

MINUTES
of the
NINETY-SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION
Eastern Division
of the
STONE ASSOCIATION
FREEWILL BAPTIST
CHURCH

When convened with
MT. CARMEL
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Fentress Co., Grimsley, Tenn.

October 7-8, 1983

Rev. Leeman Cravens, Moderator	Clarkrange, TN
Rev. Lyle Ledbetter, Assistant Moderator	Crossville, TN
Rev. Darrel Phillips, Clerk	Monterey, TN
Bro. Doyle Vaughn, Assistant Clerk	Monterey, TN

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST DAY

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

SECOND DAY

1. Calling Roll of Delegates
2. Offering for Childrens Home
3. Report of Evangelist
4. Report on Temperance
5. Report on Sunday School
6. Report on Resolutions
7. Report on Obituaries
8. Report on Prayer Meeting
9. Report on Finance Committee
10. Miscellaneous Business
11. Traveling Evangelist Appointed
12. Appointment of Next Meeting Place
13. Introductory Sermon
14. Expressing Thanks
15. Adjournment

PROCEEDINGS

The ninety-sixth* annual session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Mt. Carmel Freewill Baptist Church, Fentress Co., Tn., on October 7-8, 1983. The Moderator, Rev. Daily Norrod, called the House to order at 9:00 a.m. Singing was led by Bro. Doyle Vaughn. Prayer was led by Rev. Luther Cox. Scripture was read from 1 Cor. 2:2-4. An offering of \$72.46 was taken up for the Associational Treasury. The Association proceeded by electing officials:

Moderator	Rev. Leeman Cravens
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Lyle Ledbetter
Clerk	Rev. Darrel Phillips
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Doyle Vaughn

*We corrected a mistake in conference at the 1st F.W.B. Livingston, concerning the age of our Association. Our Association was founded in 1888, which would make it the 96th session, instead of the 100th.

DELEGATES

ALLARDT	Perry Delk
BANNER SPRINGS	Odis Jones, Ellen Jones
CALVARY	Roxie Walker, Nan Bowman, Clara Hargis
CENTER POINT	Betty Choate, Flonnie Wright
CIRCLE DRIVE	James Bilbrey, Eddie Manis
COOPER'S CHAPEL	William Manis, Ann Manis, Janis Delk, Wilburn Choate
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Jarvis Voils, Glenn Creselious
1st F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Kevin Carmack, Ora Gore, Sadie Vaughn
HIGHLAND	Floyd Vaughn, Roger Witt
JONESVILLE	Flonnie Jones, Gay Nash
LAKESIDE	John Hotsinpillar, Velma Hotsinspiller
LIBERTY	Perry Conner, Bonzie Bilbrey
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Golda Stepp, Beulah Hill
MIDWAY	Lester Key, Hooper Farley, Manard Key, Donnie Miller
MT. CARMEL	Mitchell Beaty
RINNIE	Macel Farmer, Gisela Farmer, Gladys Lowe, Mabel Todd
2nd F.W.B. MONTEREY	Doyle Vaughn, J.R. Tudor
TINCH TOWN	Nellie Downs, Christine Campbell
UNION GROVE	Johnie Vaughn, Darson Buckner, Zelma Presley
UNION POINT	NOT REPRESENTED
WOODY	Harold Green, Effie Green

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE:

Bro. Tilford Smith, Chairman, Bro. Glen Creselious, Bro. Floyd Vaughn

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Bro. Bill Buck, Chairman, Bro. Joe Ralph Tudor, Rev. James Mosley

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION:

Rev. Ovie Tinch, Chairman, Bro. Lonzo Lowe, Rev. Carl Edwards

COMMITTEE ON OBITURARY:

Bro. Perry Delk, Chairman, Bro. Darson Buckner

COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING:

Rev. Jackie Reagan, Chairman, Rev. Woodie Key, Bro. Odis Jones

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Rev. Darrel Phillips, Chairman, Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough, Bro. Joe Ralph Tudor

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Rev. Willie Wright, Chairman, Rev. Carl Edwards, Rev. Lyle Ledbetter, Rev. Darrel Phillips, Rev. Ovie Tinch

COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONS:

Rev. Willie Wright, Chairman, Bro. David Wright

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
COOPERS CHAPEL.	READ AND PASSED
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL.	READ AND PASSED
1st F.W.B. LIVINGSTON.	READ AND PASSED
HIGHLAND.	READ AND PASSED
JONESVILLE.	READ AND PASSED
LAKESIDE.	READ AND PASSED
LIBERTY.	READ AND PASSED
MARTHA WASHINGTON.	READ AND PASSED
MIDWAY.	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.	NOT REPRESENTED
WOODY.	READ AND PASSED

FRIDAY MORNING

Rev. Earl Raper gave a wonderful talk about the Children's Home and reported about the need of support for the Children's Home.

ADJOURNED FOR INTRODUCTORY SERMON

We adjourned at 10:55 a.m. for the Introductory Sermon. Singing was led by Bro. Doyle Vaughn. Prayer was led by all preachers. Bro. Hooper Farley sang a special song. Rev. Lewis Ashburn preached the Introductory Sermon, reading from St. John 15:1-17 and taking as his text "Abiding in the Lord." We adjourned at 12:00 a.m. until after lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

We reconvened at 1:00 p.m. by singing led by Bro. Doyle Vaughn. Prayer was led by all preachers. The moderator read Scripture from Psalms 119:140.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

1st Day: None Responded

2nd Day: None Responded

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

1st Day: None Responded

2nd Day: Bro. Bruce Cravens, Deacon from the True Light Baptist Church, had his Credentials ratified to become Deacon from the Mt. Carmel F.W.B. Church.

THE RULES OF DECORUM WERE READ

They were allowed to pass automatically.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The report on the work of the Presbytery for 1982-83 was read. Rev. Omer Allred made motion, seconded by Rev. Leeman Cravens and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We adjourned at 2:20 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The Moderator opened up the service at 7:00 p.m. Singing was led by Bro. Virgil Snow. Prayer was led by all preachers. Special singing was sung by the Mt. Carmel Church singers and Sis. Geneva Phillips. Rev. Darrel Phillips preached from 1 Cor. 4:1-2 and took as his text "Stewardship." We dismissed at 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Moderator brought the House to order at 9:00 a.m. Singing was led by Bro. Virgil Snow. Prayer was led by all Preachers. Scripture was read from Neh. 8:5-6, 9:3. An offering of \$57.75 was taken up for the Children's Home.

DEVOTIONAL REPORT

Friday, 7:00 p.m. — Rev. Darrel Phillips
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. — Rev. Sammy Dunford
Saturday, 7:00 p.m. — Rev. Lyle Ledbetter

TRAVELING EVANGELIST REPORT

The Traveling Evangelist gave his report. Bro. Doyle Vaughn made motion, seconded by Rev. Elmer McCowan, and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Association for granting me the privilege of being the Traveling Evangelist this past year. I have preached in all the churches in our Association and it has been a great experience to see all the churches and how they are doing. My advice to the churches would be: press toward the mark of the high calling and work harder to win souls to the Lord than we ever have; and to our churches and pastors to work closer together than they ever did.

Rev. Carl Edwards

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

The Committee on Temperance gave its report. Rev. Buss Beaty made motion, seconded by Rev. Oyle Tinch and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We your Committee on Temperance, find so much on the subject it is hard to get it in such short space. We advise each minister and church member to be temperate in his daily life. Gal. 5:22-23; but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. Our lives should be a daily testimony to those we meet each day. Titus 1:8 says "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate." We should also be temperate with our tongue. Prov. 21:23 "Whoso keepth his mouth and his tongue, keepth his soul from troubles." Love should be shown in our lives before a lost world. We should urge all Christians to observe the words of the scripture; II Peter 1:5-8, "And besides giving all diligence add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity; for if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We advise and urge all Christians to abstain from all use or sale of whiskey, beer, wine, marijuana, opium, and L.S.D. I Cor. 6:10 "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Bro. Tilford Smith, Chairman
Glenn Creselious
Floyd Vaughn

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Committee on Sunday School gave its report. Bro. Floyd Vaughn made motion, seconded by Bro. Tilford Smith and voiced by all to accept the

report as read.

We, your Committee on Sunday School, believe that Sunday School is a very important part in the church today, as many of our young people are being led astray. We believe that it is very important to have qualified teachers to teach the word of God. We urge all parents to take their children to Sunday School because the Bible says, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We urge all pastors to see that each teacher is qualified to teach our children.

Bro. William Buck, Chairman

Bro. Joe R. Tudor

Rev. James Mosley

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

The Committee on Resolution gave its report. Bro. Doyle Vaughn made motion, seconded by Rev. Elmer McCowan and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We your Committee on Resolutions agree to remain with the former resolutions and submit the following suggestions to the Association.

We urge each pastor and all churches to strive for a greater fellowship with sister churches. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor."

Be it further resolved; we urge all pastors when receiving members into the church to read the Church Covenant and the rules in the minutes; Rules for Decorum, section 4.

Rev. Ovie Tinch, Chairman

Rev. Carl Edwards

Bro. Lonzo Lowe

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The Obituary Committee gave its report. Bro. Floyd Vaughn made motion, seconded by Bro. Bill Buck and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We the Committee on Obituaries find that twenty-one of our beloved members passed away to date in the time period of October 1982 to October 1983. Our loss is Heaven's gain. They are as follows:

CALVARY	Center Bowman, Mary Bowman
CENTER POINT	Dollie Cooper, Elsie Cooper
CIRCLE DRIVE	Clyde Bilbrey
COOPERS CHAPEL	Ethel Wright, Charlie Hinds
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	James Smith
1st F.W.B. LIVINGSTON . . .	Grady Ferrill
LAKESIDE	Lester Neely, Maggie Neely
LIBERTY	Versie Johnson, A.B. Hill
MIDWAY	Rosie Johnson, Elbert Looper
MT. CARMEL	Willie Fitzgerald
RINNIE	Bertha Beaty, Virgil Beaty
2nd F.W.B. MONTEREY	Walter Polston
UNION GROVE	Earlene Phillips
WOODY	Margaret Cannon

Bro. Perry Delk, Chairman

Bro. Darson Buckner

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

The Committee on Prayer Meeting gave its report. Bro. Floyd Vaughn made motion, seconded by Bro. Tilford Smith and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We the Committee on Prayer Meeting, find that most of our churches have Prayer Meeting. We feel that all our churches should attend and support Prayer Meeting. We find in God's word that it is the duty of all Christians to pray. Therefore, we feel that Prayer Meeting is important to churches that we may have power with God.

We encourage the churches that don't have Prayer Meeting that they start one as soon as possible, and we encourage all Christians to attend; that we may be a light to the lost world. Also we encourage all churches to have Prayer Meeting in the homes of the sick and shut in. May God bless our churches and people.

Rev. Jackie Reagan, Chairman
Rev. Woodie Key
Bro. Otis Jones

REPORT ON FINANCE

The Finance Committee gave its report. Rev. Buss Beaty made motion, seconded by Rev. Elmer McCowan and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We, the Committee on Finance, report the following finances for the Associational year 1982-1983.

Associational Treasury: For the year: \$476.97	Balance: \$2,592.02
Children's Home: For the year: \$1,788.30	

Finances received during the Association:

Associational Treasury:	Churches: \$50.00	
	Offering: 72.46	
	Total: \$122.46	Balance: \$2,714.48

Children's Home:	Churches: \$450.60	
	Offering: 57.75	
	Total: \$508.35	

Rev. Darrel Phillips, Chairman
Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough
Bro. Joe Ralph Tudor

ADJOURNED FOR MORNING MESSAGE

We adjourned at 11:00 a.m. for the morning message. Singing was led by Bro. Virgil Snow. Prayer was led by the preachers from the Western Division. The Association sang "Precious Memories" in honor of our Brothers and Sisters who passed away last year. Rev. Sammy Dunford preached the morning message, reading from Acts 11:22-26 and preached about the features of a Christian and "Going On for the Lord." We dismissed at 12:00 a.m. until after lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

We reconvened at 1:00 p.m. by singing led by Rev. Willie Wright. Prayer was led by all preachers. The Moderator read Scripture from I Thes. 5:5. We then preceeded with business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. Earl Melton sent a letter of representation, in his absence, due to sickness. Rev. Buss Beaty made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovie Tinch and voiced by all to accept his letter.

Rev. Hershel Phillips sent a letter of representation, in his absence, due to having to attend a funeral. Rev. Buss Beaty made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovie Tinch and voiced by all to accept his letter.

Rev. Willie Wright made motion, seconded by Bro. Doyle Vaughn and voiced by all that we add a line on the church letters and in the church reports in the minutes for Home Missions.

Rev. Omer Allred requested that the next date for the Association, be placed in the minutes.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

Rev. Ovie Tinch made motion, seconded by Bro. Tilford Smith and voiced by all that Rev. Willie Wright be appointed the Traveling Evangelist for 1983-84.

Bro. Doyle Vaughn made motion, seconded by Rev. Daily Norrod and voiced by all that Rev. Lyle Ledbetter be appointed as the Assistant Traveling Evangelist.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Rev. Woodie Key made motion, seconded by Rev. Omer Allred and voiced by all that Rev. Elmer McCowan preach the next Introductory Sermon.

Bro. Doyle Vaughn made motion, seconded by Rev. Carl Edwards and voiced by all that Rev. Daily Norrod be appointed as alternate.

NEXT ASSOCIATION

Rev. Willie Wright made motion, seconded by Rev. Buss Beaty and voiced by all that the next Association go to the 2nd F.W.B. Church of Monterey.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We the Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates to the Eastern Division, wish to express our thanks to the Mt. Carmel F.W.B. Church for their hospitality and fine food during our stay.

ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Carl Edwards made motion, seconded by Rev. Woodie Key and voiced by all that we dismiss until the next appointed time and place, at 9:00 a.m. on October 12-13, 1984 at the 2nd F.W.B. Monterey.

There were 27 Ministers that signed the record book.

Visiting Ministers were Rev. Gilbert Mata and Revs. Mayford Beaty, Claudie Mabe, Dennis C. Tramel, and Harvey Garrison from the Western

Division, and Rev. James Earl Raper from the Freewill Baptist Home For Children.

Rev. Roger Sisco and Rev. Willard Norris were automatically dropped from the Roll of Ordained Ministers for not representing for two consecutive years.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Rev. Willie Wright opened up the service at 7:00 p.m. Singing was led by Bro. Virgil Snow. Prayer was led by Rev. Leo Campbell. Special singing was done by the Mt. Carmel Church Singers, Sis. Geneva Phillips, and Sis. Tina Lee. Rev. Lyle Ledbetter preached from Col. 1:2-29. We dismissed at 8:15 p.m. with prayer led by Rev. Daily Norrod.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

Oct. 22, 1982 — The Presbytery was called in special session to the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Overton County for the purpose of examining Bro. Johnny Bill Bilbrey for ordination as Deacon. After examination, Rev. Lyle Ledbetter made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovle Tinch and voiced by all to ordain him. Rev. Jackie Reagan was absent.

March 18, 1983 — The Presbytery was called in special session to the Liberty Freewill Baptist in Overton County for the purpose of examining Bro. Johnny Johnson for ordination as Deacon. Rev. Ovle Tinch made motion, seconded by Rev. Darrel Phillips and voiced by all to reissue Rev. Joe Roysden a new set of credentials, since Bro. Roysden's last set of credentials have been lost. Bro. Johnson was called in for questioning. After examination Rev. Lyle Ledbetter made motion, seconded by Rev. Jackie Reagan and voiced by all to ordain him.

May 18, 1983 — The Presbytery was called in special session to the Banner Springs Freewill Baptist Church in Fentress County for the purpose of examining Bro. Sammy Dunford, from the Tinch Town Freewill Baptist Church, for ordination into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips made motion, seconded by Rev. Jackie Reagan and voiced by all to ordain him. Rev. Ovle Tinch was absent.

May 28, 1983 — The Presbytery met in regular session, in conference at the Cross Roads Freewill Baptist Church in Fentress County. Bro. Maurice Dunford came from the Cross Roads Church to be examined for ordination as Deacon. Bro. Ronnie Flemming came from the Cross Roads Church to be examined for license to preach the gospel for the period of one year. After examination Rev. Luther Cox made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovle Tinch and voiced by all to license Bro. Flemming under condition. We recommend to the church that Bro. Flemming not be sent back for ordination if his wife hasn't become a Christian at the end of one year. After examination Rev.

CHURCHES	Address	Gained By			Lost By			Total Fellowship	Average	Day of Meeting
		Letter	Rec.	Pro.	Letter	Death	Request			
Allardt	Allardt	0	4	0	0	0	0	25	75	All
Banner Springs	Banner Springs	0	2	4	0	0	0	60	45	All
Calvary	Crawford	0	0	0	3	2	0	147	34	All
Center Point	Jamestown	0	0	0	0	2	0	97	32	All
Circle Drive	Algood	0	3	3	0	1	0	51	40	All
Coopers Chapel	Jamestown	0	0	3	0	2	0	126	45	All
Cross Roads Chapel	Jamestown	0	0	0	0	1	0	117	119	All
1st FWB Livingston	Livingston	0	3	6	2	1	0	188	173	All
Highland	Livingston	1	0	0	3	0	1	90	35	All
Jonesville	Clarkrange	6	0	2	2	0	0	78	45	All
Lakeside	Monterey	0	0	1	0	2	2	29	24	All
Liberty	Livingston	2	0	2	0	2	0	53	20	All
Martha Washington	Clarkrange	2	0	2	0	0	0	45	45	All
Midway	Clarkrange	0	0	0	2	2	0	115	67	All
Mt. Carmel	Grimsley	2	4	1	0	1	0	191	80	All
Rinnie	Crossville	0	1	0	0	2	0	166	115	3-4
2nd FWB Monterey	Monterey	1	0	0	0	1	0	73	73	All
Tinch Town	Jamestown	2	0	0	0	0	1	69	30	All
Union Grove	Monterey	0	2	5	0	1	1	110	42	All
Union Point	Monterey	NOT REPRESENTED								
Woody	Crossville	3	0	3	0	1	0	152	40	All
TOTAL		19	19	32	12	21	5	1,795	1,099	

Pastor	Evangelist	Other Ministers	Associational Treasury	Home for Children	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Miscellaneous
0	30.00	1,245.07	0	170.00	1,891.34	0	0	3,263.89
1,437.45	46.81	300.00	0	40.00	0	0	11,153.59	642.61
2,117.13	14.34	200.00	0	100.00	0	0	300.00	75.00
758.95	24.00	163.33	0	131.04	0	0	1,015.96	724.53
1,300.46	48.47	182.08	0	450.00	342.73	0	281.64	1,965.94
288.50	25.00	1,100.00	20.00	70.00	0	0	0	962.26
8,750.00	25.00	327.00	0	65.00	0	0	1,398.83	3,151.55
12,281.90	60.00	370.00	0	800.00	0	0	5,228.49	2,289.21
1,032.40	33.00	185.75	0	100.00	0	0	675.00	1,380.21
466.70	15.85	164.00	0	25.00	0	0	169.45	2,727.67
0	25.00	355.00	0	125.00	0	0	0	1,907.78
198.14	25.39	26.00	20.00	20.00	0	0	737.86	833.16
0	12.00	326.00	0	125.00	0	0	578.46	1,016.46
1,672.31	63.00	174.00	0	35.00	0	0	120.46	3,681.05
1,713.48	75.00	350.00	50.00	150.00	0	0	200.94	3,726.51
1,650.00	50.00	0	50.00	465.00	0	0	2,273.58	6,137.55
5,800.00	26.03	782.34	50.00	250.00	0	0	9,151.72	2,242.46
346.24	0	83.41	0	40.00	0	0	1,426.92	294.65
1,203.28	24.00	226.49	0	300.00	0	0	0	4,322.86
NOT REPRESENTED			NOT REPRESENTED					
932.92	20.00	202.11	0	50.00	0	0	0	3,089.53
41,949.86	642.89	6,762.58	190.00	3,511.04	2,234.07	0	34,712.90	44,434.88

Darrel Phillips made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovle Tinch and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Dunford for Deacon. Rev. Luther Cox sat in, in the absence of Rev. Jackie Reagan.

June 5, 1983 — The Presbytery was called in special session to the Allardt Freewill Baptist Church in Fentress County for the purpose of examining Bro. Oney Wright for ordination into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Jackie Reagan made motion, seconded by Rev. Lyle Ledbetter and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Wright. Rev. Elbert Copeland sat in, in the absence of Rev. Ovle Tinch.

Sept. 3, 1983 — The Presbytery met in special session at the Tinch Town Freewill Baptist Church in Fentress County for the purpose of examining Bro. Leo Campbell from the Tinch Town Church into the full ministry, and to examine Bro. James McCloud from the Circle Drive Church into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Jackie Reagan made motion, seconded by Rev. Elbert Copeland and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Campbell. After examination, Rev. Jackie Reagan made motion, seconded by Rev. Elbert Copeland and voiced by all to ordain Bro. McCloud. Rev. Glen Bilbrey and Rev. Elbert Copeland sat in, in the absence of Rev. Ovle Tinch and Rev. Lyle Ledbetter.

Sept. 24, 1983 — The Presbytery met in special session at the Lakeside Freewill Baptist Church in Putnam County for the purpose of examining Bro. James Mosely for ordination into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Ovle Tinch made motion, seconded by Rev. Jackie Reagan and voiced by all to ordain him. Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough sat in, in the absence of Rev. Porter Penticuff.

Rev. Porter Penticuff, Chairman
Rev. Darrel Phillips
Rev. Lyle Ledbetter
Rev. Ovle Tinch
Rev. Jackie Reagan

PASTORAL LABOR 1983-84

ALLARDT. Eugene Wright, Pastor
 BANNER SPRINGS. Sammie Dunford, Pastor
 CALVARY NOT AVAILABLE
 CENTER POINT. Jackie Reagan, Pastor
 CIRCLE DRIVE. Glen Bilbrey, Pastor
 COOPERS CHAPEL. Junior Voiles, Preacher
 CROSS ROADS CHAPEL. Leeman Cravens, Pastor
 1st F.W.B. LIVINGSTON. Bobby Jude, Pastor
 HIGHLAND. Elmer McCowan, Pastor
 JONESVILLE. Oney Wright, Pastor
 LAKESIDE NOT AVAILABLE
 LIBERTY Billy Joe Hedgecough, Pastor
 MARTHA WASHINGTON. Porter Penticuff, Pastor
 Daily Norrod, Asst. Pastor
 MIDWAY. Harlon Thompson, Pastor
 MT. CARMEL. Carl Edwards, Pastor
 RINNIE. Bradley Hatfield, Pastor
 2nd F.W.B. MONTEREY. Ovie Tinch, Pastor
 TINCH TOWN. Leo Campbell, Pastor
 Jackie Reagan, Asst. Pastor
 UNION GROVE. J. B. Harris, Pastor
 UNION POINT. NOT REPRESENTED
 WOODY. Earl Melton, Pastor

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>CLERK</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
ALLARDT.	Clancy Beeler	Rt. 4, Box 669, Jamestown
BANNER SPRINGS.	Rosie Hall	Rt. 1, Box 45, Clarkrange
CALVARY	Nancy Tinch	Rt. 1, Box 102, Crawford
CENTER POINT.	Omie Ringley	Rt. 3, Box 379, Jamestown
CIRCLE DRIVE.	Lula Mae Ray	Rt. 7, Box 353, Cookeville
COOPERS CHAPEL.	Ann Manis	Rt. 3, Box 406, Jamestown
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL.	Beachel Creselious	Rt. 2, Box 103, Jamestown
1st F.W.B. LIVINGSTON.	Mary Ledbetter	Rt. 1, Box 356-A, Livingston
HIGHLAND.	Faye Looper	Rt. 1, Box 236, Monterey
JONESVILLE.	Marie Beaty	Rt. 1, Box 23-A, Clarkrange
LAKESIDE	John Hotsinpillar	Rt. 2, Box 117, Monterey
LIBERTY	Dorothy Dishman	Rt. 3, Box 225, Livingston
MARTHA WASHINGTON.	Golda Stepp	Rt. 1, Box 252, Clarkrange
MIDWAY.	Charlotte Bilbrey	Rt. 1, Box 160-A, Clarkrange
MT. CARMEL.	Iva Monday	Rt. 1, Jamestown
RINNIE.	Kayron Allred	Rt. 1, Crossville
2nd F.W.B. MONTEREY.	Patricia Thompson	110 Minnie Ave., Monterey
TINCH TOWN.	Betty Turner	Rt. 4, Box 769, Jamestown
UNION GROVE.	Carolyn Harris	Rt. 3, Box 364, Monterey
UNION POINT.	NOT REPRESENTED	NOT REPRESENTED
WOODY.	Gerald Williams	Rt. 1, Box 615, Crossville

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

<u>Minister</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Omer Allred	Rt. 1, Box 132, Jamestown, TN	863-3149
Lewis Ashburn	Rt. 1, Crossville, TN.	484-6525
Leon Baldwin	Minnie Avenue, Monterey, TN	
Buss Beaty	Grimsley, TN	863-3547
Glen Bilbrey	Rt. 1, Box 259, Cookeville, TN	526-1064
Leo Campbell	Jamestown, TN	
Elbert Copeland	Rt. 2, Jamestown, TN	879-7305
Leeman Cravens	Rt. 1, Box 109-E, Clarkrange, TN.	863-3852
Jimmy Dixon	Crawford, TN	
Sammy Dunford	Jamestown, TN.	879-8443
Carl Edwards	Rt. 1, Box 203, Jamestown, TN	863-3946
Richard England	Rt. 1, Box 7, Clarkrange, TN	863-3320
Jerry Harris	Rt. 3, Livingston, TN	
J. B. Harris.	Rt. 3, Box 181, Livingston, TN	
Bradley Hatfield	Box 384, Jamestown, TN	879-7206
Billy Joe Hedgecough	Rt. 2, Box 109, Monterey, TN	839-2383
Woodie Key	817 Jackson Ave., Monterey, TN	839-3496
Lyle Ledbetter	110 Guinevere Lane, Crossville, TN.	484-5012
Hoyt Looper	Old Walton Road, Monterey, TN	839-2838
James McCloud	Wildwood Subdv., Cookeville, TN.	432-5488
Elmer D. McCowan	Rt. 7, Box 72, Cookeville, TN	498-2715
Earl Melton	Dripping Springs Rd., Monterey, TN	839-3375
James Mosley	Crossville, TN	484-1139
Willie Norris	Roslin, TN	
Daily Norrod	Rt. 2, Box 294, Monterey, TN	863-3881
Porter Penticuff	Rt. 4, Jamestown, TN	
Darrel Phillips.	Rt. 2, Box 33-A, Monterey, TN	839-3043
Hershell Phillips	Rt. 3, Monterey, TN	445-3262
Jackie Reagan.	Rt. 3, Box 417-E, Jamestown, TN	879-5267
Bennie Sells	Buena Vista Subdv., Livingston, TN	823-6130
Harlon Thompson	Rt. 1, Box 250-B, Clarkrange, TN.	863-3396
Ovle Tinch.	Rt. 3, Box 303, Livingston, TN	823-2685
Claude Wilson.	Rt. 1, Box 133-A, Clarkrange, TN.	863-3046
Eugene Wright	Rt. 2, Box 100, Jamestown, TN	879-7556
Oney Wright.	Goulds Town Road, Jamestown, TN	879-8935
Willie Wright.	Rt. 1, Box 51, Jamestown, TN.	879-7768

DISABLED MINISTERS

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DECEASED MINISTERS

Clyde Bilbrey

MINISTERS REPORT

Ministers	Addresses	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals	Revivals	Contributions
Omer Allred	Rt. 1, Box 132 Jamestown, TN	1	42	6	1	1	3	12	0	\$ 1,665.00
Leeman Cravens	Rt. 1, Box 109-E Clarkrange, TN	1	196	12	0	7	0	10	0	9,577.00
Billy Joe Hedgcock	Rt. 2, Box 109 Monterey, TN	1	80	9	1	5	0	0	0	-0-
Lyle Ledbetter	110 Guinevere Ln. Crossville, TN	1	115	4	8	6	4	3	2	300.00
Daily Norrod	Rt. 2, Box 294 Monterey, TN	1	82	6	7	4	2	5	5	2,334.13
Darrel Phillips	Rt. 2, Box 33-A Monterey, TN	1	94	2	0	1	0	0	0	1,041.57
Ovle Tinch	Rt. 3, Box 303 Livingston, TN	1	221	13	9	11	5	23	4	12,281.90

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Lewis Ashburn, Leon Baldwin, Buss Beaty, Glen Bilbrey, Leo Campbell, Elbert Copeland, Jimmy Dixon, Sammy Dunford, Carl Edwards, Richard England, Jerry Harris, J.B. Harris, Bradley Hatfield, Woodie Key, Hoyt Looper, James McCloud, Elmer D. McCowan, Earl Melton, James Mosley, Willie Norris Porter Penticuff, Hershell Phillips, Jackie Reagan, Bennie Sells, Harlon Thompson, Claude Wilson, Eugene Wright, Oney Wright, Willie Wright

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 to 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 became members of the Freewill Baptist Church who have not been baptized by immersion, and that for the answer of a good conscience, to attend the ordinance.

Section 4 — We receive members into the Freewill Baptist Church by conversion and by letter and recommendation. It shall be the duty of each minister on receiving members into the church to ask 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 percepts?

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 role 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 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.

Section 15 — Before a church meeting is called, there shall be no less than 7 members present to conduct business.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1 — We believe in one eternal God, the creator and upholder of all things in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in the Holy Ghost and that those 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 saint's 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 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 immortality, 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 or his wife be allowed to aid or abet either directly or indirectly in the manufacture of intoxicating drinks or illegal drugs or to indulge in the sale of them. We know by the 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, his wife, or member of the Freewill Baptist Church be allowed to dram drink or use illegal drugs.

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; or illegal drugs anytime, anywhere, anyplace.

Section 14 — It shall be the duty of any member wishing to leave 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 _____

Members received past 12 months:

by Letter _____

by Recommendation _____

by Profession _____

Members dismissed: _____

by Letter _____

by Exclusion _____

by Death [please state name(s)]

by Request _____

total membership _____

Condition of prayer meeting _____

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

FINANCES

Paid pastor _____

Paid traveling evangelist _____

Paid other ministers _____

Home for Children

with this letter _____

total for year _____

Associational Treasury

with this letter _____

total for year _____

Foreign Missions _____

Home Missions _____

Building and Repairs _____

Miscellaneous _____

(all other expenses)

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