

MINUTES

of the

Seventy-Ninth Annual Session

of

**Freewill Christian Baptist
Church of Christ**

Held with the

New Harmony Church

Bledsoe County, Tennessee

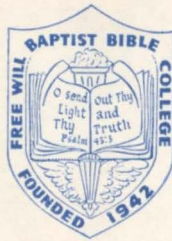
Commencing on October 12, 1944

Rev. E. J. Hickey, Moderator	Rt. 2, Sparta, Tenn.
Rev. B. F. Dunham, Ass't.	Rt. 3, Pikeville, Tenn.
Bro. Monroe Webb, Clerk	Rt. 3, Cookeville, Tenn.
Rev. Tilbert Henry, Ass't. Clerk	Monterey, Tenn.



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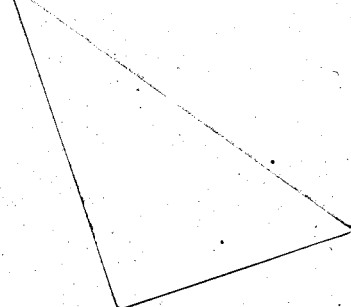
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Day—

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Organization.
3. Enrollment of Delegates.
4. Committee on Devotional.
5. Call made for new churches.
6. Call for corresponding letter.
7. Delegates assigned homes.
8. Adjournment.

Second Day—

1. Calling roll, reading Minutes.
2. Reading of Rules of Decorum.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Committee on Orphanage.
5. Ordination Service.
6. Hearing reports of special committees.
7. Adjournment.

Third Day—

1. Calling roll, reading Minutes.
2. Committee on Pastoral Labor appointed.
3. Ministers' reports.
4. Presbytery reports.
5. Pastoral Labor Committee reports.
6. Designating place of next Association.
7. Thanks to church and vicinity.
8. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

FREEWILL CHRISTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The ministers and delegates comprising the Western Division of the Stone Association of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ met with the New Harmony Church, Bledsoe County, Tennessee, on October 12th, 1944, in the Seventy-Ninth Annual Session.

After singing and prayer by Rev. B. F. Dunham, devotional services by Rev. B. F. Dunham, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. McCaleb. The sermon was ably delivered and enjoyed by all. Subject: "Faith," Heb. 11: 1.

The Moderator, E. J. Hickey, called the meeting to order and proceeded to organize by electing Rev. E. J. Hickey, Moderator, Rev. B. F. Dunham, Assistant Moderator, Bro. Monroe Webb, Clerk, Rev. Tilbert Henry Assistant Clerk.

The roll was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Allens Chapel P. C.—Grover Brewington.

Allens Chapel O. C.—

Bakers Cross Roads—By letter.

Board Vallie—George Sparks, Jean Randolph.

Cumberland Chapel—Robert Yates, Mel Martin, Rube Yates.

Dodsons Branch—Monroe Webb.

Douglas Chapel—

Glade Creek—

Gentrys Chapel—Mrs. Dow Maddox, Mrs. J. A. McCaleb.

Harris Chapel—Mrs. Merry Steward, Mrs. Minnie Walker.

Hensley Chapel—Milo Young, J. M. Cunningham.

Johnson Chapel—W. M. Shearl.

Knights Chapel—Olin Knight, Bill Allen.

Liberty—By letter.

Lillys Chapel—Solon Maxwell.

Morgan Springs—W. H. Beene, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hale.

Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. Nora Wilkerson.

Mt. Pisgah—

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Lou Swallows.

New West Point—

New Harmony—Mrs. Dora Woods, Mrs. Vina Ritchey, Luther Riggs.

Ozion—Jess Lafever.

Old Cumberland—J. F. Wilson, John Savage, Sam Dotson.

Pleasant Ridge—Dallis Sparks, John Mackey.

Post Oak Shade—Mrs. Vera Speakman, Ruby Kirby.

Philadelphia—

Sampson—Parker Mooneyham, Joe Cordell, Mr. and Mrs. John Blankenship.

Shady Grove—Fletcher Bilbrey, Water Henry.

Smith Chapel—W. M. Seagraves, Porter Bilbrey.

Stone Seminary—Claude Sparks.

Taylors Providence—Odos Luna, J. E. Luna.

Union Grove—

Union Hill—Russel Wilson, Eddy Hammons.

West Cookeville—

Wine Sap—Pearl Thomas, W. K. Shrum.

Yankeetown—Edd Mansel.

Committee on Devotional Service was appointed: Rev. B. F. Dunham, Luther Riggs, Mrs. A. C. Wooden.

Report on Devotional services:

Thursday night, 7:30 o'clock, Rev. G. W. Robin; Friday at 11:00 o'clock Rev. Thomas Moore; Friday night, 7:30 o'clock, Rev. E. J. Hickey; Saturday at 11:00 o'clock, Rev. John Barnes; Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. Paul Hickey; Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. B. F. Dunham.

Call made for new churches.

Three new churches reported and received:

Knights Chapel, Cookeville, Rt. 4, Putnam County, Tenn.

Taylors Providence, Sparta, Rt. 6, White County, Tenn.

Cumberland Chapel, Laurelburg, Tenn., Vanburen County.

Call for corresponding letters. None were received.

The delegates were then assigned homes.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After singing, prayer was led by Rev. Frank Malone.

The message was brought by Rev. G. W. Robin—Text: Matt. 5: 6, "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." A very earnest message was brought and enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY MORNING

After singing, prayer was led by Rev. Paul Woolsey. Roll was called and Thursday's Minutes read and approved.

A motion was sustained that the rules of Decorum be read and the same were read.

Miscellaneous Business

Rev. Paul Woolsey, Field Manager of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage Home, was present and made a brief report on the progress of the Orphanage and the need of a dormitory for the boys.

Motion was sustained that a committee be appointed to look after the offering for the Orphanage Home at Greeneville, Tenn.

The Committee was appointed: Rev. J. A. McCaleb, Rev. John Barnes, Rev. Tilbert Henry.

A motion sustained that we adjourn for the 11:00 o'clock service until one o'clock.

The 11:00 o'clock message was brought by Rev. Thomas Moore—Text: I Cor. 14: 1. "Follow After Charity." A very inspiring message was brought and enjoyed immensely by all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After singing and prayer, three were ordained to the full work of the ministry. Rev. Frank Malone led the Ordination Prayer. The three that were ordained were:

Rev. John Barnes, Cookeville, Rt. 4, Tenn.

Rev. Thomas Moore, Smithfield, Tenn.

Rev. Howard Lee, Cookeville, Rt. 3, Tenn.

An offering was taken for the Free Will Baptist Orphanage Home at Greeneville, Tenn. Amount \$37.00 and given to Rev. Paul Woolsey, Field Manager of the Orphanage.

Addresses of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage and College:

Free Will Baptist College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Greeneville, Tenn., Rt. 9.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

This is an age when education is preeminently in the forefront in every phrase of life and believing that Christian Education stands for the advancement of Christian life; therefore, we urge our people to support and encourage our Free Will Baptist Schools and Colleges in Tennessee and believe the Bible to be the foundation of all Christian education. We urge its prayerful study. We also urge that all young ministers take more interest in the study of God's word that they may be more able to preach the Gospel.

Committee:

Russell Wilson,

L. E. Hammons,

W. E. Henry.

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Believing no question should be considered permanently settled until it is settled right and as we don't believe the whiskey question is settled until

it is wiped out of this fair land of ours: therefore, we heartily endorse all legislation against the whiskey traffic and urge the doctrine of Temperance to be held up by all our churches and people and we urge all ministers to fight it with all their energy from the pulpit.

Solon Maxwell,
F. B. Bilbrey,
Olin Knight, Committee.

OBITUARY

We, your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report:

We find the enemy death has visited our churches and called from our ranks 14 of our beloved members to join the great assembly above. Our greatest loss is their eternal gain. We extend our prayers and sympathy to their bereaved families.

Mrs. J. A. McCaleb,
Mrs. Vera Speakman,
Mrs. Ruby Kirby, Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOL

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

We desire to go on record as a Christian denomination as believing in the utility of the Sunday School as one of the most potent powers of the church. We recommend that the pastors of the various churches organize Sunday Schools in all our churches and encourage the work of the same.

Jess Lafever,
Dallas Sparks,
John Mackey, Committee.

FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We find \$61.39 in for Minutes. We recommend that \$40.00 worth of Minutes be printed and the Clerk have the balance for his services and mailing out the Minutes.

J. M. Cunningham,
Milo Young,
W. M. Shrum.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

We, your Committee on Orphanage, submit the following report:

We find that \$200.25 has been paid into the Orphanage as reported by the Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage since the last annual association. The Field Manager, Rev. Paul Woolsey, is planning on visiting all the churches of the Stone Association.

During this year we recommend that pastors and churches cooperate with him.

Rev. Tilbert Henry,
Rev. J. A. McCaleb,
J. L. Barnes, Committee.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After singing and prayer by Rev. J. A. McCaleb, the message was brought by Rev. E. J. Hickey. Text: St. John 2: 5. "Whatsoever he saith unto you do it." The message was delivered in a very impressive way and enjoyed by all.

Benediction in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

After singing and prayer by Rev. Tilbert Henry, Roll was called and Friday's Minutes read and approved.

The Committee on Pastoral Labor was appointed.

A Memorial Service was conducted in honor of the late G. W. Randolph. Reports of ministers called for:

NAME	POSTOFFICE	Churches	Sermons	Confessions	Members Rec'd.	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Conducted	Contribution
E. J. Hickey ---	Sparta, Rt. 2, Tenn. -----	4	90	34	---	---	---	---	\$374.00
John Barnes ---	Cookeville, Rt. 4, Tenn. -----	1	75	22	7	6	---	1	30.00
J. A. McCaleb ---	Cookeville, Rt. 2, Tenn. -----	4	104	41	24	22	---	12	743.57
W. C. Bean ---	Cookeville, Rt. 3, Tenn. -----	---	22	15	---	---	---	2	36.00
G. W. Robbins ---	Cookeville, Rt. 2, Tenn. -----	2	125	27	---	---	---	1	220.60
B. F. Dunham ---	Pikeville, Rt. 3, Tenn. -----	5	140	8	21	20	---	4	742.55

Ministers who made no report:

Tilbert Henry, Monterey, Tenn.

D. B. Hammons, Hilham, Tenn.

R. G. Lewis, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

J. R. Hammons, Rt. 1, Rickman, Tenn.

F. E. Scarlet, Rt. 1, Baxter, Tenn.

Jasper Henry, Monterey, Tenn.

C. O. Hammons, Rickman, Tenn.

R. W. Pennington, Cookeville, Tenn.
Frank Malone, Cookeville, Rt. 3, Tenn.
C. A. Jaquess, Cookeville, Rt. 4, Tenn.
I. R. Wood, Cookeville, Tenn.
W. S. Robinson, DeKalk County, Tenn.
Alva Hall, Sparta, Rt. 2, Tenn.
H. B. Cantrell, Rt. 8, Smithville, Tenn.
C. M. Bilbrey, Rt. 1, Brotherton, Tenn.
J. A. Wagoner, J. W. Barnes.
J. G. Miller, Rt. 3, Bon Aqua, Tenn.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of the Western Division of Free Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ met October 13, 1944, and organized by electing Rev. J. A. McCaleb Moderator; Rev. Casper Jaquess, Clerk.

Bro. J. E. Luna came before the Presbytery from the Baptist Church and passed a satisfactory examination and accepted the doctrine of the Freewill Christian Baptist. His credentials were ratified.

Bro. Thomas Moore, Bro. John Barnes, Bro. Howard Lee came before the Presbytery for Ordination and passed a satisfactory examination.

Rev. Frank Malone who has lost his credentials was granted another copy by the Presbytery.

Bro. Paul Hickey came before the Presbytery and acknowledged his errors and was granted back his credentials.

The Presbytery passed upon the licensing of Bro. Ben W. Brown as being satisfactory and granted him license.

Bro. G. L. Ritchie came before the Presbytery for license and passed a satisfactory examination and was granted license for one year.

Rev. J. A. McCalb, Moderator,

Rev. Casper Jaquess, Clerk.

PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE REPORT

Allens Chapel, P. C.—E. J. Hickey.

Allens Chapel, O. C.—D. B. Hammons.

Bakers Cross Roads—G. W. Robbins.

Board Vallie—J. A. McCaleb.

Cumberland Chapel—John Savage, Lonnie Gray, Ass't.

Dodsons Branch—J. A. McCaleb.

Douglas Chapel—G. W. Robbins.

Glade Creek—Finch Wilson.

Gentrys Chapel—J. A. McCaleb, W. M. Stowers, Ass't.

Harris Chapel—Hermon Hooten, Hershel Philip, Ass't.

Hensley Chapel—E. J. Hickey.
 Johnsons Chapel—E. J. Hickey.
 Knights Chapel—John Barnes.
 Liberty—Jasper Henry.
 Lilly Chapel—Thomas Moore.
 Morgan Springs—B. F. Dunham.
 Mt. Pleasant—G. W. Robbins.
 Mt. Pisgah—
 Mt. Zion—Tilbert Henry.
 New West Point—
 New Harmony—B. F. Dunham, J. A. McCaleb, Ass't.
 Ozion—Frank Malone.
 Old Cumberland—Lonnie Gray, Frank Malone, Ass't.
 Pleasant Ridge—Bill Robinson.
 Post Oak Shade—Thomas Moore.
 Philadelphia—Finch Wilson.
 Sampson—Bill Robinson, V. L. Lewis, Ass't.
 Shady Grove—Jasper Henry.
 Smith Chapel—John Barnes, Casper Jacquess, Ass't.
 Stone Seminary—B. F. Dunham.
 Taylors Providence—W. S. Robinson.
 Union Grove—
 Union Hill—Tilbert Henry, J. R. Hammons, Ass't.
 West Cookeville—
 Wine Sap—B. F. Dunham.
 Yankeetown—J. A. McCaleb.

Motion made and carried that our next annual Association be held with the Hensley Chapel Church, White County, Tenn., six miles southwest of Sparta, beginning on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1945.

Rev. B. F. Dunham is to preach the Introduction Sermon, Rev. W. C. Bean as alternate.

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

Motion sustained that we adjourn.

The eleven o'clock message was brought by Rev. John Barnes. Text: Rom. 8: 9, "Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of him," was enjoyed immensely by all.

Benediction in prayer.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	P. O. and COUNTY All in Tennessee	By Profession	By Recommendation	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor and Revival Work	Meeting Day	Paid to Orphanage
Allens Chapel, P. C.	Baxter, R. 1, Putnam Co.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	93	\$1.50	\$ 53.52	1	\$ ---
Allens Chapel, O. C.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bakers Cross Roads	Crossville, R. 1, Cumberland Co.	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1 52	1.00	97.70	2	---
Board Vallie	Sparta, R. 2, White Co.	7	1	---	---	---	---	2 115	2.75	176.00	2	28.00	---
Cumberland Chapel	Laurelburg, VanBuren Co.	6	3	---	---	---	---	---	17	2.00	63.29	4	---
Dodsons Branch	Cookeville, R. 3, Jackson Co.	9	---	---	---	---	---	3 324	4.15	243.72	1	25.00	---
Douglas Chapel	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Glade Creek	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Gentrys Chapel	Cookeville, R. 2, Putnam Co.	2	1	6	---	---	---	1 77	2.55	199.65	---	---	13.25
Harris Chapel	Rickman, Overton Co.	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	2.00	37.76	1	---
Hensleys Chapel	Sparta, R. 4, White Co.	6	1	18	---	---	---	---	79	6.00	107.36	4	---
Johnsons Chapel	Silverpoint, R. 3, Dekalb Co.	---	---	---	---	---	---	3 28	1.00	---	---	1	---
Knights Chapel	Cookville, R. 4, Putnam Co.	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	1.00	---	---	---	---

Liberty	Livingston, R. 3, Overton Co.	6					1	59	1.00	4.00	3	---
Lillys Chapel	Baxter, Putnam Co.	6	2	1	3		---	18	1.55	268.75	24	10.00
Morgan Springs	Dayton, R. 3, Rhea Co.	6	2	1	3		---	52	1.45	118.28	3	---
Mt. Pleasant	Brotherton, R. 1, Putnam Co.	---	---	---	---		---	39	2.05	58.13	2	10.00
Mt. Pisgah	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---	---	---	---
Mt. Zion	Mayland, Cumberland Co.	---	---	---	---		---	11	1.00	31.50	1	4.50
New West Point	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---	---	---	---
New Harmony	Pikeville, R. 5, Bledsoe Co.	6	---	---	2		---	113	2.75	239.25	3	---
Ozora	Silverpoint, Putnam Co.	5	---	---	---		1	80	1.50	93.50	3	26.06
Old Cumberland	Brockdell, Bledsoe Co.	12	3	17	---		---	30	4.00	31.74	1	---
Pleasant Ridge	Sparta, R. 2, Putnam Co.	2	---	---	---		---	109	2.50	153.00	3	---
Post Oak Shade	Cookeville R. 2, Putnam Co.	4	---	3	---		2	81	2.00	107.05	2	20.00
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---	---	---	---
Sampson	Pikeville, R. 3, Bledsoe Co.	8	---	---	---		---	119	3.50	75.47	2	---
Shady Grove	Brotherton, Putnam Co.	10	2	---	---		---	158	2.60	93.59	4	2.45
Smith Chapel	Pleasant Hill, Cumberland Co.	1	---	---	---		1	28	1.50	40.25	3	---
Stone Seminary	Cookeville, R. 5, Putnam Co.	---	---	---	---		2	108	2.00	154.79	1	5.00
Taylors Providence	Sparta, R. 6, White Co.	---	---	---	---		---	35	2.00	---	3	---
Union Grove	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---	---	---	18.70
Union Hill	Rickman, R. 1, Overton Co.	---	---	---	2		---	90	1.15	20.84	2	---
West Cookeville	---	---	---	---	---		---	---	---	---	---	---
Wine Sap	Wine Sap, Cumberland Co.	---	---	---	---		2	67	2.00	82.60	4	---
Yankeeetown	Sparta, White Co.	---	---	---	---		---	53	1.75	162.70	3	---

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.

Section 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 the second church meeting to make reconciliation. It may be the duty of the churches to choose a committee to settle questions of aggrieved causes.

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

Section 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?"

Section 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.

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

Section 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.

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

Section 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.

Section 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, whate baptisms, the Lord's Supper, washing the saint's feet and transaction of the church business in general.

Section 11. Any one who desires the office of Elder shall take the fol-

lowing 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 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 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

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 faith and practice.

Section 3. That no rule of 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 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 God, or the law of their country, or the rights of their fellowman.

Section 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.

Section 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.

Section 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.

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 each church to select two Deacons and one Clerk.

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

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

Section 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 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 Scriptures—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 that 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 fel-
lowship _____. Our meeting day is the _____Sabbath. We have paid dur-
ing the year, to State and National Program, for Orphanage, \$ _____;
We send contribution, for minutes, \$ _____; 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 Tennessee, and is hereby dismissed from us in full fellowship. This
is done by a vote of the church, the _____day of _____, 19_____.

_____, Moderator
_____, Clerk

