

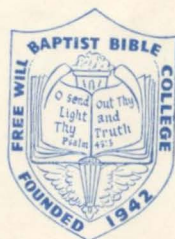
MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF—
STONE ASSOCIATION

—OF—
**Freewill Christian Baptist
Church of Christ**

HELD WITH THE WINESAP CHURCH
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE
COMMENCING OCTOBER 17, 1940

Elder G. W. Randolph,	Moderator,	Sparta, Route 8	
Elder Alva Hall,	Asst.	"	"
Fred Clouse,		Clerk,	"
Eskle Baker,	Asst.	"	" " 1



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Alva Hall

The ministers and delegates composing the Western Division of the Stone Association of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ met with the Winesap Church, Cumberland County, Tennessee, on October 17, 1940 in Seventy-fifth Annual Session.

After devotional services by Elder Alva Hall, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. J. Hickey; text: First Timothy 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

The Moderator, Elder Alva Hall, called the Association to order and proceeded to organize by electing Elder G. W. Randolph moderator, Elder

The roll was called and delegates names enrolled as follows:

Alva Hall, Assistant Moderator; Fred Clouse, Clerk and Eskle Baker, Assistant clerk.

The roll was called and delegates names nerolled as follows:

Allen's Chapel (P. C.), Hop Brewington.

Allen's Chapel (O. C.), _____

Baker's Cross Roads, James Parsons and Mrs. Kate Parsons.

Bethcar, _____

Board Valley, _____

Dodson's Branch, B. D. Mayberry, Mary Loy Smith, Jay Burris, and May Crabtree.

Douglas Chapel, J. G. West, Frank Atkins and Elmer Shaver.

Fish Pond, Clyde Webb and Charley Walker.

Gentry's Chapel, Mrs. Addison McCaleb.

Glade Creek, Willie Weeks.

Hensey's Chapel, J. C. Young, Charley England and C. A. Young.

Johnson's Chapel, Bill Robinson.

Liberty, _____

Morgan Springs, _____

Mt. Pleasant, Will West.

Mt. Pisgah, W. H. Robinson

Mt. Zion, W. T. Swallows.

Old Cumberland, Johnny Troglin, Homer Christian and Finch Wilson.

Ozion, Tom Bryant, Minnie Bryant and Jesse LaFever.

Philadelphia, Monroe Rice, Mae Rice and Clyde Holloway.

Pleasant Ridge, Dallas Sparks, John Mackie and Fred Clouse.

Post Oak Shade, O. H. Kirby.

Robinson Springs, Fred McDaniel and Robert Yates.

Sampson, Claude Hickey, Parker Mooneyham and John Blankenship.

Shady Grove, Walter Henry.

Smith's Chapel, Dallas Seegraves and Clayton Abston.

Stone Seminary, B. M. Peek, Elmore Ray, Nancy Ann Phipper and

Alice Clouse.

Union Grove, M. H. Phillips.

Union Hill, Russell Wilson and Herbert Neal.

West Cookeville, G. W. Webb.

Winesap, Lawson Mooneyham and Venus Smith.

Yankeetown, Everett Dunham and LeRoy Copeland.

A motion was sustained that Mt. Pleasant be dropped from the Association.

A committee was appointed on Devotional Services which submitted the following report:

Elder C. M. Bilbrey to preach Thursday, Elder Frank Malone Friday at 11:00 A. M., Elder F. E. Scarlett Friday night, Elder G. W. Randolph Saturday at 11:00 A. M., Elder Alva Hall Saturday night and Elder Tilbert Henry Sunday at 11:00 A. M.

A call was made for petitionary letters. Two came forward: Old Cumberland of Brockdell, Tenn., and Robinson Springs of Chalybeate, Tenn., which were received into the Association.

The door of the church was opened to Sister Churches.

Rules of Decorum was called for and read.

Regular committees were then appointed.

Delegates were assigned homes.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until Friday at 8:00 A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING

The association met pursuant to adjournment, after singing and prayer by Jay Finch Wilson.

The roll was called and Thursday's minutes were read and approved.

Regular committees were then appointed.

Letters were called for from various churches, read and approved.

Motion sustained that an offering be taken in the association to pay on our dues for the past State Association. The offering amounted to \$15.00.

A resolution was adopted to recommend that the various churches send in the remaining \$10.00 States dues before July 1, 1941 to the State Treasurer, Mr. Jesse LaFever, Silver Point, Tenn.

FRIDAY EVENING

The association met after singing and prayer by Bro. Paul Woolsey.

While the Presbytery was in session the services were turned over to Bro. Woolsey and Bro. Stanley, Superintendent of the Freewill Baptist Orphanage. Bro. Stanley explained how the Orphanage came to be established and how the work is now carrying on.

Minister's reports were called for and read.

Elder Tilbert Henry and Bro. M. H. Phillips were appointed corresponding delegates to the Eastern Division next year.

Pastoral Labor Committee was appointed.

Elder W. M. Stowers of the Eastern Division was invited to a seat with us in our deliberations.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

The association after singing and prayer by Bro. Frank Malone. Short talk by the Moderator. Lecture about dead churches by Elder Frank Malone.

Friday's minutes were read and approved. Reports of regular committees were called for, read and received.

EDUCATION

We, your committee on education, submit the following report: This is an age when education is pre-eminently in the forefront in every phase of life, and believing Christian education stands for the advancement of Christian life, therefore; we urge that our people support and encourage our Baptist schools and colleges in Tennessee, and, believing the Bible to be the foundation of all true Christian education; we urge its prayerful study. We especially urge that all young ministers take more interest in education and in the study of God's word; that they may be more able to preach the gospel.

Lawson Mooneyham, G. W. Webb, Russell Wilson, Committee.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report:

We believe that no question should be permanently settled until it is settled right, and as we do not believe that the whiskey and beer question is settled until it is wiped out of this fair land of ours, therefore, we heartily endorse all legislation against whiskey and beer traffic and urge the doctrine of temperance to be held by all our churches and people, including the beer committees appointed from the County Courts of our State; and we urge all ministers to fight against whiskey and beer traffic with all their energy from the pulpit.

Tilbert Henry, B. M. Peek, Dallas Seegraves, Committee.

OBITUARY

We, your committee on Obituary, submit the following report:

We find that the enemy, death, has visited our churches and called from our ranks 20 of our beloved members to join the great assembly above; our great loss is their eternal gain. We extend prayers and sympathy to their bereaved families.

Dallas Sparks, Walter Henry, O. H. Kirby, Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report:

We desire to go on record as a Christian denomination believing in the utility of the Sunday Schools as one of the most potent powers of the church.

We recommend that the pastors of the various churches appoint a committee of the believing members to look after the interest of the same.

Walter Henry, O. H. Kirby, Dallas Sparks, Committee.

FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, submit the following report:

We find \$32.90 paid in for minutes. We recommend that \$22.00 worth of minutes be printed and that the clerk have the balance for his services, and mailing of the minutes.

Lee Clouse, W. M. Seegraves, and Russell Wilson, Committee.

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY

We, the Presbytery of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ with the Winesap Church this the 18th day of October, 1940, organized by

electing Elder G. W. Randolph of Sparta, Tenn., Route 3, and Elder F. R. Trusley, Clerk, of Brockdell, Tenn.

The following came forward before the council to be examined as to their qualifications as set forth in our minutes of the association.

W. S. Robinson, Silver Point, Tenn., Route 3,

J. A. McCaleb, Cookeville, Tenn., Route 2,

Eskel Baker, Sparta, Tenn., Route 1,

Carson Harp, Cookeville, Tenn., Hickey St.,

Casper Jaquess, Cookeville, Tenn., Route 4,

Brother Jaquess was ordained at the Ozion church in Putnam County last year but did not receive ordination certificate, which will be issued to him by order of this council this year, 1940.

John Savage, Brockdell, Tenn.,

V. L. Lewis, Eastlenn, Tenn., these being ordained and set apart by prayer and the laying on of hands of the presbytery, were granted certificates of ordination.

Licensed to preach: Mack Rice, Monterey, Tenn., and V. A. Smith of Crossville, Tenn., R. F. D., W. M. Davis, Pikeville, Tenn., Route 3.

This brother, W. M. Davis, was ordained this the 19th day of October, 1940. Also, the council, by request, agrees to issue a duplicate certificate to Elder G. W. Randolph and Brother Frank Malone, who have lost or misplaced their ordination certificates.

Also, by order of this council, we hereby ask Elder C. M. Bilbrey to unite with a Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ or deliver his ordination certificate to this council.

This done by order of the council of the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ while in session with the Stone Association when convened with the Winesap Church, Cumberland County, Tenn.

Elder G. W. Randolph, Moderator, Elder F. R. Trusley, Clerk.

Motion sustained that our next annual association be held with the Post Oak Shade Church, Putnam County, Tenn., beginning Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1941; Elder R. G. Lewis to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Frank Malone, Alternate.

A resolution of thanks was extended to the Winesap church and community for their kindness during our stay with them.

Motion sustained that we print the budget made out by the State Association in our minutes and we assure our churches that there is nothing compulsory about it. We recommend that the various churches cooperate with the State and National programs the best they can.

Elder G. W. Randolph, Moderator, Elder Alva Hall, Assistant,

Fred Clouse, Clerk, Eskel Baker, Assistant.

REPORT ON PASTORAL LABOR

Allen's Chapel, (P. C.)	Tilbert Henry
Baker's Cross Roads	E. J. Hickey
Bethcar	I. R. Woods
Board Valley	Addison McCaleb
Dodson's Branch	E. J. Hickey
Douglas Chapel	C. Q. Hammons
Fish Pond	B. F. Dunham
Gentry's Chapel	W. M. Stowers
Glade Creek	J. E. Wood
Hensley's Chapel	Tilbert Henry
Johnson's Chapel	Eskle Baker
Liberty	
Morgan Springs	
Mt. Pleasant	F. E. Scarlett
Mt. Pisgah	W. S. Johnson
Mt. Zion	J. E. Wood
Old Cumberland	F. R. Trusley, John Savage, Asst.
Ozion	J. A. McCaleb
Philadelphia	Mack Rice, Alva Hall, Asst.
Pleasant Ridge	E. J. Hickey
Post Oak Shade	I. R. Wood, J. A. McCaleb, Asst.
Sampson	B. F. Dunham, Bill Davis, Asst.
Shady Grove	Tilbert Henry
Smith's Chapel	
Stone Seminary	E. J. Hickey
Union Grove	Tilbert Henry
Union Hill	Tilbert Henry, J. R. Hammons, Asst.
West Cookeville	Frank Malone and Carson Harp
Assistants: George Robbins and Casper Jaquess	
Winesap	B. F. Dunham, Ulus Lewis, Asst.
Yankeetown	Eskle Baker
Robinson Springs	John Savage, Frank Malone, Asst.

RULES OF DECORUM

Section 1. No complaint shall be brought in the church against transgressing members until the aggrieved party complies with the directions given by our Lord in St. Matthew, 18:13-17.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the deacons of the churches to go to the transgressing members, talk to them, admonish them and they shall have until second church meeting to make reconciliation. It may be the duty of the churches to choose a committee to settle questions of aggrieved causes.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of Stewards to advise the church to promote means to sustain the church and preachers.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of each Minister, on receiving members in the church, to ask the 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?" Third, "Are you willing to walk in all His precepts?"

Sec. 5. 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 to the ordinance of baptism.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the several churches to organize a church treasury for the purpose of defraying church expenses.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the different church clerks to keep a correct minute of all their church meetings in a book provided for that purpose.

Sec. 8. Each church represented in the Annual Association shall be entitled to two delegate voters, whose membership does not exceed 50, and one additional for every 25 over 50.

Sec. 9. That, for the purpose of ordaining Elders, there shall convene a Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall consist of three or more ordained Elders and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the present session. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applicants that may come before them for license and ordination, and if found competent shall ordain them or set apart for work by prayer and laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try ministers and deacons, composing this Association, for immorality, propagation of unchristian doctrine, neglect of duty, enjoining by the word of God, of the rules of the church, on proper testimony; their decision to be final. Any members of the Presbytery shall have full power to convene a Presbytery in extraordinary session at any time for the purpose of transacting any official business.

Sec. 10. No minister shall be ordained to the office of Elder until having passed a satisfactory examination upon the subject of repentance, faith, justification, the door into the church, water baptism, the Lord's Supper, washing the saint's feet and transaction of the church business in general.

Sec. 11. Any one who desires the office of Elder shall take the following steps before presenting himself for ordination: He shall be liberated by their churches to hold prayer meeting and comment on the Scriptures for one year; at the expiration of 12 months, or any time thereafter, he shall go before a Presbytery for examination and, if found competent, they shall issue a license for him; after he has his license for one year he shall go before a Presbytery for a second examination, and if found worthy they shall ordain him to the office of Elder.

Sec. 12. That, for the purpose of receiving licentiates or ordained ministers from other denominations who come to us well recommended, we receive them and ratify their license or credentials.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the Presbytery to give a letter of dismission and recommendation to any ordained minister, if in good standing, wishing to leave our Association.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

Section 1. That all power of church government is inherent in the people and the preachers; that is, in the churches; and they have a right through their representatives to establish, alter or amend their form of church government, two-thirds agreeing thereto.

Sec. 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 faith and practice.

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

Sec. 4. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ and obeys the Gospel should ever be deprived of Church membership.

Sec. 5. Every member his inalienable right to private judgment in

matters of religion and may speak freely of the same in a way that will not violate the law of God, or the law of the country, or the rights of their fellowman.

Sec. 6. Church trial should be conducted on Gospel principles only, and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality, the propagation of unchristian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoining by the words of God or the rules of the Church.

Sec. 7. The church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only as are in accordance with the Holy Scripture, and may be necessary to carry into effect the great system of practical Christianity.

Sec. 8. There may be three grades of Association established in the Freewill Baptist Church—first, the Monthly Association; second the Annual Association; third, the General Association, all of which may be established by the rules of the church.

Sec. 9. That the church has a right to select their leaders and delegates to the Annual Association.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of each church to select two Deacons and one Clerk.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of each church to send up their delegates with letters in order to the Annual Association.

Sec. 12. It shall be the duty of the Annual Association to send to the General Assembly delegates with corresponding letters in order.

Sec. 13. That no minister or member be allowed to aid or abet in any way either directly or indirectly, in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage. We know by observation that it is the great hindering cause of the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one eternal God, the creator and upholder of all things, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in the Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

Article 2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and the only rule 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 as are regularly ordained.

Article 6. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and that the joys of the righteous are eternal.

Article 7. We believe according to the Scripture—Paul's letter to the Hebrews 6:1-7—that after a man has been made partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from Grace, it is impossible to renew him again unto repentance, or restore him unto the favor of God.

Article 8. We receive no person into the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ, only on the principle of their conversion.

Article 9. We believe that no persons are members of the Church of Christ only those who have the witness within themselves.

Article 10. We believe that all members of the Church of Christ have a right to the sacramental table upon the principle of their acceptance with Him, for St. Paul says: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of that cup." (1 Cor: 11:28.)

Form of Letter to the Association

We, the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ at

....., County,

Tennessee, to the Stone Association when convened with the

..... Church of County,

Tennessee:- Dear Brethren: We have chosen our messengers,

....., to represent us in your body.

The statistics of our church are as follows: Increase by profession,

....., by letter,, by recommendation,, by restoration

Our decrease, by letter, by exclusion, by death, total fellowship

Our meeting day is the Sabbath. We have

paid during the year, to State and National Program, for Orphanage, \$

for Home Missions, \$, for Foreign Missions, \$, for Education

Fund, \$, we send contribution, for minutes, \$, for State Association

dues, \$, paid pastor, \$, our present pastor is Brother

.....; our post office is

..... County, Tennessee.

This is done by a voice of the church and signed by order of the same on the

..... day of, 19

....., Moderator

....., Clerk

Form of letter to church members

To all Lovers of Jesus Christ: This is to certify that the well beloved

..... is a member of the Freewill Christian Baptist

Church of Christ at, County, State of Tenn.,

and is hereby dismissed from us in full fellowship. This is done by a vote

of the church, the day of, 19

..... Moderator

..... Clerk

STATE BUDGET

We your committee on budgets, wish to recommend the following budgets for the different phases of our work:

For Orphanage	Union	\$1500.00
	Cumberland	\$1500.00
	Stone	\$50.00
For Education	Union	\$500.00
	Cumberland	\$500.00
	Stone	\$50.00
Foreign Missions	Union	\$290.00
	Cumberland	\$290.00
	Stone	\$20.00

E. M. French, Casper Jaquess, G. W. Framborough
Committee

ORDER OF BUSINESS

First day:

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| 1. Introductory Sermon | 5. Rules of Decorum |
| 2. Organization | 6. Committee on Devotional Services |
| 3. Enrollment of Delegates | 7. Delegates assigned homes |
| 4. Door opened for Sister Churches | 8. Adjournment |

Second day:

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| 1. Calling Roll and Reading Minutes | 5. Hearing reports from Special committees |
| 2. Reading Letters from Various Churches | 6. Miscellaneous business |
| 3. Report of Ministers called | 7. Adjournment |
| 4. Call for Corresponding letters from Sister Associations | |

Third day:

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| 1. Calling Roll and reading minutes | 6. Report of Committee on Pastoral Labor |
| 2. Hearing reports of Standing Committees | 7. Designate place of meeting for next Association |
| 3. Call for Petitionary Letters | 8. Thanks to Church and Vicinity |
| 4. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates | 9. Minutes of the day read |
| 5. Appointment of Committee on Pastoral Labor | 10. Adjournment |

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE and COUNTY (All in Tennessee)	Increase Decrease							Total Fellowship	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor and for Revival Work	Meeting Day
		By Profession	By Letter	By Recom'da'ti'n	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death				
Allen's Chapel (P. C.)	Baxter R 1, Putnam	4					3	2	74	1.00	20.97	1
Bakers Cross Roads	Crossville R 1, Cumberland								53	1.00	26.50	---
Dodson's Branch	Cookeville R 3, Jackson	12						4	271	2.00	55.60	1
Douglas' Chapel	Brotherton, Putnam	1							77	1.00	15.00	1
Fish Pond	Rickman, Overton							1	38	1.00	27.87	1
Gentry's Chapel	Cookeville R 2, Putnam	1		1			2	1	70	1.30	87.80	4
Glade Creek	Ravenscroft R 1, White	10		1					35	1.00	9.30	1
Hensley's Chapel	Sparta R 4, White	22					1	1	126	1.00	42.74	3
Johnson's Chapel	Silver-Point R 3, DeKalb								40	1.00	27.20	1
Mt. Pleasant	Brotherton R 1, Putnam	4		2					24	1.35	20.67	2
Mt. Pisgah	Smithville R 5, DeKalb								39	1.00		---
Mt. Zion	Mayland, Cumberland								13	1.00	14.64	2
Old Cumberland	Brockdell,								27	2.50	33.00	---
Ozlon	Silver Point, Putnam	2					1		75	1.00	68.69	---
Philadelphia	Monterey R 1, Putnam							1	76	1.50	14.15	2
Pleasant Ridge	Sparta R 8, Putnam	1	4	2	1				99	2.05	41.86	3
Post Oak Shade	Cookeville R 2, Putnam	1						2	79	1.00	22.26	2
Robinson Springs	Chalybeate								31	2.00		---
Sampson	Pikeville R 3, Bledsoe	3		4	1				80	2.70	40.74	4
Shady Grove	Brotherton, Putnam	6					1	2	143	1.25	30.40	4
Smith's Chapel	Pleasant Hill, Cumberland	4						2	52	.75	6.75	3
Stone Seminary	Cookeville R 5, Putnam		2					1	104	1.25	41.15	2
Union Grove	Monterey R 2, Overton		1						31	1.50	17.50	2
Union Hill	Rickman R 1, Overton						1	2	90	1.00		2
West Cookeville	Cookeville, Putnam						2		14		5.00	All
Winesap	Winesap, Cumberland	2							59	1.00	40.62	3
Yankeetown	Sparta R 2, White	2						1	53	1.00	20.90	3

MINISTERS' REPORT

NAME	POST OFFICE	COUPLES MARRIED	FUNERALS PREACHED	CHURCHES	SERMONS	CONFESSIONS	RECEIVED	BAPTIZED	CONTRIBUTIONS
E. J. Hickey	Baxter, R 2	1	2	3	102	37	20	15	\$129.16
B. F. Dunham	Sparta, R 1	1	4	4	73	18	10	4	120.67
J. E. Wood	"	1	1	2	79	25	13	14	46.08
Frank Malone	Cookeville	1		3	80	8	4		89.89
Alva Hall	Sparta, R 8	3		1	16			1	45.60
F. E. Scarlett	Baxter, R 1			2	35	12	9	6	42.43
J. A. McCaleb	Cookeville, R 2		1		36	3	3		8.00

