

**Minutes**  
of the  
**Ninety-Third Annual Session**  
of the  
**Original Stone Association**  
of the  
**FREE WILL CHRISTIAN BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
met with the  
**Bakers Cross Roads Free Will  
Christian Baptist Church**  
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
**October 16, 17, 18, 1958**



REV. HARVEY GARRISON, Moderator ..... R. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.  
REV. CARSON WHITTAKER, Asst. Moderator ..... R. 2, Baxter, Tenn.  
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## 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.
11. Delegates Assigned Homes.
12. Adjournment.

### SECOND DAY

1. Roll Call and Thursday Minutes Read.
2. Reading of Letters from Churches.
3. Disabled Ministers Fund Committee Report.
4. Adjournment.

### THIRD DAY

1. Roll Call 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 Report.
7. Designating 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 Baker's Cross Roads Church, of Cumberland County, Tennessee, on October 16, 17, 18, 1958, in the ninety-third session.

After singing the Moderator read the Scripture in Psalms 15. After the reading prayer was directed by Rev. Tommie Vaughn.

Then proceeded to organize by re-electing Rev. Harvey Garrison, Moderator; Rev. Carson Whittaker, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Carlos Webb, Clerk; Rev. Lee Lacy, Assistant Clerk.

## ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES

Algood—Faye Bilbrey, Geneva Fields.

Allen's Chapel, P.C.—Calvin Putty, Mrs. Johnnie Alcorn.

Allen's Chapel, O.C.—Elzo Hammons, Charlie Ray.

Antioch—Dona Brewington.

Baker's Cross Road—James Welch, Alonzo Essary, Walter Pugh.

Bethel—Floyd Tollison, Katie Staglin.

Brotherton—Donnie Pharris, Flora Fultz.

Board Valley—Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Mullican.

Cookeville—Mrs. Lee Lacy, David Crabtree, Mary Brown, Mrs. J. J.

Bradford, Mrs. Morgan Copeland, Freda Crabtree, Elton Cato, Earl Gentry, Mrs. Jess Reed.

Cumberland Chapel—By letter.

Cross Roads—Mable Day.

Dodson Branch—Daniel Hardy, Mack Crabtree, Monroe Webb.

Douglas Chapel—Mrs. Beecher Bilbrey, Mrs. Kate Bilbrey, James G. West.

Duncan's Chapel—Billie Mee, Mack Barnes.

Glade Creek—No Report.

Gentry's Chapel—Mrs. Margret Maddux, Mrs. Martha McCaleb.

Harris Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. John Smiddie.

Hensley Chapel—Mrs. Martin Young, Mrs. Dan Young.

Hale's Chapel—Pearl Kerley, Eva Smith.

Johnson Chapel—Valley Steele, Chatt Exum.

Knight Chapel—Olen Knight, Willard Keelon.

Lilly's Chapel—Mrs. Hermon Hooten, Beecher Clark.

Liberty—Kate McDonald, Myrtie McDonald.

Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. Willie Smith, Emogene Prichard, Emogene Kimes.

Mt. Pisgah—By Letter.

Mt. Union—Emogene Whittaker, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Whittaker, Nina Buckner, James Randolph, Amon Key, Wanda Henry, Everett Walker, Ressie Honeycutt.

Mt. Zion—Maggie Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Arhtur Byers.

Midway—No Report.

New Harmony—Vina Richey, Nellie Ruth Rigsby.  
 New West Point—Mrs. Oneta Waggoner, Mrs. Ruby Moore.  
 Ozion—Logan Rice, Lennie Gambel, Pagie Ashburn, Pauline Troubaugh.  
 Old Cumberland—By Letter.  
 Pleasant Ridge—Mr. and Mrs. Haskel Nabors.  
 Post Oak Shade—Martha Billingsley, Ruby Kirby.  
 Ridgedale—Lon Watley, Jess Blaylock.  
 Sampson—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reagan.  
 Shady Grove—Eddy Richardson, Fletcher Bilbrey.  
 Smith Chapel—Mrs. Tim Hammons, Mrs. Andrew Seagraves.  
 Stone's Seminary—Mrs. Harvey Mansell, Mrs. Pleas Deering.  
 Sweetland Chapel—Jonathan Fletcher, J. B. Fletcher, Sr.  
 Taylor's Providence—Mamie Brooker, Ella Williams.  
 Taylor's Seminary—Taylor Howard, Howard Burgess.  
 Tucker's Ridge—By Letter.  
 Union Hill—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Neal, Willard Bilbrey.  
 Winesap—John Thomas, Ida Lee Thomas.  
 Yankeetown—Mrs. John Roberts, Mrs. Beecher Cope, Cleve Hitchcock.

#### RECOGNIZING VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Bill Stowers of the Methodist church; Rev. Barney Cooper, Rev. Talmadge Bowman, Rev. Gilbert Matta, Rev. Omer Alred, Rev. Dally Norrod of the Eastern Division of Free Will Baptists; Rev. Robert Lawson, Rev. George Dunbar of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists; Rev. Raymond Riggs, Homer Willis of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists.

Call for Corresponding letters. None presented.

Invitation for New Churches. Hale's Chapel came with letter of introduction. After some discussion it was accepted.

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

A report on the Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Greeneville, Tenn., was given by Bro. H. C. Burgess, the Superintendent and Rev. George Dunbar, Chairman of the Board of Directors. A good report was given by each of them. Then a love offering was lifted for the Home amounting to \$61.28.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned for the Introductory Message. After singing, prayer was directed by Bro. H. C. Burgess. The message was delivered by Rev. Lee Lacy: Lesson, Articles of Faith as they appear in our Minutes, using many Scriptures. Text: What we believe. A good message.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After Singing, prayer was directed by Rev. J. E. Wood. Devotional Committee reported. Thursday at 7:00 P.M., Rev. Carson Whittaker. Friday at 11:00 A.M., Rev. Earl Langley. Friday at 7:00 P.M., Bro. Cecil Howard. Saturday at 11:00 A.M., Rev. Earl Williams.

#### Appointed Special Committees:

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

### **Miscellaneous Business**

Motion sustained to give the Clerk permission to buy a new permanent Record Book, and an offering was lifted to pay for book, with balance to go to the Disabled Minister's Fund. \$14.89 was received.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned until 9:00 A.M. Friday morning.

### **THURSDAY NIGHT**

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Hermon Hooten. The message was delivered by Rev. Carson Whittaker. Lesson, Nahum 1:6-7. Text: The Lord is a good stronghold in the day of trouble. A good message.

### **FRIDAY MORNING**

After Singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Bill Simmons.

Roll Call and Thursdays Minutes were read.

Receiving and reading letters from the various Churches.

Motion sustained to carry the Glade Creek Church name in the Minute for one year longer, and if no report then, the name is automatically dropped. Motion sustained that the Rock Springs Church name be dropped from the Minute. Motion sustained that we be adjourned for the Morning message.

After singing, prayer was directed by Bro. Basil Matheny. The message was delivered by Rev. Earl Langley. Lesson: Prov. 10:12; 1 Cor. 13:8. Text: What Love Can do. A good message, and the Holy Spirit taking over in a fellowship handshake.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. John Norris. Report of the Disabled Ministers Fund by the Chairman, Rev. Tommie Vaughn. Motion sustained to retain the original committee composed of Rev. Tommie Vaughn, Rev. Critt Holman, Rev. Harvey Garrison.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned until 9:00 A.M. Saturday.

### **FRIDAY NIGHT**

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Daily Norrod. The message was delivered by Bro. Cecil Howard. Lesson John 3:1-7. A good message.

### **SATURDAY MORNING**

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Tim Hammons. Roll Call and Friday's Minutes read.

## **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

### **EDUCATION**

We, your committee on Education, believe and stand for 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: FAYE BILBREY, FLOYD TOLLISON, CALVIN PUTTY.

### **TEMPERANCE**

We, your Committee on Temperance 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 the majority of the wrecks on the highways, it has also caused many broken homes, broken hearts and made more than 5,200,000 habitual drunkards. Whisky, wine and beer respects neither age nor sex. We should denounce it as deceptive and dangerous. We declare that total abstinence is the only course and work and pray that we may speedily rid our land of the Satanic Menace.

Committee: MABEL DAY, ALONZO ESSARY.

### **FINANCE**

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report: We find \$150.64 and we recommend that \$115.00 worth of Minutes be printed and that the Clerk have the balance for his services and mailing of the Minutes.

Committee: D. L. HARDY, MACK CRABTREE, BILLIE MEE.

### **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 dedicated Christians. Matt. 15:14B, and if the blind lead the blind both shall fall into the ditch. May God bless each as we endeavor to do greater work in our Sunday Schools.

Committee: MARTHA MCCAULEY, MRS. WILLIE SMITH, VALLEY STEELE.

### **OBITUARY**

We, your committee on Obituary, submit the following report: We find the enemy, death, has visited our churches in the year from Oct. 1957, to Oct. 1958, and called from our hands 31 of our beloved members to join the great Heavenly host of God above. Our loss is their greatest gain and ask this great body of believers in Christ be join us with their sympathy and prayers to their beloved families.

Committee: EARL C. GENTRY, MAGGIE POPE, MARTHA BILLINGS-  
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### **HOME FOR CHILDREN**

We, your committee on Home for Children, submit the following report: We find \$1,955.03 has been given to support the home in the year from October 1, 1957, to October 1, 1958, by the Western Division of the Stone Association. We urge all Ministers and Deacons and Sunday School teachers to take the need of the home to heart, give more financial and pray for the home.

Committee: GLADYS WHITTAKER, FLETCHER BILBREY, MRS. TIM HAMMONS.

## REPORT OF PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE

Algood—Oliver England—2nd Sunday.  
Allen's Chapel, P.C.—Fowler Montgomery—2nd and 4th Sundays. P.M.  
Allen's Chapel, O.C.—Clayton Padgett—2nd Sunday.  
Antioch—Loyd Barnes—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Baker's Cross Roads—Tommie Vaughn—Full Time.  
Bethel—Jack Taylor—2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Board Valley—Fowler Montgomery—2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Brotherton—Earl Williams—2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Cookeville—Carson Whittaker—Full Time.  
Cumberland Chapel—Tim Hammons—4th Sunday.  
Cross Road—Clayton Padgett—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Dodson Branch—Arvil Lee—Full Time.  
Douglas Chapel—Tim Hammons—2nd Sunday.  
Duncan Chapel—Earl Langley—2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Glade Creek—  
Gentry's Chapel—Fowler Montgomery—2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Harris Chapel—Oliver England—1st Sunday.  
Hensley's Chapel—Clayton Padgett—4th Sunday.  
Hale's Chapel—William Tabor—2nd and 4th Sunday.  
Johnson Chapel—Lee Lacy—Full Time.  
Knight Chapel—Lee Lacy—Full Time.  
Lilly's Chapel—Hermon Hooten—Full Time.  
Liberty—Cleopas Wilson—3rd Sunday.  
Mt. Pleasant—Earl Williams—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Mt. Pisgah—Critt Holman—Full Time.  
Mt. Union—Harvey Garrison—Full Time.  
Mt. Zion—Talmadge Bowman—Full Time.  
Midway—Tim Hammons.  
New Harmony—Fowler Montgomery—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
New West Point—Albert L. McBride—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Ozlon—Loyd Barnes—2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Old Cumberland—Fred Higgins.  
Pleasant Ridge—Earl Williams—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Post Oak Shade—Jessie B. White—Full Time.  
Ridgedale—J. E. Wood—Full Time.  
Sampson—Stacy Tollison—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Shady Grove—Earl Williams—4th Sunday. P.M.  
Smith Chapel—Landy Curtiss—1st Sunday.  
Sweetland Chapel—  
Stone Seminary—Jack Taylor—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Tucker's Ridge—Hershell Cantrell.  
Taylor's Providence—Earl Langley—1st and 3rd Sundays.  
Taylor's Seminary—Stacy Tollison—2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Union Hill—Daily Norrod—2nd Sunday.  
Winesap—Andrew Seagraves—2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Yankeetown—Carlos Webb—Full Time.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned for the morning message.

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Ben Brown. The message was delivered by Rev. Earl Williams. Lesson. Phil 1. Text: "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain," a good message.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After singing, prayer was directed by Rev. Arvil N. Lee, the same being an ordination prayer.

## REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of the Stone Association met on Oct. 16, 1958. After prayer led by Rev. B. F. Dunham, then proceeded to reorganize by re-electing Rev. John L. Barnes as Moderator, and Rev. Fowler Montgomery as Assistant Moderator; Bro. Richard Day, Clerk; Bro. Monroe Webb as Assistant Clerk.

Rev. J. B. White came before the Presbytery to have his credentials ratified. After examination they were ratified.

Bro. Joe Tabor came before the Presbytery with a letter from Baker's Cross Roads Church recommending him to be ordained to the full Ministry. After passing examination he was ordained.

Motion sustained to remove from a resolution and he placed in the Rules of Decorum to read as follow: Forbidding any one here after having more than one wife to be ordained for either a Minister or 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.

Rev. Stacy Tollison came before the Presbytery to have his credentials ratified. After examination they were ratified.

Bro. Earl Langley came before the Presbytery with a letter from Johnson Chapel Church, recommending him to be ordained to the full Ministry. After passing examination he was ordained.

Rev. H. B. Cantrell, Rev. Harvey Garrison and Rev. Arvil Lee were restored new credentials that had been lost.

Bro. Loyd Barnes of Duncan's Chapel Church came before the Presbytery with a letter recommending him to be ordained to the full Ministry. After a committee consisting of Rev. Carlos Webb, Rev. Carson Whittaker and Rev. Hermon Hooten, investigated him and found him worthy he was ordained.

Bro. Deloy Harp of Shady Grove Church came before the Presbytery with a Church letter recommending him to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination he was licensed. Bro. Cleve Hitchcock of the Yankeetwon Church came before the Presbytery with a church letter recommending him to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination he was licensed.

Bro. Albert Martin of Yankeetown Church came before the Presbytery with a church letter recommending him to be ordained to the full Ministry. After examination he was ordained.

Motion sustained that a change be made in Section Eleven of the Rules of Decorum to read as follows: Giving the church full authority to the length of time that they desire upon liberating a person that is called to preach the Gospel, and that he need not be liberated the full twelve months, but he must be a member of the church that is liberating him.

Rev. Talmadge Bowman came before the Presbytery from the Eastern Division of the Stone Association to be examined to pastor churches in the Western Division. After examination he was accepted. Bro. J. B. Matheny of the Brotherton Church came before the Presbytery with Church letter recommending him to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination he was licensed. Bro. Cecil Howard of the Pleasant Ridge Church came before the Presbytery with church letter recommending him to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination he was licensed. Bro. Milburn Webb came before the Presbytery to be licensed to preach the Gospel, but was disqualified by Section Fourteen of the Rules of Decorum.

Bro. Johnny Schubert and Bro. Freeman Stowers of Baker's Cross Roads Church came before the Presbytery recommended by church letter that they be ordained as Deacons. After examination they were ordained. Bro. Arnold Price came before the Presbytery to be ordained to the full Ministry. After a discussion the Church letter was not accepted. He was licensed for twelve



months more.

Bro. Raymond Peek of the Cookeville Church came before the Presbytery with Church letter recommending him to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination he was licensed. Bro. Floyd Tollison of the Bethel Church came before the Presbytery with Church letter recommending him to be licensed to preach the Gospel. After examination he was licensed.

Motion sustained that Rev. Tilbert Henry, Rev. J. B. Fletcher, Rev. F. L. Waggoner and Rev. W. S. Robinson's names be dropped from our Minutes. Motion sustained that if any Minister not reporting to the association in person or by letter in two years in succession his name shall automatically be dropped from the Minute.

A Special Presbytery was called at the Bethel Church on March 22, 1958, for the purpose of ordaining two Deacons. After passing examination Bro. Cleve McCoy and Bro. Cleve Price were ordained.

A Special Presbytery was called at Yankeetown Church. Aug. 3, 1958, for the purpose of Ordaining Bro. Clay Hickey as a Deacon. Rev. Carson Whittaker, Moderator; Rev. Carlos Webb, Clerk; Bro. J. B. Copeland, Bro. Beecher Cope, Bro. Everett Dunham, Assisting. After passing examination he was ordained.

A Special Presbytery was called at New West Point Church Aug. 17, 1958, for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Gradie Waggoner and Bro. Royce Moore as Deacons. Rev. G. W. Robbins, Moderator, Rev. Albert McBride, Clerk, Bro. Milo Young, assisting in the service along with Rev. Robert Lawson. After passing examination they were ordained.

REV. JOHN L. BARNES, Moderator

REV. FOWLER MONTGOMERY, Asst. Moderator

BRO. RICHARD DAY, Clerk

BRO. MONROE WEBB, Asst. Clerk

With sad regret we acknowledge the loss of one of our beloved ministers, Rev. J. E. Luna. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Designating a place for the next setting of the Association. New Harmony was chosen. New Harmony to about 4 miles south of highway 30, between Pikeville and Dayton, leaving Highway at Summer City. Rev. Earl Langley was chosen to preach the Introductory Message with Rev. Tommie Vaughn, to be his alternate.

A resolution of thanks to Baker's Cross Roads Church and Community, for their kind and welcome hospitality to us while we were in their midst.

Motion sustained that we be adjourned until next Association, convening on Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1959.

REV. HARVEY GARRISON, Moderator, R. 2, Cookeville, Tenn.

REV. CARSON WHITTAKER, Asst. Moderator, Ph. UL 8-4467 R. 2,  
Baxter, Tenn.

REV CARLOS WEBB, Clerk, Ph. RE 8-5455 R. 6, Sparta Tenn.

REV. LEE LACY, Asst. Clerk, Ph. 394G 512 N. Willow St., Cookeville, Tenn.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Report of Quarterly Conference from October 1957, to October 1958.

The conference visited the following Churches this year, Cookeville December 28, 1957; Mt. Union March 29, 1958; Lilly's Chapel June 28, 1958; and Duncan's Chapel August 30, 1958. With an average of 18% of all Churches representing for the year. Love offerings this year for the Home for Children were \$166.77. Clerk Rev. Lee Lacy.

## 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.

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## 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 must come to the Presbytery recommended by Church letter for license; he must be a member of the Church that recommends him, and if found competent they shall issue license; after he has his license one year, he shall go before the Presbytery with Church letter recommending him for ordination, and if found worthy on second examination, they shall ordain him.

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.

Section 16. 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.

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## 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.

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### RESOLUTION

We, the Free Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ of the Stone Association, when in session at the Baker's Cross Roads Church, on Oct. 16, 17, 18, 1958, 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 we will neither teach it nor use it in any of our services.

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## 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

| Minister          | Postoffice<br>All in Tennessee<br>except one | Churches | Sermons | Confessions | Members Received | Baptised | Couples Married | Funerals Held | Contributions |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------|---------|-------------|------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Fowler Montgomery | R. 2, Ph. UL 8-4363, Cookeville              | 2        | 95      | 65          | 6                | 17       | 3               | 9             | \$ 1,100.24   |
| Arvil N. Lee      | R. 4, Ph. 1023-W, Cookeville                 | 1        | 146     | 35          | 0                | 12       | 3               | 6             | 1,062.00      |
| Earl Williams     |                                              | 4        | 132     | 57          | 28               | 24       | 3               | 4             | 1,221.54      |
| Jack Taylor       | R. 2, Cookeville                             | 2        | 91      | 2           | 0                | 0        | 0               | 1             | 780.04        |
| Landy Curtiss     | R. 1, Franklin                               | 0        | 0       | 0           | 0                | 0        | 0               | 0             | 0             |
| Herman Hooten     | R. 2, Ph. 943-W, Algood                      | 1        |         | 7           | 6                | 7        | 0               | 1             | 970.60        |
| Tommie Vaughn     | Agee St., Monterey                           | 1        | 110     | 28          | 19               | 11       | 0               | 21            | 1,243.31      |
| J. A. McCaleb     | R. 2, Cookeville                             | 1        | 115     | 18          | 13               | 10       | 7               | 18            | 1,311.42      |
| John L. Barnes    | R. 3, Ph. 470-L, Cookeville                  | 1        | 92      | 13          | 0                | 0        | 2               | 11            | 160.34        |
| Fred Higgins      | R. 3, Ph. OL 8-5043, Whitwell                | 0        | 39      | 0           | 0                | 0        | 0               | 0             | 129.08        |
| G. W. Robbins     | West 6th St., Cookeville                     | 0        | 40      | 12          | 0                | 0        | 2               | 4             | 50.00         |
| J. E. Wood        | Pleasant Hill                                | 0        | 40      | 12          | 0                | 0        | 0               | 1             | 93.03         |
| B. F. Dunham      | R. 1, Sparta                                 | 0        | 7       | 10          | 0                | 0        | 0               | 1             | 20.00         |
| Ben Brown         | R. 1, Crossville                             | 0        |         | 10          | 0                | 4        | 0               | 1             | 96.25         |
| Stacy Tollison    | R. 5, Sparta                                 | 2        | 75      | 25          | 10               | 9        | 1               | 1             | 689.16        |
| Andrew Seagraves  | Pleasant Hill                                | 3        | 42      | 0           | 4                | 0        | 0               | 1             | 299.24        |
| Tim Hammons       | R. 7, Sparta                                 | 3        | 101     | 10          | 0                | 0        | 1               | 1             | 571.76        |
| Bill Simmons      | 1624 W. 19th St. Anderson, Ind.              | 1        | 65      | 26          | 6                | 14       | 2               | 1             | 271.16        |
| Harvey Garrison   | R. 2, Cookeville                             | 0        | 65      | 21          | 0                | 1        | 4               | 2             | 145.00        |
| Lee Lacy          | 512 N. Willow, Ph. 394-G, Cookeville         | 1        | 159     | 27          | 15               | 13       | 4               | 21            | 2,716.54      |
| Carson Whittaker  | R. 2, Ph. UL 8-4467, Baxter                  | 1        | 260     | 154         | 26               | 30       | 2               | 17            | 3,153.71      |
| A. L. McBride     | R. 5, Sparta                                 | 1        | 36      | 2           | 4                | 0        | 1               | 1             | 175.77        |
| Critt Holman      | 979 W. Broad, Cookeville                     | 1        | 102     | 27          | 0                | 1        | 0               | 6             | 1,120.75      |
| Carlos Webb       | R. 6, Ph. RE 8-5455, Sparta                  | 0        | 59      | 14          | 0                | 0        | 1               | 0             | 285.20        |

## MINISTERS WHO MADE NO REPORT

|                |                 |              |                |
|----------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| W. C. Bean     | C. O. Hammons   | Howard Lee   | J. E. Scarlett |
| Isaac Haney    | Alfred Smith    | John Savage  | Fate Wood      |
| T. K. Prichard | Eddie Hammons   | Alva Hall    | Cleopas Wilson |
| Eskle Baker    | Clayton Padgett | Jasper Henry | E. J. Hickey   |

| Churches             | Postoffice and County<br>All in Tennessee | Gain          |                   |           |                | Loss      |              |          | Total Membership | Minute Fund | Paid Pastor and<br>For Revival Work | Paid Home for Children | Meeting Days |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|--------------|----------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
|                      |                                           | By Profession | By Recommendation | By Letter | By Restoration | By Letter | By Exclusion | By Death |                  |             |                                     |                        |              |
| Algood               | Algood, Putnam Co.                        | 4             | 3                 | 1         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 27               | \$ 3.60     | \$ 178.34                           | \$ 0                   | 2nd          |
| Allen's Chapel, P.C. | R. 1, Baxter, Putnam Co.                  | 4             | 0                 | 0         | 1              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 78               | 2.52        | 129.06                              | 0                      | 2-4          |
| Allen's Chapel, O.C. | Hilham, Overton Co.                       | 1             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 69               | 2.10        | 147.61                              | 0                      | 2nd          |
| Antioch              | R. 1, Baxter, Putnam Co.                  | 0             | 1                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 1        | 50               | 2.00        | 183.93                              | 0                      | 1-3          |
| Baker's Cross Roads  | R. 1, Crossville, Cumberland Co.          | 0             | 1                 | 1         | 0              | 0         | 2            | 0        | 182              | 4.00        | 1090.00                             | 10.00                  | All          |
| Bethel               | R. 6, Sparta, White Co.                   | 0             | 3                 | 1         | 0              | 10        | 0            | 0        | 55               | 2.00        | 385.98                              | 60.00                  | 2-4          |
| Board Valley         | R. 2, Sparta, White Co.                   | 5             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 4         | 0            | 3        | 114              | 3.00        | 226.91                              | 20.00                  | 2-4          |
| Brotherton           | Brotherton, Putnam Co.                    | 17            | 0                 | 0         | 3              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 68               | 5.80        | 307.08                              | 17.00                  | 2-4          |
| Cookeville           | Cookeville, Putnam Co.                    | 12            | 1                 | 2         | 0              | 2         | 0            | 1        | 265              | 10.00       | 2727.57                             | 259.01                 | All          |
| Cumberland Chapel    | Laurelburg, Van Buren Co.                 | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 24               | 2.50        | 170.25                              | 0                      | 4th          |
| Cross Roads          | R. 3, Monterey, Overton Co.               | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 1         | 0            | 0        | 51               | 3.00        | 117.29                              | 0                      | 3rd          |
| Dodson's Branch      | R. 3, Cookeville, Jackson Co.             | 9             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 1         | 0            | 2        | 408              | 8.00        | 1297.86                             | 31.00                  | All          |
| Douglas Chapel       | Brotherton, Putnam Co.                    | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 3         | 5            | 0        | 80               | 2.00        | 150.37                              | 35.00                  | 2nd          |
| Duncan Chapel        | R. 2, Algood, Overton Co.                 | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 1         | 0            | 0        | 59               | 3.00        | 200.00                              | 20.37                  | 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        | 75               | 2.25        | 316.84                              | 37.56                  | 2-4          |
| Harris Chapel        | R. 1, Rickman, Overton Co.                | 4             | 0                 | 1         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 54               | 6.00        | 372.74                              | 10.00                  | 1-4          |
| Hensley's Chapel     | R. 4, Sparta, White Co.                   | 2             | 0                 | 0         | 4              | 1         | 0            | 0        | 48               | 2.00        | 107.87                              | 0                      | 1-3          |
| Hale's Chapel        | Crossville, Cumberland Co.                | 0             | 16                | 1         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 17               | 2.00        | 100.75                              | 0                      | 1-4          |
| Johnson Chapel       | R. 5, Sparta, DeKalb Co.                  | 3             | 1                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 100              | 3.11        | 840.98                              | 254.34                 | All          |
| Knight Chapel        | R. 4, Cookeville, Putnam Co.              | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 59               | 2.00        | 241.00                              | 0                      | All          |
| Lilly's Chapel       | R. 2, Baxter, Putnam Co.                  | 0             | 0                 | 2         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 96               | 2.00        | 1161.31                             | 73.00                  | All          |
| Liberty              | R. 3, Livingston, Overton Co.             | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 46               | 3.00        | 88.12                               | 7.05                   | 3rd          |
| Mt. Pleasant         | R. 1, Brotherton, Putnam Co.              | 4             | 2                 | 0         | 0              | 3         | 2            | 0        | 77               | 3.00        | 132.39                              | 11.00                  | 1-3          |
| Mt. Pisgah           | R. 6, Smithville, DeKalb Co.              | 5             | 0                 | 0         | 1              | 0         | 0            | 1        | 87               | 3.00        | 531.90                              | 0                      | All          |
| Mt. Union            | Monterey, Putnam Co.                      | 15            | 4                 | 0         | 0              | 5         | 0            | 2        | 252              | 9.41        | 1311.71                             | 69.20                  | All          |
| Mt. Zion             | R. 1, Crossville, Cumberland Co.          | 10            | 4                 | 2         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 62               | 7.10        | 227.72                              | 23.00                  | All          |
| Midway               | R. 7, Sparta, White Co.                   | No Report     |                   |           |                |           |              |          |                  |             |                                     |                        |              |
| New Harmony          | R. 5, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.              | 0             | 0                 | 1         | 7              | 2         | 0            | 0        | 126              | 4.00        | 857.82                              | 131.66                 | 1-3          |
| New West Point       | R. 3, Smithville, DeKalb Co.              | 2             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 3        | 55               | 2.00        | 153.27                              | 0                      | 1-3          |
| Ozion                | R. 2, Baxter, Putnam Co.                  | 6             | 0                 | 2         | 4              | 1         | 0            | 3        | 143              | 5.70        | 409.88                              | 10.00                  | 2-4          |
| Old Cumberland       | R. 2, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.              | 5             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 61               | 4.00        | 47.24                               | 0                      |              |
| Pleasant Ridge       | R. 2, Sparta, White Co.                   | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 1              | 5         | 0            | 0        | 16               | 3.00        | 600.62                              | 26.23                  | 1-3          |
| Post Oak Shade       | R. 2, Cookeville, Putnam Co.              | 2             | 0                 | 2         | 0              | 1         | 0            | 2        | 110              | 3.50        | 984.00                              | 0                      | All          |
| Ridgedale            | R. 7, Sparta, White Co.                   | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 1        | 52               | 1.00        | 39.62                               | 0                      | 4th          |
| Sampson              | R. 3, Pikeville, Bledsoe Co.              | 8             | 0                 | 0         | 2              | 0         | 0            | 1        | 144              | 3.51        | 424.38                              | 129.30                 | 1-3          |
| Shady Grove          | R. 1, Brotherton, Putnam Co.              | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 1         | 0            | 5        | 184              | 3.50        | 214.06                              | 8.00                   | 4th          |
| Smith Chapel         | R. 7, Sparta, Cumberland Co.              | 3             | 0                 | 0         | 1              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 61               | 2.00        | 183.54                              | 0                      | 1-3          |
| Sweetland Chapel     | Manchester, Coffee Co.                    | 7             | 5                 | 10        | 0              | 0         | 0            | 1        | 127              | 3.00        | 2690.00                             | 10.00                  | All          |
| Stone Seminary       | R. 5, Cookeville, Putnam Co.              | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 2         | 0            | 1        | 122              | 4.00        | 662.00                              | 15.00                  | 1-3          |
| Taylor's Providence  | R. 5, Sparta, White Co.                   | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 2         | 0            | 0        | 97               | 3.00        | 551.64                              | 15.00                  | 1-3          |
| Taylor's Seminary    | R. 2, Cookeville, Putnam Co.              | 1             | 0                 | 2         | 2              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 38               | 3.00        | 371.10                              | 81.00                  | 2-4          |
| Tucker's Ridge       | Silver Point, Putnam Co.                  | 0             | 0                 | 0         | 0              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 15               | 1.00        | 134.18                              | 0                      | 2nd          |
| Union Hill           | R. 1, Rickman, Overton, Co.               | 1             | 0                 | 0         | 1              | 0         | 0            | 1        | 103              | 4.10        | 298.84                              | 0                      | 2nd          |
| Winesap              | R. 6, Crossville, Cumberland Co.          | 0             | 0                 | 1         | 1              | 0         | 0            | 0        | 35               | 3.20        | 311.06                              | 0                      | 2-4          |
| Yankeetown           | R. 2, Sparta, White Co.                   | 16            | 10                | 0         | 0              | 3         | 0            | 2        | 90               | 5.25        | 2157.71                             | 152.34                 | All          |

