

Minutes

of the

Ninety-First Annual Session

of the

Original Stone Association

of the

FREE WILL CHRISTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST

met with the

Dodson Branch Free Will Christian Baptist Church

JACKSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

October 18, 19, 20, 1956

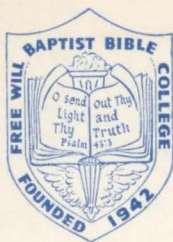


REV. FOWLER MONTGOMERY, Moderator Rt. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.

REV. HARVEY GARRISON, Asst. Moderator Rt. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Alva Hall

2. Reading of letters from Churches.
3. Adjournment.

THIRD DAY

1. Roll Called and Friday's Minutes read.
2. Pastoral Labor Committee Appointed.
3. Report of Special Committees.
4. Report of Ministers.
5. Report of Pastoral Labor Committee.
6. Presbytery's Report.
7. Designating a Place for next Association.
8. Thanks to Church and Community.
9. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

The ministers and delegates comprising the Western Division of the Original Stone Association of the Free Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ met with the Dodson's Branch Church, of Jackson County, Tenn., on October 18, 19, and 20, 1956, in the ninety-first session.

After singing, the alternate minister, Rev. Tilbert Henry, read the scripture, Romans 8-1-39. Prayer was directed by Rev. George Dunbar. The introductory message was then delivered by Rev. Tim Hammons. Subject, Romans 8:2.

The retiring moderator, Rev. Lee Lacy, then took charge of the service. Prayer was directed by Rev. Tommy Vaughn, then proceeded to organize by electing Rev. Fowler Montgomery as Moderator; Rev. Harvey Garrison, Asst. Moderator; Rev. Carlos Webb, Clerk; Rev. Lee Lacy, Assistant Clerk.

Having with us Rev. George Dunbar of the Union Association, the moderator give him liberty to speak. After which he introduced Bro. H. C. Burgess, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children. Bro. Burgess gave a report of his first year at the Home also gave a financial report of the Home. Then a love offering was taken for the Home amounting to \$47.77.

Recognizing visiting ministers: Rev. Talmage Gentry, from Florida; Rev. C. P. Randolph of Ohio; Rev. Stacy Tollison; Rev. Robert Lawson; Rev. David Lee England, all of Sparta; Rev. Benton Smith of Burrstown; Rev. Daily Norrod, Rev. Oliver England, of the Eastern Division; Rev. Andrew Albert of Cookeville.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES

Allen's Chapel, P. C.—By letter.

Allen's Chapel, O. C.—D. C. Bilbrey, Clure Taylor.

Antioch—Finnis Rodgers.

Baker's Cross Roads—Alonzo Essary, Joe Tabor, Freeman Stowers, James Welch.

Bethel—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dildine, Mrs. Lena Smith.

Brotherton—Mrs. Jim Pharris, Flora Fultz.

Board Valley—Mr. and Mrs. John Selby, Mr. and Mrs. Loyce Mullins.

Cookeville, F.W.B.C.—Maggie Rippetoe, Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. Arnold

Nabors.

Cumberland Chapel—Frenchie Pelham.

Cross Roads—Richard Day, Cortes Hall, Haskell McCowan.

Dodson Branch—Daniel Hardy, Arlis Rector, Charlie B. Allen.

Douglas Chapel—Mrs. Nora Gragg, Mrs. Kate Bilbrey.

Duncan Chapel—Meikel Cantrell, Tennie Anderson.

Glade Creek—by letter.

Gentry's Chapel—Margaret Maddux, Alta Stringer, Jannice Stringer.

Harris Chapel—B. L. Livingston, Lanze Brown.

Hensley Chapel—Martin Young, Milo Young.

Johnson Chapel—Clara Sherrard, Vallie Steele.

Knight's Chapel—Chester King, James Knight.

Lillys Chapel—Mrs. Hermon Hooten, Mrs. Stanley Maynard, Mrs. Jimmie Lyles.

Liberty—Mrs. Kate McDonald, Myrtie McDonald.

Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. Ellis Prichard, Mrs. Emogene Prichard.

Mt. Pisgah—Ethelene Helms.

Mt. Union—Nina Buckner, Mrs. Tommy Vaughn, Gladys Whittaker, Mrs. Emogene Whittaker, Mrs. Hershell Welch, Mrs. Louise Swafford, James Randolph.

Mt. Zion—Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wood.

Midway—Ondes Simmons, Robert Simmons.

New Harmony—Maggie Vaughn, Ruth Rigsby, Fred Carrolton, N. Carrolton.

New West Point—Ernest Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Moore.

Ozlon—Erne Allison, Emma Allison, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Gamble.

Old Cumberland—by letter.

Pleasant Ridge—Dallas Sparks, Mrs. Robert Emory.

Post Oak Shade—Claudia Brewington.

Ridgedale—by letter.

Rock Springs—

Sampson—Lester Simmons.

Shady Grove—Eddy Richardson, Porter Brown, Clyde Bilbrey, Mrs. Ernest Jones, Avo Haney.

Smith Chapel—Alvin Chastine, Franklin Seagraves.

Stone Seminary—Albert Mansell, U. L. Randolph.

Taylor's Providence—Arlie Luna, Silas Luna.

Taylor's Seminary—Crockett Randolph, Carrie McBride.

Tuckers Ridge—Mrs. Bill Tucker, Mrs. Jack Tucker.

Union Hill—Mrs. Cleopas Wilson, Herbert Neal, Mrs. Lou Presley, Mae Bilbrey.

Winesap—Mrs. Carrie Hale, Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Mrs. Ida Lee Thomas.

Yankeetown—A. J. Copeland, Charlie Copeland.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the lunch hour.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Talmadge Gentry.

Invitation was given for new churches. None came.

Invitation was given for Corresponding letters. None were presented.

Motion sustained that the Rules of Decorum be read. They were read.

The Moderator excused the devotional committee.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Thursday evening at Seven O'clock, Rev. Harvey Garrison.

Friday at Eleven O'clock, A.M., Rev. Tommy Vaughn.

Friday Evening at Seven O'clock, Rev. Arvil Lee.

Saturday at eleven o'clock A.M., Rev. Earl Williams.

Saturday evening at seven o'clock, Rev. Critt Holman.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Special Committees were appointed by Moderator on Education, Temperance, Finance, Sabbath Schools, Obituary and Home for Children.

Motion sustained to put in the letter form from Churches to the association instead of "Other Church Work", "Minute Fund."

Talks by Rev. Tommy Vaughn, Rev. Tilbert Henry, urging each church to support the Home for Children.

Talk by Rev. John L. Barnes urging either Churches or Ministers, that the correct address be put on all correspondence to the association.

Talk by Rev. Harvey Garrison on organizing a fund in the Association to supporting the aged and disabled ministers and their wives. After some discussion a motion was sustained that such be organized and an offering was taken amounting to \$40.00 and a committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Tommy Vaughn, Rev. Harvey Garrison, Rev. Critt Holman, to put this organization into action. They reported with a suggestion that all Churches support the fund by regular donation, in every quarter.

Motion sustained that the Lebanon church name be dropped from our Minute.

Motion sustained that the Rules of Decorum be Amended to read, as follows: To organize the association on Thursday morning first, then the introductory message be preached at eleven o'clock.

ASSIGNING DELEGATES HOMES

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

THURSDAY NIGHT

After singing prayer was directed by Rev. Malcolm Rodgers. The message was delivered by Rev. Harvey Garrison. Lesson: Exodus 4:2; Text "Use what you have."

FRIDAY MORNING

After singing prayer was directed by Rev. E. J. Hickey.

Roll Call and Thursday's Minutes read.

Receiving and reading letters from the Various Churches.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned for the eleven o'clock message. Time was given for a testimony service. With the Holy Spirit leading a wonderful time was enjoyed for about two hours.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Stacy Tollison.

Continuation of receiving and reading Church letters.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT

After singing, prayer was directed by Bro. Deloy Harp. The message was delivered by Rev. Arvil Lee. Lesson: Deut 6:3-12. Text: "Then beware lest thou forget."

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing prayer was directed by Bro. Freddie Copeland.

Roll call and Friday's Minutes read.

The moderator appointed the pastoral labor committee.

A tribute of honor was voiced by Bro. Tom Presley, Rev. J. A. McCaleb, Rev. Carlos Webb, Rev. Kenneth Prichard, and Rev. John L. Barnes for Rev. Dawson Hammons who passed away since our last association.

Receiving and reading reports of Special Committees.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, believe and stand for the advancement of Christian life through consistent living and careful study of God's Word. We therefore urge all our people to support our F.W.B. Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. We believe that through the medium of the F.W.B. Bible College we can accomplish what Paul instructs us to do in II Timothy 2:15, that we study to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the truth.

Committee:

ALBERT MANSELL, RICHARD DAY, NINA BUCKNER

TEMPERANCE

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

We believe that alcohol is a dangerous habit forming beverage and is extremely harmful to society, detrimental to our morals and is damning to the soul of man; its nationwide use in America has produced broken homes, broken hearts and made more than four million habitual drunkards. Whisky, wine and beer respects neither age nor sex; it causes men to kill their wives, children and their best friends, and himself. We should denounce it as deceptive, dangerous and diabolical. We declare that total abstinence is the only course and work and pray that we may speedily rid our land of this santanic menace.

Committee:

U. L. RANDOLPH, ALTIE STRINGER, AVO HANEY

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report.

We find \$155.69, and we recommend that \$115.00 worth of Minutes be printed and the clerk have the balance for his service and mailing the minutes.

Committee:

GLADYS WHITTAKER, ROSA NELL NABORS, MRS. LLOYD ANDERSON

SABBATH SCHOOL

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

We, as a Christian denomination, should desire to move out front in our Sunday School Work, and we recommend that all Ministers encourage and help keep interest in same.

We also recommend that all teachers and officers be Christians for the interest of lost souls. May God bless every one.

Committee:

CROCKET RANDOLPH, FINIS RODGERS

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 27 of our beloved members to join the great assembly above. Our greatest loss is their gain.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to their beloved families.

Committee:

D. L. HARDY, CHARLIE B. ALLEN

HOME FOR CHILDREN

We, your committee on Home for Children, submit the following report.
We find that \$1399.82 has been given to support the Home in the year from October 1, 1955, to October 1, 1956, by the Western Division of the Stone Association.

Committee:

CLYDE BILBREY, MRS. CARRIE McBRIDE, ARLIS RECTOR

Motion sustained that we be adjourned for the Eleven o'clock message.

Message was delivered by Rev. Earl Williams.

Lesson Isa: 38:13. Text, "Set thine house in Order."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Daily Norrod.

REPORT OF PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE

Allen's Chapel, P. C.—Tilbert Henry.
Allen's Chapel, O. C.—Earl Williams.
Antioch—Howard Lee.
Baker's Cross Roads—Critt Holman.
Bethel—Carlos Webb.
Board Valley—J. A. McCaleb.
Brotherton—Earl Williams.
Cookeville—Lee Lacy.
Cross Roads—Hershell Phillips.
Cumberland Chapel—Robert Lawson.
Dodson Branch—J. A. McCaleb.
Douglass Chapel—Tim Hammons.
Duncan's Chapel—Earl Williams.
Gentry's Chapel—Stacy Tollison.
Glade Creek—
Harris Chapel—Oliver England.
Hensley's Chapel—Robert Lawson.
Johnson's Chapel—Harvey Garrison.
Knight's Chapel—J. A. McCaleb.
Liberty—G. W. Robbins.
Lilly's Chapel—Hermon Hooten.
Mt. Pleasant—Clayton Padgett.
Mt. Pisgah—Fowler Montgomery.
Mt. Union—Tommy Vaughn.
Mt. Zion—Clayton Padgett.
Midway—Tim Hammons.
New Harmony—Harvey Garrison.
New West Point—Tilbert Henry.
Ozlon—Fowler Montgomery.
Old Cumberland—John Savage.
Pleasant Ridge—Earl Williams.
Post Oak Shade—Arvil Lee.
Rock Springs—
Ridgedale—
Shady Grove—Earl Williams.
Smith Chapel—Ben Brown.
Sweetland Chapel—Willie B. Rodgers.
Stone's Seminary—
Sampson—Stacy Tollison.
Taylor's Providence—Tim Hammons.
Taylor's Seminary—Fowler Montgomery.

Tucker's Ridge—Tilbert Henry.
Union Hill—Daily Norrod.
Winesap—
Yankeetown—Carson Whittaker.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of the Stone Association met on October 18, 1956, and organized by electing Rev. John L. Barnes, Moderator; Rev. Tommy Vaughn, Asst. Moderator; Rev. Lee Lacy, Clerk; Rev. Earl Williams, Asst. Clerk.

A Church letter of recommendation from Lilly's Chapel Church, asking that Rev. Hermon Hooten's Credentials be ratified. Rev. Hooten originally came from the Eastern Division to Lilly's Chapel. Motion sustained that Bro. Hooten be accepted and his credentials be ratified. Bro. Hooten asked that he be granted new credentials and they were granted.

Albert L. McBride of Hensley's Chapel, came recommended by Church letter to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After passing satisfactory examination he was granted license.

Motion sustained that Rev. Hermon Moore's name be dropped from the Minutes as he has gone into another Association.

Bro. H. B. Cantrell came recommended by Church letter to have his Credentials restored as his old one had been misplaced. After questioning license was granted him instead.

Bro. Andrew Seagraves came recommended by Church letter to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination license was granted.

Rev. Stacy Tollison and Rev. Robert Lawson, of the Union Association, came recommended by cards of standing to take examination to pastor Churches in our Association and passed examination.

Motion sustained that a committee be elected to go to the Stone's Seminary Church as leaders of the Church to see if an agreement could be worked out for the Association to send them a pastor as they had not been able to agree on one. Rev. J. A. McCaleb, Rev. Tommy Vaughn and Rev. Hermon Hooten were elected on this committee.

The committee reported their findings that the Church was having a Called meeting. Motion sustained that the committee go to the delegates and ask them to notify the preacher not to come until after the meeting, and that the association would not send anyone, hoping that the church would work out something in the meeting and choose their own pastor.

Bro. Jack Taylor came recommended by church letter to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination license was granted.

Motion sustained that the name, 'Disabled Ministers Fund,' be used as a name under which to distribute the ministers' fund.

Rev. Daily Norrod and Rev. Oliver England of the Eastern Division of the Stone Association came recommended by brethren of the Presbytery for examination to pastor churches in the Western Division. Motion sustained that they be accepted.

A committee composed of Rev. John L. Barnes, Rev. Hermon Hooten, and Rev. Tommy Vaughn, were appointed to go see Rev. Hershell Phillips of the Eastern Division, who is sick, also Rev. Donald Whittaker, of the Eastern Division concerning examination before pastoring churches in the Western Division.

A special presbytery was called at Liberty June 17, 1956, for the purpose of ordaining 2 Deacons. Rev. G. W. Robbins, Moderator; Rev. Cleopas Wilson, Clerk. Bro. Amon Speck and Bro. Joe May Speck were ordained. A Special Presbytery was called at Sweetland Chapel October 2, 1956, for the purpose of ordaining 2 deacons. Rev. J. A. McCaleb, Moderator. Rev. Willie B. Rodgers, Clerk. Bro. Johnson Fletcher and Bro. Harvie Miller were Ordained. A special Presbytery was called at Board Valley for the purpose of ordaining 1 deacon. Rev. Lee Lacy, Moderator; Bro. George Sparks, Clerk. Bro. Ralph Henry was ordained. A special presbytery was at Bethel June 15, 1956, for the purpose

or ordaining 1, deacon. Rev. Lee Lacy, Moderator; Rev. Carlos Webb, Clerk, Bro. Floyd Tollison was ordained.

REV. JOHN L. BARNES, Moderator.
REV. TOMMY VAUGHN, Asst. Moderator.
REV. LEE LACY, Clerk.
REV. EARL WILLIAMS, Asst. Clerk.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Report of the Quarterly Conference from October, 1955, to October 1956. The conference visited the following churches this year. Bethel Church, October 29, 1955; Mt. Union Church, January 28, 1956; Bakers Cross Roads Church, April 28, 1956; New Harmony Church, July 28, 1956; North Dixie Church, September 29, 1956.

It is needful that we encourage our Ministers and Churches, to be more interested in these Conferences in behalf of our Young people. As the Church of tomorrow.

Love offerings this year for the Free Will Baptist Home for Children was \$123.48.

REV. LEE LACY, Clerk.

In designating a home for the next Annual Association Board Valley Church was chosen and Rev. Tommy Vaughn was chosen to preach the introductory message and Rev. Critt Holman to be his alternate.

A resolution of thanks was given to the Church and Community for their Hospitality during our stay with them.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m., on Thursday before the third Sunday of October, 1957.

REV. FOWLER MONTGOMERY, Moderator, R. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.
REV. HARVEY GARRISON, Asst. Moderator, R. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.
REV. CARLOS WEBB, Clerk, R. 6, Sparta, Tenn.
REV. LEE LACY, 512 N. Willow St., Cookeville, Tenn.

RESOLUTION

Resolution was passed forbidding any one hereafter having more than one wife to be ordained for either a Minister or a Deacon, also that if and when any of the present Ministers or Deacons become the husband of more than one wife or marry a woman with a living husband his ordination would automatically be annulled.

RESOLUTION

We the Free Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ of the Stone Association when in session at Monterey, Tenn., on Oct. 13, 14, 15, 1955, believing that the revised standard version is an inaccurate translation of the Bible, that it seeks to destroy the deity of Christ, minimizes the necessity of regeneration and attempts to make void the sacrificial death of Christ on the Cross, and it is therefore an open threat to our Christian way of life. We of this association because of these convictions unanimously repudiate it, deem it fallacious and declare that we will neither teach it nor use it in any of our services.

DECLARATION OF RIGHTS

Section 1. That all power of church government is inherent in the people and the preachers; that is, that they may 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 our 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.

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 delegate 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, water baptism, 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 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 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.

Section 14. It shall be the duty that any minister coming before the Presbytery for license or ordination or to have their credentials ratified that they must belong to a Free Will Baptist Church in Stone Association, and bring a letter of recommendation from same.

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 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 according to the Scriptures—Paul's letter to the Hebrews 6: 1-7—that after 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 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."—I Corinthians 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 _____, 19____.

_____, Moderator.
_____, Clerk.

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, _____

_____ Our
Alternates are _____

_____, to represent us in your body.

The Statistics of our Church are as follows:

Increase by	Decrease by
Profession	Letter
Letter	Exclusion
Recommendation	Death
Restoration	Total Membership ..

Our meeting day is the _____ Sabbath.

We have paid during the year to:

Home for Children	\$
Pastor	\$
Visiting minister	\$
Revival	\$
Upkeep of Church Building	\$
Freewill Baptist hour W.H.U.B.	\$
Minute Fund	\$
Total	\$

Our present Pastor is: _____

We call _____ for our pastor next year.

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 _____ 195__.

_____, Moderator
_____, Clerk

MINISTERS REPORTS

Ministers	Postoffice All In Tennessee except one	Churches	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptised	Couples Married	Funerals Held	Contributions
Fowler Montgomery	R. 2, Box 169, Cookeville.....	3	148	82	17	22	4	14	\$ 1,471.64
Earl Williams	R. 1, Cookeville.....	2	144	56	3	14	0	6	892.35
Critt Holman	979 West Broad, Cookeville.....	1	100	12	0	8	0	7	1,136.50
Herman Hooten	R. 2, Algood	3	122	17	9	10	0	4	1,155.60
William Simmons	434 West 5th St., Anderson Ind.	0	41	20	0	0	0	0	
Carson Whittaker	R. 2, Baxter.....	1	196	75	19	19	2	25	3,395.78
Tommy Vaughn	Monterey, 107 Agee St.....	1	108	10	90	21	8	17	651.85
Alford Smith	R. 1, Buffalo Valley.....	0	59	13	1	2	0	1	254.18
Tim Hammons	R. 7, Sparta.....	3	80	11	12	7	0	3	225.34
G. W. Robbins	West 6th St., Cookeville.....	1	60	17	0	0	5	7	116.00
John Savage		0	28	1	0	0	0	2	
Willie B. Rodgers	R. 4, Manchester.....	1	109	15	24	8	0	2	3,339.16
B. F. Dunham	R. 6, Box 104, Crossville.....	1	23	6	8	0	0	1	134.96
J. A. McCaleb	R. 2, Cookeville.....	4	142	16	5	2	6	9	1,007.74
Harvey Garrison	R. 2, Box 389, Cookeville.....	2	80	47	16	15	5	4	910.15
Cleopas Wilson		0	40	2	0	0	0	0	57.37
John L. Barnes	R. 3, Cookeville.....	1	104	20	1	0	1	10	213.00
J. E. Wood	R. 7, Sparta.....	0	26	0	1	0	0	1	42.85
Clayton Padgett	R. 3, Monterey.....	3	75	48	1	14	1	2	
Arvil N. Lee	R. 4, Box 18, Cookeville.....	2	127	10	0	1	0	3	930.00
Ben Brown	R. 1, Crossville.....	2	45	8	0	3	0	4	82.85
Howard Lee	R. 3, Cookeville.....	1	—	0	0	2	1	0	
Fred Higgins	R. 3, Whitwell Phone 7417.....	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	76.03
Lee Lacy	512 N. Willow, Cookeville.....	2	131	40	1	1	1	5	1,482.86
Carlos Webb	R. 6, Sparta.....	1	114	6	4	2	1	2	1,009.98

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

W. C. Bean
Isaac Haney
T. K. Prichard
Eskle Baker
Alva Hall

Eddie Hammons
Jasper Henry
F. E. Scarlett
W. S. Robinson

F. L. Waggoner
Fate Wood
J. E. Luna
Tilbert Henry

E. J. Hickey
C. Q. Hammons
J. B. Fletcher
Landy Curtiss

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Post Office and County All in Tennessee	Gain				Loss			Total Membership	Minute Fund	Paid Pastor and For Revival work	Paid Home for Children	Meeting Days
		By Profession	By Recommendation	By Letter	By Restoration	By Exclusion	By Death						
Allen's Chapel, P. C.	R. 1, Baxter, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	\$1.50	\$ 94.29	0	4	
Allen's Chapel, O. C.	Hilham, Overton Co.	5	0	0	0	0	1	63	4.00	140.59	0	1	
Antioch	R. 1, Baxter, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	2.00	192.03	5.00	1-3	
Bakers Cross Roads	R. 1, Crossville, Cumberland Co. .	6	2	0	0	3	0	179	5.60	1117.00	12.90	All	
Bethel	R. 6, Sparta, White Co.	2	1	1	0	0	0	60	4.65	919.36	72.00	All	
Board Valley	R. 2, Sparta, White Co.	6	4	0	0	3	0	122	3.00	584.87	20.00	2-4	
Brotherton	Brotherton, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	3.00	260.43	12.00	2-4	
Cookeville, F.W.B.C.	Cookeville, Putnam Co.	11	6	2	0	0	2	252	10.00	3140.67	298.74	All	
Cumberland Chapel	Laurelburg, Van Buren Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2.60	156.34	.....	4	
Cross Road	R. 3, Monterey, Overton Co.	3	0	0	0	0	0	52	3.00	192.02	.....	3	
Dodson's Branch	R. 3, Cookeville, Jackson Co.	7	0	2	0	0	3	395	6.50	863.47	27.00	All	
Douglas Chapel	Brotherton, Putnam Co.	1	4	0	0	1	1	89	2.66	148.04	38.15	1	
Duncan Chapel	R. 2, Algood, Overton Co.	2	0	0	0	1	0	50	3.00	465.13	.....	2-4	
Glade Creek	R. 7, Sparta, White Co.									No report			
Gentry's Chapel	R. 2, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	4	0	1 83	2.50	356.91	51.86	2-4	
Harris Chapel	R. 1, Rickman, Overton Co.	6	2	1	0	0	0	33	4.75	364.98	4.00	1	
Hensley Chapel	R. 4, Sparta, White Co.	1	0	1	2	0	0	1 32	2.75	145.62	.....	3	
Johnson Chapel	R. 5, Sparta, DeKalb Co.	0	0	0	0	0	2	95	3.66	495.85	.....	2-4	
Knights Chapel	R. 4, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	2	0	0 59	2.15	284.18	.....	1-3	
Lillys Chapel	R. 2, Baxter, Putnam Co.	0	4	0	0	0	0	0 88	4.00	622.75	36.00	All	
Liberty	R. 3, Livingston, Overton Co.	2	0	0	0	2	1	47	2.00	72.35	.....	3	
Mt. Pleasant	R. 1, Brotherton, Putnam Co.	0	1	0	0	2	0	0 75	3.00	133.01	8.62	1	
Mt. Pisgah	R. 6, Smithville, DeKalb Co.	5	0	0	4	1	0	0 70	3.50	467.47	.....	2-4	
Mt. Union	Monterey, Putnam Co.	34	39	17	0	0	1	232	10.86	909.48	89.12	All	
Mt. Zion	R. 1, Crossville, Cumberland Co. .	1	0	0	0	0	0	0 42	4.00	66.42	8.04	2-4	
Midway	R. 7, Sparta, White Co.	9	0	0	0	2	0	36	1.50	20.00	6.15	4	
New Harmony	R. 5, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.	15	0	0	9	3	0	3 127	3.80	560.00	12.44	1-3	
New West Point	R. 3, Smithville, DeKalb Co.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0 54	2.50	113.74	.....	1	
Ozion	R. 2, Baxter, Putnam Co.	9	0	0	4	1	0	3 140	6.01	588.63	10.00	1-3	
Old Cumberland	R. 2, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.	0	0	0	0	0	2	44	2.00	47.10	.....	1	
Pleasant Ridge	R. 2, Sparta, White Co.	2	0	0	0	1	0	1 154	5.00	783.51	157.40	1-3	
Post Oak Shade	R. 2, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	0	3	0	0	0	0	0 104	2.00	900.00	60.00	All	
Ridgedale	R. 7, Sparta, White Co.	2	0	0	0	1	0	0 53	1.00	12.42	.....	1-3	
Rock Springs	R. 2, Monterey, Overton Co.			1						No Report			
Sampson	R. 3, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0 135	4.00	498.28	126.50	2-4	
Shady Grove	R. 1, Brotherton, Putnam Co.	2	0	0	0	3	0	1 196	4.00	246.00	8.40	4	
Smith Chapel	R. 7, Sparta, Cumberland Co.	2	4	0	2	0	2	0 55	3.00	97.54	.....	1-3	
Sweetland Chapel	Manchester, Coffee Co.	12	10	2	2	6	0	1 64	3.00	3059.38	.....	All	
Stone Seminary	R. 5, Cookeville, Putnam Co.								5.00	.....	.....	.....	
Taylor's Providence	R. 5, Sparta, White Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 86	3.00	257.24	78.40	1-3	
Taylor's Seminary	R. 2, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	2	0	0	0	0	2	46	2.05	376.00	43.62	2-4	
Turker's Ridge	Silver Point, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 10	2.00	103.98	.....	3	
Union Hill	R. 1, Rickman, Overton Co.	0	0	0	2	0	2	104	4.15	319.04	.....	2	
Winesap	R. 6, Crossville, Cumberland Co. .	0	4	0	0	4	1	1 67	3.00	323.58	.....	2-4	
Yankeetown	R. 2, Sparta, White Co.	0	1	0	0	1	1	0 58	\$4.00	\$1309.50	\$51.50	All	

