

MINUTES
of the
ONE-HUNDRED-TENTH
ANNUAL SESSION
Eastern Division
of the
STONE ASSOCIATION
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

When convened with

RINNIE
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cumberland Co., Clarkrange, Tenn.
October 11, 1997

Rev. Willie Wright, Moderator Jamestown, TN
Rev. Hoyt Looper, Assistant Moderator Monterey, TN
Rev. Darrel Phillips, Clerk Cookeville, TN
Bro. Doyle Vaughn, Assistant Clerk Monterey, TN

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its' poor, and all its' benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonitions and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Letters from Churches
9. Invitation for New Churches
10. Invitation for Office of Elders
11. Reading Rules of Decorum
12. Report of Presbytery
13. Offering for Children's Home
14. Report of Evangelist
15. Report on Obituaries
16. Report on Finance Committee
17. Miscellaneous Business
18. Traveling Evangelist Appointed
19. Appointment of Next Meeting Place
20. Introductory Sermon
21. Expressing Thanks
22. Adjournment

PROCEEDINGS

The One-Hundred Tenth session of the Eastern Division Stone Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Rinnie Freewill Baptist Church in Cumberland County, Tennessee on October 11, 1997. The former Moderator Rev. Elmer McCowan called the House to Order at 9:00 a.m. Singing was led by Bro. Ewell Tabors. Prayer was led by Rev. Dow Allen. Scripture was read from 1Jn. 1:1-4. An offering of \$126.00 was taken up for the Associational Treasury. The Association proceeded by electing officials:

Moderator	Rev. Willie Wright
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Hoyt Looper
Clerk	Rev. Darrel Phillips
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Doyle Vaughn

DELEGATES

ALLARDT	Quinton Wright
BANNER SPRINGS	Carolyn Norris, Buddy Hall
CALVARY	Dutch Qualls, David Walker, Winburn King, Tim Hedgecough, Teresa Hedgecough
CENTER POINT	Carlis Choate, Jermy Dennis
CIRCLE DRIVE	Carlos J. Gaw, Eline Gaw
COOPERS CHAPEL	Represented by Letter
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Luther Roysdon, Charlie Doss
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Darrek Copeland, Darren Stout
HIGHLAND	Not Represented
LAKESIDE	Patricia Norris
LIBERTY	Jim Carter
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Katie Cravens, Daniel Stepp
MIDWAY	Cecil Phillips, Pete Stults
MT. CARMEL	Hugh Monday, Randy Young
OLD BARGER	Glenn Hembree, Evelene Hembree
RINNIE	David Garrett, Russell Ledbetter, Gisela Farmer
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Doyle Vaughn, Ewell Tabors
TYLER POINT	Eulas Hinson, Jewel Hinson
UNION GROVE	Johnny Jones, Janet Jones, Vestal Whittaker
WOODY	Herbert Ashburn, Michael Kirby

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY:

Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough, Chairman, Bro. Randy Young, Bro. Wade Stover.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Rev. Darrel Phillips, Chairman, Bro. Doyle Vaughn, Bro. Hugh Monday.

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Rev. Jackie Reagan, Chairman, Rev. Elmer McCowan, Rev. James Bilbrey, Rev. Michael Swallows, 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	Not Represented
LAKESIDE	Read and Passed
LIBERTY	Read and Passed
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Read and Passed
MIDWAY	Read and Passed
MT. CARMEL	Read and Passed
OLD BARGER	Read and Passed
RINNIE	Read and Passed
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Read and Passed
TYLER POINT	Read and Passed
UNION GROVE	Read and Passed
WOODY	Read and Passed

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

None Responded

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None Responded.

READING THE RULES OF DECORUM

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

OFFERING FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

An offering of \$164.95 was taken up for the Children's Home. Rev. Jack Taylor, Representative of the Home, gave a talk about the Home.

ADJOURNED FOR INTRODUCTORY SERMON

We adjourned at 11:00 a.m. for the Introductory Sermon. Singing was led by Bro. Connolly Beaty. Prayer was led by Rev. Leeman Cravens. Rev. Raymond Doss preached the Introductory Sermon, reading from 2 Chronicles 7:12-14, taking as his text "Prayer." We adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until after lunch.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery Report was read. Bro. Hugh Monday made motion, seconded by Bro. Burley Carr and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

REPORT OF TRAVELING EVANGELIST

The Traveling Evangelist gave his report. Rev. Leeman Cravens made motion, seconded by Bro. Burley Carr and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

To the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of Freewill Baptist Churches:

As your Traveling Evangelist, I visited about half of the churches. I apologize to the churches that I did not get to visit with.

I had an enjoyable time with those that I did get to be with.

In early summer, I started filling in as Pastor for one of our churches.

I believe God wanted it this way and felt it was more important than to visit with the rest of the churches.

Thanks, and may God bless you.

Willie Wright

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The Obituary Committee gave its' report. A moment of silent prayer was held in remembrance.

We the Obituary Committee find that we lost 21 members to death last year.

BANNER SPRINGS Milford Waters, Sena Hall
CALVARY Ray Smith, Clara Hargis, Roger Norrod, Maxine Johnson
CENTER POINT Chloe Cravens, Jimmy Cooper
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL .. Velma Winningham, Linord Pennycuff, Donny Brown
MIDWAY Charlie Murphy
MT. CARMEL Martha Lane, Edgar Miller, Auda Stephens
RINNIE Rilda Harville, Donnie Sisco
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY Tina Murphy
UNION GROVE Rachel Harris, Etta Eldridge, Royce McCloud

Rev. Billy Joe Hedgecough, Chairman

Bro. Randy Young

Bro. Wade Stover

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee gave its' report. Rev. Jackie Reagan made motion, seconded by Rev. Bradley Hatfield and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We, the Finance Committee report the following finances for the 1996-97 year:

ASSOCIATION

Beg. Balance	\$7,697.47
Conference	592.40
Association	216.00
Interest	106.39
Total	\$8,612.26
-Clerk	400.00
Ending Balance	\$8,212.26

CHILDREN'S HOME

Conference	\$4,403.14
Association	1,608.12
Total	\$6,012.12

Rev. Darrel Phillips, Chairman
Bro. Hugh Monday
Bro. Wade Stover

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, long-suffering, 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' savor, wherewith 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 us 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 Associations:

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 Pastors and deacons should attend the services and encourage all the church "effectual 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Rev. Leo Campbell represented by letter.

Rev. Larry Scott was dropped from the roll of ordained ministers for not representing for two consecutive years.

21 ministers signed their Register.

Visiting ministers attending were:

Western Division – Rev. Harvey Garrison, Rev. Tex Boles, Rev. Frank Davis, Rev. Dow Allen.

Liberty Association – Rev. Eugene McCowan

Old Fashion Association – Rev. Jeff Short

Children's Home – Rev. Jack Taylor

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

Rev. Elmer McCowan was appointed as Traveling Evangelist.

Rev. Michael Swallows was appointed as Assistant.

NEXT ASSOCIATION

It was appointed the next Association go to the Midway Freewill Baptist Church on October 10, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT INTRODUCTORY SERMON

It was appointed that Rev. Michael Swallows preach the next Introductory Sermon.

Rev. Dewayne Whitaker was appointed as alternate.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Rev. Leeman Cravens was appointed to preach the next Friday Night Sermon. Rev. Bradley Hatfield was appointed as alternate.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We, the ministers, deacons, and delegates of the Eastern Division wish to express our thanks to the Rinnie Church for hosting our Association. We appreciate the fellowship, spirit and all the fine food we received during our stay. God's richest blessings be with you.

ADJOURNMENT

We dismissed at 12:05 p.m. until the next appointed time and place at the Midway church on October 10, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERMON

Rev. Willie Wright opened up the service to 7:00 p.m. Singing was led by Bro. Connolly Beaty. Prayer was led by Rev. Darrel Phillips. Special singing by Sis. Marsha Poston, Rev. Eugene McCowan and Sis. Geneva Phillips.

Rev. Bruce Cravens preached the Friday Night Sermon reading from Matt. 28:16-28 and taking as his text "Go Ye Therefore."

Elder Grover Atkins dismissed us in prayer at 8:10 p.m. until 9:00 a.m., Saturday.

CHURCHES	ADDRESS	Gained By			Lost By				Total Fellowship	Average	Day of Meeting
		Letter	Rec.	Pro.	Letter	Death	Request	Exc.			
ALLARDT	Allardt	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	32	45	ALL
BANNER SPRINGS	Banner Springs	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	26	42	ALL
CALVARY	Crawford	0	0	5	1	4	0	0	137	40	ALL
CENTER POINT	Jamestown	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	97	30	ALL
CIRCLE DRIVE	Algood	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35	ALL
COOPERS CHAPEL	Jamestown	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	106	18	ALL
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Jamestown	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	123	112	ALL
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Livingston	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	151	101	ALL
HIGHLAND	Livingston				NOT REPRESENTED						
LAKESIDE	Monterey	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	65	33	ALL
LIBERTY	Livingston	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	48	40	ALL
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Clarkrange	2	0	15	0	0	1	0	111	25	ALL
MIDWAY	Clarkrange	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	128	57	ALL
MT. CARMEL	Grimsley	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	183	94	ALL
OLD BARGER	Jamestown	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	17	55	ALL
RINNIE	Crossville	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	184	124	ALL
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Monterey	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	73	52	ALL
TYLER POINT	Monterey	0	0	0	6	0	7	0	88	26	ALL
UNION GROVE	Monterey	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	112	65	ALL
WOODY	Crossville	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	75	35	ALL
TOTALS		10	13	40	11	21	13	1	1791	1029	

Day of meeting	Pastor	Evangelist	Other Ministers	Associational Treasury	Home for Children	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Miscellaneous
L	2829.01	50.00	913.00	0	200.00	768.70	0	3757.31	3874.81
L	3233.00	90.00	250.00	0	100.00	0	0	1415.94	2992.23
L	200.00	65.00	570.00	0	400.00	0	0	303.98	4268.25
L	1730.00	0	389.44	0	1079.00	1535.00	0	0	1826.39
L	3838.82	0	806.00	0	236.00	0	0	2810.86	4218.03
L	2312.06	100.00	1731.24	50.00	651.57	0	0	0	1384.45
L	11300.50	50.00	814.00	20.00	650.00	2431.32	0	3597.82	2843.70
L	4950.00	100.00	3750.00	0	1235.76	0	500.00	14198.57	20051.85
			NOT REPRESENTED						
L	5150.00	0	1200.00	25.54	237.78	0	0	145.26	5412.12
L	0	0	0	0	125.00	0	0	0	0
L	4334.00	0	309.91	40.00	206.25	0	0	0	6173.86
L	5440.44	30.00	905.00	0	1422.00	0	0	12771.85	7702.06
L	6350.00	50.00	850.00	50.00	500.00	0	0	6650.00	6542.29
L	4800.00	0	825.00	0	1055.00	500.00	0	2908.12	0
L	5550.00	100.00	855.00	125.00	4900.00	0	0	3118.53	15743.58
L	9550.00	50.00	2140.72	124.44	1150.00	0	300.00	4430.09	9751.05
L	2838.18	0	350.00	0	150.00	0	0	0	1286.24
L	2560.00	50.00	850.00	0	100.00	1220.00	0	6783.20	8225.01
L	1945.55	0	1336.75	0	100.00	0	0	2138.47	1848.69
	78911.56	735.00	18567.06	434.98	14498.36	6455.02	800.00	65030.00	104144.61

PRESBYTERY REPORT

October 12, 1996 – The Presbytery met in regular session in Association at the Martha Washington church for the purpose of examining Bro. Derrek Copeland, of the 1st F.W.B. Church of Livingston, for license to preach the gospel for one year. After examination, Rev. Leeman Cravens made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovle Tinch and voiced by all to license Bro. Copeland.

November 23, 1996 – The Presbytery met in special session at the Lakeside church for the purpose of examining Bro. Bob Reels for ordination as Deacon of the Lakeside church. After examination, Rev. Leon Baldwin made motion, seconded by Rev. Jackie Reagan and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Reels.

March 29, 1997 – The Presbytery met in regular session in conference at the 2nd F.W.B. church. Bro. Cleston Ledbetter, from the Liberty church, came to be examined for license to preach the gospel for one year. After examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips made motion, seconded by Rev. Leeman Cravens and voiced by all to license Bro. Ledbetter.

Bro. Johnny Jones, from the Union Grove church came to be examined for license to preach the gospel for one year. After examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips made motion, seconded by Rev. Leeman Cravens and voiced by all to license Bro. Jones.

Rev. Jeff Short, from the Old Fashion Association, came to be examined for permission to pastor churches in our Association. After examination, Rev. Leon Baldwin made motion, seconded by Rev. Jackie Reagan and voiced by all to give Rev. Short permission.

Rev. Eugene McCowan, from the Liberty Association, came to be examined for permission to pastor churches in our Association. After examination, Rev. Leon Baldwin made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovle Tinch and voiced by all to give Rev. McCowan Permission.

April 2, 1997 – The Presbytery was called in special session to the Martha Washington church on a matter of church doctrine. After discussion, the Pastor advised the church that it was not the practice of the Freewill Baptists to speak in tongues. Rev. Willie Wright sat in the absence of Rev. Ovle Tinch who was in revival.

April 19, 1997 – The Presbytery was called in special session to the Center Point church to examine Bro. Danny Simpson for ordination into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Leeman Cravens made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovle Tinch and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Simpson.

June 28, 1997 – The Presbytery was called in regular session in Conference at the Coopers Chapel church to examine Bro. Mike Puckett, from the Old Barger church to be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. After examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips made motion, seconded by Rev. Jackie Reagan and voiced by all licensed Bro. Puckett.

July 5, 1997 – The Presbytery met in special session at the Union Grove church for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Dewayne Whittaker, from the Union Grove church, into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Willie Wright made motion, seconded by Rev. Ovle Tinch and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Whittaker. Rev. James Phillips and Rev. Willie Wright sat in for the Presbytery.

July 17, 1997 – The Presbytery met at the Cross Roads Chapel church for the purpose of examining Bro. Crag Waters for Deacon. After examination, Motion was made by Rev. Leeman Cravens and seconded by Bro. Randy Young to ordain Bro. Waters. Bro. Randy Young and Bro. J.B. Creselious sat in for Rev. Darrel Phillips and Rev. Leon Baldwin.

September 27, 1997 – The Presbytery met in special session at the Woody church for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Mike Kirby, from the Woody church, into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Ovle Tinch made motion, seconded by Rev. Jackie Reagan and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Kirby. Rev. Leeman Cravens and Rev. Leon Baldwin were absent.

- Rev. Jackie Reagan, Chairman
- Rev. Ovle Tinch
- Rev. Leeman Cravens
- Rev. Leon Baldwin
- Rev. Darrel Phillips

PASTORAL LABOR

ALLARDT	Raymond Doss, Pastor
BANNER SPRINGS	Eugene Wright, Pastor
CALVARY	Billy Joe Hedgecough, Pastor
CENTER POINT	Danny Simpson, Pastor
CIRCLE DRIVE	Roosevelt Crawford, Pastor
COOPERS CHAPEL	James Bilbrey, Pastor
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Leeman Cravens, Pastor
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Eugene McCowan, Pastor
HIGHLAND	Not Represented
LAKESIDE	Dewayne Whittaker, Pastor
LIBERTY	Jeff Short, Pastor
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Willie Wright, Pastor
MIDWAY	Hoyt Looper, Pastor
MT. CARMEL	Jackie Reagan, Pastor
OLD BARGER	Leonard Brown, Pastor
RINNIE	Bradley Hatfield, Pastor
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Tex Boles, Pastor
TYLER POINT	Roger Sisco, Pastor
UNION GROVE	James Phillips, Pastor
WOODY	Olmus England, Pastor

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

ALLARDT Clancy Beeler, 1428 Pennsylvania Ave., Jamestown 38556
 BANNER SPRINGS ✓ Mary Hedgecough, RR1, Box 122, Clarkrange 38553
 CALVARY 10.1 ✓ Melissa Anderson, 386 East Fork Ln., Crawford 38554
 CENTER POINT 5.0 ✓ Omie Ringley, 3725 Manson Rd., Jamestown 38556
 CIRCLE DRIVE ✓ Lula Mae Ray, 121 Ray Lane, Cookeville 38506
 COOPERS CHAPEL 1. ✓ Ruby Wright, 3370 Livingston Hwy., Jamestown 38556
 CROSS ROADS CHAPEL Beachel Creselious, 1209 West Cove Rd., Jamestown 38556
 1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON Mary Ledbetter, 410 Bill White Ln., Livingston 38570
 HIGHLAND 40.1 ✓ Not Represented
 LAKESIDE Freadia Thompson, 185 Norrod Ln., Monterey 38574
 LIBERTY 2.5 ✓ Jim Carter, 507 N. Church St., Livingston 38570
 MARTHA WASHINGTON Alleta Stepp, RR 1, Box 673, Clarkrange 38553
 MIDWAY Charlotte Bilbrey, RR 1, Box 440, Clarkrange 38553
 MT. CARMEL 1.0 ✓ Patricia A. Gunter, 4620 S. York Hwy., Jamestown 38556
 OLD BARGER 20.1 ✓ Margaret Brown, 110 Guffey Lane, Jamestown 38556
 RINNIE 2.0 ✓ Gisela Farmer, 73 Farmer Rd., Crossville 38555
 2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY ✓ Patricia Thompson, 208 W. Minnie Ave., Monterey 38574
 TYLER POINT Bruce Wilson, 210 Brushy Mountain Ln., Monterey 38574
 UNION GROVE Carolyn Harris, 1404 Cedar Chapel Rd., Monterey 38574
 WOODY Geneda Ashburn, Box 51, Clarkrange 38553

MINISTERS REPORT

MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals	Revivals	Contributions	ADDRESS
Leeman Cravens	1	82	2	2	2	0	18	2	\$11,350.00	RR 1, Box 434-N Clarkrange
Elmer D. McCowan	1	81	1	1	0	0	0	0	2,259.00	4460 Rickman Rd. Cookeville
Darrel Phillips	1	98	2	3	2	0	0	0	3,200.00	302 Arlington Rd. Cookeville

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Lewis Ashburn, Leon Baldwin, James Bilbrey, Leonard Brown, Leo Campbell, Bruce Cravens, Raymond Doss, Billy England, Richard England, James Ford, Harold Green, Jerry Harris, Bradley Hatfield, Billy Joe Hedgecough, Thurman Key, Michael Kirby, Hoyt Looper, James Phillips, Jackie Reagan, Danny Simpson, Michael Swallows, Harlon Thompson, Ovie Tinch, Dewayne Whittaker, Eugene Wright, Oney Wright, Willie Wright.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Ministers	Address
Lewis Ashburn	RR 1, Box 309, Crossville 38555
Leon Baldwin	2450 Harris Rd., Monterey 38574
James Bilbrey	125 Pyle Rd., Jamestown 38556
Leonard Brown	110 Guffey Lane, Jamestown 38556
Leo Campbell	RR 1, Box 69, Jamestown 38556
Bruce Cravens	124 S. Shade Lane, Clarkrange 38553
Leeman Cravens	RR 1, Box 434-N, Clarkrange 38553
Raymond Doss	610 McGhee Ave., Jamestown 38553
Billy England	136 Willow St., Crossville 38555
Richard England	RR 1, Box 7, Clarkrange 38553
James C. Ford	RR 2, Box 376-A, Monterey 38574
Harold Green	80 Boldbry Rd., Crossville 38555
Jerry Harris	RR 3, Box 432, Livingston 38570
Bradley Hatfield	Box 384, Jamestown 38556
Billy Joe Hedgecough	998 Lakehill Rd., Monterey 38574
Thurman Key	RR 2, Box 140, Monterey 38574
Michael Kirby	115 Hassler Rd., Monterey 38574
Hoyt Looper	1686 Old Walton Rd., Monterey 38574
Elmer D. McCowan	4460 Rickman Rd., Cookeville 38506
Darrel Phillips	302 Arlington Rd., Cookeville 38506
James Phillips	320 Reed Place, Monterey 38574
Jackie Reagan	2544 Riverton Rd., Jamestown 38553
Danny Simpson	215 Lance Sells Ln., Alpine 38574
Michael Swallows	RR 2, Box 298, Monterey 38553
Harlon Thompson	RR 1, Box 644, Clarkrange 38553
Ovle Tinch	RR 3, Box 303, Livingston 38570
Dewayne Whittaker	127 Farley Ln., Monterey 38574
Eugene Wright	1408 Cove Rd., Jamestown 38553
Oney Wright	1230 Hamilton Field Rd., Jamestown 38553
Willie Wright	144 Oak Hill Dr., Jamestown 38553

DISABLED MINISTERS

Oscar Smith

Tom Price Rd., Jamestown

TN. 38553

DECEASED MINISTERS

T.S. Aakins	Joe Hoover	J.L. Shelton
A.C.L. Allred	Plesant Houge	H.M. Simms
Ben Allred	Albert Howard	K.P. Simms
Omar Allred	Ernest Howard	Claude Smith
Rolland Aytes	Gilbert Howard	Clay Smith
Buss Beaty	Hilland Howard	D.G. Smith
Clyde Bilbrey	John Howard	Harold Smith
L.F. Bilbrey	James Huling	Jerry Smith
Ras Bilbrey	M.M. Isbell	M.F. Smith
Archie Blair	A. Jennings	J.A. Sprague
Jessie Blalock	Francis Jennings	William Spurling
E.M. Bledsoe	J.T. Jennings	Earlis Stephens
Talmadge Bowman	S.M. Jennings	J.W. Stephens
W.T. Bowman	H.A. Johnson	W.H. Stepp
John Brewster	G.S. Jones	John Stevens
Arnil Brown	Calvin Key	Frank Stowers
Richard Byers	Woodie Key	G.W. Stowers
D.T. Cantrell	Richard King	John Stowers
John Chapman	John Ledford	W.M. Stowers
Boyd Choate	W.S. Ledford	Levi Testament
George Cook	A.F. Lewellen	Will Thomason
Melvin Cook	George McCowan	Robert Thompson
Council Cooper	J.D. McKenzie	Rank Tinch
David Cooper	E.E. Miles	Robert Tinch
Woodroe Cooper	Ervin Miller	Logan Tinch
Elbert Copeland	B.A. Moore	Dewey Todd
F.M. Copeland	Leslie Murphy	S.A. Tompkins
W.L. Copeland	Daily Norrod	Louis Turner
Luther Cox	R.C. Norris	Tommy Vaughn
D.W. Davis	Willie Norris	V.V. Vaughn
John Downs	Melvin Ooten	H.L. Vaught
J.B. Esbell	George Owens	E.H. Walker
J.N. Esbell	Will Peters	Reid Watson
Sylvester Franklin	Hershel Phillips	Riley White
John Fritts	Hilary Phillips	J.R. Whitehead
Phillips Hall	Jerry Phillips	Claude Wilson
R.S. Hall	M.M. Phillips	L.S. Woods
S.J. Hall	Verlie Phillips	Charlie Wright
T.H. Hammock	W.K. Pierce	J.S. Wright
Cordell Hargis	John Pryor	P.C. York
Joe Hicks	W.B. Rhum	Thurman York
M.L. Hill	Benton Rome	
Ervin Holloway	D.F. Sargent	

RULES OF DECORUM

Section 1 - No complaint shall be brought in the church against transgressing members until the aggrieved part 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 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 their church meetings in a book kept for the purpose.

Section 7 - Each church represented in the Annual Association shall be entitled to two delegate votes whose members 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 of the church, water baptism, and washing the saints' feet, the Lord's Supper, and transaction of the church business in general.

A - The Presbytery shall have the liberty to ask any question that is needful or that they feel is necessary to anyone to be ordained to the office of Elder.

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 of 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. Also ministers should sign the Ministers Register when attending the Association.

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, and to allow only the Old King James Version in our Churches.

Section 14 - It shall be the duty of all our church 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." 1 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, after 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 excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of an unchristian 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 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 beer; 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 _____	FINANCES _____
Members received past 12 month:	Paid Pastor _____
by Letter _____	Paid traveling evangelist _____
by Recommendation _____	Paid other ministries _____
by Profession _____	Home for Children _____
Members dismissed:	with this letter _____
by Letter _____	total for year _____
by Exclusion _____	Associational Treasury _____
by Death [please state name(s)] _____	with this letter _____
_____	Total for year _____
_____	Foreign Missions _____
by Request _____	Home Missions _____
Total Membership _____	Building Repairs _____
Condition of Prayer Meeting _____	Miscellaneous _____
Condition of Sunday School _____	(all other expenses) _____
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 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	

