

Minutes
of the
Ninety-Second Annual Session
of the
Original Stone Association
of the
**FREE WILL CHRISTIAN BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST**
met with the
**Board Valley Free Will Christian
Baptist Church**
WHITE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
October 17, 18, 19, 1957



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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FIRST DAY

1. Organization.
2. Enrollment of Churches.
3. Invitation for New Churches.
4. Call for Corresponding Letters.
5. Reading Rules of Decorum.
6. Introductory Message.
7. Devotional Committee.
8. Appointing Special Committees.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Quarterly Conference Report.
11. Delegates Assigned Homes.
12. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY

1. Roll Call and Thursday Minutes read.
2. Reading of Letters from Churches.
3. Adjournment.

THIRD DAY

1. Roll Called and Friday 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 Board Valley Church, of White County, Tennessee, on October 17, 18 and 19, 1957, in the ninety-second session.

After singing the moderator read the scripture in Psalms 95. After the reading prayer was directed by Brother Earl Langley.

Then proceeded to organize by electing Rev. Harvey Garrison as Moderator and Rev. Hermon Hooten as Assistant Moderator, Rev. Carlos Webb as Clerk, and Rev. Lee Lacy as Assistant Clerk.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES

Allen's Chapel, P. C.—Mrs. Johnnie Alcorn, Hop Brewington.

Allen's Chapel, O. C.—D. C. Bilbrey, Lonnie Nelson.

Antioch—Mr. and Mrs. Finnis Rodgers, James Brewington.

Baker's Cross Roads—Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Essary, Mr. and Mrs. James Welch, Joe Tabor.

Bethel—Bobbie Martin, Clara Holman.

Brotherton—Johnnie Pharris, Flora Fulty, Sylvia Brews.

Board Valley—Layce Mullican, Jimmy Selby.

Cookeville—Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cato, Nell Lacy, Freeda Crabtree, Mary Brown, Lorene Brown, Edna Amonette, Mrs. James Nabors.

Cumberland Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Yates.

Cross Roads—Mable Day.

Dodson's Branch—Mr. and Mrs. Mack Crabtree, Monroe Webb, Jay Burris.

Douglas Chapel—Mrs. Orley Tallent, Kate Bilbrey, Charlie Lee Tallent.

Duncan's Chapel—Lloyd Barnes, Mack Barnes.

Glade Creek—

Gentry's Chapel—Mrs. Arvil McCaleb, Dow Maddux.

Harris Chapel—Lange Brown, Ervin Shelton, Russell Wilson.

Hensley Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Ben Young, Jonah Seal.

Johnson Chapel—Earl Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Sherrard.

Knight's Chapel—Olen Knight, Newell Helms.

Lilly's Chapel—Mrs. Birch Williams, Lorene Maxwell, Mrs. Carl Maynard.

Liberty—Kate McDonald, Merta McDonald.

Mt. Pleasant—Leo Prichard, Mrs. Willie Smith.

Mt. Pisgah—Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Adams, Mrs. Velma Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Foster.

Mt. Union—Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Simcox, Nina Buckner, Amon Key.

Mt. Zion—Clarence Lockwood, James Lewis.

Midway—Donald Jordon, Ellen Jordon.

New Harmony—Maude Colvin, Nellie Ruth Rigsby, Maggie Vaughan, John Colvin, George Retchie.

New West Point—Mrs. Royce Moore.

Ozion—Bessie Lafever, Pauline Trobaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Wallace, Eli Allison.

Old Cumberland—Roy Perry, Earl Somber.

Pleasant Ridge—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sparks, Haskell Nabors.

Post Oak Shade—Mary Garrison, Martha Billingsley.

Ridgedale—by letter.

Rock Springs—

Sampson—Lester Simmons, Walter Evans, Sam Deboard.

Shady Grove—Fletcher Billing, Avo Haney, Eddie Richardson.

Smith Chapel—W. M. Seagraves, Mrs. Alvin Chastine.

Stone's Seminary—Albert Mansell, Harvey Mansell.

Sweetland's Chapel—Evert Gold.

Taylor's Providence—Mrs. Jeff England, Luber Conley, Elmer Denton.

Tucker's Ridge—By Letter.

Union Hill—Willard Bilbrey, Thomas Bilbrey, Mae Bilbrey, Jim Bilbrey.

Winesap—Rev. and Mrs. Williams Tabor.

Yankeetown—Mr. and Mrs. Alex Copeland, Mrs. P. J. Copeland.

Invitation for New Churches. Algood Free Will Baptist came, and was accepted into our association.

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

Time given for Bro. H. C. Burgess as Superintendent of the Home for Children at Greenville. A report of the Home's financial standing was given by Bro. Burgess. Along with Bro. Burgess was Rev. E. M. French, bringing greetings from the Union Association and the Home for Children. A love offering was lifted for the Home for Children amounting to \$62.28.

Motion sustained that we adjourn for the Morning Service.

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Fowler Montgomery. The message was delivered by Rev. Tommy Vaughan. Lesson James 4:6-17; Text: Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up. A wonderful message was enjoyed by everyone.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The association came to order by singing. After singing prayer was directed by Rev. John Norris.

Recognizing visiting ministers: Rev. E. M. French, Union Association, Rev. David Lee England, Union Association, Rev. John Norris of the Liberty Association of Michigan, Rev. Malcolm Rodgers, Rev. Bill Stowers of the Methodist, Rev. Daily Norrod, Rev. Robert Lawson, Rev. Stacy Tollison.

APPOINTING SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Education, Temperance, Finance, Sabbath School, Obituary, Home for Children.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday, 7:00 P.M.—Rev. Bill Simmons.

Friday, 11:00 A.M.—Rev. Harvey Garrison.

Friday, 7:00 P.M.—Rev. Hermon Hooten.

Saturday, 11:00 A.M.—Rev. Earl Williams.

Saturday, 7:00 P.M.—Rev. Daily Norrod.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Motion by Rev. Critt Holman that all Ministers and Deacons come together one time each quarter to receive instructions on carrying on rules and addressing the Moderator in all business meetings. Motion carried that the ordained authority meet on Thursday Night before each 5th Sunday, at the Church where the quarterly Conference meets.

Motion by Rev. Carson Whittaker that space be prepared in the letter form, for number of professions made during the year's work in each Church.

Motion by Rev. Tommy Vaughan that the report of quarterly conference, be read each year, on the 1st day of association as item 10; moving 10 to No. 11, and number 11 to No. 12.

Assigning Delegates Homes.

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

THURSDAY NIGHT

After singing, prayer was directed by brother Carl Langley the message delivered by Rev. Bill Simmons. Lesson St. Luke 6:46-49 Text, Foundation. A wonderful message enjoyed by everyone.

FRIDAY MORNING

After singing prayer was directed by Rev. Cleopas Wilson.

Roll Call and reading of Thursday's Minutes.

Receiving and reading letters from various churches.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the morning service.

After singing prayer was directed by Rev. Hermon Hooten, message delivered by Rev. Harvey Garrison. Lesson Eph. 2:-13, Text: Grace. A wonderful message enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Clayton Padgett.

Continuance of receiving and reading church letters.

Report of Disabled Ministers Fund by Rev. Tommy Vaughan, chairman. The amount in bank at present is \$170.30.

Reorganizing of Committee on Disabled Ministers Fund; re-electing Rev. Tommy Vaughan as chairman, Rev. Harvey Garrison and Rev. Critt Holman as committee men. An offering was taken for the fund, amounting to \$57.62.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until 9 A.M. Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Bill Stowers.

The message was delivered by Rev. Hermon Hooten. Lesson—John 7:37-46. Text, "Never man spake like this man." A wonderful message enjoyed by everyone.

SATURDAY MORNING

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

Friday's minutes were read.

Discussion on Glade Creek and Rock Springs Churches. Motion sustained that a committee of Rev. John L. Barnes, Rev. Andrew Seagraves and Carlos Webb, go and investigate the present standing of the two churches.

Pastoral Labor Committee appointed.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, believe and stand for the advancement of Christian life through consistent living and prayerful study of God's word. We therefore urge all our people to devote a portion of their time daily to this cause that we may be able to 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 to be ashamed, rightly dividing the truth."

Committee:

MARGARET MADDUX, MAUDE COLVIN, MRS. LEE LACY

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 nation wide use in America has produced broken homes, broken hearts and made more than four million habitual drunkards.

Whiskey, 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 satanic menace.

Committee:

MISS LORAIN MAXWELL, MRS. GLADYS WHITTAKER, MRS. MARIE MAYNARD.

FINANCE

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following report.

We find \$158.49 and we recommend that \$120.00 worth of Minutes be printed and the Clerk have the balance for his service and mailing the minutes.

Committee:

LEROY LANGLEY, ELLEN JORDAN, LEO PRICHARD.

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 Christian for the interest of lost souls. May God bless everyone that takes part in all our Sabbath Schools.

Committee:

RICHARD DAY

OBITUARY

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

We find that the enemy, death, has visited our churches, (In the last year beginning October 1956 to October 1957) and called from our hands 32 of our beloved members to join the great heavenly host of God above.

Our loss is their greatest gain, and we ask this great body of believers in Christ to join us with their sympathy and prayers to their beloved families.

Committee:

ALBERT MANSELL, DICY CRABTREE

HOME FOR CHILDREN

We, your committee on Home for Children, submit the following report:

We find that \$1,224.80 has been given to support the home in the year from October 1, 1956 to October 1, 1957, by the Western Division of the Stone Association. We urge all ministers, Deacons and Sunday School teachers to take the need of the home to heart, give more financially and pray for the home.

MARTHA McCaleb, BOBBIE JEAN MARTIN, MACK CRABTREE.

REPORT OF PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE

Algood—Rev. Oliver England.

Allen's Chapel, P.C.—Rev. Fowler Montgomery—2nd Sunday.

Allen's Chapel, O.C.—Rev. Earl Williams—1st Sunday.

Antioch—Rev. Howard Lee—1st and 3rd Sundays.

Bakers Cross Roads—Rev. Critt Holman—Each Sabbath.

Bethel—.....—Each Sunday.

Board Valley—Rev. J. A. McCaleb—2nd and 4th Sundays.

Brotherton—Rev. Earl Williams—2nd and 4th Sundays.

Cookeville—Rev. Lee Lacy—Each Sabbath.

Cumberland Chapel—Rev. Tim Hammons—4th Sunday.

Cross Roads—Rev. Donald Whittaker—3rd Sunday.

Dodson's Branch—Rev. I. A. McCaleb—Each Sabbath.

Douglas Chapel—Rev. Tim Hammons—2nd Sunday.

Duncan Chapel—Rev. Oliver England—4th Sunday.

Glade Creek—

Gentry's Chapel—Rev. Jack Taylor—2nd and 4th Sundays.

Harris Chapel—Rev. Oliver England—1st Sunday.

Hensley's Chapel—Rev. Ben Brown—1st and 3rd Sundays.

Johnson's Chapel—

Knights Chapel—Rev. Howard Lee.

Lilly's Chapel—Rev. Hermon Hooten—Each Sabbath.

Liberty—Rev. Cleophas Wilson—3rd Sunday.

Mt. Pleasant—Rev. Clayton Padgett—1st and 3rd Sundays.

Mt. Pisgah—Rev. David Lee England—2nd and 4th Sundays.

Mt. Union—Rev. Tommy Vaughan—Each Sunday.

Mt. Zion—Rev. Clayton Padgett—2nd Sunday.

Midway—Rev. Carson Whitaker—4th Sunday.

New Harmony—Rev. Fowler Montgomery—1st and 3rd Sundays.

New West Point—Albert L. McBride.

Ozion—Rev. John Norris—Each Sabbath.

Old Cumberland—

Pleasant Ridge—Rev. Earl Williams—1st and 3rd Sundays.

Post Oak Shade—Rev. Arvil Lee.

Ridgedale—Andrew Seagraves—4th Sunday.

Rock Springs—

Sampson—Rev. Stacey Tollison.

Shady Grove—Rev. Earl Williams—4th Sundays.

Smith's Chapel—Rev. Andrew Seagraves—1st and 3rd Sundays.

Stone Seminary—Rev. Jack Taylor—1st and 3rd Sundays.

Sweetland's Chapel—Rev. W. M. Cox—Each Sunday.

Taylor's Providence—Rev. Tim Hammons—1st and 3rd Sundays.

Taylor's Seminary—Rev. Stacey Tollison—2nd and 4th Sundays.
Tucker's Ridge—
Union Hill—Rev. Daily Norrod—2nd Sunday. Rev. Cleophas Wilson—4th Sunday.

Winesap—Rev. Andrew Seagraves—2nd Sunday.
Yankeetown—Rev. Carson Whitaker—Each Sunday.

Motion sustained that our letter form to the Association be printed in sheet form and that 3 copies be sent to each church along with minutes.

Motion sustained that we adjourn for the morning message.

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Critt Holman. The message was delivered by Rev. Earl Williams. Lesson I Corinthians 10:13 Text. There has no temptation taken you save that as is common to man. A wonderful message enjoyed by everyone.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

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

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of the Stone Association met on October 17, 1957, and reorganized. Prayer by Rev. David Lee England. Rev. John L. Barnes was re-elected as Moderator and Rev. Fowler Montgomery as Assistant Moderator. Rev. Lee Lacy, Clerk and Bro. Monroe Webb as Assistant Clerk.

A church letter from Smith Chapel recommending Bro. Andrew Seagraves to be ordained to the full ministry. After passing satisfactory examination he was ordained.

The Moderator gave opportunity for the Algood Church to be discussed due to some misunderstandings between the pastor and one of the deacons. After the pastor gave his side the deacon did likewise.

Rev. Critt Holman made a talk on this. Rev. John Norris called attention to the church covenant and read part of same, making comments on it. Others who spoke on this were Rev. Fowler Montgomery, Rev. Tommy Vaughan, Bro. John Savage and Bro. Ira K. Field.

Motion sustained that the discussion be tabled until next day. At such time the moderator may bring it up.

Bro. Arnold Price of Duncan's Chapel came before the Presbytery recommended by church letter to be licensed to preach the gospel. After examination he was granted license.

The pastor and deacon of the Algood church shook hands forgiving each other. The Spirit of the Lord was wonderful.

Bro. Joe Tabor came before the Presbytery recommended by Church letter to be licensed to preach the gospel. After passing satisfactory examination, license was granted.

Bro. John Colvin came before the Presbytery recommended by church letter to be ordained as deacon of New Harmony Church. After passing examination he was ordained.

Rev. David Lee England of the Union Association, came before the Presbytery to be examined to pastor churches in our association and passed examination.

Bro. Loyd Barnes came before the Presbytery to be licensed to preach the gospel. After examination, license was granted.

Bro. Fred Copeland presented a letter to the Presbytery signed by church clerk to be licensed to preach the gospel but was disqualified by resolution of the minutes.

Bro. John Bilbrey came before the Presbytery recommended by church letter to be ordained as deacon of Union Hill church. After examination, he was ordained.

Bro. Earl Langley came before the Presbytery recommended by church

letter that his credentials be replaced which were misplaced some years past that were issued to him by the missionary Baptist Association. After passing examination credentials were granted.

Bro. Albert L. McBride came before the Presbytery recommended by church letter to be ordained to the full ministry. After examination he was ordained.

Bro. Randy Cox came before the Presbytery with license as recommendation from the Cumberland Association to be examined to pastor churches in our association. After examining it was passed that he give proof when ordained to this association and in the mean time that the church get some one from this association to take care of any church business requiring an ordained minister until Bro. Cox is ordained.

Rev. John Norris came before the Presbytery presenting himself to unite with this association pending the joining of a church in our association. After discussion a motion sustained that after he joins a church, a Presbytery consisting of Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk of Presbytery and Moderator, Assistant Moderator and Clerk of the association be called to examine him that his credentials be ratified.

Bro. Jack Taylor came before the Presbytery recommended by church letter to be ordained to the full ministry. After passing examination, he was ordained.

Motion sustained that Rev. Tilbert Henry's name be retained in minutes another year.

Committee reported on visiting Sweetland's Chapel Church and their findings concerning helping get them a pastor to finish out the associational year as Rev. Willie B. Rodgers, their pastor, had resigned.

Motion sustained that Rev. Willie B. Rodgers be granted a letter of dismissal at his request and his credentials were declared null and void.

Motion sustained that any minister wishing to leave this association bring a letter to the association asking for same.

Bro. Albert O. Martin came before the Presbytery recommended by church letter to be licensed to preach the gospel. After examination, license was granted.

A special Presbytery was called March 30, 1957, at the end of quarterly conference at Mt. Union, to transact certain business. A letter or form was presented from Rev. Willie B. Rodgers requesting that he be dismissed from our association as he had resigned Sweetland Chapel church where he was pastor that he would be likely to go out into the evangelistic field as interdenominational. The request was not granted at this time. A committee composed of Rev. J. A. McCaleb, Rev. John L. Barnes and Rev. Lee Lacy was appointed to check with the Sweetland Chapel church to see if we could help them to find a preacher in our association to finish out the rest of the year.

A special Presbytery was called at Stone Seminary on October 6, 1956, for the purpose of ordaining 2 deacons. Rev. John L. Barnes, Moderator; Rev. Milton Crowson, clerk, also Rev. Hermon Hooten was present. Bro. U. L. Randolph and Bro. Pleas Deering were ordained.

A special Presbytery was at Cross Roads church on March 17, 1957, for the purpose of ordaining two deacons. Rev. Hershell Phillips, Rev. Cordell Harges, and Bro. Tom Milton, an ordained deacon were present to carry out the ordination service. Ethel Padgett, clerk.

REV. JOHN L. BARNES, Moderator

REV. FOWLER MONTGOMERY, Assistant Moderator

REV. LEE LACY, Clerk

BRO. MONROE WEBB, Assistant Clerk

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Report of Quarterly Conference from October 1956 to October 1957.

The conference visited the following churches this year. Bethel Church, December 29, 1956; Mt. Union, March 30, 1957; Yankeetown Church, June 29, 1957;

New Harmony Church, September 28, 1957. With many prayers and much effort let us work together for a greater future.

Love offerings this year for the Home for children were \$102.56.

REV. LEE LACY, Clerk

Discussion on Rule 15, being added to the Rules of Decorum. Motion sustained that the following rule be added. "That any Minister being called from another Association to pastor a church in the Western Division of the Stone Association must first come before the Presbytery for examination."

Designating a home for the next annual association. Baker's Cross Roads Church was chosen and Rev. Lee Lacy was chosen to preach the introductory message and Rev. Fred Higgins to be his alternate.

A resolution of thanks was given to the Board Valley Church and Community for their great and kind hospitality to us while in their community.

Motion sustained that we adjourn until 9:00 o'clock A.M., Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October 1958, it being October 16, 1958.

REV. HARVEY GARRISON, Moderator

REV. HERMON HOOTEN, Assistant Moderator

REV. CARLOS WEBB, Clerk

REV. LEE LACY, Assistant Clerk

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.

Section 15. That any minister being called from another Association to pastor a Church in the Western Division of the Stone Association must first come before the Presbytery for examination.

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.

MINISTERS REPORT

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	103	30	3	1	9	6	\$ 1,046.03
Cleopas Wilson	R. 1, Rickman	1	25	1	3	3	0	0	49.97
John Savage	R. 2, Pikeville	0	55	16	15	12	0	0	146.54
Critt Holman	979 W. Broad St., Cookeville	1	92	46	0	2	0	3	1,339.37
G. W. Robbins	West 6th St., Cookeville	1	70	9	0	0	5	6	83.85
Arvil Lee	Cookeville	1	104	10	3	3	0	3	895.00
Harvey Garrison	R. 2, Cookeville	2	75	27	3	3	4	6	1,433.83
Bill Simmons	1624 W. 19th St., Anderson Ind.	1	52	29	0	3	1	0	107.00
Tommie Vaughn	Monterey	1	147	40	24	9	5	16	1,002.50
J. A. McCaleb	R. 2, Cookeville	1	133	22	16	8	9	10	1,536.85
John Norris	726 N. Willow Ave., Cookeville	0	26	5	0	0	0	0	110.00
Carson Whittaker	R. 2, Phone 2431, Baxter	1	185	85	13	21	1	23	2,300.89
John L. Barnes	R. 3, Phone 470-L, Cookeville	1	136	25	0	5	1	14	208.65
Earl Williams	Cookeville	5	122	36	17	10	1	1	1,275.81
J. E. Wood	Pleasant Hill	0	33	0	0	0	1	1	42.30
Lee Lacy	512 N. Willow Ph. 394-G Cookeville.	1	184	48	7	16	1	14	2,952.52
Tim Hammons	R. 7, Sparta	3	109	32	22	22	0	4	565.33
Hermion Hooten	Algood, Phone 943-R	1	104	0	3	2	1	1	900.00
Fred Higgins	R. 3, Phone O.L. 8-5048 Whitwell	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	155.70
Carlos Webb	R. 6, Phone Res 8-5455, Sparta	1	109	6	3	1	2	2	855.98
Ben Brown	R. 1, Crossville	2	25	14	0	0	0	1	68.17
Howard Lee	R. 3, Cookeville	1	45	0	0	8	0	0	166.44

MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

W. C. Bean	J. E. Luna	Jasper Henry	F. L. Waggoner
Isaac Haney	C. O. Hammons	J. E. Scarlett	Landy Curtiss
T. K. Prichard	J. B. Fletcher	Tilbert Henry	Clayton Padgett
Eskle Baker	Alfred Smith	B. F. Dunham	Fate Wood
Alva Hall	Eddie Hammons	W. S. Robinson	E. J. Hickey

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Postoffice 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			
Algood, F.W.B.C.	Algood, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	0	18	\$3.60	\$ 0	0
Allen's Chapel, P.C.	R. 1, Baxter, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	0	63	1.80	78.75	0
Allen's Chapel, O.C.	Hilham, Overton Co.	0	0	0	0	0	72	1.50	51.35	0
Antioch	R. 1, Baxter, Putnam Co.	13	0	0	0	3	1	50	103.93	0
Baker's Cross Roads	R. 1, Crossville, Cumberland Co.	0	0	0	0	3	1	175	8.29	1109.00
Bethel	R. 6, Sparta, White Co.	1	0	2	0	1	0	61	2.72	836.02
Board Valley	R. 2, Sparta, White Co.	1	0	0	0	0	6	116	3.00	375.59
Brotherton	Brotherton, Putnam Co.	3	0	0	0	0	0	51	3.00	230.24
Cookeville, F.W.B.C.	Cookeville, Putnam Co.	4	3	0	0	4	2	253	10.00	2762.18
Cumberland Chapel	Laurelburg, Van Buren Co.	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	2.50	113.19
Cross Road	R. 3, Monterey, Overton Co.	5	1	0	0	4	1	52	3.00	96.32
Dodson's Branch	R. 3, Cookeville, Jackson Co.	11	2	0	0	3	1	402	8.90	1334.35
Douglas Chapel	Brotherton, Putnam Co.	5	0	0	0	0	1	93	1.35	183.48
Duncan Chapel	R. 2, Algood, Overton Co.	10	0	0	0	0	0	60	3.00	290.10
Glade Creek	R. 7, Sparta, White Co.	No report								
Gentry's Chapel	R. 2, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	80	3.55
Harris Chapel	R. 1, Rickman, Overton Co.	11	4	0	0	0	0	48	3.0	282.18
Hensleys Chapel	R. 4, Sparta, White Co.	12	0	0	13	0	0	1	49	3.75
Johnson Chapel	R. 5, Sparta, DeKalb Co.	1	0	0	0	0	0	96	4.17	499.60
Knight's Chapel	R. 4, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	0	2	0	0	2	0	59	2.00	219.40
Lilly's Chapel	R. 2, Baxter, Putnam Co.	1	0	2	0	0	0	90	4.00	124.72
Liberty	R. 3, Livingston, Overton Co.	0	0	0	0	0	1	46	2.00	58.82
Mt. Pleasant	R. 1, Brotherton, Putnam Co.	1	4	0	0	2	0	78	2.50	90.00
Mt. Pisgah	R. 6, Smithville, DeKalb Co.	0	1	0	4	0	0	83	3.00	429.52
Mt. Union	Monterey, Putnam Co.	5	8	4	0	8	0	241	9.08	1193.70
Mt. Zion	R. 1, Crossville, Cumberland Co.	3	2	0	0	0	0	49	4.00	87.18
Midway	R. 7, Sparta, White Co.	1	0	0	0	0	0	37	4.00	27.20
New Harmony	R. 5, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.	3	0	1	0	2	0	127	4.25	1126.46
New West Point	R. 3, Smithville, DeKalb Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1.50	94.00
Ozion	R. 2, Baxter, Putnam Co.	1	0	0	1	0	0	141	4.00	489.15
Old Cumberland	R. 2, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.	12	1	0	11	0	0	1	61	4.00
Pleasant Ridge	R. 2, Sparta, White Co.	2	0	0	0	0	1	154	5.00	662.34
Post Oak Shade	R. 2, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	3	3	0	1	0	1	109	3.19	930.00
Ridgedale	R. 7, Sparta, White Co.	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	1.00	12.26
Rock Springs	R. 2, Monterey, Overton Co.	No report								
Sampson	R. 3, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.	6	0	0	2	2	0	2	137	3.75
Shady Grove	R. 1, Brotherton, Putnam Co.	2	0	0	0	9	0	0	189	3.55
Smith Chapel	R. 7, Sparta, Cumberland Co.	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	57	2.50
Sweetland Chapel	Manchester, Coffee Co.	26	4	3	2	5	0	0	99	3.00
Stone Seminary	R. 5, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	125	5.00
Taylor's Providence	R. 5, Sparta, White Co.	14	1	2	0	0	0	1	99	3.00
Taylor's Seminary	R. 2, Cookeville, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	4	0	0	35	3.00	492.50
Tucker's Ridge	Silver Point, Putnam Co.	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	1.50	122.60
Union Hill	R. 1, Rickman, Overton Co.	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	103	4.00
Winesap	R. 6, Crossville, Cumberland Co.	0	1	0	1	0	0	34	3.00	218.91
Yankeetown	R. 2, Sparta, White Co.	9	3	1	0	1	0	69	4.00	1500.67

