box 7 Clarkrange, Tenn.	1	90	16	1	13	3	3	\$1,374.34
Gilbert Mata	123 Ivanhoe Lane Crossville, Tenn.	1	143	65	0	0	1	1	\$2,000.00
Elmer McCowan	Rt. 7 Cookeville, Tenn.	1	95	18	8	5	0	0	\$1,258.88
Daily Norrod	Rt. 2, Box 284 Monterey, Tenn.	-	45	-	-	-	-	1	\$476.70
Ronald Norrod	212 7th. St. Livingston, Tenn.	1	58	8	7	8	0	1	\$1,163.43
Darrel Phillips	P.O. Box 93 Monterey, Tenn.	0	57	2	0	2	1	0	\$206.89
Ovle Tinch	Rt. 3, Box 303 Livingston, Tenn.	1	163	23	24	23	5	19	\$1,905.00
Tomie Vaughn	107 Agee St. Monterey, Tenn.	0	32			10	9	9	
Kenneth Winningham	Box 12 Rickman, Tenn.	1	155	30	10	5	0	0	\$1,200.00

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT:

Clyde Bilbrey	Obed Delk	Woodie Key	James Phillips
Glen Bilbrey	Oliver England	Hoyt Looper	M.G. Phillips
Wayne Brock	Olmus England	Bill McCowans	Roger Sisco
Melvin Brown	Leelan Green	Marlin Miller	Oscar Smith
Woodrow Cooper	Cordel Hargis	Willard Norris	Gerald Taylor
Elbert Copeland	J.B. Harris	Willie Norris	Harlon Thompson
Luther Cox	Billy Joe Hedgecough	Porter Penticuff	Donald Whittaker
Forest L. Denny Jr.	Jimmy Hood	Basil Phillips Jr.	Claude Wilson
Tony Durham	Cassel Huling	Hershel Phillips	Eugene Wright

Bro. Norrod made a motion and Bro. McCowan second and voiced by all to ordain him. Bro. Cox dismissed us by prayer.

Rev. Tomie Vaughn, Chairman
 Rev. Ronald Norrod, Clerk
 Rev. Omer Allred
 Rev. Luther Cox
 Rev. Elmer McCowan

PASTORAL LABOR FOR 1976-77

Allardt: Eugene Wright; Jackie Regan, assistant
 Banner Springs: Gerald Taylor
 Calvary: Jimmy Hood
 Center Point: Omer Allred; Obed Delk, assistant
 Circle Drive: Melvin Brown; Jessie Dixon, assistant
 Cooper's Chapel: Woodrow Cooper
 Cross Roads Chapel: Leeman Cravens
 Fairview: Kenneth Winningham
 Greenwood Chapel: Elbert Copeland
 Highland: Benny Sells
 Highpoint: Oliver England

Jonesville: Richard England; Leelan Green, assistant
Livingston: Ovle Tinch
Martha Washington: Porter Penticuff
Midway: Claudell Honeycutt
Mineral Springs: Basil Phillips Jr.
Mt. Carmel: Bradley Hatfield
Rinnie: Omer Allred
2nd F.W.B. Monterey: Harlon Thompson
Stockton Chapel:
Tinch Town: Oscar Smith; Omer Allred, assistant
Union B.:
Union Chapel:
Union Grove: Elmer McCowan
Union Point: Hershel Phillips
Woody: Daily Norrod

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

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Wayne Brock, Sunbright, Tenn.
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 484-7795
Leeman Cravens, Rt. 4, Box 252, Jamestown, Tenn. Phone 879-8944
Forest L. Denny Jr., Rt. 3, Monterey, Tenn. Phone 839-2005
Tony Durham, Jamestown, Tenn.
Obed Delk, Jamestown, Tenn.
Oliver England, Rt. 1, Crossville, Tenn. Phone 484-7167
Olmus England, Monterey, Tenn.
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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.

LETTER FROM _____ CHURCH
To the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church

Date _____, 197__

When convened with the _____ church on
_____, 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 _____ FINANCES

Members received past 12 months: Paid pastor _____

by letter _____ Paid traveling evangelist _____

by recommendation _____ Paid other ministers _____

by profession _____ Home for children _____

Members dismissed: Total for year _____

by letter _____ With this letter _____

by exclusion _____ Associational Treasury _____

by death _____ Total for year _____

_____ With this letter _____

Total membership _____ Foreign Missions _____

Condition of prayer meeting _____ Building and Repairs _____

Condition of Sunday School _____ Miscellaneous _____

No. of Officers and Teachers _____

No. of Deacons _____

Average No. of Pupils in Sunday School _____

No. of Minutes ordered _____

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 _____, 197__

with _____ members present. Our day of meeting is _____ Sunday.

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk

_____ Address

