

Minutes

of the

ONE-HUNDRED AND NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ORIGINAL STONE ASSOCIATION

of the

Free Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ

met at the

FREE-WILL BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS

White County, Tennessee

October 17, 18, 19, 1974

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

First Day

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

Second Day

1. Roll Call and Thursday's Minutes Read
2. Reading of Letter From Churches
3. Disabled Ministers Fund Committee Report
4. Adjournment

Third Day

1. Roll Call and Friday's Minutes Read
2. Reports of Special Committees
3. Reports of Ministers
4. Report of Associational Treasury
5. Presbytery Report
6. Thanks to Churches and Community
7. Adjournment

On Saturday before the first Sunday in October of each year, the Presbytery will meet at the Headquarters building at 9:00 a.m. and conduct what business that is necessary.

PROCEEDINGS

The Ministers, Deacons and Delegates of the Western Division of the Stone Association of Freewill Baptist Church of Christ met at the Freewill Baptist Headquarters in White County, Tennessee, in the 109th session, October 17, 18, and 19, 1974.

The session was opened by prayer led by Bro. Stacy Tollison. The singing was directed by Cleve McCoy. The Moderator read the Scripture from Psalms 133.

We proceeded to organize as follows:

Clerk..... Bro. Dow Allen
Asst. Clerk and Treasury Bro. Burdett Randolph

The Rules of Decorum were read and approved.

REGOGNIZING VISITING MINISTERS

James Raper, from the Children's Home at Greenville, Tenn., was recognized and welcomed.

Invitation to New Churches. None Responded.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES

Algood Elbert Winningham, Otto Tinch, Gary Winningham
Allens Chapel, O. C. Gladys Phillips, Fannie Allen
Allens Chapel, P.C. By Letter
Antioch Not Reporting
Bakers Crossroads . . . Mr. & Mrs. Zenas Turner, Lela Smith, Lana Hensley,
 Steven Hensley, Chad Howard
Bethel. Lena Smith, Mrs. Cleve McCoy
Board Valley Faye Robinson, Belinda Robinson, Hollis Dodson
Brotherton Eunetta Bowman, Jewell Whitaker, Seborn Pharris
Brush Creek Not Reporting
Community. Mrs. Edward Gold, Iola Shannon
Cookeville Mr. & Mrs. Archie Jeter, James Nabors, Thurman Gentry,
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Johnson, Sue Looper, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert
 Essex, Cynthia Holoway
Crossroads Pearl Hall, Glenna Sisco, Earl Milton
Cumberland Chapel . . Frechie Pelham, Mrs. Robert Yates

Dodson Branch Plato Crabtree, Daniel Hardy, David Allen
 Douglas Chapel Delia Bilbrey, Thelma Bilbrey, Harold Bilbrey
 Duncans Chapel John S. Cumby, Nola Cumby
 Gentry's Chapel Mr. & Mrs. Roy Bailey
 Gleen Chapel James King, Mary Ruth King, Celia Savage, Ed Savage,
 Delphia Savage
 Hale's Chapel Pearl Kerley, Rodger Kerley
 Harris Chapel Porter Brown, Vauda Brown, Anna Mae Qualls
 Hensley Chapel Clara Young, Tillie Heard
 Johnson Chapel Rozelle Robinson, Vallie Steele, Lou Jones
 Knights Chapel Mary Higgins, Bobby Roberts, Barbara Allen, Mekel
 Cantrell
 Liberty Not Reporting
 Lilly's Chapel Beecher Clark, Dailey Maxwell
 Monterey Ruth Swallows, Rollie McCormick, Gladys Whitaker, Betty
 Wilson, Edna Willis, Mrs. Dallas Stults, Gratus Sams
 Mooneyham Georgia Welch, Anna Haston
 Mt. Pleasant Brenda Benson, Pat West, Fannie Swallows
 Mt. Pisgah Ophia Beshears, Brownie Adams
 Mt. Zion Maude Lewis, Lena Davis
 New Harmony Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hudson, Bob Taylor
 New West Point Lillie Mae Moore, Reba Page
 Ozion Minnie Wallace, Carroll Wallace, Martha Swafford, Pauline
 Troubough, Mary Elizabeth Stamps
 Plainview Robert Vanwinkle, Dorothy Swafford, Mrs. Virginia De-
 weese
 Pleasant Ridge By Letter
 Post Oak Shade Martha Billingsley, Elaine Sisk
 Ridge Dale Not Reporting
 Sampson Lester Simmons, Wayne Regan
 Shady Grove Mildred Thompson, Belle Dixon, Mary Ann Bilbrey, Lora
 Haney
 Smith Chapel Lorene Seagraves, Lucius Guy, Ella Jordan
 Smithville Wanda Taylor, Deborah Houk
 Stone Seminary Harvey Mansell
 Taylors Providence Jeff D. England, Mrs. Jeff England, Joan Kirby, Johnny
 Cantrell
 Taylors Seminary Sue Stringer, Juanitia Wilson
 Tuckers Ridge Not Reporting
 Union Hill Auda Bilbrey, Mae Green, Myrtle Hammons
 Winesap Dovie Burgess, Cecil Sherrell

YankeetownMrs. Charlie Moore, Mary Frances Moore, Mrs. Everette Dunham

There was a call for corresponding letters, none were presented at this setting.

The Devotional Committee was selected and excused.

The Quarterly Conference Report was read and approved.

The Quarterly Conference met on the following dates; Dec. 28 and 29, 1973; March 29 and 30, 1974; June 29 and 30, 1974; and Sept. 27 and 28, 1974. During the year there was an average of fourteen (14) churches that represented the Conference. The Conference paid out during the year:

Associational Treasure	\$358.91
Home for Children	155.39
Old Age Ministers	156.56
TOTAL	\$670.86

Clerk: Jack Taylor

Bro. Tim Hammons gave a report on our Representatives that attended the Cumberland Assoc. Bro. Tim Hammons, Bro. A. J. Looper and Bro. Jack Taylor were our Representatives.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

Thursday Night. . . . Bro. Stacy Tollison	Friday Night. . . Leslie Hickey
Alternate . . . Bro. Hubert Davis	Alternate . . Harold Walker
Friday Morning . . . Bro. Cleve Hitchcock	Saturday Morning . . A. J. Looper
Alternate . . . Bro. Burdett Randolph	Alternate . . Dailey McCowan

Bro. James Raper gave a report and a very enjoyable talk about the Children's Home at Greenville, Tennessee.

An Offering was taken for the Children's Home, the amount: \$81.21

Special Committees on Home Mission, Foreign Mission, Education, Home for Children, Temperance, Finance, Sabbath School, Obituary, and Pastoral Labor were appointed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A motion sustained to grant the youth camp committee the privilege to reopen the miscellaneous business Saturday.

Bro. Daily McCowan was selected to serve on the Associational Committee, to replace Bro. Raymond Peek.

Bros. Tex Boles, Raymond Peek and O. E. Daniels were selected to serve on the Home Missions Committee.

1. The said Home Mission committee shall continue to be composed of five ordained ministers of the Association who shall be elected by the Associational body at its annual meeting except as otherwise provided here-in.

2. The terms of the office for the members shall be five years except for the present members whose terms shall expire at the respective annual meetings of the Association, with first one called going out 1972 following, according to seniority. One new member of the committee will be elected annually, an outgoing member shall not again be eligible as a member for 2 years.

Motion sustained to wait until Saturday to decide what should be done concerning our Devotional Committee.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the morning worship service. Bro. Dewayne England directed the congregational singing. Bro. Raymond Peek was in charge of the singing. Special singing by Bro. & Sis. Andrew Stamps. Bro. James Nabors sang a song and gave a wonderful testimony of his rededication to the Lord.

There was an ordination service conducted by Bro. Leslie Hickey. Bro. James B. King came for ordination as a Deacon from Gleen Chapel and Bro. Roosevelt Crawford came to be ordained to preach the Gospel from the Post Oak Shade Church. Bro. John Barnes directed the ordination Prayer.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. John Barnes; Text: "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified," Scripture, Acts chapter 2, verse 21.

Dismissed for the lunch hour by Bro. Tim Hammons.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by a song led by Bro. Cleve McCoy. Prayer was led by Leslie Hickey.

The Disabled Ministers Report was read and approved.

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND REPORT

Balance in Treasury October, 1974

In checking	\$ 474.93
In savings	1,113.95
TOTAL	\$1,588.88

Paid out during year	\$670.00	
Received during year	\$526.75	
Balance in checking		\$ 331.68
Balance in savings		1,113.95
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,445.63</u>

Bros. Bobby Roberts, John Barnes and Rollie McCormick were selected to serve as the disabled Ministers committee.

The congregation enjoyed a wonderful fellowship and testimony service. Motion sustained to adjourn.

Dismissal Prayer led by Bro. Herman Hooten.

THURSDAY NIGHT

This session was opened by a prayer led by Bro. Raymond Peek. The congregational singing was led by Bro. Andrew Stamps and Bro. Dow Allen. Special singing by Bro. & Sis. Andrew Stamps, Bro. Charlie Moore, Bro. & Sis. Clay Hickey and Sis. Sandra Davis. The evening message was delivered by Bro. Stacy Tollison. Scripture, St. Luke 5:1-5; Text: "Christ Makes A Difference". Altar prayer directed by Bro. Hubert Davis.

Dismissed by Bro. Mayford Beaty.

FRIDAY MORNING

This session was opened by a song led by Bro. John Barnes. The Moderator read the Scripture from Psalms 116.

The Altar of prayer was directed by Bro. Floyd Tollison.

The roll call and minutes were read and approved.

The Church letters were read and approved.

There was a call to recognize the visiting ministers; Bro. Tommie Vaughn, from the Eastern Division, Bros. Richard Cordell, John Gibbs, Paul Ketterman and David Hicks, were present to represent the Cumberland and State Association.

There was an offering taken for the Associational Treasury, the amount of \$77.05.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the morning worship services. The congregation singing was led by Bro. Cleve McCoy. Special singing by Bro. & Sis. Andrew Stamps, The Free-Will Ambassadors.

The Altar prayer was directed by Bro. Richard Cordell.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Cleve Hitchcock, Scripture,

St. Luke chapter 6. Test: "Why Call Me Lord, Lord."

Dismissed for the lunch hour by Bro. John Gibbs.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with a special song by Bro. John Gibbs. Opening prayer was directed by Bro. Richard Cordell.

Bro. Paul Ketterman gave a report pertaining to the principals and functions of the Freewill Baptist Bible College.

Our session enjoyed a wonderful testimony from the Cumberland Association representatives, Bros. Richard Cordell, John Gibbs, Paul Ketterman and David Hicks.

We enjoyed wonderful singing by Bro. Robert Yates, Sis. Dovie Burgess, Mrs. Jeff England, The Freewill Ambassadors and Bro. & Sis. Andrew Stamps.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Burdett Randolph.

FRIDAY NIGHT

This session opened with a song directed by Bro. Frank Davis. The Altar prayer was led by Bro. Floyd Boring. Special singing by Bro. & Sis. Dow Allen, Mrs. Jeff England, Bro. O. E. Daniels, Bro. Floyd Boring and one song by all the ministers.

The message was delivered by Bro. Leslie Hickey, Scripture, St. Luke 11: 33-34. Text: "Looking Up".

The dismissal Prayer was led by Bro. Fred Haney.

SATURDAY MORNING

The opening song was led by Bro. Cleve McCoy. The opening prayer was directed by Bro. Clayton Padgett. The Moderator read the Scripture from Psalms 116:12.

The roll call and Friday's minutes were read and approved.

Visiting ministers were recognized. Ronald Norrod from the Eastern Division was made welcome.

Motion sustained to read and record the letters that were turned in late.

The special reports were read and approved.

HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following report. We find

that \$2,380.05 was given for this cause. This Home Mission money will go to our treasury to be used for needy churches and new churches. We encourage each one to give for this worthy cause.

Committee: Mrs. Cleve McCoy
Eunetta Bowman
Jewell Whitaker

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report. We find that our churches have given \$3,050.04 for this cause.

Committee: Seborn Pharris
James Nabors

EDUCATION

We, your education committee, feel that education should be the systematic training of the moral and intellectual faculties of man. We believe that studying and meditating is very needful and important to any christian who desires to fully understand the Holy Scriptures.

In II Tim. 2:15 we are admonished to "Study to show ourselves approved unto God". Also in James 1:5 the need to pray to God for spiritual wisdom and understanding.

We feel that we should pray and support our Bible College.

Committee: Sue Looper
Archie Jeter
Fred Johnson

HOME FOR CHILDREN

We, the committee for the Home for Children, think of the children as Jesus did in Matt. 18:3-4 as being the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. And thank you for \$4,664.53.

Committee: Bobby G. Roberts
Delia Bilbrey
Plato Crabtree

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee, find in I Cor. 9:25; "And every man that striveth for the Mastery is temperate in all things, They do it to obtain a corruptible crown;

but we are incorruptible." We also find in Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess but filled with the Spirit," Pro. 20:21, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise". Let us as christians pray and teach complete abstinence at home, Sunday School, Church and elsewhere, not to be partakers of strong drink. We also find other references to Temperance: Pro. 23:29-32, Luke 21:34 and I Cor. 3:16-17.

Committee: Ruth Swallows
Beecher Clark
Rollie McCormick

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your finance committee, submit the following report: We find \$446.60 was received from our churches, we recommend this amount be given to the Clerk for the purpose of printing of Minutes, mailing expenses, and the clerks services.

May we as Christians, always remember to finance and support the work of the Lord, "for God loveth a cheerful giver." II Cor. 9:7

Committee: Mattie Stults
Gladys Whitaker
Betty Wilson

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the Sunday School committee, submit the following report, as christians we must put forth our greatest effort to see our Sunday school grow, by using God's dedicated teachers that are willing to work to meet this need. If we expect to see our young people grow spiritually as well as the older, we must feed them the right food as taught in John 21:15-17. Are we letting them go astray? Matt. 29:36-37, and since our schools are not permitted to teach it, let us work and pray with our young people, and encourage them to work and pray, and above all trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, for they are the teachers of tommorrow and the church of tommorrow.

You can fulfill the above by attending Sunday school every Sunday and praying.

Committee: Mrs. Gratus Sams
Anna Haston

OBITUARY

We, your obituary committee, submit the following report. We find that during the fiscal year of October 1973 to October 1974 that 52 of our beloved members have been called to their final reward, in sympathy for the bereaved we admonish,

"Weep not or be sad, they are asleep in Jesus."

Committee: Lillie Mae Moore
Bob Taylor
Joe Hudson

The ministers reports were read and approved.

Bro. Crit Holman gave his report as the Associational Evangelist.

An offering was taken for the Disabled Ministers Fund, the amount \$83.59.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the morning worship service.

The altar prayer was led by Bro. Jim Young. Special singing by Bro. J. T. Davis and Dwayne England, Bro. & Sis. Jack Keener and Sister Georgia Welch and Anna Haston, Sis. Betty Wilson, Sis. Ruth Radford, Sis. Inez Turner, Bro. O. E. Daniels. Bro. Monroe Webb led the congregation singing.

Bro. Leslie Hickey conducted the ordination service, Bros. William Paul Taylor, Harold Robinson and Dennis Deweese came to be ordained as preachers of the Gospel. Bro. Stacy Tollison directed the ordination prayer.

Bro. A. J. Looper delivered the morning message, Script., Malachi 1: Text: "Ye Weary the Lord".

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Carson Whitaker. Bros. Carson Whitaker and Richard England, were recognized and welcomed as visiting ministers.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The evening session was opened with a wonderful song and testimony service. The opening prayer led by Bro. Dailey McCowan. The business session was opened by prayer led by Bro. Harvey Garrison. The clerk read the two items that had been held over from Thursdays Miscellaneous Business. Bro. Dallas Stults read and presented the proposal for the youth camp facilities. The proposal was: "That approx. Ten (10) feet from the present dining room to be converted to a kitchen and an extra attachmnet be built on to the end of the present dining area to accomodate the bath facilities.

Bro. Dallas Stults made a motion, it was seconded by Bro. Hubert Davis. The motion was, "That the Youth Camp committee have the authority to make a kitchen in the dining hall, build a shower house in the back of the dining hall with a door coming up from the basement and to buy any kitchen materials that are needed." The vote was: Twenty-five for the motion and twenty-three against the motion. The moderator declared the motion passed.

Motion made and seconded that the Associational body have the power to select the preachers and alternates for the next years setting. The motion did not pass.

Revivals	Upkeep of Church	Home For Children	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Disable Ministers Fund	Assoc. Treasury	Minute Fund	Misc.	Total
\$150.00	1,583.48	50.00	256.00	50.00	40.00		10.00	482.31	8,136.79
108.00	151.08						4.25	48.00	838.79
56.04	629.37						5.00	117.75	1,057.58
220.00	1,327.29						10.00	8322.93	1,224.32
150.00	1,095.96	155.00				10.00	12.00		2,653.89
175.00	402.25	105.00					9.32		1,492.81
225.00	2,235.90	40.00			50.00	50.00	15.00	1104.72	5,342.42
100.00	2,500.00	121.50				121.50	5.00	217.36	3,872.56
200.00	38,144.60	600.00	1380.34	764.35			25.00	1411.87	50,791.87
505.97	1,500.00	25.00				10.00	10.00	232.35	2,649.92
125.00	153.00	25.00			25.00		5.00	300.00	1,444.94
239.03	2,105.44	117.75	117.75	117.75	61.77		26.27	1841.40	10,606.34
150.00	1,801.62	210.00			50.00		15.00	562.84	4,176.72
133.60	2,715.37						10.00	339.25	4,328.87
100.00		18.93	15.96	15.96	15.96	15.96	14.82	2469.36	4,061.52
	100.78						5.00		179.93
150.00	137.83	23.00			23.00		6.00		483.36
322.75		100.00					6.00	929.31	2,716.97
76.11	183.00					60.40	9.00	242.00	2,023.52
175.00	897.48	385.12		543.17	121.85		10.68		4,242.05
85.00	2,033.10	135.00			26.31	135.00	10.00	1166.58	5,127.83
437.10	2,333.37	710.00		160.00		100.00	15.00	567.68	7,788.50
425.00	6,690.36	200.00	140.00	200.00	120.00	200.00	25.00	4439.38	20,964.74
	8,162.55						5.00	200.00	9,062.46
168.50	1,502.58	13.25				10.00	11.35	208.27	3,286.93
150.00	980.00						10.00	360.00	3,725.00
27.50	611.18	137.00	50.00				7.00		1,626.65
555.44	5,270.87						12.50	391.59	8,362.93
47.50	1,370.00						10.50	551.60	3,284.80
107.33	4,202.34				60.00		12.00	636.84	6,595.46
341.66	1,238.03	5.00					5.00	1297.85	4,118.57
140.00	3,648.36						5.00	254.31	4,047.67
	4,896.50	292.43	300.00	448.98			6.00	1335.74	7,869.65
354.67	7,323.46	120.00			37.80		10.00	681.65	12,010.00
100.00	130.00	31.00					5.00	482.24	1,258.54
82.50	73.93	66.50					10.00	307.78	1,323.06
	3,144.00	120.00	120.00				15.00		8,849.00
100.00	1,214.00	37.00					10.00	904.21	3,578.71
400.00	109.19	68.05					10.00	484.27	2,011.82
200.00	635.35	680.00		746.83		25.00	12.00	516.18	6,665.31
	1,000.00	30.00					10.00	469.89	2,523.94
101.27	1,442.05	163.00			57.00		15.00	507.31	5,444.83
118.50	340.21					26.25	8.00	1077.00	3,312.01

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 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 are regularly ordained.

Article 6. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgement, 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 the 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 the bread and drink of that cup." -- 1 Corinthians 11:28.

RESOLUTION

Resolution was passed forbidding any one hereafter having more than one wife to be ordained for either 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?"

We take members into the Free Will Baptist Church by: Conversion, Letter or Recommendation.

All persons coming into our churches are accepted by The Right Hand of Fellowship.

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 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 dismissal 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. It 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.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion sustained to select Bro. Dailey McCowan to bring the Introductory Message for the next years setting.

Bro. Harold Robinson was selected as the alternate.

Bros. Dow Allen, Burdett Randolph and the Moderator were selected as our representatives to the Cumberland Assoc. in October 1975.

Motion sustained to send a Corresponding letter to the Cumberland Association.

Bro. Mayford Beaty was selected as the Associational Evangelist for the coming year. Bro. Burdett Randolph was selected to serve as the Moderator, beginning at the end of this setting until the end of next years setting.

Bro. Jack Taylor was selected as the Asst. Moderator of the Association.

Motion sustained that we send the Assistant Moderator as a delegate to the Cumberland Association.

Motion sustained that the Assistant Moderator sign checks with the Treasurer since the Moderator is Treasurer also, until the Association convenes next year.

The presbytery report was read and approved.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

A Presbytery was called at the Gentry's Chapel Church, April 1, 1973, with Bro. Cleve Hitchcock, Bro. Burdett Randolph, Bro. John Norris, Bro. Fowler Montgomery, Bro. Harold Walker.

Bro. John Norris was elected Moderator, Bro. Harold Walker, Clerk. Bro. Billy Sherrill was brought before the Presbytery to be ordained as a deacon, after questioning he was ordained.

Moderator: John Norris
Harold Walker, Clerk

A called presbytery met at the Mt. Pleasant Church for the purpose of ordaining two deacons, this meeting took place on the night of August 31, 1974. Bro. Peek was elected Moderator, Jack Taylor, Clerk. Bro. Charles West was examined, after examination he was ordained. Bro. Donnie Kimes was also examined and he too was ordained. Other members of Presbytery were Junior Kimes, Doyle Barnes, Claudell Honeycutt.

Jack Taylor, Clerk

The Presbytery of the Western Division of the Stone Association convened on March 30, 1974. After scripture and prayer the Moderator, Bro. Leslie Hickey, opened the session for business. Bro. Jimmy Leach came before the Presbytery

with a letter of recommendation from the Bakers Crossroads Church, and the Northwestern Ohio Assoc., asking his credentials be ratified; after examination he was accepted into our body. A letter of recommendation was also received from the New West Point Church recommending Bro. Oscar Manning to be licensed, after examination he was licensed. A letter of recommendation was also received from the Midway District Assoc., recommending Bro. Allen Presley to our body, after examination he was accepted. Motion to adjourn.

Moderator: Leslie Hickey
Jack Taylor, Clerk

The Presbytery of the Western Division of the Stone Association convened on the 29th of June 1974. In absence of the Moderator, Bro. Tim Hammons was elected for this setting as moderator. Bro. John Barnes as Asst. Moderator. After scripture and prayer, the moderator opened the floor for business. The discussion arose about some ministers in association. Bro. Earnest Burgess who has remarried recently, a motion was sustained to declare Bro. Burgess credentials null and void. And also Bro. James Hammons, who had left our denomination and joined the Missionary Baptist. Also Mike Maynard who had also left our body and joined the Missionary Baptist. A committee of three was selected to see the three men and ask them for their credentials. This committee was to report back at the next setting.

Motion to adjourn.

Moderator: Tim Hammons
Jack Taylor, Clerk

The Presbytery of the Western Division of the Stone Assoc. convened on the 28th day of Sept. 1974. After prayer the Moderator opened the floor for business. Bro. Arvil Lee with a verble request ask that his name be removed from our body. His request was granted. Motion sustained that a ledger be bought and all minutes of the presbytery be kept in this ledger. All rules of Presbytery are to be kept separate in the ledger also. The committee that was appointed at the last meeting to go and see Earnest Burgess, Mike Maynard and James Hammons got their report. Earnest Burgess credentials had been burned in a housefire. The committee obtained the credentials of James Hammons and the license of Mike Maynard. Motion to adjourn.

Moderator: Leslie Hickey
Jack Taylor, Clerk

The Presbytery of the Western Division of the Stone Association convened on the 6th of October 1974, after scripture and prayer, then proceeded to organize by electing Leslie Hickey, Moderator, Bro. Jack Taylor, Clerk, Bro. Dallas Stults Asst. Clerk. Floor then was opened for business, the Cookeville Church sent a letter of recommendation to the Presbytery recommending Bro. Clifford Maddux,

Bro. Gilbert Essex, Bro. Archie Jeters, Bro. Joe Mullins to be examined and if found sound be ordained at a later date at the church. Motion sustained that the Presbytery give the Cookeville Church the privilege of ordaining these deacons at their church.

Bro. Clifford Maddux was first to appear before the Presbytery after examination he was accepted. Bro. Archie Jeters was next to come, after examination he was accepted. Bro. Gilbert Essex also came before the presbytery after examination he was accepted. Motion sustained that the pastor of the Cookeville Church send a letter to the Clerk of the Presbytery stating when these men were ordained.

Bro. Paul Taylor came before the Presbytery with a letter of recommendation, from the Smithville church recommending him to be ordained to preach the gospel after examination he was accepted. Bro. Roosevelt Crawford came before the presbytery with a letter from the Post Oak Shade Church recommending him to be ordained into the Ministry, after examination he was accepted. Bro. Dennis Deweese came before the presbytery with a letter of recommendation from the Plainview Church. After examination he was ordained into the ministry.

Bro. Burl King came before the Presbytery with a letter of recommendation from Gleen's Chapel Church recommending him to be ordained as a deacon. After examination he was accepted.

Motion sustained a committee be sent to investigate Bro. Deloy Winningham. Bro. John Barnes, Bro. Raymond Peek and Bro. Cleve Hitchcock were selected. Motion to adjourn.

Moderator: Lesley Hickey
Jack Taylor, Clerk

The Presbytery of the Western Division of the Stone Assoc. of Free Will Baptist met on the 18th of October 1974. After prayer, scripture, the Moderator opened the floor for business. Bro. Harold Robinson came before the presbytery with a letter recommending him to be ordained to preach the Gospel from the Board Valley Church. After examination he was accepted. Bro. Allen Presley sent a letter to Presbytery asking for a letter of recommendation from this Assoc. Bro. Presley will be leaving this area to pastor. Motion sustained we grant him his letter. Motion to adjourn.

Jack Taylor, Clerk

The Presbytery also convened on October 19th 1974, the Moderator opened the session with prayer. Bro. Arvil Lee came before the Presbytery asking a letter of recommendation. After discussion, motion sustained we grant Bro. Lee his letter, to the Eastern Division of the Stone Assoc. Bro. Richard England came before the Presbytery with a letter from the Eastern Division of the Stone, recommending him to this body, that he be given permission to pastor churches in this association. After examination he was accepted.

Bro. Ronald Norrod came before the Presbytery with a letter of recommendation from the Eastern Division of the Stone Assoc., asking he be given permission to pastor churches in this Assoc. After examination he was accepted. Motion to adjourn.

Moderator: Lesley Hickey
Jack Taylor, Clerk

The minutes were read and approved. The Moderator expressed his appreciation for the great cooperation of the body, and for the great hospitality shown and especially for all the wonderful food.

The Executive Board was given the opportunity to express their thanks to the body.

Motion sustained to adjourn until the next year's setting.

The Associational Treasury Report was read and approved.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY REPORT

Cash on Hand end of year 1973	\$ 304.45
Deposited during year	2,371.18
Expenditures for the year	<u>862.27</u>
Cash Balance	\$1,508.91

Burdett Randolph, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	ADDRESS	MEETING DAY
Algood	Willie B. Rodgers	Agnes Moody	Miranda Rd. Algood	All
Allen's Chapel O.C.	Eugene Phillips	Fannie Allen	Rt. 1, Hilham	2nd
Allen's Chapel P.C.	Lenord Bilbrey	Donna Shanks	Rt. 1, Baxter	All
Antioch				
Bakers Crossroads	Jimmy Leach	Luther T. Miller	Rt. 9, Crossville	All
Bethel	Fowler Montgomery	Charles Price	106 1/2 Clark, Sparta	All
Board Valley	Harold Robinson	George Sparks	Rt. 2, Sparta	All
Brotherton	Glen Bilbrey	Fannie Mae Jones	Rt. 6, Cookeville	All
Brush Creek				
Community	Edward Gold	Iola Shannon	Rt. 4, Manchester	All
Cookeville	A. J. Looper	Gladys Haney	Rt. 1, Cookeville	All
Cross Roads	Daily Norrod	Rosezell Wilson	Rt. 3, Monterey	All
Cumberland Chapel	Tim Hammons	Paul Webster	Rt. 4, McMinnville	All
Dodson Branch	Daily McCowan	Daina Lynn	Rt. 3, Cookeville	All
Douglas Chapel	John H. Allen	Bertha Gragg	Rt. 6, Cookeville	All
Duncans Chapel	Dow V. Allen	Mrs. Billie Mee	Rt. 1, Cookeville	All
Gentrys Chapel	Harold Walker	Helen Sherrell	Rt. 2, Cookeville	All
Gleen Chapel	Silas Luna	Delphia Savage	Rt. 2, Pikeville	All
Hales Chapel	Floyd Boring	Edna Pearl Kerley	Rt. 5, Crossville	All
Harris Chapel	Richard England	George L. Harris	Rt. 1, Rickman	All
Hensleys Chapel	Floyd Tolison	Mrs. Martin Young	Rt. 4, Sparta	All
Johnson Chapel	Cleve Hitchcock	Mary Lou Robinson	Rt. 5, Sparta	All
Knights Chapel	Lester Prichard	Anna Mae Lee	Rt. 11, Cookeville	All
Liberty				
Lillys Chapel	Burdette Randolph	Edith Maxwell	Rt. 3, Baxter	All
Monterey	Jack Taylor	Gladys Whitaker	W. Cleveland, Monterey	All
Mooneyham	Calvin Keener	Georgie Welch	Rt. 1, Spencer	All
Mt. Pleasant	Tex Boles	Emogene Kimes	Rt. 10, Cookeville	All
Mt. Pisgah	Earl Williams	Brownie Adams	South Mt. St. Smithville	All
Mt. Zion	Paul Taylor	Charles Pickett	1314 N. Main, Crossville	All
New Harmony	Hubert Davis	Maggie Vaughn	Rt. 5, Pikeville	All
New West Point	Orville McCaleb	Lillie Mae Moore	Rt. 3, Smithville	All
Ozion	Tommy Pelham	Betty Ann Lavever	Rt. 2, Baxter	All
Plainview	Virgil D. Swafford	Betty Bickford	Rt. 1, Spencer	All
Pleasant Ridge	Leo Bilbrey	Taylor Mansell	Rt. 2, Sparta	All
Post Oak Shade	Roosevelt Crawford	Shirley Billingsley	Rt. 2, Cookeville	All
Ridgedale				
Sampson	Lesley Hickey	Mrs. Artie Bickford	Rt. 3, Pikeville	All
Shady Grove	Buster Bilbrey	Mildred Thompson	Rt. 2, Monterey	All
Smith Chapel	Andrew Seagraves	Jean Cobb	Rt. 7, Sparta	All
Smithville First	Stacy Tollison	Ann Hawkins	Rt. 4, Smithville	All
Stone Seminary	O. E. Daniels	Mrs. Troy Whitaker	Rt. 5, Cookeville	All
Taylor's Providence	E. J. Taylor	Juanita Howard	Rt. 4, Sparta	All
Taylor's Seminary	J. T. Davis	Stella Randolph	Rt. 9, Cookeville	All
Tuckers Ridge				
Union Hill	Ronald Norrod	Carrie Vaughn	Rt. 3, Livingston	All
Winesap	Tony Durham	Thelma Edmonds	Rt. 6, Crossville	All
Yankeetown	Raymond Peek	Verdie Copeland	Rt. 2, Sparta	All

MINISTERS REPORT

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE	PHONE	Churches	Sermons	Confessions	Members Rec	Baptised	Cpls. Married	Funerals	Revivals	Contribution Received	Contribution Given
Dow V. Allen	Rt. 3, Cookeville	526-4090	1	84	11	0	2	1	3	2	1791.36	10%
John H. Allen	Rt. 11, Cookeville	526-6588	1	83	9	0	2	3	2	1	1496.26	10%
John L. Barnes	1944 Dixie, Ckvl.	526-6536	1	53					7			
Mayford Beaty	Rt. 3, Cookeville	526-5010	1	86	12	2			1		785.42	
Buster Bilbrey	Box 339, Ckvl.	537-9774	1	28	4				4		740.31	
Leo Bilbrey	Rt. 10, Cookeville	537-6089		9							31.00	
Leonard Bilbrey	Rt. 10, Cookeville	537-6089	1	51	3				1		558.87	
Tex Boles	Rt. 2, Sparta		1	65			2	1				500.00
Floyd Boring	Rt. 5, Crossville		1		15	7	9		1	2	300.00	150.00
O. B. Daniels	Rt. 10, Cookeville	526-4959		54	4		2		5		225.58	148.40
Hubert Davis	Rt. 3, Pikeville	881-3486	1	88	2	8	8				2210.00	
J. T. Davis	Rt. 3, Sparta	738-8787	1	187	12		1	1	5	6	3359.95	
Edward Gold	Rt. 2, Tullahoma	455-0815	1	156	7	9	2	1			808.02	10%
James L. Hale	Rt. 5, Smithville	597-4967	1	114	7	4	2	1	1	1	698.74	484.31
Tim Hammons	Rt. 7, Sparta	277-3188	1	95	3		3		5		805.74	
Leslie Hickey	Rt. 3, Pikeville	881-3590	1	130	42	9	12	1	2	4	3157.26	10%
Cleve Hitchcock	Rt. 1, Sparta	738-2658	1	95	14	1	1		3	2	1406.55	500.55
Critt Holman	Rt. 2, Cookeville	858-2242		45	4				2		339.70	
Claudell Honeycutt	Rt. 1, Rickman	823-1306	1	108	4	1		1	4		1305.28	484.34
Herman Hooten	131 Cooper, Algood	537-9345	1			3			1	2	765.47	
Silas Luna	Box 71, Sparta	836-3991		24					2			
Jimmy Leach	Rt. 10, Crossville	484-7729	1	120	35	19	20	1			2150.00	10th
Howard Lee	Rt. 3, Cookeville	268-0630										
A. J. Looper	646 Fairground, Ckvl.	526-5831	1	285	36	42	25	3	2		7340.00	825.00
Albert Martin	Rt. 7, Sparta	738-5689	1	93	23						366.10	
Orville McCaleb	Rt. 9, Cookeville	858-3060	1	87				1			1277.58	
Fowler Montgomery	Rt. 2, Cookeville	858-4282	1	65	8	1	1	6	8	2	1110.72	
Daily McCowan	Rt. 3, Cookeville		1	139	39	14	14		5	7	6359.52	10%
Daily Norrod	Rt. 1, Clarkrange			39					2	1	257.82	139.50
Burdett Padgett	Rt. 9, Crossville	484-4692	1	62	10	7	5	1	4	2	301.04	
Raymond Peek	Rt. 3, Cookeville	526-6950	1	99	5	4	5	1	2		1742.15	10%
Tommy Pelham	Rt. 5, Sparta	761-2607	1	97	19	4	14		2	1	1650.43	
Burdett Randolph	Rt. 5, Cookeville	526-5179	1	120	38	4	3	1	5	1		
Andrew Seagraves	Rt. 7, Sparta	277-3091	1	84	23	10	4		1		716.77	119.64
Virgil Swafford	Rt. 1, Pikeville		1	95	14	11	15		1	1	1109.06	10%
E. J. Taylor	Rt. 3, Smithville	597-5412	1	92	12	2	4		2	2	1140.31	110.00
Jack Taylor	Rt. 2, Cookeville	526-7925	1	182	86	25	28	2	4	2	8300.00	10%
Floyd Tollison	Rt. 6, Sparta		1	79	16			1	2	1	1453.41	157.00
Stacy Tollison	Rt. 8, Sparta	738-2830	1	180	14	7	3		3		1621.80	
Dennis C. Tramel	419 Hayse, Smithville		1	128	32			1	1			
Harold Walker	Rt. 5, Cookeville	526-7843	1	111	2	2	3	2	1			10%
Earl Williams	Algood		1	96	6				2		2120.00	

