

MINUTES
OF THE
ONE-HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH 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 14, 15 & 16, 1976

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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 Free Will Baptist Church of Christ met at the Free Will Baptist Headquarters in White County, Tennessee, in the 111th session, October 14, 15 and 16, 1976.

The session was opened by Altar Prayer led by Bro. Hubert Davis. Congregational singing was led by Bro. John Barnes. The Moderator read the Scripture from Amos 3:1-8.

We proceeded to organize as follows:

Clerk Dow Allen

Asst. Clk. and Treasurer . . . Daley McCowan

The Rules of Decorum were read and approved.

The roll call and enrollment of Churches was made.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES

Algood	Mrs. Myrtle Bates, Mr. & Mrs. Don Caperton, Gary Winningham
Allens Chapel, O.C.	Anna B. Taylor, Gladys Phillips, Clure Taylor
Allens Chapel, P.C.	Mrs. Addie Brewington, Mrs. Charlene Brewington
Antioch	By Letter
Bakers Cross Roads	Mr. & Mrs. Norman Miller, Louise Hughes, Dorothy Miller
Bethel	By Letter
Board Valley	Floyd Radford, Hollis Dodson
Brotherton	Ruby Bowman, Dona Pharris, Eunetta Bowman
Brush Creek	Not Reporting
Community	Nell Gold
Cross Roads	Pearl Hall, Noble Milton, Reba Anderson
Cumberland Chapel	Mr. & Mrs. Franchie Pelham
Dodson Branch	Plato Crabtree, Daniel Hardy, Fred Lee
Douglas Chapel	Thelma Bilbrey, Herman Nelson
Duncans Chapel	Nola Cumby, Helen Smith, Charles Cumby
Gentry's Chapel	Rosalie Bailey, Helen Sherrell
Gleen Chapel	Not Reporting
Harris Chapel	Mr. & Mrs. Gene Qualls, Lillie Looper
Hensleys Chapel	Clara Young, Martin Brady
Johnson Chapel	Bertha Billings, Lou Jones, Vallie Steele
Knights Chapel	Dora Phillips, Mekil Cantrell, Mary Higgins, Bobby Tosh
Liberty	Not Reporting
Lilly's Chapel	Willie Whitaker, Daley Maxwell, Lorene Maxwell, Nell Williams

Mooneyham	Georgia Welch, Nellie B. Beasley, Martha Frasier
Mt. Pleasant	Brenda Benson, Christine West, Ethel Sweat, Emogene Kimes
Mt. Pisgah	Mr. & Mrs. James Ashford
Mt. Zion	Sandra Evans, Wanda Taylor
New Harmony	Mary Sullivan, Maggie Vaughn
New West Point	Donna Moore, Jerry D. Moore, Lillie Moore, Onedia Wagoner
Ozion	Betty Ann Lafevers, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Montgomery, Annette Mayberry
Plainview	Charles Taylor, Oliver Cordell, Virginia Deweese
Pleasant Ridge	By Letter
Post Oak Shade	Martha Billingsley, Mary Garrison
Ridge Dale	Not Reporting
Sampson	Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Stamps, Mr. & Mrs. John Blakenship, Vera Reagan, Voncile Worthington
Shady Grove	Mildred Thompson, Belle Dixon, Clayton Jones
Smith Chapel	Bessie England, Gladys Selby
Smithville	Arlett Brown, Leola Houk
Stone Seminary	Harvey Mansell, John Edd Cunningham
Taylor's Providence	Rosha England
Taylor's Seminary	By Letter
Tuckers Ridge	No Report
Union Hill	Mae Green, Tina Neal, Herbert Neal
Winesap	Willie J. Davis
Yankeetown	Robert Williams, Steve Roberts

Bro. Hai Kirk was present from the children's home and gave a report pertaining to the home and children. An offering was taken for the Home For Children in the amount of \$76.33.

The Devotional Comm. was selected and excused.

THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday Eve. — Bro. Earl Williams Friday Eve. — Bro. Raymond Peek
 Alternate — Bro. Orville McCaleb Alternate — Bro. Robert Vanwinkle
 Friday Morn. — Bro. Harvey Garrison Saturday Morn. — Bro. Lester Prichard
 Alternate — Bro. Frank Davis Alternate — Bro. Johnnie Allen

An invitation was given for New Churches none were presented.

All the Ministers and Deacons were recognized.

Visiting Ministers were recognized and welcomed. Bro. Darrel Phillips from the Eastern Division and Bro. Hai Kirk.

A call was given for Corresponding letters, none were present.

The Disabled Ministers Report was given and approved. An offering was taken, the amount of \$35.94.

DISABLED MINISTERS REPORT

Balance in Checking on October	\$538.11
Recieved during year to October 1976	<u>896.53</u>
TOTAL	\$1,434.64

Taken from checking and put into Savings	\$500.00
Paid Disabled Ministers	<u>480.00</u>
TOTAL	\$980.00

Leaving Balance in checking October 1976	\$454.64
In savings October 1975	1243.48
In savings October 1976	<u>1838.66</u>
Making a Grand total to date October 1976	\$2293.30

John L. Barnes, Comm.

Churches who gave to Disabled Ministers:

Post Oak Shade, Mt. Aion, Knights Chapel, Faith Chapel, Gentry Chapel, Algood, Cumberland Chapel, Johnson Chapel, Monterey, Dodson Branch, Sampson, Wine-sap, Bro. Herman Moore.

Special Committees were selected.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Bro. Stacy Tollison made a motion that the Presbytery conduct no business on Saturday during the Association. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

A letter of withdrawal was presented from the Monterey Church. Motion passed that we accept their letter of withdrawal from our Association.

Bro. Harvey Garrison made a suggestion that we establish our own Children's Home.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the morning worship service.

Bro. O. E. Daniels led the congregational singing. Special singing by Bro. & Sis. Andrew Stamps, Bro. O. E. Daniels, and Bro. & Sis. Dow Allen.

Altar prayer was led by Bro. Tim Hammons. The morning message was delivered by Bro. Leslie Hickey, Scripture 1st Peter 4:12, Text: The Contents of our Belief. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Hai Kirk.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The evening session was opened by Altar Prayer led by Bro. Royce Moore.

Special singing by Bro. & Sis. Andrew Stamps.

Motion passed to retain Bros. Raymond Peek, Daley McCowan and John Barnes as the Disabled Ministers' Committee. Dismissal Prayer by Bro. Herman Hooten.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The night service opened with an Altar prayer led by Bro. Frank Davis. Congregational singing was led by Bro. John Barnes. Special singing by Dow and Nancy Allen, Bro. O. E. Daniels, Sis. Ruth Radsford and Sis. Florance Young.

The evening message was delivered by Bro. Earl Williams. Scripture was Acts 15:26, Text: "Men that have hazared their life for Jesus."

Dismissal prayer by Bro. Orvill McCaleb.

FRIDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with altar prayer led by Bro. Hubert Davis. Singing led by Bro. Andrew Stamps. The Moderator read the Scripture from James 3:1-18.

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

Visiting Ministers were recognized and welcomed, Bros. Gilbert Mannah, Eastern Div., Lyle Ledbetter, Union Assoc., Jim Blaylock, Eastern Div., J. B. Harris, Eastern Div., Darrell Phillips, Eastern Div., Tommie Vaughn, Eastern Division.

Bro. Tim Hammons read the list of the past and present officers of the Home Mission Board.

Motion passed to retain the present Home Mission Board, for one year as is. Leslie Hickey, Tim Hammons, Tex Boles, Stacy Tollicon and O. E. Daniels.

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 herein.

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, according to seniority. One new member of the committee will be elected annually, an out-going member shall not again be eligible as a member for two (2) years.

Bro. Frank Davis was selected to replace Bro. Jack Taylor on the Assoc., Treasury Committee.

Bro. John Barnes was elected to the Assoc. Treasury Committee.

The church letters were read and approved.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the morning worship service. Bro. Frank Davis led the congregational singing. Prayer was led by Bro. Clayton Padgett. Special singing by Bro. Lyle Ledbetter, Sis. Ruby Moss, Winnie Whitaker, and Lorene Maxwell, Sis. Florence Young and Bro. & Sis. Andrew Stamps. Altar prayer

was directed by Bro. James Young. The Morning Message was delivered by Bro. Harvey Garrison. Scripture, Eph. 1:7, Text: "Redemption through Christ's Blood". Dismissed for the lunch hour by Bro. Tommie Vaughn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was enjoyed by good singing and wonderful testimonies. Dismissal prayer was led by Bro. Herman Hooten.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The night service began with congregational singing led by Bro. Dow Allen. Altar prayer was directed by Bro. Robert Vanwinkle. Special singing by Sis. Roberta McCowan and daughters, Bro. Robert Benson, Sis. Ruth Radsford, Bros. Jimmy Cumby and Dow Allen and Bro. O. E. Daniels.

The evening message was delivered by Bro. Raymond Peek. Scripture Jonah chapter 3, Text: "Rejecting the call of God". Dismissal prayer led by Bro. Freddie Copeland.

SATURDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with Altar prayer led by Bro. Glenn Bilbrey. The congregational singing was led by Bro. Charles Cumby. The moderator read the scripture from Psalms 55.

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

The Quarterly Conference Report was read and approved.

Motion passed that we enter the special committees report in the minutes as Associational information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We the Sunday School Committee submit the following report: Sunday School is the foundation of our church. As christians we must put forth our greatest effort to see our Sunday School grow, by using God's dedicated leaders, that are willing to work. If we expect to see our young people grow spiritually we must feed them the right food as taught in John 21:15-17.

We must work and pray for our young people and encourage them to work and pray, and above all trust in our Lord Jesus Christ. For they are the church of tomorrow.

Committee: Plato Crabtree
Dona Pharris
Thelma Bilbrey

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report. We find that our churches have given \$1,368.92.

Committee: Nola Cumby
Georgia Welch

FINANCE

We, your finance committee, submit the following report: We find \$453.80 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: Andrew Stamps
Ethel Stamps

OBITUARY

We, your obituary committee submit the following report. We find during the fiscal year of October 1975 to October 1976 that 43 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: Vera Reagan

TEMPERANCE

We, your temperance committee having searched the Scripture, find in Proverbs 23:30-32. "They that tarry long at the wine, they go to seek mixed wine. Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself alright, at last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder".

Beer, wine and whiskey are the tears of millions mothers, fathers and children, deprived of food, clothing and keeping up their household. Many a family has been shattered, because of the use of wine, beer, whiskey. Let us as Christians pray to God, he will take this desire away.

Committee: Louise Hughes

HOME FOR CHILDREN

We, your committee on the home for children think that all children where ever they are should be taken care of. As Jesus' concern for the children to suffer not but to come unto him as in St. Luke 18:16-17. We thank you for the sum of \$3,150.86.

Committee:

HOME MISSION

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following report. We find that \$2,635.45 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 cause.

Committee:

Bro. Earl Williams presented a letter to the Assoc., acknowledging his work and appreciation as the Assoc. Evangelist.

Bro. Lester Prichard was elected as the Assoc. Evangelist for the next year.

Bro. Royse Moore was elected as the Assist. Assoc. Evangelist.

The Associational Treasury Report was read and approved.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY REPORT

Balance at end of 1975	\$1,001.84
Deposits	1,665.63
Expenditures	1,380.46
Net Gain	285.17
Balance (10/13/76)	207.87 Home Missions 64.30 Foreign Missions 1,014.86 General
TOTAL	<u>\$1,287.01</u>

An offering was taken for the Assoc. Treasury, the amount \$131.61.

Bro. Leslie Hickey gave a report on the Home Mission's work, and there was no evidence that Brush Creek even exists.

Bro. Tim Hammoms gave a report on some of his findings on the work of the Home Mission work.

It was reported that Liberty and Tuckers Ridge are having services and doing well. Bro. Burdett Randolph was selected to bring the Introductory Message for the next years setting.

Bro. John Barnes was selected as the Alternate Speaker.

Bro. Burdett Randolph was elected as the Moderator for the term beginning at the ending of this setting until the end of next year's setting.

Bro. Harvey Garrison was elected as the Assist. Moderator.

Motion passed that we wait until after lunch to continue the General Business on the Home Missions.

The service was turned over to the moderator of the presbytery for the purpose of having the ordination service. Bro. Royce Moore was ordained to preach the gospel. The Ordination prayer was directed by Bro. John Barnes.

Motion passed that we adjourn for the morning service.

Bro. Andrew Stamps directed the congregational singing. Special singing by Sis. Florence Young, Bro. Robert Benson, Bro. O. E. Daniel and Bro. Clarence Sullivan. Altar prayer was directed by Bro. Tim Hammons.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Lester Prichard. Scripture was from II Cor. chapter 4, Text: "I believe and therefore I speak".

Dismissal prayer for the lunch hour by Bro. Rosevelt Crawford.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with prayer led by Bro. Eugene Phillips. The Presbytery Report was read and approved.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Western Division of the Stone Association of the Free Will Christian Baptist Churches of Christ, met on Nov. 29, 1975.

Moderator Rev. Mayford Beaty read Scripture, Psalms 15, Prayer was led by Bro. Jeff England.

A letter was received from Smithville Church asking, recommending Herbert Selby and asking that he be licensed to preach the Gospel. He was licensed.

Bro. Harvey Garrison came before the Presbytery with a letter from Johnsons Chapel, recommending him and asking that we except him back into our body, after questioning he was excepted.

Moderator: Mayford Beaty
Clerk: John L. Barnes

The Presbytery met on the 28th day of February 1976. Mayford Beaty, Mod. opened with Scripture and Prayer.

A letter received and read asking that Bro. James Kenned be examined, and if found worthy, be licensed to preach the Gospel, as he is a member of the Bakers Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church. He was licensed. Signed by Church Pastor as Moderator, Louise Hughes, Clerk.

Dannie Cope Bandy came with a letter from Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church, asking for new ordination papers in exchange for the ones he had been given by the congregation Methodist, he was examined and excepted in our body and granted Certificate of Ordination papers. The letter was signed by Moderator and Clerk.

Bro. Daily Norrid ask for a letter of dismissal from our body as he lives in the Eastern Division area of Free Will Baptist the most of his work being there his request was granted. With a letter.

The Presbytery of the Western Division of Free Will Baptist met on May 29th 1976. Scripture and Prayer. No business was conducted. Adjourned.

A special Presbytery was called at the Union Hill Church for the purpose of ordaining a Deacon, Floyd Vaughn was ordained. Johnnie Allen Moderator,

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE (Allin Tenn.)	Profession Letter Recommend ation Restoration	Letter Exclusion	Death	Request	Profession At Church	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Visiting Ministers
		Gained by	Lost by						
Algood	Algood	1 16 2 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	15 8	87	5,200.00		
Allens Chsael O. C.	Rt. 1, Hilham	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 7	59	250.00		24.30
Allens Chapel P. C.	Rt. 1, Baxter	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 1	29	653.50		
Antioch	Rt. 1, Baxter	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0	47	534.50		150.00
Bakers Crossroads	Rt. 9, Crossville	0 4 2 2	7 0 0 5	6 8	169	3,250.00	145.18		
Bethel	Rt. 6, Sparta	1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 12	58	2,051.16		26.00
Board Valley	Rt. 2, Sparta	2 0 0 6	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 6	96	1,306.86		45.22
Brotherton	Rt. 6, Cookeville	0 0 0 7	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 3	82	1,578.96		40.00
Community	Rt. 5, Manchester	1 0 0 4	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 1	36	1,573.00		29.19
Cross Roads	Rt. 2, Monterey	2 0 1 0	1 0 0 0	8 7	97	450.00	251.00		
Cumberland Chapel	Bone Gave	4 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 0	34	805.45		26.30
Dodson Branch	Rt. 3, Cookeville	3 2 0 0	4 0 3 0	0 9	433	5,127.62			
Douglas Chapel	Rt. 6, Cookeville	2 1 0 0	6 0 0 0	0 5	77	1,008.32	61.62		
Duncans Chapel	Rt. 10, Cookeville	0 0 0 6	0 0 1 0	0 10	53	1,772.14	60.00		
Gentrys Chapel	Rt. 2, Cookeville	1 1 0 0	0 0 0 3	3 6	76	1,822.18	10.00		
Harris Chapel	Rt. 1, Rickman	1 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 10	81	1,374.74	723.26		
Hensleys Chapel	Rt. 4, Sparta	1 0 2 2	0 0 0 0	0 11	42	2,434.31			
Johnson Chapel	Rt. 5, Sparta	6 0 3 0	0 0 0 1	1 6	161	3,060.81	529.81		
Knights Chapel	Rt. 4, Cookeville	2 0 1 6	1 0 2 2	1 2	133	2,662.14			
Lillys Chapel	Rt. 3, Baxter	0 2 0 0	2 0 2 0	0 13	105	3,890.00	30.00		
Mooneyham	Rt. 1, Spencer	1 2 2 5	1 0 1 0	1 1	25	675.08	19.86		
Mt. Pleasant	Rt. 6, Cookeville	1 0 0 2	0 0 0 0	0 5	88	1,325.48	71.92		
Mt. Pisesh	Rt. 4, Smithville	5 1 6 8	1 0 3 0	0 0		2,180.00			
Mt. Zion	1314 N. Main Crossville	0 0 5 0	0 0 0 0	0 4	101	1,457.90	33.50		
New Harmony	Rt. 5, Crossville	1 6 0 0	0 0 2 0	0 1	151	2,967.04	117.18		
New West Point	Rt. 3, Smithville	1 1 0 7	1 0 2 0	0 4	75	1,416.78	10.00		
Ozion	Rt. 2, Baxter	0 0 0 0	1 1 1 0	0 3	162	1,447.58	124.87		
Plainview	Rt. 3, Pikeville	8 1 1 2	0 0 0 0	0 12	40	1,460.66	147.69		
Pleasant Ridge	Rt. 2, Sparta	0 0 0 0	2 0 1 0	0 0	10	280.00			
Post Oak Shade	Rt. 2, Cookeville	3 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 1	82				
Sampson	Rt. 3, Pikeville	1 0 0 11	2 0 2 0	0 0	150	4,959.49	132.62		
Shady Grove	Rt. 1, Monterey	0 1 1 0	1 0 1 0	0 0	144	519.82			
Smith Chapel	Rt. 7, Sparta	0 0 0 0	1 0 3 0	0 3	108	883.80	83.04		
Smithville	Bryant Hill St. Smithv	12 6 0 0	1 0 0 0	0 0	52	1,550.00			
Stone Seminary	Rt. 5, Cookeville	0 0 0 0	1 0 2 0	0 0		1,360.00	193.50		
Taylor's Providence	Rt. 4, Sparta	6 1 0 0	0 0 0 0	0 13	107	840.43			
Taylor's Seminary	Rt. 9, Cookeville	2 5 0 0	1 0 0 0	0 3	64	5,420.00	160.00		
Union Hill	Rt. 1, Rickman	5 2 1 0	4 0 2 0	1 9	94	999.61	151.02		
Winesap	Rt. 6, Crossville	4 0 0 0	1 0 3 0	0 1	106	3,298.34	30.00		
Yankeetown	Rt. 2, Sparta	3 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	3 4	124	1,865.23	39.60		

Revivals	Up Keep of Church	Home For Children	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Disable Ministers	Assoc. Treasury	Minute Fund	Misc.	Total
343.45	3,313.45	179.72	1,022.00	.00	50.00	.00	10.00	1,877.53	11,996.40
	889.00						10.00	151.16	1,324.46
32.00							10.00	856.19	856.19
143.13							3.00	1,116.83	1,116.83
334.37	2,764.34	65.00			28.24	50.00	10.00	806.75	7,453.88
225.00	2,038.07	287.69					10.00	695.97	5,110.89
100.00	1,637.55	95.00					10.00	887.91	2,569.99
153.47	1,500.00	40.00					15.00	298.50	3,710.10
151.00		202.80				202.80	8.00	432.97	4,162.23
93.50	409.60	20.00		20.00		50.00	10.00	747.58	2,078.58
144.00	1,110.56	25.00			2 5.00	88.00	5.00	258.88	1,738.73
102.17	387.44	130.62	130.62	130.62	.00		26.86	1884.67	8,868.61
170.00	1,293.93	114.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	10.00	397.10	2,080.95
100.00	2,280.73	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	10.00	415.81	4,086.20
181.25	789.45	25.00	14.53	20.00	25.00	20.00	14.56	1948.00	6,280.02
143.43	522.16	100.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6.00		3,165.67
273.00	279.57	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	20.67	302.08	3,279.22
57.60	368.04	486.05	.00	525.72	121.07	.00	15.00	1396.50	6,686.72
550.00	2,824.94	130.00	.00	.00	16.85	130.00	10.00	1954.32	5,328.95
219.20	2,500.00	700.00	.00	200.00	.00	.00	15.00	575.72	8,770.14
140.00	1,060.85	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	5.00	945.00	4,364.14
222.00	180.00	50.00	.00	.00	.00	120.00	12.00	258.57	2,938.62
311.50	3,675.34	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	10.00	804.30	
301.00	10,212.20	201.00	.00	.00	50.00	40.50	11.00		5,780.74
134.32	999.32	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	20.00	594.32	13,169.24
220.75	2,281.15	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	8.00	191.57	2,762.30
205.00	3,102.93	.00	.00	.00	60.00	.00	20.00	1358.37	5,812.72
85.00	349.86	25.00	270.00	.00	.00	.00	10.00	1488.27	6,709.55
.00	1,793.93	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	6.00		720.86
231.62	6,513.43	202.53	.00	472.58	50.00	132.39	6.00	965.89	3,623.07
80.00	120.00	190.00	.00	.00	54.50	.00	11.00	899.51	12,997.19
128.00	1,667.63	45.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	10.00	529.17	1,293.99
200.00	2,944.37	72.49	.00	.00	.00	.00	12.36	98.10	2,945.72
170.00	1,126.14	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	10.00	278.34	7,332.71
200.00	253.37	52.15	.00	.00	.00	.00	10.00	614.84	3,526.59
210.00	1,040.71	97.65	.00	.00	.00	100.00	10.00	95.00	1,596.35
138.20	1,698.08	695.00	.00	888.13	.00	25.00	10.00	602.13	8,470.97
419.19	1,950.79	57.67	.00	.00	.00	.00	12.00	444.65	3,501.23
203.70	1,801.40	190.00	.00	.00	59.00	.00	15.00	1076.50	7,038.82
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Earl Williams Clerk. Also present O. E. Daniels,

A special Presbytery was called Aug. 11, 1976, at Post Oak Shade; those present, Bros. Mayford Beaty, John L. Barnes, Earl Williams, Eugene Phillips, Roosevelt Crawford. E. B. Clark was ordained as a Deacon for said church.

Moderator, Mayford Beaty

Clerk, John L. Barnes

The Presbytery met at the Free-Will Baptist Headquarters on the 28th day of Aug. 1976. Bro. Mayford Beaty, Moderator, opened with Scripture and Prayer.

A letter was received from the Smithville Church asking that Steve Jones be examined and granted license, if found worthy, stating that he was a member of the Smithville Free-Will Baptist Church. Steve Jones was granted license to preach the gospel for one year.

A letter received from Duncan's Chapel Church asking that Franklin Davis be ordained to preach the Gospel, after examined, he was ordained.

Moderator, Mayford Beaty

Clerk, John Barnes

The Presbytery met at the Free-Will Baptist Headquarters on Oct. 2, 1976 at 9:00 A.M. Moderator read Scripture, St. John 15:1-6, and prayer. Then reorganized by electing Earl Williams, Moderator, Mayford Beaty, Ass. Moderator, John L. Barnes, Clerk, Harvey Garrison, Assistant Clerk. Then proceeded with business. The following came with letters from their respective churches to be ordained to preach the Gospel, Henry Kimes, Jr., Robert Benson, from Mt. Pleasant. Robert Vanwinkle, Plainview, Royce J. Moore, New West Point, John S. Cumby, Duncans Chapel. Bobby Roberts, Knights Chapel, all were examined and ordained to preach the gospel.

Mike Adams came with a letter from Mt. Pisgah, was examined and licensed for one year.

A short discussion as to what to do about a Deacon's card or paper of a Deacon who has left the Church. Passed that if and when he fails to be an active Deacon that he turn in his credentials.

Question as to Dewayne Swafford, a member of the Plainview Church. A motion past and a committee of three, elected to see or check on Virgil Dewayne Swafford and report at the next Presbytery meeting. Ordination Prayer, we then adjourned.

Moderator, Earl Williams

Clerk, John L. Barnes

Bro. Jack Taylor ask permission to come before the body, and his request was granted, to tell the Presbytery he felt no ill will toward any one and loves us all and appreciated the past fellowship, with the Western Division of Stone Association of Free-Will Baptist.

Darrell Phillips and J. B. Harris, each came with letters from the Eastern Division of the Stone Association of Free-Will Baptist, recommending them to be granted privilege to pastor churches in the Western Division, their request was granted.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn.

Moderator, Earl Williams

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Motion passed that any money, ear-marked to the Home Mission, go directly to the committee, that they may have and control their own treasury.

The Moderator gave his thanks for the great spirit, harmony and fellowship that people have shown during this Association, also he expressed his gratitude for the help of the caretakers of the building and property.

The minutes were read and approved.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTERS	POST OFFICE	PHONE	Churches	Sermons	Confessions	Members Rec.	Baptised	Cols. Married	Funerals	Revivals	Contributions Received	Contribution Given
Dow V. Allen	Rt. 3, Cookeville	526-4090	1	107	9	0	0	0	2	2	\$1906.87	10% +
John B. Allen	Rt. 11, Cookeville	526-6588	1	89	23	2	5	3	2	4	1334.82	10%
Danny Bandy	500 S. Collere, St. Smtv	597-7572	1	97	13	7	3	0	7	1		10%
John L. Barnes	1944 N. Dixie, Ckvl.	526-6536	1	67	0	0	0	0	3	0		
Mayford Beatty	Rt. 3, Cookeville	526-5010	1	88	13	7	6	0	0	0	939.43	10%
Robert Benson	275 Wall, Algood	537-9481	1	36	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Buster Bilbrey	Rt. 8, Cookeville	537-9774	1	35	1	2	0	0	0	0	600.00	
Leo Bilbrey	Rt. 10, Cookeville	537-6089	1	49	1	0	0	3	0	0	240.00	
Leonard Bilbrey	Rt. 10, Cookeville	537-6089	1	54	1	0	0	0	0	1	653.50	
Melvin Billings	Rt. 2, Smithville	597-5945	1	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	1447.58	
Tex Boles	Rt. 2, Sparta	526-3007	1	60	0	1	2	1	0	0	1325.48	10%
John S. Cumby	Rt. 1, Cookeville	526-9666	1	35	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Roosevelt Crawford	1585 Flintwood, Ckvl.	432-4934	1	87	2	3	2	2	2	0		10% +
O. E. Daniels	Rt. 10, Cookeville	526-4959	1	41	7	0	0	0	0	0	21.00	75.50
Frank Davis	Rt. 9, Cookeville	526-3673	1	104	7	0	0	0	1	1		
Hubert Davis	Rt. 3, Pikeville	881-3486	0	59	2	0	5	1	7	2	448.34	
J. T. Davis	Rt. 3, Sparta	738-8787	1	121	10	4	3	0	6	5	3298.31	
Dennis Deweese	Rt. 3, Pikeville	881-3374	0	21	2	0	14	2	0	0	120.00	10%
Harvey Garrtson	2193 W. Broad, Ckvl.	526-2091	1	115	5	6	0	1	4	0	2000.00	500.00
Edward Gold	Rt. 2, Tullahoma	455-0815	1	154	5	0	1	1	1	0	1573.00	10%
James L. Hele	Rt. 5, Smithville	597-4964	1	138	10	3	3	2	1	1	691.60	735.40
Tim Hammons	Rt. 7, Sparta	277-3188	1	96	2	0	0	1	0	1	910.45	
Leslie Hickey	Rt. 3, Pikeville	881-3590	1	115	17	0	6	0	4	3	5394.49	10%
Cleve Hitchcock	Rt. 1, Sparta	738-2658	1	134	16	9	7	0	0	1	3060.81	546.88
Critt Holman	Rt. 2, Cookeville	432-4658	1	32	0	0	0	0	2	0	553.50	10%
Claudell Honeycutt	Rt. 1, Rickman	498-2196	1	71	3	1	1	0	1	1	982.00	10%
Herman Hooten	131 Cooper, Algood	537-9345										
Charles Hudson	Star Rt. Grayville	554-3193	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.00	
Henry Kimes, Jr.	Rt. 10, Cookeville	526-9179	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	72.85	10%
Silas Luna	P.O. Box 71, Sparta	836-3991	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Oscar Manning	Rt. 5, Smithville	597-5319	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Albert McBride	Rt. 4, Sparta	836-2567	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	70.25	98.45
Orville McCaleb	Rt. 9, Cookeville	432-4958	1	63	5	2	5	2	1	0	1431.78	
Daily McCowen	Rt. 3, Cookeville	268-0865	1	197	18	5	2	3	8	5	5258.62	10%
Fowler Montgomery	Rt. 2, Cookeville	432-4692	0	23	12	2	3	6	7	1	393.32	
Royce Moore	Rt. 3, Smithville	597-7685	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	42.50	
Raymond Peek	Rt. 3, Cookeville	526-6950	1	92	5	4	2	1	1	0	1967.08	10%
Tommy Pelham	Rt. 5, Sparta	761-2607	1	54	57	40	17	0	0	0		
Eugene Phillips	Rt. 11, Cookeville	526-8465	1	40	7	1	1	1	0	0	250.00	
Lester Pritchard	1234 Springdale, Dr. Ck	1528-2727	1	90	0	0	4	1	0	1	2772.14	
Burdett Randolph	Rt. 5, Cookeville	526-5179	1	153	27	3	10	1	7	4	4577.55	1659.73
Bobby G. Roberts	145 Stout, Cookeville	528-2879	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Bill Robins on	Rt. 8, Sparta	836-2129	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Andrew Seagraves	Rt. 7, Sparta	277-3091	1	79	5	0	1	2	1	0	883.80	
E. J. Taylor	Rt. 3, Smithville	597-5412	0	22	1	0	0	0	0	0	26.00	289.50
Paul Taylor	Rt. 1, Dowllettown	597-4479	1	82	2	1	1	0	0	0	1157.90	
Floyd Tollison	Rt. 6, Sparta		1	78	11	4	4	0	4	0	2434.31	281.95
Stacy Tollison	Rt. 8, Sparta	738-2830	1	100	0	3	1	1	0	0	1150.00	
Dennis Trammell	419 Hayes, Smithville		0	29	4	0	0	1	0	0	29.00	341.48
Robert Vanwinkle	Rt. 1, Spencer	881-3661	1	73	14	12	0	0	0	0	1465.66	10% +
Harold Walker	Rt. 5, Cookeville	526-7843	1	143	7	2	4	0	2	3		
Earl Williams	137 High, Algood	537-6979	0	65	21	0	0	1	5	1	805.62	

REPORT OF PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE

CHURCH	PASTOR-PREACHER	CLERK	ADDRESS	MEETING DAY
Algood	David L. England	Myrtle Bates	305 Wall St. Algood	All
Allens Chapel C. C.	Bobby Wheeler	Fannie Allen	Rt. 1, Hilham	All
Allens Chapel P. C.	Leonard Bilbrey	Donna Shanks	Rt. 1, Baxter	All
Antioch		Clara Rodgers	Rt. 1, Baxter	All
Askers Crossroads	Harvey Garrison	Lois Miller	Rt. 10, Crossville	All
Bethel	Harold Robinson	Charles Price	Rt. 5, Sparta	All
Boad Valley	Frank Davis	George H. Sparks	Rt. 2, Sparta	All
Brotherton	Stacy Tollison	Fannie Mae Jones	Rt. 6, Cookeville	All
Community	Edward Gold	Iola Shannon	Rt. 4, Manchester	All
Cross Roads	J. B. Harris	Noble Melton	Rt. 2, Monterey	All
Cumberland Chapel	Tim Hammons	Jo Ann Roberts	Rt. 5, McMinnville	All
Dodson Branch	Daley McCowen	Daina Lynn	Rt. 3, Cookeville	All
Douglas Chapel	Johnny Allen	Bertha Gragg	Rt. 6, Cookeville	All
Duncans Chapel	Dow V. Allen	Hazel Mee	Rt. 1, Cookeville	All
Gentry's Chapel	Burdett Randolph	Helen Sherrell	Rt. 2, Cookeville	All
Harris Chapel	Darrell Phillips	George L. Harris	Rt. 1, Rickman	All
Hensleys Chapel	Floyd Tollison	Mrs. Martin Young	Rt. 4, Sparta	All
Johnson Chapel	Cleve Hitchcock	Mary Lou Robinson	Rt. 5, Sparta	All
Knights Chapel	Glenn Bilbrey	Anna Mae Lee	Rt. 11, Cookeville	All
Lilly's Chapel		Edith Maxwell	Rt. 3, Baxter	All
Mooneyham	Hubert Davis	Georgia Welch	Rt. 1, Spencer	All
Mt. Pleasant	Tex Boles	Emogene Kimes	Rt. 10, Cookeville	All
Mt. Pisgah	Denny Bendy	Brownie Adams	809 S. Mt. Smithville	All
Mt. Zion	Paul Taylor	Charles Pickett	1314 N. Main, Crossville	All
New Harmony	Luther Brown	Maggie Vaughn	Rt. 5, Pikeville	All
New West Point	Orville McCaleb	Lillie Mae Moore	Rt. 3, Smithville	All
Ozton	Melvin Billings	Betty A. Lafever	Rt. 2, Baxter	All
Plainview	Robert Venwinkle	Velma Sweet	Rt. 1, Spencer	All
Post Oak Shade	Earl Williams	Shirley Billingsley	Rt. 2, Cookeville	All
Pleasant Ridge	Leo Bilbrey	Taylor Mansell	Rt. 2, Sparta	All
Sampson	Leslie Hickey	Artie Rickford	Rt. 3, Pikeville	All
Shady Grove	Ruster Bilbrey	Mildred Thompson	Rt. 1, Monterey	1st & 3rd
Smith Chapel	Mayford Beaty	Jeane Cobb	Rt. 7, Sparta	All
Smithville	Wayne Brown	Ann Hawkins	Rt. 4, Smithville	All
Stone Seminary	Scott Cumby	Margie Phifer	Rt. 5, Cookeville	All
Taylor's Providence	Robert Benson	Susan Cole	Rt. 4, Sparta	All
Taylor's Seminary	Willie R. Rodgers	Stella Randolph	Rt. 9, Cookeville	All
Union Hill	Ronald Norrod	Carrie Vaughn	Rt. 3, Livingston	All
Winesap	J. T. Davis	Thelma Edmonds	Rt. 6, Crossville	All
Yanketown	Raymond Peek	Verdie Coreland	Rt. 2, Sparta	All

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 away, 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." I Corinthians 11:28

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution was passed forbidding anyone 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.

We the Free will Christian Baptist Church of Christ of the Stone Association believe 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.

If any one in our Association should join with another Association, that they automatically be dropped from our Association.

Any church in our Association that has joined with any other Association and has a desire to stay there, that they automatically be dropped from our Association.

Any church in our Association that has joined with any State or National Association and has a desire to stay there, that they automatically be dropped from our Association.

Any ordained Preacher or Deacon coming from any church in this Association or any other Association will have no power as such unless accepted by the church where he is a member.

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.

DEACONS THAT REGISTERED AT THE ASSOCIATION

NAME	CHURCH
Elbert Winningham	Algood
Hester Gentry, Walter Bowman	Brotherton
Harvie Miller	Community
Birdle Mayberry, Monroe Webb, James Young	Dodson Branch
Charles Cumby, Tommy Phillips	Duncans Chapel
Roy Bailey	Gentrys Chapel
Dan Young, Milo Young	Hensleys Chapel
Jess Robinson	Johnson Chapel
Kender Beasley	Mooneyham
Charles Pickett	Mt. Zion
H. C. Sullivan	New Harmony
Claude Hickey, Frank Reagan	Sampson
Cordell Walker	Stone Seminary
Jeff England	Taylors Providence
Clay Hickey, Everett Dunham, Charlie Moore	Yankeeetown

THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REPORT

The Quarterly Conference met on the following dates:

November	28, 29, 1975
February	27, 28, 1976
May	28, 29, 1976
August	27, 28, 1976

The Conference received during the year:

Associational Treasury	\$299.05
Home For Children	118.08
Disabled Minister's Fund	115.64
TOTAL	<u>\$532.77</u>

Clerk: Dennis Deweese

