

MINUTES

OF THE
ONE-HUNDRED AND TWELFTH 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 13, 14 & 15, 1977

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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 112th session, October 13, 14 & 15, 1977.

The session was opened by Alter Prayer led by Bro. Raymond Peek. The congregational singing was led by Bro. O. E. Daniels. The moderator read the Scripture from Psalms 133.

We proceeded to organize as follows:

Clerk. Bro. Dow Allen

Asst. Clerk and Treasurer . . . Bro. Frank Davis

The Rules of Decorum were read and approved.

The roll call and enrollment of Churches was made.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES

Algood Bro. Paul Danner, Sister Helen Danner

Allen's Chapel. Anna B. Taylor, Gladys Phillips

Allen's Chapel, P.C. Addie Brewington, Flossie Martin

Antioch. By Letter

Bakers Crossroads Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Graham,
Josephine Elmore

Bethel Lina Price, Sarah McCoy

Board Valley Floyd Radford, Emogene Burton

Brotherton. Fannie Mae Jones, Thelma Wright, Eunetta Bowman

Community By Letter

Crossroads Donnie Smith, Willie Anderson, Joe Anderson

Cumberland Chapel Frenchie Pelham, Lois Pelham

Dodson Branch Lonnie Mayberry, Daniel Hardy, Plato Crabtree,
Fred Phillips

Douglas Chapel Thelma Bilbrey, Emma Tallent

Duncans Chapel Sister Helen Smith, Sister Nola Cumby

Gentrys Chapel Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gillentine

Gleen Chapel Brother Albert Savage and Brother Edward Christian

Harris Chapel Bro. Porter Brown, Sister Vaudie Brown

Hensleys Chapel Martin Brady, Clara Young

Johnson Chapel. Jim Gulliford, Tena Cantrell, Vallie Steele, Rosell
Robinson

Knights Chapel Bobby Tosh, Lorell King, Velma Peek, Anna Mae
Lee

Lillys Chapel Bro. Daley Maxwell, Bro. Beecher Clark, Bro Willie
Whiteaker

Mooneyham	.Sis. Bell Beasley, Sis. Georgia Welch
Mt. Pisgah	.Not Reporting
Mt. Pleasant	.Ethel Sweat, Christine West, Fannie Lou Swallows
Mt. Zion	.Sister Edith Pickett, Sister Lena Davis
New Harmony	.Leona Taylor, Ada Mae Carlton, Maggie Vaughn, Dorthy Fann
New West Point.	.Lillie Mae Moore, Jerry Moore
Ozion	.Clinnie Herron, Mr. and Mrs. Toy Dunn, Mrs. Ola Rice
Plainview.	.Brother Glenn Sweet, Brother Charles Taylor
Pleasant Ridge	.By Letter
Post Oak Shade.	.E. B. Clark, Martha Billingsley, Mary Garrison
Sampson	.Bro. and Sis. Otto Frady, Bro. and Sis. Lester Sim- mons, Bro. Wayne Reagan
Shady Grove.	.Buddy Short, Bell Dixon, Clayton Jones
Smith Chapel	.Lorraine Seagraves, Lucius Guy, Ellen Jordan, Louie Simmons
Stones Seminary	.Harvey Mansell, John Edd Cunningham
Taylors Providence	.Sis. Carolyn Mabe, Sis. Susan Cole
Taylors Seminary	.Mr. and Mrs. Critt Holman
Twinton	.Bobby Gibson, Linda Hodge
Union Hill	.Malcon Dultworth, Richard Dultworth, Hubert Neal
Winesap.	.Bro. Willie Davis, Bro. Roger Kerley
Yankeetown.	.Charlie Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Dunham

There was an invitation given for New Churches. None were present.

There was a call for corresponding letters: None were presented.

All Ministers and Deacons were recognized.

Visiting Ministers were recognized and welcomed. Bro. Tommie Vaughn, from the Eastern Division, Brother John R. Clarke, from the Cumberland Association and Brother Daily Norrid, from the Eastern Division.

The Disabled Ministers Report was read and approved.

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND - OCTOBER 1977

In checking, Oct. 15, 1976	\$ 454.64	
Rec'd During Year to Oct. 1977.	633.41	
TOTAL		\$1088.05
Paid Out	\$ 368.58	
BALANCE		\$719.47

Transferred to Savings	\$ 600.00
BALANCE IN CHECKING.	\$ 119.47
In Savings, Oct. 12, 1977	\$1838.66
Added to Savings.	600.00
TOTAL IN SAVINGS	\$2438.66
GRAND TOTAL.	\$2558.13

Committee — John R. Barnes
Raymond Peek
Daily McCowan

There was an offering taken for the Disabled Ministers, the amount was \$53.53.

THE DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday Night.	Brother Robert Vanwinkle Brother Cleve Hitchcock
Friday Morning.	Brother Floyd Tollison Brother Stacy Tollison
Friday Night.	Brother Bobby Roberts Brother Harvey Garrison
Saturday Morning	Brother Frank Davis Brother J. T. Davis

Special Committees were appointed. Sunday School, Foreign Missions, Finance, Obituary, Temperance, Home for Children, Home Missions, and Pastoral Labor Committee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Disabled Ministers Committee was selected. Bro. John Barnes, Daily McCowan, Raymond Peek were selected to serve as the Committee.

A motion was made and seconded that we have only five members on the Association Committee instead of six. After discussion, the motion failed.

Motion passed to leave the two inactive members on the Associational Committee as of now.

Brother Dow Allen was elected to serve on the Associational Committee.

Motion passed that we adjourn for the Morning Worship Service.

The congregational singing was directed by Bro John Barnes. Special singing by Bro. O. E. Daniels, Bro. and Sister John Cunningham and Sister Amanda

Huddleston, Sister Rosha England, Bro. Robert Benson. Altar prayer was led by Bro. Scott Cumby. The Morning Message was delivered by Bro. Burdett Randolph. Scripture II John Vs. 8-11. Text: "The Doctrine of Jesus Christ". Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Floyd Tollison.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by Congregational singing led by Bro. Robert Benson. Altar prayer was led by Bro. Tommie Vaughn. Special singing by Bro. Robert Benson, Bro. and Sister Tommie Vaughn, Sister Thelma Wright.

Brother Stacy Tollison gave a report on the Home Missions Work.

1. The said Home Missions 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 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.

An offering was taken for Home Missions Board, the amount: \$30.00.

Home Missions Committee is Lesley Hickey, Tim Hammons, Tex Boles, Stacy Tollison, O. E. Daniels.

Brother Raymond Peek was selected to replace Bro. Lesley Hickey.

Motion sustained to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Arvill McCaleb.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The session opened by Altar Prayer by Bro. Daily McCowan. Congregational singing led by Bros. John Barnes and J. T. Davis. Special singing by Bro. Frank Davis, a special group from Yankeetown, Sister Roberta McCowan and daughters and Sister Ruth Radford. Message by Bro. Robert Vanwinkle. Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-8, Text: "The King's Coming". Dismissed by Bro. Clay Maxwell.

FRIDAY MORNING

The session was opened with Altar Prayer directed by Bro. Clayton Padgett. Congregational singing led by Bro. John Barnes. The Moderator read the Scripture from Micah 6:6-9.

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

Visiting Ministers were recognized and welcomed. Bro. Robert Morgan from the Union Association, Bro. Bobby Wheeler from the Eastern Division, and Bro. John R. Clarke from the Cumberland Association.

The Quarterly Conference Report was read and approved.

THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REPORT

The Quarterly Conference met on the following dates:

October — 29 & 30, 1976

January — 28 & 29, 1977

May — 27 & 28, 1977

July — 29 & 30, 1977

The Conference received during the year:

Associational Treasury	\$511.80
Home for Children.	151.83
Disabled Ministers Fund	<u>132.05</u>
TOTAL	\$795.68

Brother Robert Morgan, from the Home for Children, gave a very good report concerning the condition of the Home both natural and spiritual.

An offering was taken for the Home for Children, the Amount was \$87.68.

The Church letters were read and approved.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the Morning Worship Service.

Congregational singing was directed by Bro. Mack Crabtree and Bro. O. E. Daniels. Altar Prayer was directed by Bro. John H. Allen. Special singing by Bro. Robert Benson, Bro. Ed Graham, Bro. and Sister Scott Cumby, Bro. Edward Gold.

The Morning Message was delivered by Bro. Floyd Tollison. Scripture: Luke 13:1-5. Text: "The Necessities of Life". Dismissed for the lunch hour by Bro. Daily McCowan.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Evening Service began with congregational singing. Prayer was directed by Bro. Cambell Bean. We enjoyed a wonderful testimonial service.

The Associational Treasury Report was read and approved.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY REPORT

Balance, Oct. 14, 1976	\$1287.01
Total Deposits	4388.35
Withdrawals — Utilities	\$ 208.92
Others	5044.73
TOTAL	\$5253.65

Home for Children.	184.39	
Loan Payment and Interest on Note	816.16	
Spent to Cover Building	1600.00	
Spent on Carpet	1444.00	
(Owe John Barnes \$557.30)		
BALANCE IN TREASURY.		\$421.71
Coal	78.00	
Mowed Yard.	20.00	
FINAL BALANCE		\$323.71
Motion sustained to adjourn.		

FRIDAY NIGHT

The evening service was opened with congregational singing led by O. E. Daniels. Altar Prayer directed by Bro. Frank Davis. Special singing by Bro. Charles Cumby and Dow Allen, Bro. O. E. Daniels, Sis. Sherrie Allen, Sis. Roberta McCaleb and daughters, Bro. and Sis. Robert Benson, Bro. and Sis. Freddie Savage. The message was delivered by Bro. Bobby Roberts. Scripture II Cor. 5:14-17, Text "Christ Makes the Difference." Dismissed by Bro. Dow Allen.

SATURDAY MORNING

The session was opened with singing led by Bro. O. E. Daniels. Altar Prayer was directed by Bro. Raymond Peek. The moderator read the Scripture from Col. 1:9-16.

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

Motion sustained to enter the Special Committee Reports in the minutes as Associational Information.

Bro. Bobby Roberts was selected as the Associational Evangelist.

Bro. O. E. Daniels was selected as the Assistant Associational Evangelist.

The Ministers Reports were read and approved.

Visiting Ministers were recognized and made welcome.

Brother Glenn Bilbrey was present from the Eastern Division.

The Presbytery Report was read and approved.

An Offering was taken for the Associational Treasury, the amount was \$107.40.

Brother Harvey Garrison presented a Ministers license to Bro. Jerry Moore.

Brother Tim Hammons was selected to bring the Introductory message for next year.

Brother Earl Williams was selected as the Alternate to bring the Introductory message.

Brother Raymond Peek was selected as the Associational Moderator beginning at the end of this year's setting until the ending of next year's setting.

Brother Daily McCowan was selected as the Assistant Moderator.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the Morning Worship Service.

Brother Freddie Savage directed the congregational singing. Special singing by Bro. Robert Benson, Bro. and Sister Freddie Savage, Sister Helen Smith, Bro. Roosevelt Crawford. Altar Prayer led by Bro. Leslie Hickey. The Morning Message was delivered by Bro. Frank Davis. Scripture: Jeremiah 7:1-7. Text: "Go". Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Floyd Tollison.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The session was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. John Barnes. Prayer was directed by Bro. Herman Hooten.

Bro. Mayford Beaty was in charge of the Ordination Service. Bro. Earl Williams directed the Ordination Prayer.

Brother Harvey Garrison made a presentation of an Ordination Certificate to Brothers Mike Adams and Buddy Short.

The Moderator expressed his appreciation for the co-operation, food and fellowship that has been shown during this year's association.

Saturday's minutes were read and approved.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

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: Josephine Elmore

Tina Price

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report. We find that our churches have given \$2,784.83.

FINANCE

We, your finance committee, submit the following report: We find \$463.33 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 clerk's 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: Eunetta Bowman
Lonnie Simmons

OBITUARY

We, your obituary committee submit the following report. We find during the fiscal year of October 1976 to October 1977 that 35 of our beloved members have been called to their reward. In sympathy for the bereaved we admonish, Weep not or be sad, They are asleep in Jesus.

Committee: Plato Crabtree

TEMPERANCE

We, your Temperance Committee, submit the following report. Find in Isaiah 5:11 & 22, two woes concerning strong drink. "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night till wine inflames them!" "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink."

No one ever means to become a drunk, but one drink usually leads to another and then another and then another until there is no stopping. We all know what happens to a person who lets alcohol rule in his or her life. Families are separated, children are neglected, and souls are lost. We as Christians cannot afford to let souls be lost to strong drink. We need to be soul winners not losers. Pray for someone with a drinking problem each day. God cares, so should we.

Committee: Bobby Tosh

HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, submit the following report. We find that \$597.45 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: Mary Garrison

HOME FOR CHILDREN

We, your committee on the home for children would like to thank you for your support and concern of our children in the home. As Jesus' concern for the children to suffer not, but come unto him as in Matt. 19:13-15. They are our children, and we're part of them. Thank you for the sum of \$87.68.

Committee: Beecher Clark

CHURCHES	POST OFFICE (All in Tenn)	Profession Letter	Recommendation	Restoration	Letter Exclusion	Death	Request	Prof. at Church	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Visiting Ministers		
		GAINED BY				LOST BY							
Algood	Algood	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	10	54	5200.00	
Allens Chapel O.C.	RR#1, Hilham	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	64	555.00	
Allens Chaple P.C.	RR#1, Baxter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	640.28	
Antioch	RR#1, Baxter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			885.00
Bakers Crossroads	RR#9, Crossville	7	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	17	173	4750.00	
Bethel	RR#6, Sparta	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	58	1968.36	
Board Valley	RR#2, Sparta	2	0	1	6	2	0	0	2	0	97	1090.00	30.00
Brotherton	RR#6, Cookeville	6	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	6	87	2358.99	
Brush Creek													
Community	RR#5, Manchester	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	42	2444.48	
Crossroads	RR#2, Monterey	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	8	99	792.00	50.55
Cumberland Chapel	Bone Cave	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	35	899.56	16.35
Dodson Branch	RR#3, Cookeville	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	18	436	4934.74	
Douglas Chapel	RR#6, Cookeville	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	76	1315.24	
Duncans Chapel	RR#10, Cookeville	6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	10	58	1823.51	
Gentrys Chapel	RR#2, Cookeville	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	75	3642.30	10.00
Gleen Chapel	RR#2, Pikeville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37		40.00
Harris Chapel	RR#1, Rickman	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	79	1494.63	482.00
Hensleys Chapel	RR#4, Sparta	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	42	2653.88	46.00
Johnson Chapel	RR#5, Sparta	2	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	3	165	3295.45	
Knights Chapel	RR#4, Cookeville	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	131	2733.58	
Lillys Chapel	RR#3, Baxter	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	3355.00	263.00
Mooneyham	RR#1, Spencer	1	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	27	739.34	24.70
Mt. Pleasant	RR#6, Cookeville	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	87	1032.46	
Mt. Zion	1314 N.M., Cross.	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	0	96	1353.35	
New Harmony	RR#5, Box 113, Pike	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	147	3493.28	130.00
New West Point	RR#3, Smithville	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	74	897.67	
Ozion	RR#2, Baxter	1	0	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	161	1723.76	23.25
Plainview	RR#3, Pikeville	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	15	42	1355.95	210.34
Pleasant Ridge	RR#2, Sparta	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	125	480.00	
Post Oak Shade	RR#2, Cookeville	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	80	2800.00	
Sampson	RR#3, Pikeville	4	2	1	5	2	0	1	0	9	153	5316.64	537.77
Shady Grove	RR#1, Monterey	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	145	361.73	65.00
Smith Chapel	RR#7, Sparta	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	108	772.17	20.59
Smithville													
Stones Seminary	RR#5, Cookeville	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		1680.00	65.00
Taylors Providence	RR#4, Sparta	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0		935.29	
Taylors Seminary	RR#9, Cookeville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	5725.00	49.00
Tuckers Ridge													
Twinton	Crawford	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	21	543.00	
Union Hill	RR#1, Rickman	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	1	85	826.17	61.30
Winesap	RR#6, Crossville	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	109	3327.78	37.00
Yankeetown	RR#2, Sparta	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	123	1779.77	

Ministers

	Revivals	Upkeep of Church	Home for Children	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Disabled Ministers	Associational Treasury	Minute Fund	Misc.	Total
	200.00	6680.20		423.00		50.00	17.17	10.00	2764.89	15884.10
	92.00	931.16						10.00	263.84	1852.00
		155.78						4.00		800.06
	68.00	174.00						4.00	362.65	1493.65
	459.72	5352.76	65.00			70.00	200.00	15.00	249.38	11161.86
	100.00	3316.27	300.00					10.00		5694.63
	200.00	335.00	80.00					10.00	936.98	2681.98
	100.00	2071.37	40.00	25.00			50.00	15.00	271.34	4931.70
	101.00	1943.36	176.23				226.03	8.00	470.05	4008.54
	101.00	263.00	25.00		20.00		25.00	15.00	539.52	1830.07
	103.25	598.11	75.00			20.00	60.00	5.00	267.43	2044.64
	249.79	7345.20	104.25	104.25	104.25	33.88	250.00	29.77	1781.10	14791.69
	91.25	424.47	125.00					10.00	326.13	2292.09
	175.00	7933.74					100.00	15.00	944.92	10991.17
	100.00	795.89	39.71	13.20	15.00	20.81	31.28	11.10	1876.96	6556.15
	121.27							5.00		166.27
	100.00	1499.00	100.00					7.00	745.68	4428.31
	135.86	4588.74						13.06	384.47	7822.21
	160.00	1702.37	616.12		522.97	135.00	200.00	15.00	972.12	7619.24
	158.00	3269.03	50.00			20.00	50.00	15.00	1231.52	7527.13
	474.38	4958.55	865.95		200.00		150.00	15.00	491.17	10773.05
	215.00	2275.86	55.00					5.00	2122.14	4762.06
	100.00	1589.42	50.00				170.00	12.00	940.70	3894.58
	70.00	1332.20	140.00			50.00	100.00	12.00		3057.55
	401.00	1523.48						27.00	30.04	5604.66
		1132.95					100.00	7.25	243.07	2680.94
	113.67	1808.68				60.00	100.00	20.00	225.50	4074.81
	337.25	2075.39	329.83		220.00		100.00	10.00	1845.20	6483.96
	90.00	415.75	50.00					6.00	93.77	1131.52
	150.00	3184.07	322.13		518.31		100.00	8.00	1231.16	8313.67
	371.50	6148.89	120.00			83.86	73.10	20.00	902.95	13574.61
	116.77	120.00	27.71					7.00	453.12	789.60
	128.61	1612.27	57.74				100.00	17.00		2650.64
	100.00	432.03	60.00				160.00	10.00	691.46	2208.49
	400.00	516.24	73.47				100.00	7.50	369.25	2401.75
	300.00	678.00	500.00		975.00			10.00	1144.00	9381.00
	98.00	1420.00			230.00		15.00	8.00	84.66	2398.66
	173.32	589.78	43.16				25.00	12.00	441.31	2172.58
	307.71	4814.99	175.37			71.00		15.00	1018.56	9767.41
	600.00	200.00					175.00	8.00	1462.76	4225.53

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Western Division of the Stone Association of the Free-Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ, met Oct. 30, 1976. Moderator Rev. Earl Williams read the Scripture, Romans 15 and had Prayer. Then a letter from Smith Chapel asking that Herbert H. Selby be ordained to preach the Gospel. After examination, he was ordained.

Moderator: Earl Williams

Asst. Moderator: Mayford Beaty

Clerk: John L. Barnes

Asst. Clerk: Harvey Garrison

A special Presbytery was called and met at the Community Church at Manchester, Feb. 19, 1977, for the purpose of ordaining a Deacon for said Church. Bobby Shannon was examined and ordained.

Moderator: Mayford Beaty

Clerk: John L. Barnes

The Presbytery met at the head-quarters building May 28, 1977. The Asst. Moderator, Mayford Beaty read Scripture, Prayer was by Tim Hammons. Rev. Bill Roberson ask to be dismissed from the Presbytery Association and desires to hold his credentials. His request was agreed on providing he has stated on them that they are no longer valid or in force.

Moderator: Mayford Beaty

Clerk: John L. Barnes

The Presbytery met at the F.W.B. Head-quarters on July 30, 1977. Asst. Moderator, Mayford Beaty read scripture, John 14:1-5. Prayer was by Robert Benson. No new business. Dismissal prayer by Cleve McCoy.

Asst. Moderator: Mayford Beaty

Clerk: John L. Barnes

A special Presbytery was called at Crossroads F.W.B. Church, Overton County, Tennessee, August 13, 1977. Earl Melton was ordained a Deacon for Crossroads Church.

Moderator: Tim Hammons

Clerk: Clayton Padgett

The Presbytery of the Western Division of the F.W.C.B. Church of Christ met at the F.W.B. Head-quarters Building, White County, Tennessee, on Oct. 1, 1977. The meeting was opened with Scripture, Ps. 97, read by Mod. Earl Williams; prayer led by Harvey Garrison. The meeting then proceeded to re-

organize by electing Rev. Mayford Beaty, Moderator; and Rev. Tim Hammons, Asst. Moderator; Rev. Harvey Garrison, Clerk; and Asst. Clerk, Rev. Bobby Roberts. Then proceeding with business, the following came from respective churches with letters from them to be licensed to preach the Gospel. Robert Page, James Ashford from Mr. Pisgah; Edward Lee Christian from Gleen Chapel; Jerry D. Moore from New West Point. All were examined and were licensed for one year. Mike Adams came with a letter from Mt. Pisgah to be ordained to preach the Gospel. After examination he was ordained.

Freddy Savage came with a letter from Sampson recommending that he be granted ordination papers as he had been ordained and had ordination papers from the Methodist Church. After examination, he was granted ordination papers.

Minutes were read and excepted. Motion was made to adjourn. They were dismissed by Rev. Earl Williams.

Moderator: Mayford Beaty
Asst. Moderator: Tim Hammons
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Oct. 13, 1977, Bro. Bill Robinson brought his ordination certificate as he had agreed and they were recorded void on the back.

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Oct. 14, 1977, the Presbytery met at the F.W.B. Head-quarters. The Asst. Moderator conducted the business. Prayer by Robert Vanwinkle. Claude Richardson came with a letter from the Dodson Branch Church asking that his ordination papers be ratified after examination. Motion by Dow Allen, seconded by Harvey Garrison, that we grant his request. Motion carried.

Buddy Short came with a letter from Shady Grove Church asking that he be ordained a Deacon for said Church. After examination, he was ordained as a Deacon.

Bobby Wheeler, from the Eastern Division, came with a letter that was a year old from Allen Chapel, Overton County. The letter was dated Oct. 2, 1976, asking that he be granted permission to Pastor Allen Chapel. After discussion, motion was made by John L. Barnes that we ask him to get a letter from the Church and come before the Presbytery again. Motion carried.

Stacy Tollison made a motion that the Clerk notify those that are licensed to bring a report of their year's work to the Presbytery. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mayford Beaty to adjourn. They were dismissed by John L. Barnes.

Asst. Moderator: Tim Hammons, Chairman
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REPORT OF PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE

CHURCH	PASTOR-PREACHER	CLERK	ADDRESS	MEETING DAY
Algood	David England	Clara Qualls	317 E. Main, Algood	ALL
Allens Chapel, O.C.	Bobby Wheeler	Gladys Phillips	RR#1, Hiltam	ALL
Allens Chapel, P.C.	Leonard Bilbrey	Donna Shanks	RR#1, Baxter	ALL
Antioch		Clara Rodgers	RR#1, Box 300, Baxter	ALL
Bakers Crossroads	Harvey Garrison	Lois Miller	RR#10, Box 141, Cross.	ALL
Betnel	J. T. Davis	Charles Price	RR#5, Sparta	ALL
Board Valley	Robert Benson	George Sparks	RR#2, Sparta	ALL
Brotherton	Stacy Tollison	Fannie Mae Jones	RR#6, Cookeville	ALL
Brush Creek				
Community	Edward Gold	Iola Shannon	RR#4, Manchester	ALL
Crossroads	J. B. Harris	Sylvia Anderson	RR#3, Monterey	ALL
Cumberland Chapel	Tim Hammons	Jeanne Roberts	RR#5, Box 554, McMinn.	ALL
Dodson Branch	Claudia Richardson	Daina Lynn	RR#3, Box 97, Cooke.	ALL
Douglas Chapel	John H. Allen	Iva Lee Tallent	RR#6, Box 342, Cooke.	ALL
Duncans Chapel	Dow V. Allen	Mrs. Billie Mae	RR#1, Cookeville	ALL
Gentrys Chapel	Burdett Randolph	Helen Sherrell	RR#2, Box 419, Cooke.	ALL
Gleens Chapel		Delphia Savage	RR#2, Box 221, Pike.	ALL
Harris Chapel	Darell Phillips	George Harris	RR#1, Rickman	ALL
Hensley Chapel	Floyd Tollison	Mrs. Martin Young	Sparta	ALL
Jonsson Chapel	Cleve Hitchcock	Mary L. Robinson	RR#5, Sparta	ALL
Knights Chapel	Dailey McCowan	Anna Mae Lee	RR#11, Box 133, Cooke.	ALL
Liberty				
Lillys Chapel	Frank Russell	Mrs. Edith Maxwell	RR#3, Baxter	ALL
Mooneyham	Hubert Davis	Georgia Welch	RR#1, Spencer	ALL
Mt. Pleasant	Tex Boles	Ethel Sweat	RR#6, Box 172, Cooke.	ALL
Mt. Zion		Charles Pickett	1314 N. M., Cross.	ALL
New Harmony	Luther Brown	Mrs. Maggie Vaughn	RR#5, Box 113, Pike.	ALL
New West Point	Royce Moore	Lillie Mae Moore	RR#3, Box 161B, Smith	ALL
Ozton	Frank Davis	Betty Lafever	RR#2, Box 139, Baxter	ALL
Plainview	Dennis L. Deweese	Velma Sweet	RR#1, Spencer	ALL
Pleasant Ridge	Leo Bilbrey	Taylor Mansell	RR#2, Sparta	ALL
Post Oak Shade	Earl Williams	Shirley Billingsley	RR#2, Box 91, Cooke.	ALL
Sampson	Freddie Savage	Artie Bickford	RR#3, Box 160, Pike.	ALL
Shady Grove	Buster Bilbrey			183
Smith Chapel	Andrew Seagraves	Jeanne Cobb	RR#7, Box 292, Sparta	ALL
Smithville				
Stone Seminary	Scott Cumby	Margie Phifer	RR#5, Cookeville	ALL
Taylor's Providence	Harold Robinson	Mrs. Susan Cole	RR#4, Box 323, Sparta	ALL
Taylor's Seminary	Willie B. Rodgers	Stella Randolph	RR#9, Cookeville	ALL
Tuckers Ridge				
Twinton	Ronald Norrod	Bobbie Gibson	Crawford, Tennessee	ALL
Union Hill	J. B. Harris	Carrie Vaughn	RR#3, Livingston	ALL
Winesap	Leslie Hickey	Thelma G. Edwards	RR#6, Box 265, Cross.	ALL
Yankeetown	Raymond Peek	Verdie Copeland	RR#2, Sparta	ALL

MINISTERS REPORT

MINISTERS	ADDRESS	PHONE	CHURCHES	SERMONS	CONFESSIONS	MEMBERS REC'D	BAPTISED	COUPLES MARRIED	FUNERALS	REVIVALS	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	CONTRIBUTIONS
Dow V. Allen	RR#3, Cookeville	526-4090	1	99	10	5	3	0	4	1	\$1968.68	10%
John H. Allen	RR#11, Box 126, Ckvl.	526-6588	1	93	7	1	6	4	5	2	157.02	10%
John L. Barnes	1944 N. Dixie, Ckvl.	526-6536	1	58	0	0	0	1	7	0		
Mayford Beatty	RR#3, Box 302, Ckvl.	526-5010	1	85	13	2	0	0	0	1	892.17	
Robert Benson	275, Algood	537-9481	1	90	1	2	0	0	1	2	1135.29	10%
Buster Bilbrey	RR#8, Cookeville	537-9774	1	30	4	2	0	1	0	0	450.00	
Leo Bilbrey	RR#10, Box 78, Ckvl.	537-6089	1	53	1	0	0	1	0	0	480.00	
Leonard Bilbrey	RR#10, Box 78B, Ckvl.	537-6089	1	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	640.28	
Melvin Billings	RR#2, Box 225, Smith.	597-5945	1	84	4	5	0	0	4	0	1723.76	
Tex Allen Boles	RR#2, Box 257, Sparta	526-3007	1	90	2	1	1	1	0	1	1032.46	10%
Roosevelt Crawford	1585 Flintwood, Ckvl.	432-4934	0	17	1	0	0	0	1	0		
John S. Cumby	RR#1, Box 112, Ckvl.	526-4959	1	86	3	0	0	0	2	0	1708.00	1128.65
O. E. Daniels	RR#10, Cookeville	526-9666	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	47.00	52.25
Frank Davis	RR#9, Box 426, ckvl.	526-3673	1	134	0	0	0	2	1	8		
Hubert Davis	RR#3, Box 135, Pike.	881-3486	1	78	2	4	11	4	2	0	739.34	
J. T. Davis	Box 21, RR#3, Sparta	738-8787	1	130	2	3	0	1	8	4	3627.78	
Dennis Deweese	RR#3, Box 213 Pike.	881-3374	0	41	4	0	1	0	0	1	225.00	10%
Harvey Garrison	2193 W. Broad, Ckvl.	526-2091	1	115	20	9	4	7	0	0	4700.00	
Edward Gold	RR#2, Box 144, Tulla.	455-0815	1	150	1	0	0	2	2	0	2444.48	10%
James Hale	Box 210, RR#5, Smith.	597-4964	1	124	7	0	3	1	2	1	701.97	849.50
Tim Hammons	RR#7, Box 254, Sparta	277-3188	1	93	3	1	1	1	0	0	934.56	
Leslie Hickey	RR#3, Box 142, Pike.	881-3590	1	120	9	7	5	2	5	4	5581.64	10%
Cleve Hitchcock	RR#1, Box 298A, Sparta	738-2658	1	85	51	5	27	0	3	3	3505.27	615.90
Claudell Honeycutt	RR#1, Rickman	498-2186	1	112	9	3	3	1	3	0	1900.00	10%
Herman Hooten	131 Cooper, Algood	537-9345	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Henry Kimes, Jr.	RR#10, Box 132, Ckvl.	526-9179	1	57	2	0	2	0	2	1	423.57	10%
Howard Lee	RR#3, Cookeville	268-0997	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Orville McCaleb	RR#9, Box 282, Ckvl.	432-4958	1	25	0	0	0	1	1	0	400.06	
Daily McCowan	RR#8, Box 229, Sparta	738-8155	1	194	24	10	6	2	8	4	5575.99	10%+
Oscar Manning	RR#5, Box 207A, Smith.	597-5319	0	20	0	0	0	0	1	0		
Royce Moore	RR#3, Smithville	597-7685	1	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	612.90	1092.90
Clayton Padgett	Box 34, Cookeville	484-4692	1	58	1	0	1	4	9	1	771.50	
Raymond Peek	RR#3, Cookeville	526-6950	1	90	0	0	0	0	3	0	2079.77	
Burdett Randolph	RR#5, Box 279, Ckvl.	526-5197	1	122	13	1	1	0	2	2		
Bobby Gene Roberts	RR#4, Cookeville	528-2879	0	69	0	0	1	1	1	1		
Andrew Seagraves	RR#7, Sparta	277-3461	0	10	0	0	2	3	3	0	44.59	
Herbert H. Selby	RR#7, Box 206, Sparta	277-3743	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	15.00	364.00
E. J. Taylor	RR#3, Smithville	597-5412	0	21	1	0	0	0	0	1	21.00	500.50
Paul Taylor	RR#1, Dowelltown	597-4479	1	76	0	0	1	0	0	0	1471.50	
Floyd Tollison	RR#6, Box 284C, Sparta		1	71	3	0	0	0	6	0	2653.88	307.00
Stacy Tollison	RR#8, Sparta	738-2830	1	104	9	5	5	0	1	0	2358.99	
Dennis C. Tramel	RR#5, Box 1, Smith.	597-6167	0	26	0	0	0	2	0	0		
Robert W. Vanwinkle	RR#1, Box 62, Spencer	881-3661	1	86	12	0	6	0	1	2	1558.90	10%
Carl Vaughn	RR#5, Pikeville	447-6413	1	95	1	2	0	2	0	1		
Harold Walker	RR#5, Box 28, Ckvl.	526-7843	0	125	3	0	1	1	1	3		
Earl Williams	137 High, Algood	537-6979	1	212	5	0	2	0	0	1	2700.00	

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 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 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 Free-Will 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 the 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 another Association, they shall automatically be dropped from our Association.

If any church in our Association has joined any other Association and has a desire to stay there, they shall 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 Free-will 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 the inalienable right to private judgement 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

Free-Will 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 Free-Will 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 correct minutes 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 delegate voter for every 25 members over 50.

Section 9. That, for the purpose of ordaining Elders there shall convene a

Presbytery. Said Presbytery shall consist of three or more ordained Elders and they shall elect a Moderator and Clerk from among themselves for the present session. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applicants that may come before them for license and ordination, and if found competent shall ordain them or set apart for the work by prayer and laying on of hands. Said Presbytery shall have full power to try ministers and deacons, composing this Association for immorality, propagation of unchristian doctrine, neglect of duty enjoined by the Word of God or the rules of the church, on proper testimony; their decision to be final. Any member of the Presbytery shall have full power to convene a Presbytery in extraordinary session at any time for the purpose of transacting any official business.

Section 10. No minister shall be ordained to the office of Elder until having passed a satisfactory examination upon the subject of repentance, faith, justification, the door into the church, water baptism, the Lord's Supper, washing the saint's feet and transaction of the church business in general.

Section 11. Any one who desires the office of Elder shall take the following steps before presenting himself for ordination: He shall be liberated by their churches to hold prayer meeting and comment on the Scriptures for one year, at the expiration of twelve months, or any time thereafter, he shall go before a Presbytery for examination and if found competent, they shall issue license for him; after he has his license for one year he shall go before a Presbytery for a second examination and if found worthy, they shall ordain him to the office of Elder.

Section 12. That, for the purpose of receiving licentiates or ordained ministers from other denominations who come to us well recommended, we receive them and ratify their license or credentials.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Presbytery to give a letter of dismission and recommendation to any ordained minister if in good standing wishing to leave our Association.

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

Registered at Association

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
Freeman Stairs	Bakers Crossroads
Cleve McCoy, Carl Price	Bethel
George Sparks.	Board Valley
Hester Gentry.	Brotherton
Harvey Miller, Bobby Shannon.	Community
Earl Milton.	Crossroads
Monroe Webb, Mack Crabtree, Clay Maxwell	Dodsons Branch
James Young, Birdle Mayberry, Cecil Mayberry	
Charlie Moore	
Charles Cumby	Duncans Chapel
Clayton Lee, Clarence Cantrell.	Knights Chapel
Mylo Young.	Hensleys Chapel
Charles Pickett, S. T. Pickett	Mt. Zion
Alfred Ashburn, Dewey W. Rich.	Ozion
Lonnie Deweese	Plainview
Claude Hickey	Sampson
Cordell Walker	Stones Seminary
Jeff England.	Taylors Providence
Pete Stults, James Vaughn.	Twinton
Jim Bilbrey, Floyd Vaughn	Union Hill
Everett Dunham, Clay Hickey	Yankeetown

