

Minutes
of the
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

EASTERN DIVISION
of the
STONE ASSOCIATION
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FREEWILL BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS
Putnam Co., Monterey, TN
October 11, 2008

Rev. Delmar McCowan, Moderator.....Clarkrange, TN
Rev. Rick Cravens, Assistant.....Monterey, TN
Rev. Shayne Monday, Clerk.....Grimsley, TN
Rev. Tommy Winningham, Assistant.....Cookeville, TN

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves unto 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 Savior 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 admonition 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 promotions 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

(Association)

1. Calling Delegates to Order
2. Electing Moderator and Clerk
3. Appointment of Finance Committee
4. Presbytery Appointed
5. Offering for Associational Treasury
6. Appointment of Obituary Committee
7. Enrollment of Delegates and Reading of Letters
8. Offering for Children's Home
9. Invitation for New Churches
10. Invitation for Office of Elders
11. Reading Rules of Decorum
12. Report of Evangelist
13. Report of Obituaries
14. Traveling Evangelist appointed
15. Date and Time of next Associational Meeting
16. Preachers appointed for Revivals by Moderator and Assistant
17. Miscellaneous Business
18. Report of Finance Committee
19. Report Of Presbytery
20. Introductory Sermon
21. Expressing Thanks and Adjournment

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Conference)

1. Calling Delegates to Order
2. Electing Moderator
3. Electing Assistant Moderator
4. Offering for Associational Treasury
5. Enrollment of Delegates and Reading of Letters
6. Offering for Children's Home
7. Invitation for Office of Elder
8. Invitation for New Churches
9. Next Introductory Sermon
10. Next Friday Night Sermon
11. Financial Report
12. Miscellaneous Business
13. Introductory Sermon
14. Expressing Thanks and Adjournment

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred twenty-first annual session of the Eastern Division Stone Association of Freewill Baptists when convened at the Eastern Division Headquarters in Monterey, TN, on Saturday October 11, in the year of our Lord 2008. The former Moderator called the House to order at 9 AM. After singing and prayer, an offering of \$335.52 was taken up for the Associational Treasury. The Association proceeded by electing officials:

Moderator.....	Bro. Delmar McCowan
Assistant.....	Bro. Ricky Cravens
Clerk.....	Bro. Shayne Monday
Assistant.....	Bro. Tommy Winningham

DELEGATE

ALGOOD FIRST FWB.....	Jennifer Bartlett
ALLARDT.....	Steve Gunter, James Beeler
ALLENS CHAPEL.....	Brad Lockhart, Jewel Short, Shirley Lockhart
BANNER SPRINGS.....	Mary Hedgecoth, Casper Hall
CALVARY.....	David Walker, Harlen Tinch, Nancy Tinch
CENTER POINT.....	Betty Choate, Jackie Choate
CIRCLE DRIVE.....	Carlos Gaw, Eilene Gaw
COOPERS CHAPEL.....	Ricky Cravens, Helen Cravens
CROSSROADS CHAPEL.....	Bud Wright, Craig Waters
FAIRVIEW.....	Bruce Dixon
HANGING LIMB.....	Melissa Phillips, Sabrina Harris
HIGHLAND.....	Brenda McDonald, Velma Ledbetter
LIVINGSTON 1st FWB.....	Kenneth Ward, Agnes Ward
LIBERTY.....	Represented by Letter
MARTHA WASHINGTON.....	Leon Stepp
MIDWAY.....	Lora Norrod, Pam Miller
MONTEREY 2nd FWB.....	Doyle Vaughn, A.G. Phillips
MT. CARMEL.....	Hugh Monday, Oakie Smith, Larry Howard
OLD BARGAR.....	Not Represented
RINNIE.....	Wade Stover, Giesla Farmer
TRUE VINE.....	David Wright, Toni Poole
TYLER POINT.....	Rick Hinson, Sherrie Hinson
UNION B.....	Tony Phillips, Doug Natvik
UNION GROVE.....	Ridley Blaylock, James Tinch, Sherry Howard, Frank Howard, Donald Harris
WOODY.....	Bob Taylor, Faye Taylor

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY:

Bro. Michael Swallows, Bradley Hatfield

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Bro. Hugh Monday, Bro. Andrew Miller

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Chairman Dewayne Whittaker, Gerald Phillips, Bud Hargis, Bradley Bowden, Elmer McCowan

CHURCH LETTERS CALLED FOR

ALGOOD 1st FWB	Read and Passed
ALLARDT	Read and Passed
ALLENS CHAPEL	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
CROSSROADS CHAPEL	Read and Passed
FAIRVIEW	Read and Passed
HANGING LIMB	Read and Passed
HIGHLAND	Read and Passed
LIVINGSTON 1st FWB	Read and Passed
LIBERTY	Read and Passed
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Read and Passed
MIDWAY	Read and Passed
MONTEREY 2nd FWB	Read and Passed
MT. CARMEL	Read and Passed
OLD BARGAR	Not Represented
RINNIE	Read and Passed
TRUE VINE	Read and Passed
TYLER POINT	Read and Passed
UNION B	Read and Passed
UNION GROVE	Read and Passed
WOODY	Read and Passed

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

None

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None

READING THE RULES OF DECORUM

Bro. Delmar McCowan read the Rules of Decorum.

OFFERING FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

An offering of \$335.52 was taken up.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The report of the Presbytery was read by Bro. Bradley Bowden. Motion made and seconded and voiced by all to accept as read.

REPORT OF TRAVELING EVANGELIST

I have enjoyed this year as Traveling Evangelist. For the first time I visited 18 of the churches in our Association that contacted me 2 to 6 times. I have had a good year with every church and pastors. I have enjoyed the fellowship and freedom in every church. I hope and pray we can work together in the coming year. "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." Psalms 34-3

Bro. Bradley Hatfield

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The Obituary Committee gave its' report that a total of 25 members were lost to death last year. A moment of silent prayer was held in remembrance.

Algoud 1st FWB.....	Nannie Pearl Hunter
Banner Springs.....	Blaine Lafferty
Calvary	Faye Thasher, Otis Hargis
Circle Drive.....	Donnie Ray
Coopers Chapel.....	Bill Wright, Bonnie King
Hanging Limb.....	Edith Key
Highland.....	Nina Carr
Martha Washington.....	Boyd Phillips
Midway.....	Pete Stults, Sophia Roberts
Monterey 2nd FWB.....	Euell Tabors
Mt. Carmel.....	Clara Richards, Martha Allred, Lydia Wright, Juanita Page
Rinnie.....	Gary Sisco, Fred Harvill
Tyler Point.....	Pauline Lowe
Union B.....	Judy Shaver, Harold Thompson, Claude Eldridge
Union Grove.....	Earnest Brown
Woody.....	Warner Phillips

Bro. Bradley Hatfield, Bro. Michael Swallows

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- Bro. Jack Taylor spoke on behalf of FWB Family Ministries.
- Bro. Steve Palmer spoke on behalf of his missionary work in the Ivory Coast.
- Motion made to put names of licensed Ministers into the minutes.
- Bro. Leeman Cravens spoke concerning the Association.
- Motion made to put in professions in the churches in the minutes.
- Motion made and seconded to drop churches from the Association that did not represent for two consecutive years. Motion failed. 12 yes 24 no
- Bro. Kevin Whittenburg sent letter to Association stating he is joining Stockton Chapel FWB Church. With this letter Bro. Kevin sent his credentials back to the Association.
- Bro. Leonard Brown and Bro. Joey Wright were dropped from the roll of ordaine Ministers for not representing for 2 consecutive years. (Rules of Decorum, Sec. 10)

FINANCE REPORT

The clerk, Bro. Shayne Monday, gave the financial report for 2008-2009. Voiced by the Association to stand as read.

ASSOCIATION

CHILDREN'S HOME

Beg. Balance	\$ 3,676.72
Deposits	\$ 21,054.10
Expenditures	\$ 17,390.80
Ending Balance	\$ 7,340.02
Association	\$ 1,760.00
Offering	\$ 335.52
Balance	\$ 9,435.54

Total Year	\$ 7,621.79
Association	\$ 1,694.71
Offering	\$ 292.25
Total	\$ 1,986.96

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Standing Committee

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Standing Committee

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Standing Committee

COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING

Standing Committee

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Bro. Shayne Monday
Bro. Tommy Winningham
Bro. Hugh Monday

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

Bro. Nathan Hargis was appointed as Traveling Evangelist for 2007-2008.
Bro. James Bilbrey was appointed Assistant.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

The next Associational Meeting will be Saturday October 10, 2009 at the Eastern Division Stone Association headquarters building, Monterey, TN.

ADJOURNMENT FOR INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

We adjourned from business at 11:40 am. Bro. Bradley Bowden preached from 2 Corinthians Ch. 10, Text "Rule of Measure."

PREACHERS APPOINTED FOR SPRING REVIVAL MARCH 23 – 27, 2009

Mon. 23 Preaching: Michael Swallows	Moderator: Nathan Hargis
Tue. 24 Preaching: Daryl Phillips	Moderator: Ovie Tinch
Wed. 26 Preaching: Bradley Hatfield	Moderator: Andrew Miller
Thu. 27 Preaching: James Bilbrey	Moderator: Hoyt Looper
Fri. 28 Preaching: Gerald Phillips	Moderator: Willie Wright

PREACHERS APPOINTED FOR FALL REVIVAL OCTOBER 12 – 16, 2009

Mon. 12 Preaching: Delmar McCowan	Moderator: Shane Nelson
Tue. 13 Preaching: Tommy Winningham	Moderator: Shannon Copeland
Wed. 14 Preaching: John Preece	Moderator: Dewayne Whittaker
Thu. 15 Preaching: Gary Cooper	Moderator: Charlie Wright
Fri. 16 Preaching: Randy Maynard	Moderator: Shayne Monday

NEXT INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

It was appointed that Bro. Ricky Cravens preach the next Introductory Message. Bro. Eugene Wright was appointed as alternate.

PASTORAL LABOR

Algood 1st FWB.....	Frank Bledsoe
Allardt.....	Bruce Cravens, Pastor, Steve Gunter, Assistant
Allens Chapel.....	Jeff Short
Banner Springs.....	Hoyt Looper
Calvary.....	None
Center Point.....	None
Circle Drive.....	Elmer McCowan
Coopers Chapel.....	Ricky Cravens
Crossroads.....	Oney Wright
Fairview.....	Bud Hargis
Hanging Limb.....	Gerald Phillips
Highland.....	Keith Linder
Liberty.....	Ricky Dixon
Livingston 1st FWB.....	Darrek Copeland
Martha Washington.....	Willie Wright
Midway.....	Michael Swallows
Mt. Carmel.....	Shayne Monday
Monterey 2nd FWB.....	Eugene McCowan
Old Bargar.....	Leonard Brown
Rinnie.....	Chadd Brown
True Vine.....	Charlie Wright
Tyler Point.....	Roger Sisco
Union B.....	Dewayne Whittaker
Union Grove.....	Delmar McCowan
Woody.....	Ronnie Swallows

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

ALGOOD 1st FWB.....	Jennifer Bartlett, 3495 WJ Robinson Rd., Cookeville, 38506
ALLARDT.....	Debbie Beeler, 1434 Pennsylvania Ave., Jamestown, 38556
ALLENS CHAPEL.....	Shirley Lockhart, 200 Railroad St., Livingston, 38507
BANNER SPRINGS.....	Mary Hedgecoth, 1610 Loyd Hall Loop, Deer Lodge 37726
CALVARY.....	Anita Walker, 225 Floyd Padgett Lane, Crawford, 38554
CENTER POINT.....	Betty Cravens, 921 Jollie Ln., Jamestown, 38556
CIRCLE DRIVE.....	Lula Mae Ray, 121 Ray Lane, Cookeville 38506
COOPERS CHAPEL.....	Helen Cravens, 150 Price Cem. Rd., Jamestown 38556
CROSS ROADS CHAPEL.....	Beachel Creselious, 1209 West Cove Rd., Jamestown 38556
FAIRVIEW.....	Janet Parsons, 255 Short Lane, Monterey 38574
HANGING LIMB.....	Janet Miller, 244 Roger Norrod Ln., Crawford, 38554
HIGHLAND.....	Brenda McDonald, 112 Longview Ln., Livingston 38570
LIBERTY.....	Jamie Ledbetter, 297 Short Lane, Monterey 38574
LIVINGSTON 1st FWB.....	Mary Allen, 410 Bill White Lane, Livingston, 38507
MARTHA WASHINGTON.....	Alleta Stepp, 155 Stepp Rd, Clarkrange, 38553
MIDWAY.....	Charlotte Bilbrey, 198 Phillips Subdivision Rd., Clarkrange 38553
MONTEREY 2nd FWB.....	Charlotte McCowan, 1201 Buckner Rd., Monterey, 38574
MT. CARMEL.....	Patricia A. Gunter, 4620 S. York Hwy., Jamestown 38556
OLD BARGER.....	Margaret Brown, 110 Guffey Lane, Jamestown 38556
RINNIE.....	Giesla Farmer, 73 Farmer Rd., Crossville, 38571
TRUE VINE.....	Leslie M. Wright, 600 Clear Circle, Smyrna, 37167
TYLER POINT.....	Brad Hinson, 1160 Wilder Hwy, Alpine 38543
UNION B.....	Betty Phillips, 2174 Clark-Mont. Hwy, Monterey, 38574
UNION GROVE.....	Carolyn Harris, 1404 Cedar Chapel Rd, Monterey 38547
WOODY.....	Robert H. Taylor, 13202 Hwy 127 N, Crossville 38571

CHURCHES	ADDRESS	Rec. by Letter	Recommendation	Profession	Dismissed by Letter	Death	Request	Exclusion	Total Membership	Average	Pastor
ALLENS CHAPEL	Livingston	0	5	0	0	1	2	1	42	30	\$4,800.00
ALGOOD 1ST	Algood	0	13	0	1	1	2	0	81	60	\$15,600.00
ALLARDT	Allardt	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	27	66	\$7,269.90
BANNER SPRINGS	Banner	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	52	\$11,700.00
CALVARY	Crawford	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	156	29	\$5,200.00
CENTER POINT	Jamestown	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	95	50	\$0.00
CIRCLE DRIVE	Algood	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	34	26	\$3,821.04
COOPERS CHAPEL	Jamestown	0	0	0	5	2	6	0	85	35	\$1,707.00
CROSS ROADS	Jamestown	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	124	105	\$13,000.00
FAIRVIEW	Monterey	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	88	55	\$10,800.00
1ST FWB LIVINGSTON	Livingston	2	8	2	1	0	2	0	220	168	\$20,800.00
HANGING LIMB	Crawford	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	48	45	\$7,800.00
HIGHLAND	Livingston	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	72	36	\$5,200.00
LIBERTY	Livingston	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	35	30	\$3,575.00
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Clarkrange	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	76	12	\$714.00
MIDWAY	Clarkrange	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	132	84	\$10,702.22
MT. CARMEL	Grimsley	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	155	108	\$10,800.00
OLD BARGER	Jamestown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
RINNIE	Crossville	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	174	131	\$11,350.00
2ND FWB MONTEREY	Monterey	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	79	32	\$10,800.00
TRUE VINE	Smyrna	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	88	\$11,100.00
TYLER POINT	Monterey	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	58	15	\$3,736.00
UNION B	Monterey	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	126	41	\$0
UNION GROVE	Monterey	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	130	71	\$11,100.00
WOODY	Woody	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	57	25	\$2,400.00

Traveling Evangelist	Other Ministries	Associational Treasury	Home for Children	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Building and Repairs	Miscellaneous
\$885	\$2,093.12	\$350.00	\$1,258.46	\$0.00	\$0	\$1,706.55	\$2,612.57
\$2,400	\$0	\$1,250.00	\$1,100.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$34,434	\$10,007.32
\$150	\$2,250.00	\$275.00	\$400.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$11,404.60	\$9,855.31
\$200.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,000.00	\$800	\$1,100	\$0	\$1,939.46	\$17,012.73
\$0	\$905.00	\$100.00	\$1,258.00	\$0	\$1,743.15	\$0	\$5,802.00
\$50.00	\$750.00	\$50.00	\$2,984.00	\$0	\$0	\$433.50	\$3,880.00
\$75.00	\$1,759.47	\$125.00	\$350.00	\$1,444	\$0	\$3,479.74	\$7,127.68
\$0.00	\$700.00	\$150.00	\$358.66	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,126.71
\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$425.00	\$550.00	\$0	\$3,439.50	\$119.57	\$7,507.34
\$0	\$2,106.00	\$250.00	\$650.00	\$400	\$4,201.27	\$0.00	\$18,848.05
\$50	\$1,500.00	\$600.00	\$3,500.00	\$600.00	\$0	\$12,612.71	\$32,495.03
\$120	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$67	\$5,263.00	\$0.00	\$6,255.00
\$0.00	\$735.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$0	\$1,937.55	\$1,328.16	\$11,736.65
\$50	\$1,227.00	\$125.00	\$217.29	\$0	\$0	\$11,740.46	\$10,653.52
\$20	\$0	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$212.00	\$1,916.00	\$200.00	\$817.00	\$702	\$1,821	\$4,671.96	\$10,324.44
\$100.00	\$3,380.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,555.81	\$2,452	\$0	\$6,460	\$46,301.22
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$150.00	\$2,200.00	\$750.00	\$637.82	\$0.00	\$13,608.30	\$16,657.23	\$75,590.89
\$75	\$2,001.90	\$1,155.00	\$500.00	\$1,200	\$0	\$14,699.30	\$7,838.37
\$250	\$4,574.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$50,087.42	\$38,808.91
\$194	\$300.00	\$0	\$350.00	\$0	\$0	\$50.00	\$1,962.00
\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$50.00	\$3,350.00	\$250.00	\$2,150.00	\$100	\$2,734.72	\$23,756.49	\$12,576.08
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,400	\$1,500.00

PRESBYTERY REPORT

Oct. 13, 2007 – The Presbytery met at the yearly Associational meeting for the purpose of discussing rules of conducting business meetings in a church outside the Association. The Presbytery met for the purpose to ordain Bro. Danny Allen. After discussing the matter, we agreed to meet at a later date to question Bro. Danny.

Nov. 10, 2007 – The Presbytery met at the Associational building to ordain Bro. Danny Allen. After questioning, motion was made by Bro. Bud Hargis, seconded by Bro. Hoyt Looper and voiced by all to ordain him.

Nov. 10, 2007 – The presbytery was called to Union B FWB Church for the purpose to ordain Bro. Doug Natvik as Deacon. After questioning, Motion made by Bro. James Bilbrey, seconded by Bro. Hoyt Looper and voiced by all to ordain him.

Dec. 6, 2007 – The Presbytery met at Crossroads FWB Church for the purpose of reinstating Bro. Bud Wright to the office of Deacon. After questioning, Bro. Hoyt Looper made motion, seconded by Bro. James Bilbrey and voiced by all to reinstate him.

Dec. 29, 2007 – The Presbytery met at the regular quarterly Conference for the purpose of giving Bro. Andrew Miller a letter of recommendation to Pastor Yankeetown FWB Church.

Jan. 11, 2008 – The Presbytery met for the purpose to ratify Bro. Keith Linder's credentials and to give him a set of Eastern Division credentials. After questioning, Bro. James Bilbrey made motion, seconded by Bro. Ovle Tinch and voiced by all to ratify Bro. Keith's Credentials. The Presbytery met at Fairview FWB Church for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Shawn Reagan to be Deacon. After questioning, Bro. Bradley Bowden made motion, seconded by Bro. James Bilbrey and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Reagan.

Aug. 30, 2008 – The Presbytery met at the quarterly Conference for the purpose of questioning Bro. Gary Cooper for license to preach the Gospel. After questioning, Bro. Hoyt Looper made motion, seconded by Bro. Bud Hargis and voiced by all to license Bro. Gary. The Presbytery met to question Bro. Eric Dillon for license to preach the Gospel. After questioning, Bro. Bradley Bowden made motion, seconded by Bro. James Bilbrey and voiced by all to license Bro. Eric. The Presbytery met to question Bro. Randy Whiteaker for license to preach the Gospel. After questioning, Bro. James Bilbrey made motion, seconded by Bro. Hoyt Looper and voiced by all to license Bro. Randy. The Presbytery met to question Bro. Richard Murphy for license to preach the Gospel. After questioning, Bro. Hoyt Looper made motion, seconded by Bro. Bud Hargis and voiced by all to license Bro. Richard.

Oct. 10, 2008 – The Presbytery met at Fairview FWB Church for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Nathan Hargis and Bro. Shannon Copeland into the full ministry. After questioning Bro. Nathan, Bro. James Bilbrey made motion, seconded by Bro. Hoyt Looper and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Nathan. After questioning Bro. Shannon, Bro. Ovie Tinch made motion, seconded by Bro. James Bilbrey and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Shannon. Also, Bro. Ray Boles came before the Presbytery to be examined for the office of Deacon. After questioning, Bro. Bud Hargis made motion, seconded by Bro. Hoyt Looper and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Ray.

Bro. Elmer McCowan, Chairman
Bro. Bradley Bowden
Bro. James Bilbrey
Bro. Bud Hargis
Bro. Hoyt Looper

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Association voted to support Missionary Steve Palmer and his work in the Ivory Coast, Africa. The amount of \$200.00 monthly will be sent to him from the Association. There are some Churches from the Association that are also sending monthly support. We need to pray for him and his wife Rhonda as they labour for the Lord. If anyone would like more information, contact Bro. Shayne Monday.

Steve and Rhonda Palmer
Missionaries to
Ivory Coast, West Africa

Steve Palmer was born in Ivory Coast to missionary parents Lonnie and Bernice Palmer in 1962. Steve accepted Jesus Christ as Savior at the age of six during a revival held at the Ivory Coast Academy boarding school. He graduated high school at Batesville, Arkansas and received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Little Rock, Arkansas. He met his lovely wife Rhonda at Freewill Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

Answering God's call to missions, Steve and Rhonda went as full time missionaries to Ivory Coast in 1994. They returned to the United States just ahead of the overthrow of the Ivory Coast government in 2002.

While stateside, Steve served as Pastor and lecturer in Indiana. Rhonda completed her nursing degree and graduated May 2007 with Bachelors in Nursing with honors.

The type of missionary work Steve and Rhonda do in the Ivory Coast involves village evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and equipping the Saints by teaching in the Bible Institute. They currently serve along side of seven national Pastors with responsibility for saved and baptized Christians in fourteen villages.

Steve strongly believes that the missionary is part of the body of Christ laboring on behalf of the local church. As the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 4:17, "...but I desire fruit that may abound to your account..." This joint effort is successful when God responds to prayer and sinners are born again. Please pray for the lost on Ivory Coast, West Africa.

100% of all contributions go to support Steve and Rhonda in the work in Ivory Coast. The certified public accountant that oversees donations is a volunteer.

Sincerely,

Please send support and correspondence to:

Steve and Rhonda Palmer

P.O. Box 1846

Batesville, Arkansas 72503

Ph: 812-371-7274

lonniepalmer@hotmail.com, (<http://www.freewebs.com/steveandrhondapalmer>)

MINISTERS REPORT

MINISTER	Churches		Members		Couples				
	Pastored	Sermons	Confessions	Received	Baptized	Married	Funerals	Revivals	Contributions
Delmer McCowan	1	79	8	0	4	0	4	4	0
Shayne Monday	1	126	1	0	6	1	5	1	\$10,975.00

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Danny Allen, James Bilbrey, Frank Bledsoe, Bradley Bowden, Chris Breeding, Chadd Brown,, Wayne Brock, Leo Campbell, Darrek Copeland, Shannon Copeland ,Eric Crabtree, Leeman Cravers, Rick Cravens,Ricky Dixon, James C. Ford, Steve Gunter,Bud Hargis,Nathan Hargis,Bradley Hatfield, Billy Joe Hedgecough, Johnny Jones, Michael Kirby, Keith Linder, Hoyt Looper, Randy Maynard, Elmer McCowan, Andrew Miller, Eugene McCowan,,Shane Nelson ,Darrel Phillips, Gerald Phillips, John Preece, Jeff Short, Danny Simpson, Michael Swallows, Harlon Thompson, Ovie Tinch, Dewayne Whittaker, Tommy Winningham, Charlie Wright, Eugene Wright, Oney Wright, Willie Wright

EASTERN DIVISION STONE ASSOCIATION LICENSED MINISTERS

Gary Cooper	615-904-2454	1115 Cutoff Rd.	Murfreesboro
Eric Dillon	931-823-3795	332 O'Neal Rd.	Livingston
Randy Whiteaker	931-537-9541	418 Geeseway Dr.	Cookeville
Richard Murphy	931-823-2791		
Craig Waters			
Richard England			

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Ministers	Address	Telephone
Danny Allen		
James Bilbrey	125 Pyle Rd., Jamestown	879-6032
Frank Bledsoe	129 Little Ln. Cookeville	498-4227
Bradley Bowden	636 Harding Rd., Jamestown	879-5654
Chris Breeding	141 Buena Vista Dr., Livingston	407-1972
Chadd Brown	507 Northrup Falls Dr., Jamestown	879-6715
Wayne Brock	294 Brock Rd., Sunbright	423-628-2893
Leo Campbell	Mary Cromwell Rd., Jamestown	879-9830
Darrek Copeland	351 Hilham Hwy., Livingston	445-3171
Shannon Copeland	1357 Okalona Rd., Rickman	
Eric Crabtree	P.O. Box 550, Allardt	863-5305
Leeman Cravens	1051 Pine Ridge Ln., Clarkrange	863-8019
Ricky Cravens	150 Price Cemetary Rd., Jamestown	879-7185
Ricky Dixon	1126 Upper Hilham Rd., Livingston	823-5094
James C. Ford	37 Loren Ln., 70 North, Monterey	839-3874
Steve Gunter	110 Old Gatewood Ford, Jamestown	879-7081
Bud Hargis	318 Short Ln., Monterey	498-2669
Nathan Hargis	318 Short Ln., Monterey	498-2669
Bradley Hatfield	528 Price St., Jamestown	879-7206
Billy Joe Hedgecough	998 Lakehill Rd., Monterey	839-2383
Johnny Jones	1506 Campground Rd., Clarkrange	863-3907
Michael Kirby	115 Hassler Rd., Monterey	839-6353
Keith Linder	350 Alvin Garrett Ln., Livingston	
Hoyt Looper	1686 Old Walton Rd., Monterey	839-2838
Randy Maynard	820 Boatman Rd., Rickman	498-4063
Delmar McCowan	314 Cleveland Ave., Monterey	839-6256
Elmer D. McCowan	4460 Rickman Rd., Cookeville	498-2715
Eugene McCowen	3681 Hanging Limb Hwy., Monterey	839-3378
Andrew Miller	153 Hampton Ln., Monterey	265-6904
Shayne Monday	4431 South York Hwy., Jamestown	863-5189
Shane Nelson	812 Copeland Cove Ln., Livingston	823-0986
Darrel Phillips	302 Arlington Rd., Cookeville	738-8124
Gerald Phillips	1377 Lowe Point Rd., Clarkrange	863-5151
John Preece	238 Bilbrey Qualls Rd. Cookeville	
Jeff Short	2775 Short Ln., Monterey	
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
Tommy Winningham	143 Maple Valley Ln., Cookeville	498-4653
Charlie Wright	600 Clear Circle, Smyrna	615-459-7551
Eugene Wright	1408 Cove Rd., Jamestown	879-7556
Oney Wright	1230 Hamilton Field Rd., Jamestown	879-8935
Willie Wright	144 Oak Hill Dr., Jamestown	879-3891

DECEASED MINISTERS

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

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?

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 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. They should 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 practice 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; 1Cor.3:16-17; 1Cor.6:9-10,14,19; Titus 1:15-16.* 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 churches in one year. We also urge Pastors and Deacons and Members in the Freewill Baptist Church to really stand firm against the revised version of the Bible and the use of it in our Churches, and to allow only the Old King James Version 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 lead 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-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 judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and the joys of the righteous are eternal.

Article 7-We believe that no persons are members of the Freewill Baptist Church only those who have the witness within themselves.

Article 8-We believe that all Christians have a right to the sacramental table upon 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 give 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 judgment in matters of religion and may speak freely of the same in a way that will not violate the laws of God or their country or the rights of their 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 up-building 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 Baptist Church to call for a letter before leaving.

LETTER FROM _____ CHURCH

To the Stone Association of the Freewill Baptist Church on Oct. _____, 20____.

We send as delegates our beloved brethren and sisters:

_____ whom
we pray you to receive to sit with you in your business and Godly deliberations.

STATISTICS

State of Religion _____

Members received past 12 month:

by Letter _____

by Recommendation _____

by Profession _____

Members dismissed:

by Letter _____

by Death [please state name(s)] _____

by Request _____

by Exclusion _____

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 called Rev. _____ for pastor,

and Rev. _____ for assistant pastor.

Done by order of _____ Church

assembled in regular meeting this _____ day of _____, 20____

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

_____ Moderator

_____ Clerk

_____ Clerk's address

FINANCES

Paid Pastor _____

Paid traveling evangelist _____

Paid other ministries _____

Home for Children _____

with this letter _____

total for year _____

Associational Treasury _____

with this letter _____

Total for year _____

Foreign Missions _____

Home Missions _____

Building and Repairs _____

Miscellaneous _____

(all other expenses) _____

