

Minutes
of the
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION

EASTERN DIVISION
of the
STONE ASSOCIATION
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

FREEWILL BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS
Putnam Co., Monterey, TN
October 10, 2009

Bro. Bud Hargis, Moderator.....Monterey, TN
Bro. Darrek Copeland, Assistant.....Livingston, TN
Bro. Shayne Monday, Clerk.....Grimsley, TN
Bro. Andrew Miller, 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
(Alphabetical Order from Ordained Minister's List)
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 A 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 second annual session of the Eastern Division Stone Association of Freewill Baptists when convened at the Eastern Division Headquarters in Monterey, TN, on Saturday October 10, in the year of our Lord 2009. The former Moderator called the House to order at 9 AM. The Association proceeded by electing officials:

Moderator.....Bro. Bud Hargis
Assistant.....Bro. Darrek Copeland
Clerk.....Bro. Shayne Monday
Assistant.....Bro. Andrew Miller

DELEGATES

ALGOOD 1st FWB.....Terry Dillon, Kim Dillon, Cameron Wilson, Teddy Gunnels
ALLARDT.....James Beeler, Bruce Cravens
ALLENS CHAPEL.....Larry Langford, Angela Langford, Lisa Ledbetter
BANNER SPRINGS.....Mary Hedgecough, Freda Reagan
CALVARY.....NOT REPRESENTED
CENTER POINT.....Dean Johnson, Orene Johnson
CIRCLE DRIVE....Carlos Gaw, Eilene Gaw, Mike Holloway, Martha Holloway
COOPERS CHAPEL.....Ed Choate, Shasta Choate
CROSSROADS CHAPEL.....Glenn Creselious, Craig Waters
FAIRVIEW.....Bruce Dailey, Brinda Dailey
HANGING LIMB.....Billy Jones, Jo Ann Jones
HIGHLAND.....Gary Ledbetter, David Ayers
LIVINGSTON 1stFlora Bowman, Anna England, Charlene Collins,
Winnie Poston
LIBERTY.....Buddy Maxwell, Lonnie Breeding
MARTHA WASHINGTON.....Leon Stepp
MIDWAY.....Herbert Ashburn, Beacher Norrod
MONTEREY 2nd FWB.....Doyle Vaughn, A.G. Phillips
MT. CARMEL.....Hugh Monday, Larry Howard
OLD BARGAR.....NOT REPRESENTED
RINNIE.....Giesla Farmer, David Garrett, Donnie Wilson
TRUE VINE.....Jim Linder, Peggy Linder
TYLER POINT.....NOT REPRESENTED
UNION B.....Doug Natvik, Beecher Phillips, Jr.
UNION GROVE.....Ridley Blalock, David Phillips, Franky Howard
WOODY.....Represented by Letter

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

Bro. Johnny Jones, Bro. Bradley Bowden

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Bro. Hugh Monday, Bro. Shannon Copeland, Bro. Richard Murphy

PRESBYTERY APPOINTED BY MODERATOR:

Chairman Bro. Delmar McCowan, Bro. Jeff Short, Bro. Elmer McCowan, Bro. John Preece, Bro. Randy Maynard

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.....	NOT REPRESENTED
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.....	NOT REPRESENTED
UNION B.....	Read and Passed
UNION GROVE.....	Read and Passed
WOODY.....	Read and Passed

INVITATION FOR OFFICE OF ELDER

Bro. Craig Waters was ordained into the full ministry.

INVITATION FOR NEW CHURCHES

None

READING THE RULES OF DECORUM

Bro. Darrek Copeland read the Rules of Decorum.

OFFERING FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

An offering of \$261.50 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 appreciate being asked to be the Traveling Evangelist for this year. The Lord has really blessed. The devil is fighting hard right now, but we are more than conquerors through him that loves us. I was blessed to be asked to go to 17 of the churches in our Association. I appreciate the love I was shown. They all just welcomed me in. Thank the Lord for you all. May God bless each one of you.

Bro. Nathan Hargis

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

The Obituary Committee gave its' report that a total of 23 members were lost to death last year. A moment of silent prayer was held in remembrance.

Allens Chapel.....	Jan Wilburn
Banner Springs.....	Osbert Young, Novella LaRue
Center Point.....	Wanda Ford
Circle Drive.....	James Roberts
Coopers Chapel.....	Wilburn Choate, Ruthie Hurst
Crossroads Chapel.....	J.B. Creselious
Highland.....	Coleman Walker
Livingston 1st	Allen Savage, Meredith Winningham, Mike Maynard, Opal Parragin
Midway.....	Lois Cravens, J.C. Ashburn, J.B. Looper
Mt. Carmel.....	Barbara Madewell Bates, Roselle Goney
Union B.....	Winnie Bilbrey
Union Grove.....	Bell Harris, Mayzelle Buckner, Lonnie Harris, Marshall Neely

Bro. Johnny Jones, Bro. Bradley Bowden

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- The Spring and and Fall Revivals will follow the list of ordained ministers to preach each night in alphabetical order. Moderators will be appointed..
- Motion made and seconded to stand by the rules in the minutes pertaining to the Rules of Decorum, Articles of Faith, and Declaration of Rights.
- Bro. Richard England was reinstated back into the Association
- Bro. Tommy Winningham was dropped from the roll of ordained ministers at his own request.
- Bro. Wayne Brock and Bro. Eric Crabtree were dropped from the list of ordained ministers for not representing for two consecutive years. (Rules of Decorum, Section 10)
- Bro. Leeman Cravens, Bro. Gerald Phillips, Bro. James C. Ford, and Bro. Danny Allen represented by letter.

FINANCE REPORT

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

Association

Beg. Balance	\$ 7,340.00
Deposits	\$ 18,067.02
Expenditures	\$ 14,802.00
Ending Balance	\$ 10,804.07
Association	\$ 2,460.00
Offering	\$ 503.49
Balance	\$ 13,767.56

Children's Home

Total Year	\$ 6,911.48
Association	\$1,667.93
Offering	\$261.50
Total	\$1,929.43

Missionary Steve Palmer - \$ 2,600.00

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Standing Committee

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Standing Committee

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERENCE

Standing Committee

COMMITTEE ON PRAYER MEETING

Standing Committee

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Bro. Shayne Monday
Bro. Hugh Monday

TRAVELING EVANGELIST

Bro. Johnny Jones was appointed as Traveling Evangelist for 2009-2010.

Bro. Andrew Miller was appointed Assistant.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT ASSOCIATION

The next Associational Meeting will be Saturday October 9, 2010 at the Eastern Division Stone Association headquarters building, Monterey, TN.

ADJOURNMENT FOR INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

We adjourned from business at 11:45 am. Bro. Rick Cravens preached an Inspiring message, "What does the Lord require."

PREACHERS APPOINTED FOR SPRING REVIVAL MAY 24 - 29, 2010

Mön. 24 Preaching: Danny Allen	Moderator: Eugene Wright
Tue. 25 Preaching: James Bilbrey	Moderator: Daryl Phillips
Wed.26 Preaching: Frank Bledsoe	Moderator: Dewayne Whittaker
Thu. 27 Preaching: Bradley Bowden	Moderator: Michael Swallows
Fri. 28 Preaching: Chris Breeding	Moderator: Eugene McCowan

PREACHERS APPOINTED FOR FALL REVIVAL OCTOBER 11 - 15, 2010

Mon. 11 Preaching: Leo Campbell	Moderator: Randy Whiteaker
Tue. 12 Preaching: Darrek Copeland	Moderator: Richard Murphy
Wed. 13 Preaching: Shannon Copeland	Moderator: Nathan Hargis
Thu. 14 Preaching: Leeman Cravens	Moderator: Shane Nelson
Fri. 15 Preaching: Rick Cravens	Moderator: Mike Kirby

NEXT INTRODUCTORY MESSAGE

It was appointed that Bro. Bradley Bowden preach the next Introductory Message. Bro. James Bilbrey was appointed as alternate.

PASTORAL LABOR

Algood 1st FWB.....	Frank Bledsoe
Allardt.....	Bruce Cravens
Allens Chapel.....	None
Banner Springs.....	Hoyt Looper
Calvary.....	Not Represented
Center Point.....	None
Circle Drive.....	Elmer McCowan
Coopers Chapel.....	Rick Cravens
Crossroads.....	None
Fairview.....	Bud Hargis
Hanging Limb.....	Gerald Phillips
Highland.....	John Preece
Liberty.....	None
Livingston 1st FWB.....	Darrek Copeland, Pastor, Eric Dillon, Assistant
Martha Washington.....	Willie Wright
Midway.....	Michael Swallows
Mt. Carmel.....	Shayne Monday
Monterey 2nd FWB.....	Eugene McCowan
Old Bargar.....	Not Represented
Rinnie.....	Bradley Hatfield
True Vine.....	Charlie Wright
Tyler Point.....	Not Represented
Union B.....	None
Union Grove.....	Delmar McCowan
Woody.....	Malcome Strong

CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

ALGOOD 1st FWB.....Jennifer Bartlett, 3495 WJ Robinson Rd., Cookeville, 38506
 ALLARDT.....Debbie Beeler, 1434 Pennsylvania Ave., Jamestown, 38556
 ALLENS CHAPEL....Angela Langford, 175 Langford Lane, Hilham, TN, 38568
 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, 38570
 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, 5625 S. York Hwy., Grimsley, 38565
 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 Fellowship	Average	Pastor
ALLENS CHAPEL	Hilham	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	40	25	\$5,200.00
ALGOOD 1ST	Algood	0	20	0	1	0	2	0	83	65	\$15,600.00
ALLARDT	Allardt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	65	\$7,264.50
BANNER SPRINGS	Banner	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	31	52	\$13,250.00
CALVARY	Crawford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
CENTER POINT	Jamestown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	50	\$0.00
CIRCLE DRIVE	Algood	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	36	24	\$3,225.07
COOPERS CHAPEL	Jamestown	0	2	0	1	2	10	0	35	34	\$3,316.00
CROSS ROADS	Jamestown	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	136	96	\$13,250.00
FAIRVIEW	Monterey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	60	\$10,800.00
1ST FWB LIVINGSTON	Livingston	0	4	1	0	4	2	0	219	179	\$21,400.00
HANGING LIMB	Crawford	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	50	40	\$7,950.00
HIGHLAND	Livingston	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	71	26	\$4,000.00
LIBERTY	Livingston	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	35	39	\$8,100.00
MARTHA WASHINGTON	Clarkrange	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	77	10	\$910.00
MIDWAY	Clarkrange	3	6	6	3	3	0	0	0	95	\$14,797.80
MT. CARMEL	Grimsley	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	156	108	\$11,450.00
OLD BARGER	Jamestown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
RINNIE	Crossville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	174	141	\$12,850.00
2ND FWB MONTEREY	Monterey	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	78	33	\$11,025.00
TRUE VINE	Smyrna	1	0	6	0	0	1	0	77	87	\$10,600.00
TYLER POINT	Monterey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	\$0.00
UNION B	Monterey	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	125	36	\$0
UNION GROVE	Monterey	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	126	71	\$11,100.00
WOODY	Woody	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	120	25	\$2,200.00

Evangelist	Other Ministries	Associational Treasury	Home for Children	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Building and Repairs	Miscellaneous
\$700	\$2,047.50	\$300.00	\$1,168.50	\$0.00	\$0	\$7,902.76	\$10,099.32
\$3,350	\$0	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$500	\$6,216.41	\$21,947	\$30,296.93
\$100	\$2,700.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$6,129.98	\$7,316.35
\$100.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$600	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,328.12	\$11,154.67
\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00
\$50.00	\$1,100.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$100	\$0	\$3,100.36	\$4,625.00
\$110.00	\$2,482.58	\$125.00	\$350.00	\$650	\$0	\$3,025.53	\$5,503.25
\$0.00	\$775.00	\$125.00	\$395.37	\$0	\$0	\$722	\$5,502.49
\$100.00	\$600.00	\$125.00	\$200.00	\$0	\$4,493.13	\$3,448.87	\$9,590.14
\$400	\$2,100.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$1,600	\$4,487.26	\$0.00	\$12,519.29
\$0	\$2,500.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,860.39	\$0.00	\$0	\$886.88	\$6,557.86
\$0	\$2,286.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$4,782.00
\$0.00	\$1,264.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$0	\$1,100.00	\$844.71	\$6,291.42
\$36	\$1,450.00	\$100.00	\$284.20	\$0	\$0	\$2,856.17	\$15,647.38
\$50	\$220	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$50.00	\$2,038.00	\$100.00	\$1,119.93	\$0	\$1,817	\$8,016.44	\$11,835.29
\$100.00	\$2,435.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$28,326.69
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$150.00	\$2,700.00	\$750.00	\$1,138.16	\$0.00	\$775.00	\$15,430.15	\$29,911.83
\$100	\$2,527.14	\$1,165.00	\$600.00	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,995.07	\$10,984.97
\$0	\$3,640.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$41,586.75	\$14,921.72
\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0 \$0	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
\$50.00	\$3,150.00	\$350.00	\$2,100.00	\$400	\$3,999.00	\$9,434.57	\$14,007.59
\$0 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600.00	

PRESBYTERY REPORT

Feb. 7, 2009-Presby met at Union B FWB for purpose of examining Bro. Tony Phillips to license him to preach the gospel for one year. After questioning Bro. Elmer McCowan made motion and seconded by Bro. Bradley Bowden and voiced by all to licensed Bro. Tony.

March 21, 2009-Presby met at Livingston 1st FWB for purpose of examining Bro. Mark Gaw to ordain him to the office of deacon. After examining Bro. Mark, Bro. Elmer made motion seconded by Bro. Gerald and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Mark.

Presby met at Livingston 1st FWB for purpose of examining Bro. Larry Peek to ordain him to the office of deacon. After questioning Bro. Larry, Bro. Elmer made motion and seconded by Bro. Gerald and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Larry.

Sept. 4, 2009-Presby met at Algood First FWB for purpose of examining Bro. Scott Underwood to office of deacon. After questioning Bro. Bud made motion, seconded by Bro. Bradley and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Scott.

Presby met at Algood First FWB for purpose of examining Bro. Cameron Wilson and to license him to preach the gospel for one year. After questioning Bro. Bud made motion and seconded by Bro. Bradley and voiced by all to license Bro. Cameron.

Sept. 12, 2009-Presby met at Livingston 1st FWB for purpose of examining Bro. Randy Whittaker and to ordain him to the full ministry. After questioning Bro. Gerald made motion, seconded by Bro. Bradley and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Randy.

Presby met at Livingston 1st FWB for purpose of examining Bro. Richard Murphy to ordain him to the full ministry. After questioning, Bro. Bradley made motion, seconded by Bro. Bud and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Richard to the full ministry.

Presby met at Livingston 1st FWB for purpose of examining Bro. Eric Dillon to ordain him to the full ministry. After questioning, Bro. Bud made motion, seconded by Bro. Bradley and voiced by all to ordain Bro. Eric.

Elmer McCowan
Bud Hargis
Bradley Bowden
Gerald Phillips
Darrek Copeland

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 Saviour 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.

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.

Please send support and correspondence to:

Steve and Rhonda Palmer
P.O. Box 1846
Batesville, Arkansas 72503
Ph: 812-371-7274
lonniepalmer@hotmail.com

MINISTERS REPORT

MINISTER	Churches			Members					
	Pastored	Sermons	Confessions	Received	Baptized	Weddings	Funerals	Revivals	Contributions
Delmer McCowan	1	78	13		2	0	3	3	
Elmer McCowan	1	80	2		0	0	3	0	\$ 3,441.69
Shayne Monday	1	122	3	3	1	0	3	2	\$12,250.00
Darrel Phillips	0	60	3		0	1	1	1	\$3,500.00

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

Danny Allen, James Bilbrey, Frank Bledsoe, Bradley Bowden, Chris Breeding, Chadd Brown, Leo Campbell, Darrek Copeland, Shannon Copeland, Leeman Cravens, Rick Cravens, Eric Dillon, Ricky Dixon, Richard England, 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, Richard Murphy, Shane Nelson, Darrel Phillips, Gerald Phillips, John Preece, Jeff Short, Danny Simpson, Michael Swallows, Harlon Thompson, Ovie Tinch, Craig Waters, Dewayne Whittaker, Randy Whiteaker, Charlie Wright, Eugene Wright, Oney Wright, Willie Wright

Eastern Division Stone Association Licensed Ministers

Gary Cooper	615-904-2454
Cameron Wilson	931-267-6762
Tony Phillips	931-863-4499

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Ministers	Address	Telephone
Danny Allen	219 Robbins, Monterey	839-3681
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	510-6974
Chadd Brown	507 Northrup Falls Dr., Jamestown	879-6715
Leo Campbell	Mary Cromwell Rd., Jamestown	879-9830
Darrek Copeland	351 Hilham Hwy., Livingston	823-3069
Shannon Copeland	1357 Okalona Rd., Rickman	510-7690
Leeman Cravens	1051 Pine Ridge Ln., Clarkrange	863-8019
Ricky Cravens	150 Price Cemetary Rd., Jamestown	879-7185
Eric Dillon	332 Oneil Rd., Livingston	823-3795
Ricky Dixon	1126 Upper Hilham Rd., Livingston	823-5094
Richard England	485 Deerlodge Hwy, Clarkrange	863-3320
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	823-2088
Hoyt Looper	1686 Old Walton Rd., Monterey	839-2838
Randy Maynard	820 Boatman Rd., Cookeville	498-4063
Delmar McCowan	314 Cleveland Ave., Monterey	839-6256
Elmer D. McCowan	4460 Rickman Rd., Cookeville	498-2715
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Shane Nelson	812 Copeland Cove Ln., Livingston	823-0986
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Gerald Phillips	1377 Lowe Point Rd., Clarkrange	863-5151
John Preece	238 Bilbrey Qualls Rd. Cookeville	498-4746
Jeff Short	2775 Short Ln., Monterey	498-2474
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
Craig Waters	176 County Rd., Jamestown	879-6646
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Randy Whiteaker	418 Geesway Dr., Algood	537-9541
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Eugene Wright	1408 Cove Rd., Jamestown	879-7556
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DECEASED MINISTERS

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 Ben Allred
 Omer Allred
 Rolland Ayte
 Buss Beaty
 Clyde Bilbrey
 L.F. Bilbrey
 Ras Bilbrey
 Archie Blair
 Jessie Blalock
 E.M. Bledsoe
 Talmage Bowman
 W.T. Bowman
 John Brewster
 Arnil Brown
 Richard Byers
 D.T. Cantrell
 John Chapman
 Boyd Choate
 George Cook
 Council Cooper
 David Cooper
 Woodrow Cooper
 Elbert Copeland
 F.M. Copeland
 W.L. Copeland
 Luther Cox
 D.W. Davis
 Jesse Dixon
 John Downs
 J.B. Esbell
 J.N. Esbell
 Sylvester Franklin
 John Fritts
 Phillips Hall
 R.S. Hall
 S.J. Hall
 T.H. Hammock
 Cordell Hargis
 Joe Hicks
 M.L. Hill
 Ervin Holloway

Joe Hoover
 Pleasant Houge
 Albert Howard
 Ernest Howard
 Gilbert Howard
 Hilland Howard
 John Howard
 James Huling
 M.M. Isbell
 A. Jennings
 Francis Jennings
 J.T. Jennings
 S.M. Jennings
 H.A. Johnson
 G.S. Jones
 Calvin Key
 Thurman Key
 Woodie Key
 Richard King
 John Ledford
 A.F. Lewellen
 Daily McCowan
 George McCowan
 J.D. McKenzie
 E.E. Miles
 Ervin Miller
 B.A. Moore
 Leslie Murphy
 Daily Norrod
 R.C. Morris
 Willie Norris
 Melvin Ooten
 George Owens
 Will Peters
 Hershel Phillips
 Hilary Phillips
 Jerry Phillips
 M.M. Phillips
 Verlie Phillips
 W.K. Pierce
 John Pryor
 W.B. Rhum
 Benton Rome
 D.F. Sargent

J.L. Shelton
 H.M. Simms
 K.P. Simms
 Claude Smith
 Clay Smith
 D.G. Smith
 Harold Smith
 Jerry Smith
 M.F. Smith
 Oscar Smith
 J.A. Sprague
 William Spurling
 Earlis Stephens
 J.W. Stephens
 W.C. Stephens
 W.H. Stepp
 John Stevens
 Frank Stowers
 G.W. Stowers
 John Stowers
 W.M. Stowers
 Will Thompson
 Robert Thompson
 Rank Thompson
 Frank Tinch
 Hobert Tinch
 Logan Tinch
 Dewey Todd
 S.A. Thompkins
 Louis Turner
 Tommy Vaughn
 V.V. Vaughn
 H.L. Vaught
 E.H. Walker
 Reid Watson
 Riley White
 J.R. Whited
 Claude Wilson
 L.S. Woods
 Charlie Wright
 John Wright
 J.S. Wright
 P.C. York
 Thurman York

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; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 1 Cor. 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 _____	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 Death [please state name(s)] _____	Associational Treasury _____
_____	with this letter _____
_____	Total for year _____
_____	Foreign Missions _____
by Request _____	Home Missions _____
by Exclusion _____	Building and Repairs _____
Total Membership _____	Miscellaneous _____
Condition of Prayer Meeting _____	(all other expenses) _____
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

