

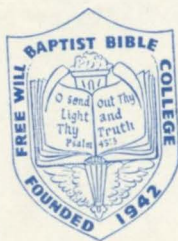
MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
—OF—
STONE ASSOCIATION
—OF—
**Freewill Christian Baptist
Church of Christ**



HELD WITH THE BOARD VALLEY CHURCH
WHITE COUNTY, TENNESSEE, COMMENCING
ON OCTOBER 15, 1942



Eld. G. W. Randolph, Moderator, R2, Sparta, Tennessee
Eld. E. J. Hickey, Assistant Moderator, R2 Sparta, Tenn.
G. D. Randolph, Clerk, Rt. 2, Sparta, Tenn.
Mrs. G. B. Brown, Assistant Clerk, R2, Sparta, Tenn.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Alva Hall

The ministers and delegates comprising the Western Division of Stone Association of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ met with the Board Valley Church, White County, Tennessee on October 15, 1942 in the Seventy-Seventh Annual Session after devotional service by Rev. E. J. Hickey.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. J. A. McCaleb; Subject (What We Believe).

The moderator Eld. G. W. Randolph called the meeting to order and preached to organize by re-electing Eld. G. W. Randolph Moderator. Eld. E. J. Hickey assistant and G. D. Randolph, clerk; Mrs. G. B. Brown, assistant clerk.

The roll was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

1. Allens Chapel—P. C.
2. Allens Chapel—O. C.—by letter
3. Bakers Cross Roads—by letter
4. Board Valley—G. D. Randolph, Beecher Kinnard, Fate Weaver
5. Dodson Branch—W. C. Mayberry, R. D. Rector, Elvin Haney, Mrs. Doma Hawkins, Mr. Doma Hawkins.
6. Douglas Chapel—C. L. Tallent, J. L. Bilbrey, Arion Hickey
7. Glade Creek—by letter
8. Gentry Chapel—Mrs. Dow Maddox, Mrs. J. A. McCaleb, Arnold Stewart.
9. Harris Chapel—by letter
10. Hensley's Chapel—Martin Young, Loyd Shelton
11. Johnson Chapel—Mrs. W. M. Shearl
12. Liberty—
13. Lillys Chapel—Jimmy Lyles, Stanley Maynard
14. Morgan Springs—by letter
15. Mt. Pleasant—A. P. Haney, Pauline Oakley
16. Mt. Pisgah—
17. Mt. Zion—by letter
18. New West Point—
19. New Harmony—by letter
20. Ozion—J. C. Spears, Tommie Bryant, Minnie Bryant
21. Old Cumberland—Jay Finch Wilson, John Savage
22. Pleasant Ridge—Dallas Sparks, Monroe Hall, Chester Lee Farley
23. Post Oak Creek—Carry West, Claudie Kirby
24. Philadelphia—
25. Sampson—Jessie Martin, Walter Evans
26. Shady Grove—Dan Cooker, Morgan Haney, Porter Brown
27. Smith Chapel—Bessie England, W. M. Segraves
28. Stone Seminary—Mrs. Lee Clouse, Clarde Sparks, Pleaz Deering
29. Union Grove—
30. Union Hill—Russel Wilson, Tom Presley
31. West Cookeville—
32. Winesap—Lawson Mooneyham, Florence Thomas
33. Yankeetown—Mrs. Alex Copeland, Mrs. Jack Copeland

A committee on devotional service was appointed as follows: Eld. J. A. McCaleb, G. D. Randolph, Beecher Kinnard, Fate Weaver.

Report on devotional services: Thursday night; Eld. J. A. McCaleb; Friday 11:00 Eld. W. S. Robinson; Friday night, Eld. G. W. Robbins; Saturday 11:00, Eld. B. F. Dunham; Saturday night Eld. E. J. Hickey.

The door was opened to Sister Churches, none came forward.

Rules of Decorum were called for and read and approved.

A call was made for corresponding letters from Sister Associations; none came forward.

The delegates were then assigned homes.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until 8:00 a. m. Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

The association met pursuant to adjournment after singing and prayer by Eld. Frank Malone.

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

Work on unfinished business from Thursday's work was done.

The letters from various churches were called for, read, and approved. Motion sustained that we adjourn until 1:00 p. m.

FRIDAY EVENING

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

Appointment of special committees.

The special committees proceeded to make following reports.

The association adjourned for the presbytery to meet.

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 that Christian education stands for the advancement of Christian life, therefore, we urge our people to 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 also urge that all young ministers may take more interest in the study of God's word that they be more able to preach the Gospel.

Carry West,
W. M. Seagraves,
Claude Sparks, Committee

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report: We believe that no question should be permanently settled until it is right, and as we do not believe that the whiskey and beer question 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.

RUSSEL WILSON

MRS. VERDIE COPELAND

OBITUARY

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

We, find the enemy, death, has visited our churches and taken from our ranks 27 of our beloved members to join the great assembly above. Our great loss is their eternal gain. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their bereaved families.

W. C. MAYBERRY
BEECHER KINNARD
C. L. TALLENT

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. In one sense of the word we would describe it as the cradle of the church.

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

JAY FINCH WILSON
MONROE HALL
TOMMY BRYANT

FINANCE

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

We find \$32.80 paid in for minutes. We recommend that \$21.50 worth minutes be printed and that the clerk have the balance for his service and mailing of the minutes.

DALLAS SPARKS
J. C. SPEAR

ARNOLD STEWART, Committee

Motion sustained that we adjourn until 8:30 Saturday morning.

ARNOLD STEWART, COMMITTEE Motion sustained that we adjourn until 8:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

The association met pursuant to adjournment after singing and prayer by Bro. G. W. Robbins.

The roll was called, Friday's minutes read and approved.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of the Western Division of the Stone Association of Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ met on October 16, 1942 and organized by electing Eld. G. W. Randolph moderator and Eld. R. W. Pennington clerk.

Bro. Mack Rice came before the Presbytery for ordination. The presbytery extend his license for 12 months.

Bro. G. W. Robbins came before the Presbytery for ordination after examination found satisfactory and was ordained.

Bro. Jay Finch Wilson came before the Presbytery for license to preach the Gospel and license was granted for 1 year.

The Presbytery declared Bro. C. H. Kemp and Bro. Paul Hickey Credentials Null and Void because gone to another denomination.

Eld. G. W. RANDOLPH, Moderator
Eld. R. W. PENNINGTON, Clerk

The moderator appointed a committee of pastoral labor which made the following report:

PASTORAL LABOR

We, your committee on Pastoral Labor, submit the following report:

Allen's Chapel (P. C.)	F. E. Scarlett
Allen's Chapel (O. C.)	D. B. Hammons
Bakers Cross Roads	D. F. Dunham
Board Valley	J. A. McCaleb
Dodson Branch	J. A. McCaleb
Douglas Chapel	R. W. Pennington
	Asst. C. A. Hammons
Genrty Chapel	J. A. McCaleb
Glade Creek	J. E. Woods
Harris Chapel	Jasper Henry
Hensleys Chapel	Frank Malone
Johnson Chapel	W. S. Robinson
Liberty	Jasper Henry
Lily's Chapel	E. J. Hickey
	Asst. G. W. Robinson
Mt. Pleasant	J. E. Woods
Mt. Pisgah	W. S. Robinson
Mt. Zion	J. E. Wood
Morgan Springs	B. F. Dunham
New West Point	W. S. Robinson
New Harmony	B. F. Dunham
Ozion	J. A. McCaleb
Old Cumberland	Frank Malone
Pleasant Ridge	E. J. Hickey
Post Oak Shade	W. S. Robinson
Philadelphia	G. W. Robbins
Sampson	B. F. Dunham
Shady Grove	E. J. Hickey
	Asst. Cashier, Jaquess
Smith Chapel	J. E. Wood
Stone Seminary	Alva Hall
Union Grove	Tilbert Henry
Union Hill	Jasper Henry, Asst. Robert Hammons
West Cookeville	G. W. Robbins, Asst. Cooper Jaquess
Winesap	B. F. Dunham
Yankeetown	E. J. Hickey

Motion made and carried that our next annual association be held with the Dodson Branch, Jackson County, Tenn., on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1493. Eld. B. F. Dunham to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. Alva Hall alternate.

A resolution of thanks was extended to the Board Valley Church and vicinity for their kindness during our stay with them.

Eld. G. W. RANDOLPH, Moderator
 Eld. E. J. HICKEY, Assistant Moderator
 G. D. RANDOLPH, Clerk
 MRS. G. B. BROWN, Assistant Clerk

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.

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

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 the 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 enjoined by the Word of God or the rules of the church, on proper testimony; their decision to be final. Any member 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 baptisms, the Lord's Supper, washing the saints' 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

CHURCH STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Post Office & County (All in Tennessee)	Meeting Day														
		Paid Pastor and for Revival Work														
		Minute Fund														
		Total Fellowship														
		Decrease														
		By Death														
		By Exclusion														
		By Letter														
		By Restoration														
		Increase														
		By Rec'm'da'ti'n														
		By Letter														
		By Profession														
New Harmony	Pikeville Bledsoe	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	111	\$1.50	\$68.19	33
Ozon	Hilham Jackson	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	1.00	106.84	3
Old Cumberland	Crossville R1 Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	1.75	72.59	1
Pleasant Ridge	Sparta R2 Putnam	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107	2.00	63.73	3
Post Oak Shade	Cookeville R2 Putnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	84	\$1.00	38.08	2
Philadelphia	Monterey R1 Putnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sampson	Pikeville Bledsoe	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	114	2.55	88.65	2
Shady Grove	Brotherton Putnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	139	1.05	34.30	4
Smith's Chapel	Pleasant Hill Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	1.00	36.88	3
Stone Seminary	Cookeville R5 Putnam	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	2.25	106.00	1
Union Grove	Monterey R2 Overton	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union Hill	Rickman R1 Overton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	91	1.15	11.10	2
West Cookeville	Cookeville Putnam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69	1.30	51.57	4
Winesap	Winesap Cumberland	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	1.00	132.08	1
Yankeetown	Sparta R2 White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

comment on the Scriptures for one year; at the expiration of twelve months, or any time thereafter, he shall go before a Presbytery for examination and if found competent, they shall issue license for him; after he has his license for the 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 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 preachers; that is, in the churches; that 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 has 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 their country, or the rights of their fellowman.

Sec. 6. Church trials 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 enjoined 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 practice 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 rule 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 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 Association 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 upholding 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 Testaments 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 saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that immersion is the only mode of baptism; not the putting away 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 the joys of the righteous are eternal.

Article 7. We believe according to the Scriptures—Paul's letter to the Hebrews 6:17—that after a man has been made partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace, it is impossible ever to renew him 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 the 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 the cup." (1 Cor. 11:28).

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 Tennessee, and is hereby dismissed from us in full fellowship. This is done by a vote of the church, the day of, 194.....

....., Moderator.

..... Clerk

FIRST DAY

1. Introductory Sermon
2. Organization
3. Enrollment of delegates
4. Door opened to sister churches
5. Rules of decorum
6. Committee on devotional service
7. Delegates assigned homes
8. Adjournment

SECOND DAY

1. Calling the roll and reading the minutes
2. Reading letters from various churches
3. Report of ministers called
4. Calling for corresponding letters from sister associations
5. Hearing reports from special committees
6. Miscellaneous business
7. Adjournment

THIRD DAY

1. Calling the roll and reading the minutes
2. Hearing reports of standing committees
3. Calling petitionary letters
4. Appointment of corresponding delegates
5. Appointment of committee on Pastoral Labor.
6. Receiving report of committee on Pastoral Labor
7. Designating place of meeting of next association
8. Thanks to church and vicinity for kindness
9. Minutes of the day read
10. Adjournment

FORM OF LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ at
 County, Tenn., to the Stone Association, when convened
 with the Church of
 County, Tenn.

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 our decrease by letter.....;
 by exclusion.....; by restoration.....; by death.....; Total fel-
 lowship..... Our day of meeting is..... Sabbath. We
 send contribution \$..... For home Missions \$..... Paid
 Pastors \$..... Our present pastor is Bro.....
 Our Post Office is, County, Tenn. This is
 done by the voice of the church and signed by order of the same on
 the..... day of....., 194.....

..... Moderator.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE (All in Tennessee)	Couples Married	Baptized	Members Rec'd.	Confessions	Sermons	Churches	Funerals Preached	Contribution
E. J. Hickey	Sparta, Tenn. RR2		4	70	32	34	28	\$254.30	
J. A. McCaleb	Cookeville, R2		4	112	73	37	34	334.45	
B. F. Dunham	Sparta, Tenn. RR2		2	114	10	10	8	263.84	
J. E. Woods	Pleasant Hill, Tenn.	1	1	45	2	4	1	41.50	
G. W. Robbins	Cookeville, Tenn.			30				15.00	

Ministers that made no reports:

R. G. Lewis	Pleasant Hill	R. W. Pennington	Cookeville
D. B. Hammons	Hilham R1	Frank Malone	Cookeville
G. W. Randolph	Sparta R2	W. S. Robinson	DeKalb Co.
J. R. Hammons	Rickman R1	C. Q. Hammons	Rickman, Tenn.
Jasper Henry	Monterey	Tilbert Henry,	Monterey, Tenn.
F. E. Scarlett	Baxter, R1	Alva Hall,	RR2 Sparta
C. J. Jaquess	Cookeville, Tenn.	I. R. Wood	Cookeville, Tenn.

ORDAINED

G. W. Robbins

LICENTIATES

Jay Finch Wilson

RETIRED MINISTERS

G. W. Foster White County
 W. I. Peters Cumberland County

