

MINUTES

**ONE-HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND 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 16, 17, AND 18, 1997

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FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves unto God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church, conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotions of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 Minister's 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 is necessary.

PROCEEDINGS

The ministers, deacons, and delegates of the Western Division of The Stone Association of the Free Will Christian Baptist Church of Christ, met at the Headquarters Building, located on Highway 84, in White County, for the 132nd Session, on October 16, 17, and 18, 1997.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Tex Boles, our Moderator.

We opened with prayer led by Bro. Jim Young.

The scripture from Psalms 100 was read by the Moderator, Bro. Tex Boles. Bro. Bobby Roberts was selected to serve as Assistant Moderator, since Bro. Clayton Lee was not present.

We proceeded to organize as follows:

Clerk:	Bro. Dow Allen
Assistant Clerk:	Bro. Danny Lane
Treasurer:	Bro. Billy Nabors

The Rules of Decorum were read.

Roll call of delegates, ministers, and deacons.

The Devotional Committee was selected.

A call for corresponding letters were called for and none were present.

The conference report was read and approved.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REPORT

The conference met on the following dates:

December 27-28, 1996
March 28-29, 1997
June 27-28, 1997
August 29-30, 1997

The conference paid out during the year:

Associational Treasury	\$995.00
Disabled Ministers	505.00
Home Missions	321.00
Home for Children	<u>664.62</u>
TOTAL	\$2485.62

Bro. Tim Hammons gave a report on the guidelines of the Disabled Minister's Program. Motion made and seconded that the minister's widow receive the full amount, provided that she meets the requirements. Motion passed. Motion sustained to hold this motion until the Devotional Committee returns to the room.

Bro. Jack Taylor gave a report pertaining to the activities at the Children's Home. An offering was taken for the Children's Home in the amount of \$285.65.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday Night:	Bro. David Lee England
Assistant:	Bro. Cleve Hitchcock
Friday Morning:	Bro. Tex Boles
Assistant:	Bro. Dennis Deweese
Friday Night:	Bro. Hubert Davis
Assistant:	Bro. Robert Benson
Saturday Morning:	Bro. Clayton Padgett
Assistant:	Bro. Dannie Allen

The Association Report was read and approved.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES

Algood	R.G. Wilson
	George Wright
	Al Shockley
Allen's Chapel, O.C.	Louie Geesling
Allen's Chapel, P.C.	Not Representing
Antioch	Debbie Rodgers
	Mike Rodgers
	Ruby McHenry

Bakers Crossroads	Lois Miller
	Loyd Williams
	Jessie Williams
	Josephine Elmore
Bethel	Jean Bandy
	Jerry Brown
	Anita Brown
Board Valley	Mike Murdock
	Ruth Radford
Brotherton	Eunetta Bowman
	Larry Bowman
Buckner	Ray Smith
Crossroads	Joe Anderson
	Donnie Smith
Cumberland Chapel	Frenchie Pelham
	Carol Pelham
Dodson Branch	Lonnie Mayberry
	Lannie Mayberry
	Carl Sullivan
	Raymond Globe
Douglas Chapel	Beecher Bilbrey
	Delia Bilbrey
Duncans Chapel	Johnny Arney
	Helen Smith
	Sue Phillips
Gentrys Chapel	Lula Lefever
	Ruby Fisher
	Kennith Maxwell
Harris Chapel	Sue Skinner
	Georgia Honeycutt
Hensley Chapel	Joyce Young
	Estell Strickland
	Pauline Young
	Mary Young
	Grundy Young
	Ben Young
Johnson Chapel	Rose Robinson
	Alma Billings
Knights Chapel	Frances Allen
	Minnie Gaw
	Mikel Cantrell
Laynes Chapel	Jannis Kilgore
	Sheddie Kilgore

Lillys Chapel	By Letter
Mooneyham	Ellen Holland
	Georgie Welch
Mt. Pisgah	By Letter
Mt. Pleasant	Fannie Swallows
	Burton Swallows
	U.L. Raines
Mt. Zion	By Letter
New Harmony	By Letter
New West Point	Ruby Moore
	Betty Taylor
Ozion	Georgah Allison
	Charlie Gentry
	Ronnie Dunn
Plainview	Evelyn Davis
	Virginia Deweese
	Betty Bickford
Pleasant Ridge	By Letter
Post Oak Shade	Lorene Brewington
	Joyce Nelson
	Dean Lee
Ridgedale	Mabel Lewis
Sampson	Sybil Baker
Shady Grove	Mildred Thompson
	Tammie Thompson
Smith Chapel	Jean Cobb
	Georgia Hammons
Stones Seminary	Hazel Hitchcock
Taylors Providence	Jessie Adcock
Tuckers Ridge	Not Representing
Union Hill	Not Representing
Winesap	Peggy Welch
	Virginia Smith
Yankeetown	Eugene Young
	Jackie Dunham
	Regina Kerr
	Darin Graham

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Beginning Balance: 1347.20
Total Offerings: 4315.62

Paid Out to Children's Home - 694.62
Paid Out to O'Connor Utility - 117.65
Paid Out to Caney Fork Electric - 444.73
Paid Out to Foreign Missions - 100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses - 1871.50
TOTAL PAID OUT 3228.50

Beginning Balance 1347.20
Total Offerings Received 4315.62
Total Paid Out 3228.50
Balance On Hand (10-16-97) 2434.32

Motion made and seconded to not take offerings at the conference and Association but instead take care of this at your home church and send it to the conference and Association. Motion passed.

Special committees were selected.

Motion passed to dismiss for the morning worship service.

Bros. Dan Young and Bill Simmons led the singing with Sis. Virginia Deweese at the piano.

Special singing by Sis. Virginia Deweese, Bro. O.E. Daniels, Sis. Jackie Dunham, Bro. Danny Allen, and Sis. Susie Mayberry.

Prayer led by Bro. Tex Boles.

Bro. Dow Allen delivered the morning message. His thought was "A Dependable Christian". He used for scripture I Cor. 15:15-58. After a firm and challenging message from Bro. Allen, an invitation was given. After fellowship we received a motion to adjourn until the evening service. Dismissed from the service by Bro. Jim Young.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The congregational singing was directed by Bro. Danny Allen with Sis. Susie Mayberry at the piano.

Special singing was by Sis. Ruth Radford, the Gary Lewis family, and Bro. Danny Allen.

Altar prayer was directed by Bro. Gary Norton.

Bro. Cleve Hitchcock delivered the evening message from Rev. 22:14. His thought was "Gate Trouble."

After a good message, we were dismissed by Bro. Danny Lane.

FRIDAY MORNING

The service was opened with prayer directed by Bro. Harold Robinson.

Congregation singing was directed by Bro. O.E. Daniels with Sis. Debbie Rodgers at the piano.

The Moderator read the scripture from Psalms 122.

The minutes were read and approved.

The roll call was made.

Bro. Bobby Roberts was selected to serve as Assistant Moderator in the absence of Bro. Clayton Lee.

Bro. Sam Davis was selected to serve on the Association Committee. The committee is:

Bro. Ray Young
Bro. Tex Boles
Bro. Dell Webb
Bro. Burdette Randolph
Bro. Bill Simmons
Bro. Sam Davis

An offering was taken for the Association Treasurer. The amount was \$161.50.

The Disabled Minister's Committee was selected.

Bro. Royce Moore
Bro. Harvey Garrison
Bro. Jim Young

The Disabled Minister's Report was read and approved. An offering was taken in the amount of \$91.00.

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

October 14, 1997	Checking	\$629.60
October 1, 1997	Savings	<u>16259.87</u>
	Total	\$16889.47

The Church letters were read and approved.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the morning worship service.

Bro. Danny Allen opened the service with a congregational song with Sis. Susie Mayberry playing the piano. A special song was done by Bro. O.E. Daniels.

Altar prayer was directed by Bro. H.O. Allison. Bro. Alfred Ashburn led "Amazing Grace" while we had fellowship.

Bro. and Sis. H.O. Allison sang a special song as did Sis. Helen Smith. Special songs were also performed by Sis. Debbie Rodgers and Sis. Susie Mayberry.

Bro. Danny Lane led a special prayer in behalf of the speaker and the morning message.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Tex Boles. He read the scripture from Psalms 40. His thought was "He brought me up."

After hearing a God anointed message and enjoying a great fellowship, we were dismissed from the service by Bro. Clayton Padgett.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Congregational singing was directed by Bros. Bill Simmons and Dan Young. Sis. Susie Mayberry was at the piano.

Special singing was given by Sis. Jackie Dunham, Bro. Arvill Lee, Bro. Robert Benson, and Sis. Ruth Radford.

Altar prayer was directed by Bro. Carson Whitaker. The evening message was delivered by Bro. Hubert Davis. His scripture was Eccl. 12:13-14 and his thought was "Let us." After enjoying the message and fellowship, we were dismissed from the service by Bro. Clayton Lee, Jr.

SATURDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened by prayer directed by Bro. Tim Hammons.

The Moderator read the devotion from Psalms 23.

Bro. Danny Allen directed the singing.

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

Visiting ministers were recognized. Bro. Mark Kennedy was present.

Bro. Jerry Mayberry read the Presbytery Report.

Two church letters, that were turned in late, were read and approved.

New churches were invited to unite with our association. Hardys Chapel Church presented a letter requesting permission to unite with our Association.

Motion passed to accept Hardys Chapel into our body.

The Home Missions Report was read and approved.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Balance on hand 1996	\$3785.30
Received during the year	<u>321.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4106.30
Expenditures	<u>800.00</u>
Balance on hand	\$3330.77

Bro. Harold Robinson was elected to serve on the Home Missions Committee.

An offering was taken for the Home Missions Fund in the amount of \$94.00.

The Home Missions Committee is:

Bro. Clayton Lee
Bro. Bobbie Roberts
Bro. Billy Nabors
Bro. Danny Lane
Bro. Harold Robinson

Bro. Clayton Padgett gave his report as the Association Promotional Director.

Bro. Sam Davis was selected to serve as the Association Promotional Director for the coming year.

Bro. Robert Benson gave his report as the Assistant Director and also to serve as assistant for next year.

Bro. David Lee England was selected to serve as the Associational Moderator. His term will begin at the end of this setting until the end of the next year's setting.

Bro. Frank Davis was selected as the Assistant Moderator for next year.

Bro. Freddie Savage was selected to bring the introduction message for next year's setting.

Bro. Bobbie Roberts was selected as the assistant to bring the introduction message.

The Minister's Reports were read and approved.

	Professions	Letter	Recommendations	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Request	Professions at Church	Total Members	Pastor	Visiting Ministers	REVIVALS
	GAINED BY				LOST BY								
Algood	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	1	6	128	\$10400.00	\$175.00	\$900.00
Allen's Chapel O.C.	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	16	2568.00	325.00	200.00
Antioch	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	28	1325.00	100.00	500.00
Bakers Crossroads	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	163	6560.00	395.00	500.00
Bethel	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	6097.59	420.00	300.00
Board Valley	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	11	27	3501.36	0.00	500.00
Brotherton	5	0	5	0	0	0	3	0	5	72	5200.00	75.00	320.00
Buckner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	3520.47	46.00	200.00
Crossroads	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	87	0.00	289.00	510.00
Cumberland Chapel	2	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	42	5624.00	765.00	400.00
Dodsons Branch	13	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	13	456	19167.00	1532.00	800.00
Douglas Chapel	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	55	2055.70	115.00	300.00
Duncans Chapel	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	6073.47	150.00	200.00
Gentrys Chapel	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	13	98	12321.61	240.00	660.00
Hardeys Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Harris Chapel	9	0	9	0	0	0	3	0	10	115	13344.00	300.00	500.00
Hensley Chapel	1	0	0	9	0	0	2	0	10	82	5018.17	1435.00	400.00
Johnson Chapel	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	156	0.00	350.00	973.00
Knights Chapel	10	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	9	175	15685.08	225.00	500.00
Layne Chapel	5	4	0	16	0	0	0	0	21	62	16075.00	0.00	300.00
Lillys Chapel	6	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	32	83	20300.00	448.35	200.00
Mooneyham	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	22	6187.21	247.00	530.00
Mt. Pisgah	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	89	19927.66	1275.00	650.00
Mt. Pleasant	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	121	2898.03	50.00	200.00
Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	108	1970.00	0.00	300.00
New Harmony	1	2	2	0	0	0	5	2	0	180	1632.95	879.38	0.00
New West Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	1516.60	50.00	363.00
Ozion	8	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	83	5200.00	335.00	600.00
Plainview	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	3532.61	275.00	250.00
Pleasant Ridge	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	12	120	3600.00	360.00	320.00
Post Oak Shade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	86	12075.00	450.00	400.00
Ridgedale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	1325.00	115.00	0.00
Sampson	2	8	0	0	2	0	1	0	19	157	8083.29	1322.09	729.00
Shady Grove	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	103	1657.00	0.00	250.00
Smith Chapel	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	111	3002.27	171.50	200.00
Stones Seminary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	7900.00	25.00	100.00
Taylor's Providence	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	5	107	3922.90	378.00	392.82
Winesap	5	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	4	47	11477.50	325.00	1408.00
Yankeetown	20	3	14	12	0	0	1	0	20	124	10323.49	25.00	500.00

REVIVALS	Upkeep of Church	Home for Children	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Free Will Baptist Bible College	Disabled Ministers	Associational Treasury	Minute Fund	Miscellaneous	Totals
900.00	\$6415.00	\$1578.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$15220.06	\$34988.63
200.00	6408.00	69.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	1411.00	11001.27
500.00	899.95	25.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	2307.49	4932.44
500.00	10747.60	568.69	30.00	284.75	129.80	30.00	75.00	20.00	172.00	19512.84
300.00	4882.30	866.83	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	721.67	13438.39
500.00	2850.00	132.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.0	25.00	1844.47	9002.83
320.00	6641.52	1700.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	30.00	4334.53	18601.05
200.00	4721.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	3893.27	12390.87
510.00	6226.98	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	20.00	2650.36	9796.34
400.00	33714.85	400.00	0.00	350.00	100.00	60.00	75.00	25.00	2801.28	44315.13
300.00	5200.52	100.00	100.00	600.00	100.00	155.00	0.00	60.00	5050.35	32864.87
300.00	3134.16	66.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	874.72	6505.58
200.00	6288.85	218.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	30.00	2782.17	13110.32
360.00	3641.96	100.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	200.00	35.00	0.00	46454.38
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
500.00	5896.00	3600.00	1400.00	17450.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	40.00	1590.00	28560.00
400.00	3269.03	65.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	2916.35	13228.55
973.00	7372.87	254.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	30.00	2935.42	12065.29
500.00	24960.00	40.00	40.00	256.00	0.00	200.00	40.00	70.00	8835.33	50951.41
300.00	10130.25	1220.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	12735.40	40540.65
200.00	24575.20	782.62	3444.00	550.00	80.00	80.00	120.00	35.00	5421.55	55956.72
330.00	8829.59	639.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	50.00	30.00	3125.89	19654.19
350.00	11660.76	330.00	0.00	1345.00	300.00	100.00	250.00	20.00	9030.01	44898.43
200.00	13949.82	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	30.00	649.96	5881.07
300.00	9935.29	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	2000.00	14135.29
0.00	4510.41	371.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	772.38	8181.62
363.00	2279.51	712.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	30.00	649.96	20210.11
500.00	8742.08	173.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	100.00	30.00	3859.73	19040.56
250.00	3430.58	405.00	30.00	540.00	0.00	40.00	65.00	25.00	2898.78	11491.97
320.00	2751.32	900.00	75.00	1182.16	0.00	75.00	75.00	50.00	2760.02	12148.50
400.00	11188.97	1780.75	0.00	4629.75	300.00	400.36	100.00	40.00	8258.15	39622.98
0.00	7737.73	52.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	20.00	2329.21	11653.94
729.00	17667.09	247.00	100.00	180.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	35.00	14407.28	42920.75
250.00	4431.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	20.00	734.00	7272.00
200.00	2855.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	30.00	2069.44	8454.16
100.00	0.00	95.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	25.00	500.00	9045.00
392.82	1296.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	232.50	75.00	40.00	3189.45	9527.07
408.00	7509.48	240.00	0.00	429.49	0.00	90.00	300.00	40.00	48024.86	69844.33
500.00	4069.35	142.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	40.00	1004.91	16473.00

HOME MISSIONS REPORT (continued)

Bro. Burdette Randolph told of the need for a new lawn mower for the Association use.

A motion was sustained to adjourn for the morning service.

Bros. Danny Allen, Raymond Globe, Arvill Lee and O.E. Daniels led songs. A special song by a group consisting of Martha Garrison, Arvill Lee, and Raymond Globe.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Clayton Padgett. His scripture was I Peter 2:9-10. He used for his subject, "Where Grace has Brought Me From." Bro. Tim Hammons asked the blessing on the service.

Bro. Clayton Padgett delivered a wonderful message.

After fellowship, the body was called back in order to conclude business of the year.

The Moderator expressed his appreciation for the great support shown during the Association.

The minutes were read and approved.

Motion sustained to adjourn from this setting.

We were dismissed from this year's setting by Bro. Raymond Globe.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, as leaders and teacher, should encourage our children to especially attend Sunday School as well as church. In order for a child to be taught the ways of the Lord and his love for us, they should be taught early in life for lasting training. As it says in Proverbs 22:6:

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Lula Lafever
Kenneth Maxwell

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We are thankful for the support of Home Missions. We find in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish..."

Thanks to the Churches of Western Division of Stone Association for the offering of \$2,131.00.

Georgah Allison
Ruby Moore

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, believe it to be a sin according to God's Word to use or sell strong drink. Proverbs 20:1, Isaiah 5:11, Ephesians 5:18, I Corinthians 6:9-10. We also should be temperate with our tongues, Proverbs 21:23, "Whoso keepth his mouth and his tongue keepth his soul from troubles." We believe if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. John 4:11.

Estelle Strickland
Pauline Young

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, wish to report a total offering of \$1225.00 for the minute fund. We want to thank all of the churches for their support, both in offerings and prayers.

Evelyn Davis
Virginia Deweese

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the 47 families of the loved ones gone on to meet the Lord since our last association meeting.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Georgie Welch
Ellen Holland

FOREIGN MISSIONS

We, the Foreign Missions Committee, feel that it is a christian's duty to support Foreign Missions, that the missionaries may be able to carry the Gospel to all the world. (St. Matthew 28:19). We would like to thank each church for their support.

Frances Allen
Minnie Gaw

DEACONS REGISTERING AT ASSOCIATION

NAME	CHURCH
Tommy Randolph	Algood
Bob Bean	
Louie Geesley	Allen's Chapel, O.C.
Mike Rodgers	Antioch
Norman Miller	Baker Crossroads
Walter Bowman	Brotherton
Jim Young	Dodsons Branch
Jerry Mayberry	
Tommy Phillips	Duncans Chapel
Dan Young	Hensley Chapel
John Young	
Gene Robinson	Johnson Chapel
Roy Jones	
Clarence Cantrell	Knights Chapel
Sheddie Kilgore	Layne Chapel
John Calvin	New Harmony
Beecher Taylor	New West Point
H.O. Allison	Ozion
Alfred Ashburn	
Lonnie Deweese	Plainview
John Baker	Sampson
Stanley Haney	Shady Grove
Clyde Smith	Winesap
Clay Hickey	Yankeetown
Mike Kerr	
Charlie Moore	

REPORT OF PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE

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Bakers Crossroads	Mark Kennedy	Lois Miller	384 Miller Cl., Crossville, TN 38555
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Board Valley	Arnold Conley	Ruth Radford	1839 Doran Road, Sparta, TN 38583
Brotherton	Danny Allen	Beulah Bilbrey	4298 Hilham Road, Cookeville, TN 38501
Buckner	Earl Williams	Catherine Chambers	18555 Happy Hollow Rd., Buffalo Valley, TN
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Duncans Chapel	Harold Walker	Helen Smith	9206 Lynn Chapel Rd., Cookeville, TN 38501
Gentrys Chapel	Burdett Randolph	Linda McClain	3036 McDonald Road, Cookeville, TN 38501
Hardys Chapel	New Church		
Harris Chapel	Gary Farris	George L. Harris	2296 Monterey Highway, Rickman, TN 38580
Hensley Chapel	William Simmons	Ben F. Young, Jr.	160 Carrick Road, Sparta, TN 38583
Johnson Chapel	David Wilson	Mary Lou Robinson	1730 Johnson Chapel Road, Sparta, TN 38583
Knights Chapel	Roger Cooper	Sue Tosh	2157 Shipley Road, Cookeville, TN 38501
Layne Chapel	Freddie Savage	Leland Laulsster	802 Pry Rd. Cove, Jasper, TN 37347
Lillis Chapel	Gary Norton	Jannie Maxwell	132 Chestnut Street, Baxter, TN 38544
Mooneyham	Wayne Sullivan	Georgie Welch	RR#1, Box 278, Spencer, TN 38585
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New West Point	Royce Moore	Nina Hart	475 Redmon Road, Smithville, TN 37166
Ozion	Frank Davis	Donnie Randolph	8637 Austin Bottom Rd., Baxter, TN 38544
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Yankeetown	Danny Lane	Dorothy Simmons	168 Magnolia Rd., Sparta, TN 38583

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery met in a called meeting at the Sampson Free Will Baptist Church on November 23, 1996. Letter was read from Sampson Church asking that Bro. Jon Baker be questioned and if found worthy, be ordained as a deacon. After questioning, motion made and passed to ordain Bro. Baker. Ordination prayer led by Bro. Jim Young. After prayer, Bro. Dennis Deweese preached the charge. Presbytery present were Bros. Frank Davis, Rudy Oaks, Dennis Deweese, Hubert Davis, Leslie Hickey, Alfred Ashburn, Jim Young, Bill Simmons, Jerry Maberry, Gary Lewis, Roger Davis, Dale Burgess, Frank Reagan.

Moderator:	Frank Davis
Clerk:	Jerry Maberry

The Presbytery met at the Headquarters Building on December 28, 1996. Moderator called the meeting to order. Prayer by Bro. Jim Young. Letter was read from Harris Chapel Church requesting that Bro. Gary Farris be examined and if found worthy, have his credentials to preach ratified by this body. A letter of standing was also read from the Liberty Association. After examination, motion made and passed to grant request and accept Bro. Farris as a member of this body.

Moderator:	Frank Davis
Clerk:	Jerry Maberry

A special Presbytery met at the Yankeetown Church on April 19, 1997. Read letter from church asking that Bro. Mike Kerr be questioned and if found worthy be ordained as a deacon. After examination, motion made and carried to grant request. Ordination prayer led by Bro. Danny Lane. Bro. Dennis Deweese preached the charge. Those present were Bros. Gary Lewis, Danny Lane, Dennis Deweese, Charlie Moore, Clay Hickey, Jim Young, Bill Simmons, Jerry Maberry, Frank Davis, James Copeland.

Moderator:	Frank Davis
Clerk:	Jerry Maberry

A special Presbytery was called at the Buckner Free Will Baptist Church on June 1, 1997. Prayer by Bro. Earl Williams. Bro. Grover Brewington was questioned and found worthy to be ordained as deacon at the Buckner Church. Those present were Bros. Earl Williams, Monroe Chambers, Mike Adams, Bradley Hood. Bro. Earl Williams preached the charge.

Moderator:	Earl Williams
Clerk:	Mike Adams

The Presbytery met at the Headquarters' Building on June 28, 1997. Prayer led by Bro. Harold Robinson. A letter was read from Dodson Branch Free Will Baptist Church asking that Bro. Quentin Lee be examined and if found worthy be ordained to preach the gospel. After examination, motion was made and passed to ordain Bro. Lee. Ordination prayer led by Bro. Clayton Lee. Bro. Dow Allen preached the charge.

Moderator:	Frank Davis
Clerk:	Jerry Maberry

The Presbytery met at the Headquarters' Building on August 30, 1997. Prayer by Bro. Bobby Roberts. Read letter from Cumberland Chapel Free Will Baptist Church asking that Bro. Barry Pelham be examined and if found worthy, be licensed to preach the gospel. After examination, motion made and carried to grant request.

Moderator:	Frank Davis
Clerk:	William Simmons

The annual meeting of the Presbytery met at the Headquarters' Building on October 4, 1997. Moderator read scripture from Acts, Chapter 20. Prayer led by Bro. Tim Hammons. We proceeded to organize by election of officers for the coming year.

Moderator:	Dennis Deweese
Assistant Moderator:	Frank Davis
Clerk:	Jerry Maberry
Assistant Clerk:	Bobby Roberts

After discussion of several issues, motion made and passed to adjourn.

Moderator:	Dennis Deweese
Clerk:	Jerry Maberry

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Churches	Sermons	Confessions	Members Received	Baptized	Couples Married	Funerals Conducted	Revivals Conducted	Contributions Received	Contributions Given
1	93	0	0	3	2	2	0	\$2900.00	10%
1	105	5	10	5	4	1	0	5315.00	10%
1	80	3	0	5	0	5	0	0.00	10%
1	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	10%
1	73	2	4	3	0	4	1	6173.57	0
2	24	2	0	2	0	0	1	200.00	420.00
1	150	2	4	2	0	1	6	0.00	0
1	90	9	4	9	0	0	0	0.00	0
1	86	4	0	6	0	0	0	0.00	0
0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
1	155	0	7	8	0	4	5	6645.00	0
1	78	2	4	1	2	2	0	800.00	0
1	50	0	0	0	0	1	2	3652.61	0
1	135	4	6	2	1	4	10	8077.00	10%
1	142	8	0	1	1	16	1	452.89	10%
1	145	5	0	2	5	6	0	0.00	0
0	16	1	0	0	0	2	0	200.00	0
0	11	0	0	0	0	3	0	290.00	0
1	88	4	5	9	1	4	0	11627.50	0
1	154	4	0	0	0	6	0	0.00	0
1	105	10	4	4	0	3	0	0.00	10%
1	50	1	0	0	0	1	1	1675.00	0
1	92	14	30	20	1	2	6	10221.24	0
0	25	1	0	0	4	1	0	650.00	955.00
1	165	14	5	5	4	4	4	0.00	0
0	46	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
1	140	2	0	2	0	0	0	1325.00	10%
0	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	1885.00
1	146	0	0	2	2	3	0	1616.60	0
1	72	14	1	5	2	4	0		10%
1	132	21	10	9	1	4	3	8350.00	10%
0	52	2	0	1	1	14	2	2938.93	10%
1	148	14	14	2	5	2	4	2.00	0
1	112	8	0	0	1	5	1	6919.08	10%
1	101	8	5	6	0	5	1	0.00	0
1	115	27	12	5	4	8	5	0.0	10%
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
1	117	16	1	1	2	3	3	5074.17	10%
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	250.00	0
1	72	2	0	4	0	0	0	0.00	10%
1	112	4	1	5	4	3	1	0.00	10%
0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
0	5	0	0	5	0	1	0	100.00	1700.00
1	106	4	0	0	0	4	0	3520.47	10%
1	98	3	0	4	0	5	0	0.00	0
0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
1	77	4	4	1	2	0	0	1325.00	0
1	48	10	0	0	0	1	0	0.00	0

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one eternal God, the Creator and upholder of all things 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 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 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." 1 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 matter 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 several churches to organize a church treasury for the purpose of defraying church expenses.

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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 them 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 business, except licensing or ordaining anyone to preach the Gospel, and this is to be done at the Association.

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. Anyone 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 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 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.

Section 17. We accept no person into fellowship with our Presbytery that teaches, believes in, or practices homosexuality. We feel that the E.R.A. is at the heart of the conflict. They should be rejected according to the Bible: Deut. 27:21; Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:21-32; Rom. 2:2; 1 Cor. 6:9, 10, 14, 19; 1 Cor. 3:16-17; Titus 1:15-16. This subject was the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, Gen. 19:4-5.

If any member of our Presbytery should become guilty of this subject, his credentials shall be annulled.

