

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

When convened with

MIDWAY
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Fentress Co., Clarkrange, Tenn.
October 10, 1998

Rev. Jackie Reagan, Moderator Jamestown, TN
Rev. Bradley Hatfield, Assistant Moderator Jamestown, 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 the 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 Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not for sake 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 Eleventh session of the Eastern Division Stone Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Midway Freewill Baptist Church in Fentress County, Tennessee on October 10, 1998. The former Moderator Rev. Willie Wright called the House to Order at 9:00 a.m. Singing was led by Bro. Ewell Tabors. Prayer was led by all. Scripture was read from 1 Jn. 4:14. An offering of \$155.30 was taken up for the Associational Treasury. The Association proceeded by electing officials:

Moderator	Rev. Jackie Reagan
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Bradley Hatfield
Clerk	Rev. Darrel Phillips
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Doyle Vaughn

DELEGATES

ALLARDT	Mae Guffey Moore, Clancy Beeler
BANNER SPRINGS	Rosie Hall, Carolyn Norris, Buddy Hall
✓ CALVARY	Terry Hickman, David Walker
✓ CENTER POINT	Jackie Choate, Betty Choate
CIRCLE DRIVE	Faye Ray, Betty Cleghorn
✓ COOPERS CHAPEL	Aaron Warden, Joyce Warden
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	David Miller, Willard Smith
✓ 1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Paul White, Rosie White, Jo Anna Carmack, Mary Hargis, Flora Bowman
✓ HIGHLAND	Velma Ledbetter
✓ LIBERTY	Jeff Short, Jim Carter
✓ MARTHA WASHINGTON	Thomas Lewis, Daniel Stepp
MIDWAY	Cecil Phillips, Pete Stults
✓ MT. CARMEL	Hugh Monday
✓ OLD BARGER	Glenn Hembree, Evelene Hembree
✓ RINNIE	Donnie Wilson, Wade Stover
✓ 2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Doyle Vaughn, Ewell Tabors
TYLER POINT	Eulas Hinson, Jewel Hinson
✓ UNION GROVE	James Vaughn, Johnnie Vaughn, Media Harris, Vestal Whittaker
WOODY	Herbert Ashburn, Randy Bilbrey

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY:

Bro. Bill Buck, Chairman, Rev. Raymond Doss, Rev. Willie Wright

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

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

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

James Bilbrey, Chairman, Rev. Eugene McCowan, Rev. Leeman Cravens, Rev. Darrel Phillips, Rev. Ovie Tinch

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
OLD BARGER	Read and Passed
RINNIE	Read and Passed
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Read and Passed
TYLER	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. Bro. Bill Buck made motion, seconded by Bro. Hugh Monday and voiced by all to accept the Rules of Decorum as read.

OFFERING FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

An offering of \$217.21 was taken up for the Children's Home.

ADJOURNED FOR INTRODUCTORY SERMON

We adjourned at 11:00 a.m. for the Introductory Sermon. Singing was led by Bro. Ewell Tabors. Rev. Michael Swallows preached the Introductory Sermon, reading from 1 Jn. 4:16, taking as his text "What's Wrong with the Preachers?" We adjourned at 12:05 p.m. until after lunch.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery Report was read. Rev. Michael Swallows made motion, seconded by Bro. Bill Buck and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

REPORT OF TRAVELING EVANGELIST

I have enjoyed this year as the Traveling Evangelist. I have visited 15 of the churches in our association that contacted me. I have also visited many other churches. I've enjoyed the fellowship and pray that we can all grow and see more souls won for Christ.

Bro. Elmer D. McCowan

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 16 members to death last year.

Banner Springs	Elmer Stowers
Center Point	Kathrine Franklin
Circle Drive	Comer McCloud
Coopers Chapel	Jerry Beaty
Cross Roads Chapel	Martha Holbert
1st F.W.B. Livingston	Cordell Brown
Highland	Jack Bilbrey
Liberty	Roscoe Hammock
Mt. Carmel.....	Ella Allred
Rinnie	Kenneth Moles, Deliah McCourt
2nd F.W.B. Monterey	Hershel Johnson
Tyler Point	Bertie Phillips, Allie May McCowan
Union Grove	Ray Phillips, Pollie Phillips

Bro. Bill Buck, Chairman
Rev. Raymond Doss
Rev. Willie Wright

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Committee gave it's report. Rev. Leeman Cravens made motion, seconded by Rev. Hoyt Looper and voiced by all to accept the report as read.

We, the Finance Committee report the following finances for the 1997-98 year:

ASSOCIATION

Beginning Balance	\$8,212.26
Conference	620.14
Association	495.30
Interest	<u>252.28</u>
Total	\$9,579.98
Expenses	<u>\$2,924.12</u>
Ending Balance	\$6,655.86

CHILDREN'S HOME

Conference	\$4,819.27
Association	<u>1,567.12</u>
Total	\$6,386.48

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

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. Elmer McCowan made motion, seconded by Bro. Bill Buck and voiced by all to place in the minutes Rules of Decorum to prohibit the Eastern Division from having any Elders or members that practice homosexuality.

The Lakeside church voted to suspend services and to give the deed to the Eastern Division. The Association voted to use the Lakeside church as a Headquarters building. It was voted that the Presbytery and their successors be the trustees and voted to have Bro. Doyle Vaughn as custodian.

Rev. Lewis Ashburn and Rev. Leon Baldwin were dropped from the roll of ordained ministers for not representing for two consecutive years.

26 Ministers signed the Ministers Register.

Visiting Ministers were Rev. Frank Davis and Rev. Clayton Padgett from the Western Division and Rev. Jeff Short from the Old Fashion Association.

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

Rev. James Bilbrey was appointed as Traveling Evangelist.

Rev. Elmer McCowan was appointed as Assistant Traveling Evangelist.

NEXT ASSOCIATION

It was appointed the next Association go to the Headquarters building (Lakeside church) on October 9, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

NEXT INTRODUCTORY SERMON

It was appointed that Rev. Derrick Copeland preach the next Introductory Sermon.

Rev. Hoyt Looper was appointed as alternate.

FRIDAY NIGHT

It was appointed that Rev. Leeman Cravens preach the next Friday Night Session.

Rev. Danny Simpson was appointed as alternate.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERMON

The Pastor, Rev. Holt Looper opened up the service at 7:00 p.m. Singing was led by Rev. Richard England and Bro. Pete Stults. Prayer was led by Rev. Elmer McCowan. Special singing by Bros. Pete Stults and Charles Smith.

Rev. Leeman Cravens preached the Friday Night Sermon reading from *Jn. 9:1-11* on the topic of Jesus giving the blind man his sight.

Rev. Willie Wright dismissed us in prayer at 8:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Saturday.

EXPRESSING THANKS

We, the ministers, deacons, and delegates of the Eastern Division wish to express our heart-felt thanks to the Midway Church for hosting our Association. Our thanks to the sisters of the church for preparing all the fine food. The hospitality the church showed us was greatly appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Rev. Hoyt Looper dismissed us in prayer at noon until the next appointed time and place at the Headquarters building (Lakeside church) on October 9, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

CHURCHES	ADDRESS	Gained By			Lost By				Total Fellowship	Average	Day of Meeting	
		Letter	Rec.	Pro.	Letter	Death	Request	Exc.				
ALLARDT	Allardt	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	30	46	All	
BANNER SPRINGS	Banner Springs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	24	38	All	
CALVARY	Crawford	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	136	40	All	
CENTER POINT	Jamestown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	96	30	All	
CIRCLE DRIVE	Algood	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	36	38	All	
COOPERS CHAPEL	Jamestown	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	99	25	All	
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Jamestown	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	125	108	All	
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Livingston	0	5	1	1	1	0	0	155	111	All	
HIGHLAND	Livingston	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	63	23	All	
LIBERTY	Livingston	1	4	0	0	1	0	4	49	25	All	
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Clarkrange	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	109	30	All	
MIDWAY	Clarkrange	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	130	51	All	
MT. CARMEL	Grimsley	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	182	82	All	
OLD BARGER	Jamestown	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	22	58	All	
RINNIE	Crossville	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	181	127	All	
2ND F.W.B. MONTEREY	Monterey	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	76	51	All	
TYLER POINT	Monterey	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	82	22	All	
UNION GROVE	Monterey	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	110	56	All	
WOODY	Woody	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	76	40	All	
Totals	Total	1	26	10	10	16	5	4	1781	1001		

Pastor	Evangelist	Other Ministers	Associational Treasury	Home for Children	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairs	Miscellaneous
\$2,077.46	\$50.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$322.49	\$0.00	\$2,770.71	\$3,769.35
2,370.00	100.00	310.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,716.57
0.00	65.00	820.00	50.00	667.00	0.00	0.00	31,036.96	4,952.20
1,440.00	0.00	421.00	0.00	550.00	625.00	0.00	0.00	1,621.49
3,922.50	50.00	889.66	0.00	271.00	237.00	0.00	3,795.87	3,701.22
2,233.75	204.00	1,933.80	51.08	667.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,344.70
10,500.00	50.00	850.00	45.00	550.00	5,670.86	0.00	2,846.03	3,521.77
8,350.00	200.00	2,075.00	0.00	1,240.00	0.00	600.00	1,310.97	17,509.21
1,200.00	50.00	640.00	50.00	220.00	770.00	0.00	1,249.52	6,518.09
2,400.00	31.00	200.00	50.00	2,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	100.00	429.00	50.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	16,072.62	3,824.84
5,524.36	0.00	725.00	0.00	1,069.45	0.00	0.00	8,690.98	5,709.37
6,650.00	100.00	2,040.00	50.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	12,711.14	6,486.34
6,000.00	0.00	1,325.00	100.00	1,100.94	1,785.00	0.00	3,991.32	0.00
5,900.00	100.00	1,360.80	125.00	774.00	0.00	0.00	78,764.39	10,924.87
9,500.00	75.00	1,318.90	125.00	1,681.70	0.00	866.00	13,301.60	9,648.41
3,342.91	0.00	188.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	3,400.00	2,778.38
2,115.00	50.00	780.00	50.00	100.00	353.29	0.00	25.49	8,324.51
2,279.10	0.00	742.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	7,323.11	1,283.21
75,805.08	1,225.00	17,888.16	746.08	12,666.85	9,763.64	1,466.00	187,289.71	95,634.53

PRESBYTERY REPORT

November 29, 1997 - The Presbytery met in regular session in conference at the 1ST F.W.B. Church of Livingston. Rev. Eugene McCowan came from the Liberty Association to unite with the Eastern Division. After examination, Rev. Darrel Phillips made motion, seconded by Rev. James Bilbrey and voiced by all to ratify Rev. McCowan's credentials.

Bro. Darrek Copeland came from the 1ST F.W.B. Church of Livingston to be ordained into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Elmer McCowan made motion, seconded by Rev. Darrel Phillips and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Copeland.

Bro. Daniel Robbins came from the 2ND F.W.B. Church of Monterey to be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year. After examination, Rev. Jackie Reagan made motion, seconded by Rev. Elmer McCowan and voiced by all to license Bro. Robbins.

March 28, 1998 - The Presbytery met in regular session at the Mt. Carmel F.W.B. Church. Bro. Darien Stout from the 1ST F.W.B. Church of Livingston came to be ordained for Deacon. After examination, Rev. Jackie Reagan made motion, seconded by Rev. Darrel Phillips and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Stout.

April 4, 1998 - The Presbytery met in special session at the Hanging Limb F.W.B. Church. Bro. Johnny Jones from the Union Grove F.W.B. Church came to be ordained into the full ministry. After examination, Rev. James Bilbrey made motion, seconded by Rev. Elmer McCowan and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Jones.

April 11, 1998 - The Presbytery met in special session at the Liberty F.W.B. Church. Bro. Cleston Ledbetter from the Liberty Church came to be ordained in to the full ministry. After examination, Rev. Elmer McCowan made motion, seconded by Rev. James Bilbrey and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Ledbetter.

Bro. Shane Nelson came to be ordained as Deacon of the Liberty Church. After examination, Rev. Michael Swallows made motion, seconded by Rev. Elmer McCowan and voiced by all to come back Wednesday night after Communion and Feet Washing service to Ordain Bro. Nelson. Bro. Nelson was ordained on April 15, 1998.

Rev. Jackie Reagan, Chairman
Rev. Michael Swallows
Rev. Elmer McCowan
Rev. Darrel Phillips
Rev. James Bilbrey

PASTORAL LABOR

ALLARDT	Raymond Doss, Pastor
BANNER SPRINGS	None
CALVARY	Billy Joe Hedgecough, Pastor
CENTER POINT	Danny Simpson, Pastor
CIRCLE DRIVE	Roosevelt Crawford, Pastor
COOPERS CHAPEL	Michael Swallows, Pastor
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL	Leeman Cravens, Pastor
1ST F.W.B. LIVINGSTON	Eugene McCowan, Pastor
HIGHLAND	Lyle Ledbetter, 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	Clayton Padgett, Pastor
WOODY	Jerry Harris, Pastor

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

ALLARDT	Clancy Beeler, 1428 Pennsylvania Ave. Jamestown 38556
BANNER SPRINGS	Mary Hedgecough, 365 Leamon Hall Rd., Clarkrange 38553
CALVARY	Melissa Anderson, 386 East Fork Ln., Crawford 38554
CENTER POINT	Omie Ringley, 3725 Manson Rd., Jamestown 38556
CIRCLE DRIVE	Lula Mae Ray, 121 Ray Lane, Cookeville 38506
COOPERS CHAPEL	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	Brenda McDonald, 112, Longview Ln., Livingston 38570
LIBERTY	Jim Carter, 507 N. Church St., Livingston 38570
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Alleta Stepp, 155 Stepp Rd., Clarkrange 38553
MIDWAY	Charlotte Bilbrey, 198 Phillips Subdivision Rd., Clarkrange 38553
MT. CARMEL	Patricia A. Gunter, 4620 S. York Hwy., Jamestown 38556
OLD BARGER	Margaret Brown, 110 Guffey Lane, Jamestown 38556
RINNIE	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
Leeman Cravens	1	83	2	3	0	0	11	2	\$11,500.00
Elmer D. McCowan	0	57	7	0	0	0	2	0	\$2,060.00
Darrel Phillips	1	100	2	1	0	0	1	0	\$3,000.00

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

James Bilbrey, Leonard Brown, Leo Campbell, Darrek Copeland, Bruce Cravens, Raymond Doss, Billy England, Richard England, James C. Ford, Harold Green, Jerry Harris, Bradley Hatfield, Billy Joe Hedgecough, Johnny Jones, Thurman Key, Michael Kirby, Cleston Ledbetter, Hoyt Looper, Eugene McCowan, 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	Telephone
James Bilbrey	125 Pyle Rd., Jamestown	879-6032
Leonard Brown	110 Guffey Lane, Jamestown	879-8604
Leo Campbell	RR 1, Box 69, Jamestown	879-9830
Darrek Copeland	998 Wilder Hwy., Alpine	445-3171
Bruce Cravens	124 S. Shade Lane, Clarkrange	863-3467
Leeman Cravens	1051 Pine Ridge Ln., Clarkrange	863-8019
Raymond Doss	610 McGhee Ave., Jamestown	879-3635
Billy England	1395 Old Walton Rd., Monterey	
Richard England	485 Deer Lodge Hwy., Clarkrange	863-3320
James C. Ford	RR 2, Box 376-A, Monterey	839-3874
Harold Green	80 Boldbry Rd., Crossville	484-5840
Jerry Harris	405 Union Academy Rd., Livingston	498-2801
Bradley Hatfield	Box 384, Jamestown	879-7206
Billy Joe Hedgecough	998 Lakehill Rd., Monterey	839-2383
Johnny Jones	1506 Campground Rd., Clarkrange	863-3907
Thurman Key	144 Ridgell Ln., Monterey	839-3188
Michael Kirby	115 Hassler Rd., Monterey	839-6353
Clesten Ledbetter	160 Puncheon Creek Lane, Allred	445-7721
Hoyt Looper	1686 Old Walton Rd., Monterey	839-2838
Elmer D. McCowan	4460 Rickman Rd., Cookeville	498-2715
Eugene McCowan	3681 Hanging Limb Hwy., Monterey	839-3378
Darrel Phillips	302 Arlington Rd., Cookeville	738-8124
James Phillips	302 Reed Place, Monterey	839-3565
Jackie Reagan	2544 Riverton Rd., Jamestown	879-5267
Danny Simpson	215 Lance Sells Ln., Alpine	823-5949
Michael Swallows	160 Norrod Rd., Monterey	863-3065
Harlon Thompson	3060 Martha Washington Rd., Clarkrange	863-3396
Ovle Tinch	221 Hillview Dr., Livingston	823-2685
Dewayne Whittaker	127 Farley Ln., Monterey	445-7027
Eugene Wright	1408 Cove Rd., Jamestown	879-7556
Oney Wright	1230 Hamilton Field Rd., Jamestown	879-8935
Willie Wright	144 Oak Hill Dr., Jamestown	879-7768

DISABLED MINISTERS

Oscar Smith	Tom Price Rd., Jamestown	879-7643
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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	Hobert 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 percepts?

A - We receive no members into the Freewill Baptist Church who teaches, believes in or practices homosexuality.

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.

A - No one shall be ordained a minister of the Gospel, nor to the office of deacon who teaches, believes in or practices homosexuality. We feel that the ERA is at the heart of the conflict. They should be rejected according to the bible. *Deut. 27:21; Lev. 18:21; Rom. 1:21-32; Rom. 2:2; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 14, 19; Titus 1:15-15*. This subject was the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah. *Gen. 19:4-5*.

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 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	

