

**MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY—FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION
EASTERN DIVISION
OF THE
STONE ASSOCIATION
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WHEN CONVENED WITH
RINNIE CHURCH
CUMBERLAND CO.
CROSSVILLE, TENN.
OCTOBER 7-8, 1977**

Rev. Melvin Brown, Moderator Rickman, Tenn.
Rev. Elmer McCowan, Assistant Moderator Rickman, Tenn.
Rev. Ronald Norrod, Clerk Grimsley, Tenn.
Rev. Darrel Phillips, Assistant Clerk Monterey, 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-Fourth annual session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church, when convened with the Rinnie Church in Cumberland County, Crossville, Tenn. on October 7 and 8, 1977. The former moderator, Rev. Omer Allred, called the house to order at 9:00 a.m. Bro. Doyle Vaughn led the congregational singing. Prayer was led by all the ministers. The moderator read scripture from John 14: 1-6. The association proceeded by electing officials.

Rev. Melvin Brown Moderator
 Rev. Elmer McCowan Assistant Moderator
 Rev. Ronald Norrod Clerk
 Rev. Darrel Phillips Assistant Clerk

DELEGATES

ALLARDT: Mae Guffey, Dewey Stowers
BANNER SPRINGS: Quitman Garrett
CALVARY: Gladys Howard, Burris Howard, Dimple Guffey, Gale Bowman, Jacqueline Hoover, Neoma Guffey
CENTER POINT: Omie Ringley, Betty Choate, Ida Cravens
CIRCLE DRIVE: Mae Ray, James McCloud
COOPER'S CHAPEL: Wilburn Choate, Bobby Choate
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Omer Bertram, Charles Doss
1st F.W.B. LIVINGSTON: Floyd Coleman, Bill Hargis, Oscar Crabtree
GREENWOOD CHAPEL: Brenda Morgan, Margie Morgan
HIGHLAND: Donald Ledbetter, Eddie Hargis, Jerry Harris
HIGHPOINT: Minnie Lavender, Lee Ollice
JONESVILLE: Annie Westfelt, Eleanor England
MARTHA WASHINGTON: Bertha Cross, Elza Cross
MIDWAY: Talmadge Looper, Lester Key, Hooper Farley
MINERAL SPRINGS: Ray L. Key, Albert L. Miller
MT. CARMEL: Tonzie Cooper, Tilford Smith
RINNIE: Daisy Stults, Paul E. Stults
2nd F.W.B. MONTEREY: Mrs. Tomie Vaughn, Walter Poston
TINCH TOWN: Gordon York, Allen Smith
UNION GROVE: Dimple Buckner, Jannie M. Vaughn, Center Bowman, Nannie Bowman
UNION POINT: Myrtle Ray, Tilda Phillips
WOODY: Warner Phillips

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:
 Bro. Doyle Vaughn, Chairman; Bro. Jerry Harris, Bro. James McCloud
COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL:
 Rev. Clyde Bilbrey, Chairman; Rev. J.B. Harris, Bro. Hooper Farley
COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION:
 Rev. Benny Sells, Chairman; Bro. Donald Ledbetter, Bro. Eddie Hargis
COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY:
 Sis. Minnie Lavender, Chairman; Sis. Dimple Buckner, Sis. Jonnie M. Vaughn
COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING:
 Rev. Hoyt Looper, Chairman; Bro. Troy Harris, Bro. Charles Doss
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:
 Rev. Ronald Norrod, Chairman; Bro. Tilford Smith, Rev. Porter Penticuff

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Rev. Basil Phillips, Jr., Chairman; Rev. Leeman Cravens, Rev. Benny Sells, Rev. Hoyt Looper , Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONS:

Rev. Omer Allred, Chairman; Bro. Lonza Lowe, Bro. Oscar Smith, Bro. Burley Carr

DEVOTIONAL REPORT:

Friday, 7 p.m. - Rev. Claude Wilson and Rev. Daily Norrod

Saturday, 11 a.m. - Rev. Elmer McCowan

Saturday, 7 p.m. - Rev. Porter Penticuff and Rev. Darrel 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

CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Read and Passed

1st F.W.B. LIVINGSTON: Read and Passed

GREENWOOD CHAPEL: Read and Passed

HIGHLAND: Read and Passed

HIGHPOINT: Read and Passed (see miscellaneous business)

JONESVILLE: Read and Passed

MARTHA WASHINGTON: Read and Passed

MIDWAY: Read and Passed

MINERAL SPRINGS: Read and Passed

MT. CARMEL: Read and Passed

RINNIE: Read and Passed

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

TINCH TOWN: Read and Passed

UNION GROVE: Read and Passed

UNION POINT: Read and Passed

WOODY: Read and Passed

ADJOURNED AT 11 A.M. FOR THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Due to sickness Rev. Harlon Thompson wasn't able to be at the association. In his absence the alternate, Rev. Hoyt Looper brought the morning message. Reading his scripture from II Kings: 40-46. The message was enjoyed by all bringing out several points of the life of Elijah.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

The Association reassembled at 12:45 with singing lead by Bro. Doyle Vaughn. The moderator read from Ep. 4:1-4. Prayer was led by Rev. Ovie Tinch.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None responded.

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

1st day - none responded.

2nd day - Bro. Leon Baldwin came before the presbytery from the Woody Church for the purpose of being licensed to preach the gospel. After examination, he was put under license for 12 months.

THE RULES OF DECORUM WERE READ

Rev. Omer Allred made a motion which was seconded by Bro. Burris Howard to accept the rules as read and voiced by the body of the association.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The presbytery report was read. Bro. Doyle Vaughn made a motion to accept the report as read and seconded by Rev. Leeman Cravens, then voiced by the association.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT:

The pastor reported a good service with Rev. Claude Wilson and Rev. Daily Norrod preaching.

SATURDAY MORNING:

The association reassembled at 9:00 a.m. with congregational singing lead by Bro. Doyle Vaughn. Prayer was led by Rev. Mayford Beaty. The Moderator read scripture from II Thes. 1:7-12.

The association proceeded by calling the roll of delegates. The following churches were represented: Allardt, Calvary, Circle Drive, Cooper's Chapel, Highland, Highpoint, Midway, Mineral Springs, 2nd F.W.B. Monterey, Union Grove and Rinnie.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELIST

Being Traveling Evangelist this year has been a new experience with experience being a hard teacher. I have, through the 12 months, visited all of the churches that still belong to this association. Being misled, I thought from listening to our brethren that the churches were dead in the spirit. But, I have found that there was an abundance of the Spirit and was overwhelmed by their hospitality and generosity. I received good offerings from all the churches except 3.

But, also this year, I have not preached in all the churches. As the pastors and I could not get together on a day, I visited the churches without an Appointment. The Churches being Mt. Carmel, which I visited on September 25, 1977 and Crossroads Chapel, which I visited on October 2, 1977.

Let me say this, on the part of the pastors there as a whole, seems to be a general indifference to the visit of the Evangelist. Perhaps its because I am a young Minister. I don't know, but this position needs to be re-evaluated and acted upon by said Pastors. I did not find this in all the churches. They gladly received me and gave me the right hand of fellowship and entreated me that I might come again. This I appreciate and say THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS.

Roger Sisco

Motion was made by Rev. Melvin Brown to accept the report and seconded by Bro. Burris Howard. Voiced by the Association.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Bro. Doyle Vaughn read the report with Bro. Jerry Harris and Bro. James McCloud making a wonderful talk. Rev. Omer Allred motioned to accept the report with Rev. Melvin Brown making a second, voiced by all.

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 marijuana, 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 a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Thes. 5:5-9)

Bro. Doyle Vaughn, Chairman

Bro. Jerry Harris

Bro. James McCloud

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Rev. J.B. Harris read the report and Bro. Hooper Farley made a talk on Sunday School. The committee agreed to leave the former report in the minutes. Bro. Doyle Vaughn made the motion which was seconded by Rev. Melvin Brown 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 he is old he 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. Clyde Bilbrey, Chairman

Rev. J.B. Harris

Bro. Hooper Farley

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

Rev. Benny Sells read the report which was motioned by Rev. Omer Allred and seconded by Rev. Melvin Brown and voiced by all.

We, the committee on resolution, submit the following suggestions to the association: Be it resolved that the wording of Section IV of the Rules of Decorum be changed to state "That it shall be the duty of the Pastor or Deacon of the Church on receiving of members into the church to ask the following questions". Be it further resolved that a committee be appointed by the association to set rules for licensed preachers as to what they can do and can't do. Be it further resolved that the clerk give a complete report on money

brought into the associational treasury and money spent at each quarterly conference.

Rev. Benny Sells, Chairman
Bro. Donald Ledbetter
Bro. Eddie Hargis

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We, your committee on obituaries, find that 17 of our beloved members passed away this year. Rev. Melvin made the motion and Bro. Burris Howard seconded and voiced by all to accept as read.

Banner Springs: Hobert Hargis
Calvary: Nellie Bowman
Center Point: Faye Wright, Eremire Cooper
Greenwood Chapel: Rosetta Olmstead
Highland: Bertha Walker
Jonesville: Sullivan England
Midway: Everette Cooper, Eugene Welch
Mt. Carmel: Guinna B. Richards, Minnie Conatser
Mineral Springs: Joe B. Bowman, Beacher Pierce
2nd F.W.B. Monterey: Pearl Dixon
Union Grove: Jr. Murphy, Earnest Thompson
Woody: Elisabeth McDonald

Sis. Minnie Lavender
Sis. Dimple Buckner
Sis. Jonnie Mae Vaughn

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

Bro. Troy Harris read the report and the chairman made a talk and read from Acts 12:5-11. Rev. Benny Sells made the motion which was seconded by Rev. Melvin Brown and voiced by all.

We, your committee on prayer meeting, believe that prayer is the most important aspect of a Christian life, and believe that prayer is necessary for us to grow and prosper in our salvation. We remind all church members that they are under covenant with God to attend all church services, and admonish all pastors that do not have prayer services to establish one in their churches.

Rev. Hoyt Looper, Chairman
Bro. Troy Harris
Bro. Charles Doss

ADJOURNED FOR MORNING MESSAGE

The morning message was brought by Rev. Elmer McCowan reading from Philippians 3:15-21, taking a text of "Enemies of the Cross".

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

The association reassembled at 1:00 p.m. with congregational singing. Prayer was led by Rev. Tomie Vaughn. Scripture was taken from Philippians 1:27-30.

REPORT ON FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, find that we received \$230.00 in the associational treasury. We find that our churches gave the Home For Children \$2,707.29 during the year. We paid out \$500.00 to the 2nd F.W.B. Church in Monterey. We failed to receive \$20.51 in the minute fund, so we now have \$1,210.25 in the treasury.

Rev. Ronald Norrod, Chairman
Bro. Tilford Smith
Rev. Porter Penticuff

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Bro. Ronald Norrod made a motion to bring up the letter from Highpoint that was tabled for miscellaneous business. Bro. Doyle Vaughn seconded the motion. Bro. Melvin Brown made a motion for the Highpoint Church to get someone to preach for them until they could get a Pastor. Bro. Bill Buck seconded and voiced by all.

Bro. Melvin Brown made a motion and Bro. Daily Norrod seconded to drop the following names from our minutes, since they have joined the Old Fashion F.W.B. Association: WOODROW COOPER, FOREST DENNY, BILLY ENGLAND, OLIVER ENGLAND, OLMUS ENGLAND, LELAND GREEN, CASSELL HULING, and MARLIN MILLER.

The Highpoint Delegates were asked if there was anyone present at the Association that they would like to ask to come and help them until they found them a Pastor. They chose Bro. Claude Wilson and Bro. Hershel Phillips to come. They agreed to go and help them TEMPORARILY, if the Church agreed.

Bro. Tommie Vaughn made a motion for us to drop from our Minutes the following Churches: FAIRVIEW, STOCKTON CHAPEL, UNION B., UNION CHAPEL, VICTORY, which was seconded by Bro. Lonza Lowe, and voiced by all.

We would like to recognize the following visiting Ministers: Rev. Harvey Garrison, Rev. John L. Barnes, Rev. Dalmer McCowan, Rev. Mayford Beaty, and Elder Grover Atkinson, Rev. Billy Joe England.

Bro. Avery Kirk was present from the children's home and made a wonderful talk on the home, extending welcome for anyone to feel free to visit the home. He stated that the home now has 34 children, and expressed his thanks for the help our association gave the home last year.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

Bro. Hershel Phillips was chosen as traveling evangelist for the associational year of 1977-78, motioned by Rev. Daily Norrod and seconded by Rev. Omer Allred, voiced by all.

PLACE FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION

The association was appointed to meet with the 2nd F.W.B. Church of Monterey in Putnam County, Monterey, Tennessee on Friday and Saturday, before the second Sunday in October, 1978. The moderator, Rev. Melvin Brown, will call the house to order at 9:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Rev. Daily Norrod will bring the introductory sermon next year, motioned by Bro. Lonza Lowe and seconded by Rev. Claude Wilson.

Rev. Claude Wilson will be his alternate if Bro. Norrod is absent, motioned by Rev. Tomie Vaughn and seconded by Rev. Omer Allred.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We, the Ministers, deacons, delegates and laymen, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all the wonderful people of the Rinnie 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. Rev. Omer Allred made a motion which was seconded by Rev. Elmer McCowan to adjourn until the time and place of next year's association. Rev. Hershel Phillips dismissed us in a word of prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Rev. Porter Penticuff and Rev. Darrel Phillips were the ministers during the Saturday night service.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

October 7, 1976, the presbytery met with the Mt. Carmel Church in the association. Rev. Daily Norrod came back before us and after examination, Rev. Tomie Vaughn made a motion to accept him, which was seconded by Rev. Ronald Norrod and voiced by all.

October 8, 1976, in the association at Mt. Carmel, Bro. Paul Coffee came before the presbytery to be examined as a deacon for the Fairview Church. After examination, Rev. Luther Cox motioned to ordain him and Rev. Gilbert Mata seconded and voiced by all.

December 9, 1976, the presbytery met at the Fairview Church in called meeting. Bro. James E. Blaylock came with a letter of recommendation for ordainment into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Hoyt Looper motioned to ordain him and Rev. Ronald Norrod seconded and voiced by all. Bro. Bobby Wheeler came also from the said church for ordainment into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips motioned to ordain him, seconded by Rev. Hoyt Looper, then voiced by all. Bro. Timothy Blaylock came with a letter of recommendation from the same church for ordainment into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Ronald Norrod motioned and Rev. Darrel Phillips seconded and voiced by all to ordain him.

Jan. 29, 1977, Bro. Aaron Dillion came from the Livingston church to be licensed to preach the gospel for 12 months. After examination, Rev. Tomie Vaughn made a motion to license him which was seconded by Rev. Ronald Norrod, then voiced by all. Bro. Burley Carr came from the Rinnie Church to be ordained as a deacon of that church. After examination, Rev. Tomie Vaughn made a motion to ordain him which Rev. Kenny Winningham seconded and voiced by all.

Feb. 12, 1977, the Presbytery met with the Martha Washington Church for the purpose of ordaining a deacon. In the absence of Rev. Darrel Phillips, the chairman asked Bro. Doyle Vaughn to sit in. Bro. Paul Dixon came before us. After examination, Rev. Luther Cox made a motion to ordain him which was

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STATISTICS

CHURCH	ADDRESS	Inc. by letter	Inc. by Rec.	Inc. by Prof.	Dis. by Exc.	Dis. by Letter	Dec. by Death	Dis. by Req.	No. in Fellowship	Day of Meeting
Allardt	Allardt	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	19	ALL
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	0	5	7	0	2	1	0	38	ALL 1
Calvary	Crawford	3	4	5	0	5	1	0	168	ALL 1
Center Point	Jamestown	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	105	ALL
Circle Drive	Algood	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	44	ALL 1
Cooper's Chapel	Jamestown	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	123	ALL
Cross Rds. Chapel	Jamestown	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	121	ALL 6
1st. F.W.B. Livingston	Livingston	5	4	6	2	6	0	0	139	ALL 2
Greenwood Chapel	Sunbright	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	26	ALL
Highland	Livingston	0	2	0	0	4	1	0	92	ALL
High Point	Deer Lodge	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	32	1-3
Jonesville	Clarkrange	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	78	ALL
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	62	ALL
Midway	Clarkrange	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	118	ALL 1
Mineral Springs	Monterey	3	2	0	0	1	2	0	104	ALL
Mt. Carmel	Grimsley	0	0	1	0	0	2	6	193	ALL 3
Rinnie	Crossville	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	154	3-4 1
2nd. F.W.B. Monterey	Monterey	2	4	0	0	2	1	0	39	ALL
Tinch Town	Jamestown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	2
Union Grove	Monterey	3	2	3	0	2	2	0	116	ALL 1
Union Point	Monterey	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	140	ALL
Woody	Crossville	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	107	ALL
		19	32	33	2	37	10	8	2180	24

Day of Meeting	Pastor	Evangelist	Other Ministers	Assoc. Treasury	Home For Children	building and Repairs	Miscellaneous
ALL	0	15.00	233.42		55.00	1,241.57	
ALL	1,115.06	18.00	266.78		50.00	864.46	203.19
ALL	1,201.10	23.95	341.22		594.95	545.32	175.29
ALL	179.51	18.00	210.90		67.90	341.55	
ALL	1,089.91	13.00	214.15		33.60	773.96	845.67
ALL	647.00	14.00	72.75		10.00		
ALL	6,868.57		374.00	10.00	35.00	3,403.02	150.00
ALL	2,600.00	20.00	378.00		486.86	26,041.25	1,690.16
ALL	439.98				20.00	750.20	300.41
ALL	895.92	40.45	279.79	10.00	50.29		
1-3	855.98	19.00	565.41		20.00		
ALL	379.00				10.00	2,459.52	
ALL	366.00	19.08	150.00	40.00	100.00		
ALL	1,810.00	19.15	238.69	30.00	262.00	24.00	771.05
ALL	0	108.75	144.12		148.25	159.01	6,223.38
ALL	3,101.45		453.50	10.00	109.00	45.23	2,930.54
3-4	1,007.30	57.30			342.99	212.27	
ALL	0	16.52	462.50	40.00	150.37	19,045.21	955.09
2	240.93	19.00			20.00		655.21
ALL	1,388.88	25.00	1,120.78	50.00	125.00	3,446.49	2,499.22
ALL	312.00	21.00	130.00		18.00	414.00	
ALL	371.54	19.25	176.06				639.41
ALL	24,823.13	478.65	5,012.07	190.00	2,707.29	60,574.25	18,050.82

MINISTERS REPORT

Ministers	Addresses	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals	Contributions
Omer Allred	Rt.1, Box 132 Jamestown, Tenn.	2	85	26	4	2	3	11	1,409.36
Melvin Brown	Rt.1, Box 185 Rickman, Tenn.	1	211	209	5	36	6	9	
Leeman Cravens	Rt.1, Box 109-E Clarkrange, Tenn.	1	135	3	1	0	2	21	7,476.57
Jessie Dixon	Rt.3, Box 180 Livingston, Tenn.	0	84	15	0	2	0	2	250.00
Billy Joe Hedgecough	Rt. 2 Monterey, Tenn.	0	44	3		7			513.05
Gilbert Mata	1416W. Hartman Rd. Anderson, Ind.	1	120	37	0	0	1	0	1,300.00
Elmer D. McCowan	Rt.7, Box 63 Cookeville, Tenn.	1	148	23	8	14	2	3	2,215.61
Ronald Norrod	Gen. Del. Grimsley, Tenn.	1	97	2	0	1	0	1	1,164.87
Darrel Phillips	P.O. Box 93 Monterey, Tenn.	1	72	6	0	0	1	2	1,647.04
Ovle Finch	Rt.3, Box 303 Livingston, Tenn.	1	153	13	15	12	5	23	
Tomie Vaughn	107 Agee St.	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Clyde Bilbrey	Richard A. England	Willie Norris	Roger Sisco
Glen Bilbrey	Cordel Hargis	Daily Norrod	Oscar Smith
James E. Blaylock	J.B. Harris	Porter Penticuff	Gerald Taylor
Timothy Blaylock	Bradley Hatfield	Basil Phillips Jr.	Harlon Thompson
Wayne Brock	Jimmy Hood	James Phillips	Donald Whittaker
Elbert Copeland	Woodie Key	Herchel Phillips	Claude Wilson
Luther Cox	Hoyt Looper	M.G. Phillips	Kenneth Winingham
Obed Delk	Bill McCowan	Benny Sells	Eugene Wright
Tony Durham	Willard Norris		

seconded by Bro. Doyle Vaughn, then voiced by all.

Mar. 6, 1977, the presbytery met with the Highland Church. Bro. Benny Sells came before us. After examination, Rev. Tommie Vaughn motioned to ordain him into the full ministry which was seconded by Rev. Luther Cox and voiced by all.

Mar. 13, 1977, the presbytery met with the Allardt Church. Bro. Jackie Reagan came before the presbytery to be ordained into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips made a motion to ordain him and seconded by Rev. Luther Cox and voiced by all.

May 28, 1977, the presbytery met with the Midway Church in conference. Bro. Jimmy Dixon was called in from the Highland Church for examination for license to preach the gospel. Bro. Darrel Phillips made a motion to license him for a period of 12 months which was seconded by Rev. Luther Cox and voiced by all. Bro. Bobby Choate came from the Cooper's Chapel Church for examination as a deacon of that church. Bro. Tomie Vaughn made a motion to ordain him which was seconded by Rev. Darrel Phillips, then voiced by all.

June 25, 1977, the presbytery met with the Rinnie Church in called meeting. Bro. Billy Beaty came from the Cooper's Chapel Church for the purpose of being ordained as deacon of that church. After examination, Rev. Luther Cox motioned to ordain him which was seconded by Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough and voiced by all. Bro. Bill Buck came from the Rinnie Church for the purpose of being ordained as a deacon. After examination, Rev. Luther Cox motioned to ordain him and Rev. Ronald Norrod seconded and then voiced by all.

July 8, 1977, the presbytery was called to the Highland Church. Due to the absence of some of the presbytery, Rev. J.B. Harris was asked to sit in with Rev. Elmer McCowan and Rev. Ronald Norrod. Bro. Eddie Hargis came before the presbytery to be examined for license. Rev. J.B. Harris motioned to license him for a period of 12 months which was seconded by Rev. Ronald Norrod, then voiced by all. Bro. Jesse Dixon came before the presbytery for ordainment to the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Ronald Norrod motioned and Rev. J.B. Harris seconded to ordain him, then voiced by all.

August 5, 1977, the presbytery was called in special meeting to the Calvary Church for the purpose of examining Bro. Randell Hoover for licensing to preach the gospel for 12 months. After examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips made a motion to license him which was seconded by Rev. Omer Allred then voiced by all. Bro. Allred sat in on the presbytery in the absence of Bro. Tomie Vaughn.

August 28, 1977, the presbytery was called to the Mt. Carmel Church for the purpose of examining Bro. Bradley Hatfield for ordainment into the full ministry. After examination, Bro. David Wright made a motion which was seconded by Rev. Ronald Norrod and voiced by all to ordain him. Bro. Wright was asked to sit in in the place of Bro. Tomie Vaughn who was sick.

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

PASTORAL LABOR FOR 1977-1978

ALLARDT: Eugene Wright, Pastor; Jackie Reagan, Asst.
BANNER SPRINGS: Gerald Taylor, Pastor
CALVARY: Jimmy Hood, Pastor; Jimmy Dixon and Randall Hoover, Asst.
CENTER POINT: Omer Allred, Pastor; Obed Delk, Asst.
CIRCLE DRIVE: Melvin Brown, Pastor
COOPER'S CHAPEL: Daily Norrod, Pastor
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL: Leeman Cravens, Pastor
1st F.W.B. LIVINGSTON: Ovle Tinch, Pastor
GREENWOOD CHAPEL: Wayne Brock, Pastor
HIGHLAND: Benny Sells, Pastor
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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 of Ministers ordained throughout the year and his report brought to the Association, that the name 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." -- I Cor. 11:28.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

Section 5 -- Every person had inalienable rights to private judgment in matters of religion and may speak freely of the same in a way that will not violate the laws of God, or their country or the rights of their fellowmen.

Section 6 -- All church trials should be conducted on gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be ex-communicated except for immorality, the propagation of an un-Christian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoined by the Word of God, or the rules of the Church.

Section 7 -- The church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only as are in accordance with the Holy Scriptures as may be necessary to carry into effect the great system of Christianity.

Section 8 -- There may be three grades of Associations established in the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ: First, the Monthly Association; Second, the Annual Association; Third, the General Association; all of which may be established by the rules of the church.

Section 9 -- That the church has a right to select their leaders and delegates to the Annual Association.

Section 10 -- It shall be the duty of every church to elect two Deacons and one Clerk.

Section 11 -- It shall be the duty of every church to send delegates with an order to the Annual Association.

Section 12 -- It shall be the duty of the Annual Association to send to the General Association delegates with corresponding letters in order.

Section 13 -- Be it resolved, that no minister be allowed to aid or abet either directly or indirectly in the manufacture of intoxicating drinks or to indulge in the sale of them. We know by observance that it is a great hindering cause in the upbuilding of God's Kingdom on earth.

A -- Be it further resolved, that no minister or member of the Freewill Baptist Church be allowed to dram drink.

B -- Be it further resolved, that no member of this church shall tolerate the sale or manufacture or use or sale of intoxicating drinks, such as liquors, wines or beers in their homes or on their premises.

Section 14 -- It shall be the duty of any member wishing to leave the Freewill Christian Baptist Church to call for a letter before leaving.

LETTER FROM _____ CHURCH

To the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church

Date _____, 19 ____

When convened with the _____ church on
_____, 19 ____, we send as delegates our beloved brethren, or sister:

_____, 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: _____ with this letter _____

by Letter _____ total for year _____

by Exclusion _____ Associational Treasury

by Death (please state names(s)) _____ with this letter _____

_____ total for year _____

_____ Foreign Missions _____

by Request _____ Building and Repairs _____

total membership _____ Miscellaneous _____

Condition of prayer meeting _____ (all other expenses)

Condition of Sunday School _____

No. of Officers and Teachers _____

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 _____, 19 ____

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

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk

_____ Clerk's address

