

MINUTES
of the
ONE-HUNDRED-SECOND
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, 1989

Rev. Elmer McCowan, Moderator Cookeville, TN
Rev. Jackie Reagan, Assistant Moderator Jamestown, TN
Rev. Darrel Phillips, Clerk Monterey, TN
Bro. Doyle Vaughn, Assistant Clerk Monterey, TN

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Calling Delegates to Order
2. Electing Moderator and Clerk
3. Enrollment of Delegates
4. Offering for Associational Treasury
5. Appointment of Finance Committee
6. Appointment of Obituary Committee
7. Presbytery Appointed
8. Calling for Letter from Churches
9. Invitation for New Churches
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11. Reading Rules of Decorum
12. Report of Presbytery
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18. Traveling Evangelist Appointed
19. Appointment of Next Meeting Place
20. Introductory Sermon
21. Expressing Thanks
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PROCEEDINGS

The One-Hundred Second annual session of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Mt. Carmel Freewill Baptist Church in Fentress County, Tennessee on October 7, 1989. The former Moderator, Rev. Leeman Cravens, called the House to order at 9:00 a.m. Singing was led by Bro. Ewell Tabors. Prayer was led by all preachers. Scripture was read from 1 Kings 2:1-3. An offering of \$96.50 was taken up for the Associational Treasury. The Association proceeded by electing officials:

Moderator	Rev. Elmer McCowan
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Jackie Reagan
Clerk	Rev. Darrel Phillips
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Doyle Vaughn

DELEGATES

ALLARDT	Clancy Beeler, Mae Guffey
BANNER SPRINGS	Carlene Garrett, Virgie Garrett, Lonnie Garrett
CALVARY	Terry Hickman, Harlon Tinch, Hallie Smith
CENTER POINT	Betty Choate, Kaye Choate, Michelle Choate
CIRCLE DRIVE	Evond Manis, Faye Ray
COOPERS CHAPEL	Reba Manis, Ann Manis, Irene Choate
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	J.B. Creselious, Kirby Wright
1ST. F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Kenneth Hargis
HIGHLAND	Gary Ledbetter, Velma Ledbetter
LIBERTY	Roscoe Hammock, Billy Lee
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Paul Dixon, Bobby Ledbetter
MIDWAY	Hooper Farley, Daily Norrod
MT. CARMEL	Mitchell Beaty, Hugh Monday
RINNIE	Paul Stults, Tony Farmer, Wade Stover, Phyllis Stover, Gisela Farmer
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Doyle Vaughn, Ewell Tabors
TINCH TOWN	Gordon York, Arval Turner
TYLER POINT	Clyde Looper, Hallie Looper
UNION GROVE	Tony Phillips, Melissa Phillips
WOODY	Herbert Ashburn, Harold Green

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY:

Rev. Hoyt Looper, Chairman, Rev. Eugene Wright, Bro. Mitchell Beaty

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Rev. Darrel Phillips, Chairman, Rev. Bruce Cravens, Bro. Hugh Monday

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Rev. Eugene Wright, Chairman, Rev. Bruce Cravens, Rev. Daily Norrod, Rev. Bradley Hatfield, 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
COOPERS CHAPEL	READ AND PASSED
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	READ AND PASSED
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	READ AND PASSED
HIGHLAND	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
TYLER POINT	READ AND PASSED
UNION GROVE	READ AND PASSED
WOODY	TABLED (SEE MISC. BUIS.)

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

The Invitation for New Churches was given. None responded.

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

The Invitation for Office of Elder was given. None responded.

READING THE RULES OF DECORUM

The Rules of Decorum were read. Rev. Omer Allred made motion, seconded by Rev. Leeman Cravens and voiced by all to accept the Rules as read.

Rev. A.J. Looper, from the Freewill Baptist Home for Children, gave a wonderful talk concerning the Home. \$171.80 was taken up for the Home.

ADJOURNED FOR INTRODUCTORY SERMON

We adjourned at 10:40 a.m. for the Introductory Message. Bro. Ewell Tabors led singing. Prayer was led by Rev. Daily McCowan. Bro. Hooper Farley and Sis. Irene Choate sang special songs. Rev. Bradley Hatfield preached the Introductory Message reading from St. Jn. 1:1-17 and taking as his text "The Word of God." Rev. Hoyt Looper dismissed us in Prayer at 11:45 a.m. until after lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

We reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Singing was led by Bro. Ewell Tabors. Prayer was led by Rev. Omer Allred. Scripture was read from Rom. 8:31-39.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The report on the work of the Presbytery for 1988-89 was read. Bro. Hugh Monday made motion, seconded by Bro. Doyle Vaughn and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

REPORT OF TRAVELING EVANGELIST

The Traveling Evangelist gave his report. Bro. Hugh Monday made motion, seconded by Rev. Willie Wright and voiced by all to accept the report as read. I have visited all the churches and it has been a blessing to me.

I had not had the privilege of visiting about half of the churches in the Eastern Division before and it was a good experience.

I found 2 new churches that had been built this year and one remodeled. I found most of the churches busy, working and growing for the Lord. My prayer is that they continue to grow and prosper in the work of the Lord.

I want to thank you for the opportunity of working with the churches this past year.

Bro. Thurman Key

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The Obituary Committee gave it's report. A moment of silence was held in Honor of those who passed away.

We, your Committee on Obituary, find that our churches have lost 19 members to death this year. They are a follows:

CALVARY	Elisie Looper
CENTER POINT	Frank Cooper, Garfield Whited, Verdie Choate, William Warden
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Pearl Wright, Telitheo Lowe
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Oscar Crabtree
HIGHLAND	Bill Moore, Reece Dixon, Illar Carr
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Grathcel Baldwin, Solan Wilson
MIDWAY	Winnie Ashburn
RINNIE	Lonzo Lowe, Cassie Stover
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Junie Bowman, Glenda Blaylock
TYLER POINT	Basil Phillips

Our sympathy goes out to their families and friends; and to the churches where they were members. They will be missed.

Hoyt Looper, Chairman
Mithchell Beaty
Eugene Wright

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee gave It's report. Bro. Burly Carr made motion, seconded by Bro. Hugh Monday and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We the Committee on Finance report the following finances for the Associational year 1988-89.

Associational Treasury:

Beginning Bal. \$3851.33 Rec'vd \$543.06
Pd. Out \$700.00 Ending Bal. \$3694.39.

Children's Home \$2,244.89.

Rev. Darrel Phillips, Chairman
Rev. Bruce Cravens
Bro. Hugh Monday

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

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 "Who keepeth his mouth and his tongue, keepeth 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; 2nd 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. 1 Cor. 6:10 "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God."

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sunday School feel that Sunday School is the greatest way for children to learn about the Lord and be taught His word. Knowing today some children are never taught about the Lord in their home. Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This verse should remind us of the story told in Exodus of Moses's mother how she trained him. Heb. 11:23-29 tells us "By faith he chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; putting a greater value on God than the riches of Egypt; for he endured as seeing Him who was invisible.

We, your committee on Sunday School urge each pastor to promote Sunday School and have Godly teachers to teach them, they are the salt of the earth and the hope of the future for our churches. "And if the salt have lost its' savour, where-with shall it be salted. It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodded under foot of men." Let us remember Gal. 6:9 "And let not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTION

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 our churches, working together with love; and to follow the instructions on the Rules of Decorum section 4.

Be it further resolved that each church set a standard to grow spiritually, for this is the greatest need. We hope next year we can find out more about the word Resolutions. Preachers, please search it out.

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETING

We, the Committee on Prayer Meeting believe that all churches' should have Prayer Meeting service and that the Pastors and deacons should attend the services and encourage all the church to attend, that we may pray continually without ceasing. "For the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

We believe our children should be taught the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. Jesus himself continued in prayer all night to God. Luke 6:12.

We believe in the power of prayer.

Hoyt Looper, Chairman
Mitchell Beaty
Eugene Wright

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Revs. Leo Campbell, Elbert Copeland, and Lewis Ashburn sent letters of representation stating they would not be able to come to the Association. Their letters were read and passed.

Rev. Carl Edwards sent a letter asking for a Letter of Dismissal from the Association. It was voted to give him a Letter of Dismissal at his own request.

The Woody Church letter that had been tabled at reading was brought up for discussion. Some from the Woody Church had objected to the letter, because it had been conducted at the home of their Pastor, who was ill. Discussion was made whether it was legal to conduct business outside of the Church. After discussion, the Association voted 5-3 to reject the letter. The Association granted the Presbytery permission to go to the Woody Church if needed to Conduct business in their pastor's election and in doing up a new letter. It was agreed if the Church could come to an agreement to go ahead and record the letter in the minutes. This was later done by the Church without the Presbytery.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

Rev. Hoyt Looper was appointed Traveling Evangelist for 1989-90.

Rev. Willie Wright was appointed as Assistant Evangelist.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Rev. Hoyt Looper was appointed to Preach the next Introductory Sermon.

Rev. Williw Wright was chosen as alternate.

NEXT ASSOCIATION

The next Association will be held at Cross Roads Chapel on October 13, 1990.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We the Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates of the Eastern Division wish to express our heart-felt thanks to the Mt. Carmel Church for hosting the Association.

We wish to thank the Sisters of the Church for all their labor in preparing the food that we all enjoyed. May God bless your Church.

ADJOURNMENT

We adjourned at 2:00 p.m. until the next appointed time and place on the second Saturday before the second Sunday on October 13, 1990 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

July 29, 1989 - The Presbytery met in regular session, in conference, at the Woody F.W.B. Church for the purpose of examining Bro. James Ford, from the Woody Church to be ordained into the full ministry; and Bro. Harold Green, from the Woody Church to be licensed for one year.

Bro. Harold Green was called in for questioning, after examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips made motion, seconded by Rev. Elmer McCowan and voiced by all to license Bro. Green for one year.

Bro. James Ford was called in for questioning. After examination, Rev. Elmer McCowan made motion, seconded by Rev. Eugene Wright and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Ford into the full ministry. Rev. Eugene Wright sat in the absence of Rev. Ovie Tinch.

Rev. Hoyt Looper, Chairman
Rev. Darrel Phillips
Rev. Bruce Cravens
Rev. Elmer McCowan
Rev. Ovie Tinch

Visiting Ministers to the Association, were Rev. Daily McCowan and Rev. Willie Lee Anderson from the Western Division and Rev. A.J. Looper from the Children's Home.

CHURCHES	ADDRESS	GAINED BY:			LOST BY:			Total Fellowship	Average	Day of Meeting	Baptisms
		Letter	Rec.	Pro.	Letter	Death	Request				
ALLARDT	ALLARDT	3	0	0	2	0	0	52	30	ALL	2
BANNER SPRINGS	BANNER SPRINGS	0	2	0	0	0	0	59	38	ALL	1
CALVARY	CRAWFORD	0	0	0	1	1	0	30	129	ALL	2,0
CENTER POINT	JAMESTOWN	1	1	4	1	3	0	31	100	ALL	7
CIRCLE DRIVE	ALGOOD	0	1	1	0	0	0	30	23	ALL	1,8
COOPERS CHAPEL	JAMESTOWN	0	0	2	0	0	0	45	117	ALL	
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	JAMESTOWN	0	2	4	2	2	0	109	127	ALL	11,6
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	LIVINGSTON	0	0	0	0	1	2	93	146	ALL	10,8
HIGHLAND	LIVINGSTON	0	0	0	0	3	0	30	73	ALL	1,2
LIBERTY	LIVINGSTON	0	4	0	1	0	0	32	40	ALL	8
MARTHA WASHINGTON	CLARKRANGE	3	0	5	0	2	1	65	97	ALL	6
MIDWAY	CLARKRANGE	2	0	2	0	1	2	39	115	ALL	1,2
MT. CARMEL	GRIMSLEY	0	0	0	0	0	3	69	185	ALL	3,9
RINNIE	CROSSVILLE	0	2	20	0	2	0	119	185	ALL	3,8
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	MONTEREY	0	0	0	0	2	5	50	62	ALL	7,6
TINCH TOWN	JAMESTOWN	NONE REPORTED									
TYLER POINT	MONTEREY	0	0	0	0	1	0	50	143	ALL	3,4
UNION GROVE	MONTEREY	0	0	1	1	0	0	38	105	ALL	1,9
WOODY	CROSSVILLE	0	4	0	0	0	0	34	50	ALL	
TOTAL		9	16	39	8	18	13	975	1765		51,8

Day of Meeting	Pastor	Evangelist	Other Ministers	Associational Treasury	Home for Children	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Miscellaneous
ALL	0	50.00	820.00	0	165.00	3,175.92	0	581.23	3,012.26
ALL	0	50.00	469.82	0	50.00	0	0	8,974.69	1,645.61
ALL	2,058.75	36.51	326.00	0	75.00	0	0	290.00	1,427.32
ALL	767.75	20.00	217.00	0	150.00	1,100.00	0	3,213.91	1,070.00
ALL	1,886.19	72.25	567.00	0	142.25	225.00	0	278.30	2,041.76
ALL	0	50.00	200.00	50.00	120.00	0	0	9,305.67	1,314.10
ALL	11,600.00	50.00	210.00	0	120.00	1,686.98	0	9,508.69	2,777.66
ALL	10,875.00	0	650.00	0	750.00	0	212.00	912.60	613.22
ALL	1,208.12	25.00	0	0	80.00	0	0	832.31	1,783.74
ALL	841.94	56.50	50.00	0	50.00	0	0	47.00	3,354.09
ALL	655.29	0	210.25	0	100.00	0	0	252.99	2,297.78
ALL	1,214.66	30.00	423.45	10.00	25.00	0	0	1,093.24	3,359.98
ALL	3,900.00	50.00	660.00	50.00	150.00	0	0	64.41	4,142.56
ALL	3,800.00	50.00	823.00	40.00	405.00	0	0	4,569.39	4,490.32
ALL	7,680.00	50.00	450.00	0	201.56	0	0	3,191.59	5,466.36
		NONE REPORTED			34.00				
ALL	3,460.00	25.00	525.00	0	200.00	0	0	200.00	4,054.79
ALL	1,902.17	71.00	655.51	0	215.00	200.00	0	950.79	2,807.13
ALL	0	27.50	190.46	0	100.00	0	0	2,419.94	1,106.00
	51,849.87	713.76	7,447.49	150.00	3,132.81	6,387.90	212.00	46,686.78	46,764.68

PASTORAL LABOR 1989-90

ALLARDT	Daily Norrod, Pastor
BANNER SPRINGS	Bruce Cravens, Pastor
CALVARY	Darrel Phillips, Pastor
CENTER POINT	Eugene Wright Pastor
CIRCLE DRIVE	Jerry Haris, Pastor
COOPERS CHAPEL	Elmer McCowan, Pastor
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Leeman Cravens, Pastor
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	NONE
HIGHLAND	Billy Joe Hedgecough, Pastor
LIBERTY	Eddie Hargis, Pastor
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Richard England, Pastor
MIDWAY	J.B. Harris, Pastor
MT. CARMEL	Jackie Reagan, Pastor
RINNIE	Bradley Hatfield, Pastor
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Daily McCowan, Pastor
TINCH TOWN	Porter Penticuff, Pastor; Elbert Copeland, Assistant
TYLER POINT	Melvin Brown, Pastor; Hershall Phillips, Assistant
UNION GROVE	Willie Lee Anderson, Pastor
WOODY	Harlod Green, Pastor

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

ALLARDT	Clancy Beeler, RR4, Box 669, Jamestown
BANNER SPRINGS	Rosie Hall, RR 1, Box 122, Clarkrange
CALVARY	Nancy Tinch, RR 1, Box 118-C, Crawford
CENTER POINT	Omie Ringley, RR 3, Box 379, Jamestown
CIRCLE DRIVE	Lula Mae Ray, RR 7, Box 353, Cookeville
COOPERS CHAPEL	Ann Manis, RR 3, Box 406, Jamestown
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Beachel Creselious, RR 2, Box 103, Jamestown
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Mary Ledbetter, RR 4, Box 275, Livingston
HIGHLAND	Alice Faye Looper, RR 1, Box 236, Monterey
LIBERTY	Karion Lee, RR 1, Box 27-A, Livingston
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Alleta Stepp, RR 1, Box 673, Clarkrange
MIDWAY	Charlotte Bilbrey, RR 1, Box 440, Clarkrange
MT. CARMEL	Patricia Gunter, RR 1, Box 147, Jamestown
RINNIE	Gisela Farmer, RR 1, Box 366, Crossville
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Patricia Thompson, 110 Minnie Ave., Monterey
TINCH TOWN	Betty Turner, Clerk
TYLER POINT	Andy Honeycutt, RR 1, Monterey
UNION GROVE	Carolyn Harris, RR 3, Box 357-G, Monterey
WOODY	Geneda Ashburn, Box 51, Clarkrange

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

MINISTERS	ADDRESS	PHONE
Lewis Ashburn	RR 1, Box 309, Crossville	484-6525
Leon Baldwin	RR 3, Box 407, Monterey	839-3887
Leo Campbell	Jamestown	
Elbert Copeland	RR 2, Jamestown	879-7305
Bruce Cravens	RR 1, Box 308, Clarkrange	863-3467
Leeman Cravens	Box 449, Jamestown	879-5656
Jimmy Dixon	RR 1, Rickman	
Richard England	RR 1, Box 7, Clarkrange	863-3320
James C. Ford	RR 2, Box 376-A, Monterey	839-3874
Jerry Harris	RR 3, Livingston	
J.B. Harris	RR 3, Box 406-D, Monterey	
Bradley Hatfield	Box 384, Jamestown	879-7206
Billy Joe Hedgecough	RR 2, Box 109, Monterey	839-2383
Thurman Key	RR 3, Box 123-B, Monterey	839-3188
Woodie Key	Box 45, Monterey	839-3742
Hoyt Looper	Old Walton Rd., Monterey	839-2838
Elmer D. McCowan	RR 7, Box 72, Cookeville	498-2715
Daily Norrod	RR 2, Box 294, Monterey	863-3881
Porter Penticuff	RR 2, Box 366, Jamestown	879-7019
Darrel Phillips	RR 1, Box 638, Monterey	839-3043
Jackie Reagan	RR 3, Box 417-E, Jamestown	879-5267
Bennie Sells	Buena Vista Subv., Livingston	823-6130
Ovle Tinch	RR 3, Box 303, Livingston	823-2685
Eugene Wright	RR 2, Box 100, Jamestown	879-7556
Oney Wright	Goulds Town Rd., Jamestown	879-8935
Willie Wright	RR 1, Box 51, Jamestown	879-7768

DISABLED MINISTERS

Omer Allred	RR 1, Box 132, Jamestown	863-3149
Buss Beaty	Grimsfey	
Willie Norris	Roslin	
Hershell Phillips	RR 3, Monterey	445-3262
Oscar Smith	Tom Price Rd., Jamestown	879-7643

MINISTERS REPORT

MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals	Revivals	Contributions	ADDRESS
Leeman Cravens	1	118	5	7	5	0	10	0	\$12,430.00	Box 449 Jamestown
Elmer McCowan	1	85	11	1	5	3	4	2	000.00	RR 7, Box 72 Cookeville
Darrel Phillips	1	110	2	0	2	0	0	0	2,300.00	RR 1, Box 638 Monterey

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Lewis Ashburn, Leon Baldwin, Leo Campbell, Elbert Copeland, Bruce Cravens, Jimmy Dixon, Richard England, Jerry Harris, J.B. Harris, Bradley Hatfield, Billy Joe Hedgecough, Thurman Key, Woodie Key, Hoty Looper, Daily Norrod, Porter Penticuff, Jackie Reagan, Bennie Sells, Ovie Tinch, Eugene Wright, Oney Wright, Willie Wright.

DECEASED MINISTERS

T.S. Aakins
 A.C.L. Allred
 Ben Allred
 Rolland Aytes
 Clyde Bilbrey
 L.F. Bilbrey
 Ras Bilbrey
 Archie Blair
 Jessie Blalock
 E.M. Bledsoe
 Talmadge Bowman
 W.T. Bowman
 John Brewster
 Arnil Brown
 Richard Byers
 D.T. Cantrell
 John Chapman
 Boyd Choate
 George Cook
 Melvin Cook
 Council Cooper
 David Cooper
 Woodroe Cooper
 F.M. Copeland
 L.F. Copeland
 W.L. Copeland
 Luther Cox
 D.W. Davis
 John Downs
 J.B. Esbell
 J.N. Esbell
 Sylvester Franklin
 John Fritts
 Phillips Hall
 R.S. Hall
 S.J. Hall
 T.H. Hammock
 Cordell Hargis
 Joe Hicks
 M.L. Hill
 Ervin Holloway
 Joe Hoover
 Pleasant Houge
 Albert Howard
 Ernest Howard
 Gilbert Howard
 Hilland Howard
 John Howard
 James Huling
 M.M. Isbell
 A. Jenings
 Francis Jennings
 J.T. Jennings
 S.M. Jennings

H.A. Johnson
 G.S. Jones
 Calvin Key
 Richard King
 John Ledford
 W.S. Ledford
 A.F. Lewellen
 George McCowan
 J.D. McKenzie
 E.E. Miles
 Ervin Miller
 B.A. Moore
 Leslie Murphy
 R.C. Norris
 Melvin Ooten
 George Ownens
 Will Peters
 Jerry Phillips
 Hilary Phillips
 M.M. Phillips
 Verlie Phillips
 W.K. Pierce
 John Pryor
 W.B. Rhum
 Benton Rome
 D.F. Sargent
 J.L. Shelton
 H.M. Simms
 K.P. Simms
 Claude Smith
 Clay Smith
 D.G. Smith
 Harold Smith
 Jerry Smith
 M.E. Smith
 J.A. Sprague
 William Spurling
 Earlis Stephens
 J.W. Stephens
 W.C. Stephens
 W.H. Stepp
 John Stevens
 Frank Stowers
 G.W. Stowers
 John Stowers
 W.M. Stowers
 Levi Testament
 Will Thomason
 Robert Thompson
 Frank Tinch
 Hobert Tinch
 Logan Tinch
 Dewey Todd
 S.A. Tompkins

Louis Turner
 Tommy Vaughn
 V.V. Vaughn
 H.L. Vaught
 E.H. Walker
 Reid Watson
 Riley White
 J.R. Whitehead
 Claude Wilson
 L.S. Woods
 Charlie Wright
 J.S. Wright
 P.C. York
 Thurman York

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 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 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 applicants 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 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 after 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 make 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 church 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.

Section 16 — We urge each pastor when receiving members into the church to read the church covenant and to follow the instructions given in the Rules of Decorum, Section 4.

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 judgement, 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 to the people and the preachers; and they may have a right through their representatives to establish, alter or amend their form of church government, two-thirds agreeing thereto.

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

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

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

Section 5 — Every person has inalienable rights to private judgement 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 fellowman.

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 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 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.

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

_____ whom
we pray you 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 _____

Average No. of pupils in Sunday School _____

No. of Minutes ordered _____

Ministers belong to our church _____

Pastor's name _____

Pastor's address _____

Assistant Pastor's name _____

Assistant Pastor's address _____

We have call 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 Repairs _____

Miscellaneous _____

(all other expenses) _____

