

MINUTES

**ONE-HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THIRD 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 15, 16, AND 17, 1998

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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 it's poor, and all it's 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 133rd Session, on October 15, 16, and 17, 1998.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Frank Davis.

We opened with prayer led by Bro. Royce Moore.

The singing was directed by Bro. Robert Benson.

Bro. Frank Davis, our Assistant Moderator, read the Scripture from 1 John 3:10-19.

Bro. Frank Davis will serve as the Moderator in the absence of Bro. David Lee England.

Bro. Burdett Randolph was selected to serve as the Assistant Moderator.

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.

Visiting ministers were recognized and made welcome. Ovil Tinch, from the Eastern Association, Bro. Daily McCowan from the Liberty Association, and Bro. Jack Taylor, a representative from the Children's Home.

The Quarterly Conference Report was read and approved.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REPORT

The conference met on the following dates:

November 29 & 30, 1997
March 27 & 28, 1998
May 29 & 30, 1998
August 28 & 29, 1998

The Associational Report was read and approved.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$2434.32
<u>Total Offerings Received</u>	<u>12248.68</u>
Paid Out to Children's Home	2306.34
Paid out to O'Connor Utility	122.16
Paid out to Caney Fork Electric	484.64
Paid out to Foreign Missions	100.00
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>	<u>9872.00</u>
Total Paid Out	12885.64
Balance on Hand 10/15/98	1797.36

Bro. Dow Allen suggested that we help Bro. Billy Nabors defray his expenses.

Bro. Tex Boles made a motion, seconded by Bro. Robert Benson that we give Bro. Nabors \$200.00 to help on his expense. Motion passed.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Thursday Night:	Bro. Sam Davis
Assistant:	Bro. Bill Simmons
Friday Morning:	Bro. Roosevelt Crawford
Assistant:	Bro. Harvey Garrison
Friday Night:	Bro. Rudy Oakes
Assistant:	Bro. Danny Lane
Saturday Morning:	Bro. Dennis Deweese
Assistant:	Bro. Kenneth Young

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES

Algood	Andrew Stamps George Wright
Allens Chapel	By Letter
Antioch	By Letter
Bakers Crossroads	Norman Miller Lois Miller Brenda Miller Darrell Lawson Patsy Young
Bethel	Anita Brown
Board Valley	Ruth Radford
Brotherton	Eunetta Bowman Larry Bowman
Buckner	Doug Chambers Wanda Chambers
Crossroads	By Letter
Cumberland Chapel	Ann Webster
Dodsons Branch	Raymond Globe Anthony Loftis Roger Loftis
Douglas Chapel	Kathie Shaver Bertha Shaver Gragg
Duncans Chapel	Sue Phillips Helen Smith
Gentrys Chapel	Ruby Fisher
Hardys Chapel	By Letter
Harris Chapel	Georgia Honeycutt Sue Skinner
Hensleys Chapel	Estell Strickland Joyce Young Mary Young
Johnson Chapel	Rose Robinson Alma Billings Jim Robinson
Knights Chapel	Francis Allen Betty Masters Miekel Cantrell
Laynes Chapel	Sheddie Kilgore Jannis Kilgore
Lillys Chapel	By Letter
Mooneyham	Georgie Welch Ellen Holland

Mt. Pleasant	Golda Raines U.L. Raines Pat West
Mt. Zion	By Letter
New Harmony	Marshall Swafford, Jr. George Neal Don Bowers
New West Point	Danny Parker Ruby Moore
Ozion	Bonnie Dunn Damon Cannon Ray Fisher
Plainview	Evelyn Davis Virginia Deweese
Pleasant Ridge	Fredia Boles
Post Oak Shade	Loreine Brewington Dean Lee
Ridgedale	Mabel Lewis Steve Marsh
Sampson	Jackie Farley
Shady Grove	Linda Ryan Carolyn Brown Tammie flatt
Smith Chapel	Jean Cobb Georgia Hammons
Stones Seminary	Hazel Hitchcock Sue Dyer Becky Cantrell
Taylors Providence	Ray England Jessie Adcock
Winesap	Virginia Smith Peggy Welch
Yankeetown	Dorothy Simmons

Promotional Director: Arnold Connley
931-761-3784

Assistant Director: Sam Davis
931-935-2801

Bro. Jack Taylor gave a report about the activities of the Children's Home.
He expressed his appreciation for our help and encouragement.

Special committees were selected.

Motion was passed to adjourn from this business and enter into the worship service.

Congregational singing was directed by Bros. Dan Young and Bill Simmons.

Special singing by Bro. O.E. Daniels, Bro. Gar Stambaugh, Bro. Robert Benson, and Sis. Ruth Radford.

Prayer led by Bro. Orvil Tinch.

The introductory message was delivered by Bro. Freddie Savage. His message was "The Six Crosses in the Word". Exodus 12:1-11 was chosen for the scripture. The message was challenging, encouraging, and enjoyable.

A special song was sung by Sis. Martha Garrison, Bro. Edley Moore, Bro. Andrew Stamps, and Bro. Gar Stambaugh. A special poem was read by Sis. Georgia Welch.

After altar call and fellowship, we were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Harvey Garrison.

THURSDAY NIGHT

The congregational singing was directed by Bro. Bill Simmons, Grundy Young, Dan Young, and the pianist were Sis. Georgah Allison and Bro. Gar Stambaugh.

The Moderator, Bro. Frank Davis, read the devotion from Matthew 4.

Prayer was directed by Bro. Mike Kerr.

Special singing was by Bro. and Sis. H.O. Allison, Bro. and Sis. Gary Lewis, Bro. Gar Stambaugh, and Bro. Clarence Chambers.

The evening message was delivered by Bro. Sam Davis. His scripture was taken from Matthew 18:21-35. His subject was "A Debt that can't be paid".

After enjoying a great message, a special prayer was offered by Sis. Marie Chambers.

Dismissal prayer was given by Bro. Mike Murdock.

FRIDAY MORNING

The morning sessions was opened with prayer directed by Bro. Gary Norton.

The Moderator read the scripture from Romans 8:31-39.

Congregational singing was directed by Bro. Alfred Ashburn with Sis. Jeane Cobb playing the piano.

The minutes were read and approved.

The roll call was made.

Visiting ministers were recognized and made welcome. Bro. Gary Norton, pastor of Lillys Chapel.

Bro. Mike Kerr was selected to serve on the Association Committee. The committee is:

Bro. Tex Boles
Bro. Dell Webb
Bro. Burdett Randolph
Bro. Bill Simmons
Bro. Sam Davis
Bro. Mike Kerr

Bro. Frank Davis was selected to serve as the Moderator for next year. His term will begin at the end of this setting until the end of next year's setting:

Bro. Burdett Randolph was selected to serve as the Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Hubert Davis was selected to bring the introductory message for the next year.

Bro. Cleve Hitchcock was selected to serve as the Alternate to bring the Introduction Message.

The Disabled Minister's Committee was selected.

Bro. Royce Moore
Bro. Arvill Lee
Bro. Jim Young

DISABLED MINISTERS FUND

March 28, 1998	Beginning Balance	\$326.84
October 17, 1998	Ending Balance	<u>2842.35</u>

Arvil Lee, Treasurer

The Church letters were read and after corrections they were accepted as read.

Motion made to hold New Harmony's letter until Saturday morning for corrections, since there has been a question concerning another letter that is being presented by the new church clerk.

Motion passed to permit Bro. Dow Allen to place the late letters in the minutes at his discretion.

Motion sustained to adjourn for the morning worship service.

Bro. Andrews Stamps led the congregational singing with Bro. Gar Stambaugh playing piano.

Special singing by Sis. Ruth Radford, Sis. Georgia Welch, Bro. O.E. Daniels, Sis. Jackie Dunham, and Sis. Kathy Luna.

Altar prayer was directed by Bro. Tex Boles.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Roosevelt Crawford. His scripture was taken from St. John 1. His subject was "Three things that we need".

FRIDAY NIGHT

The night service was opened with prayer led by Bro. Harold Robinson.

Bro. Gary Farris directed the singing.

The special singing was led by Bro. and Sis. Clearance Chambers, Bro. and Sis. H.O. Allison, Bros. Dan Young, Bill Simmons, and Grundy Young, Bro. and Sis. Rudy Oakes and Sis. Jackie Dunham.

Altar prayer was directed by Bro. Burdett Randolph.

The evening message was delivered by Bro. Rudy Oakes. His scripture was taken from Mark 4:35-41. His subject was "What Manner of Man is This".

After enjoying an encouraging and anointed message, we enjoyed a great fellowship and testimonial service.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Mike Adams.

SATURDAY MORNING

This session was opened by prayer led by Bro. Leslie Hickey.

The Moderator read the scripture from Phillipians 2:1-11.

The singing was directed by Bro. Bill Simmons and Bro. Dan Young.

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

Visiting ministers were recognized and made welcome. Bro. Elmer McCowan from the Eastern Division was present.

The Disabled Minister's Report was read and approved.

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

Bro. Jerry Maberry read the Presbytery Report and it was approved as read.

The Home Missions Report as read and approved.

Bro. Gray Farris was selected to serve on the Home Missions Committee.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Balance on hand 1997	<u>\$4096.72</u>
Received during the year	<u>950.84</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5047.56</u>
Expenditures	<u>4125.80</u>
Balance on hand	<u>\$922.56</u>

The Home Missions Committee is:

Bro. Bobbie Roberts
Bro. Billy Nabors
Bro. Danny Lane
Bro. Harold Robinson
Bro. Gary Farris

An invitation was given for new churches. None were present.

Bro. Sam Davis gave his report as the Association Promotional Director.

Bro. Arnold Connley was selected to serve as the new Promotional Director.

Bro. Robert Benson gave his report as the Assistant Director.

Bro. Sam Davis was selected to serve as the Assistant Promotional Director.

Bro. Danny Lane read the guidelines of the Association Promotional Director.

The Minister's reports were read and approved.

Motion made and seconded to place the Association's Promotional Director's name and phone number where it can be readily seen in the minutes.
Motion passed.

Bro. Dennis Deweese made a motion that our Association select a committee of not less than five (5) men from this body to draw up a constitution with by-laws for this Association incorporating the Articles of Faith, Resolutions, Rules of Decorum and past minutes in this draft. This draft can be presented to the Annual Association in October 1999 for consideration and examination with the understanding this body has the right to amend or revise as it sees fit.

Motion passed.

Bro. Dow Allen, Bro. David England, Bro. Dennis Deweese, Bro. Rudy Oakes, and Bro. Danny Lane were selected to serve on the Constitutional Committee.

Bros. Billy Nabors, Frank Davis, and Burdett Randolph tried to encourage our people to support the finances of the Association.

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	Professions	Letter	Recommendations	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Request	Professions at Church	Total Members	Pastor	Visiting Ministers	REVIVALS
	GAINED BY				LOST BY								
Algood	1	2	7	0	0	0	1	0	6	137	\$9400.00	\$250.00	\$1000.00
Allen's Chapel O.C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	500.00	275.00	0.00
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	1800.00	150.00	200.00
Bakers Crossroads	8	5	3	2	2	0	0	0	12	180	5365.00	712.00	500.00
Bethel	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	88	5971.48	390.00	275.00
Board Valley	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	26	3049.91	390.00	450.00
Brotherton	4	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	8	71	7750.00	75.00	440.00
Buckner	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	39	4014.24	134.00	200.00
Crossroads	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	4	89	0.00	892.00	910.00
Cumberland Chapel	2	1	4	2	0	0	1	0	6	45	12403.50	580.00	500.00
Dodsons Branch	5	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	454	21959.17	1450.00	352.00
Douglas Chapel	4	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2924.00	100.00	300.00
Duncans Chapel	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	79	7033.02	275.00	250.00
Gentrys Chapel	9	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	9	99	9457.80	200.00	1000.00
Hardys Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1493.05	25.00	300.00
Harris Chapel	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	97	12838.62	1026.73	500.00
Hensley Chapel	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	87	5780.75	1833.00	300.00
Johnson Chapel	2	4	0	4	3	0	2	0	1	157	0.00	506.00	910.00
Knights Chapel	8	0	0	0	7	0	0	2	11	85	16190.00	200.00	500.00
Laynes Chapel	9	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	9	67	17200.00	10.00	450.00
Lillys Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	16	83	22783.24	200.00	1000.00
Mooneyham	6	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	40	4624.26	425.00	373.85
Mt. Pleasant	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3578.23	112.30	200.00
Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	108	2431.15	0.00	0.00
New Harmony	0	2	3	0	3	0	5	0	3	175	4006.40	135.25	711.25
New West Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	51	1660.82	25.00	335.00
Ozion	2	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	7	88	5200.00	174.00	600.00
Plainview	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	49	2562.38	410.40	250.00
Pleasant Ridge	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	131	3600.00	60.00	360.00
Post Oak Shade	6	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	94	11850.00	500.00	300.00
Ridgedale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1300.00	326.78	382.00
Sampson	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	11	154	9652.97	907.00	343.50
Shady Grove	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	101	1530.00	71.00	0.00
Smith Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	96	2822.62	80.00	200.00
Stones Seminary	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	7800.00	25.00	200.00
Taylor's Providence	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	108	4432.27	523.05	707.25
Winesap	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	48	10781.13	275.00	1308.00
Yankeetown	5	0	1	10	0	0	1	0	5	124	9584.85	120.00	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
\$1000.00	\$40000.00	\$1782.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$52932.00
0.00	3828.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	2034.98	6658.01
200.00	1821.90	100.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	1906.42	6053.32
500.00	10898.16	917.28	150.00	177.00	0.00	150.00	475.00	30.00	457.00	19852.51
275.00	5913.69	1026.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	308.65	14035.32
450.00	12373.97	155.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	50.00	25.00	2868.97	16693.88
440.00	8554.71	500.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	30.00	2519.50	20169.21
200.00	4543.59	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	20.00	1469.61	8099.89
910.00	4608.28	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	80.00	200.00	25.00	10054.57	32944.76
500.00	9101.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.00	0.00	60.00	4956.36	102967.41
352.00	72246.88	590.00	200.00	750.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	1768.40	5217.40
300.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	30.00	2552.31	16256.32
250.00	5915.99	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	1375.00	35.00	5995.97	63262.61
1000.00	45053.84	0.00	90.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	20.00	1034.60	3197.65
300.00	65.00	215.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	40.00	4388.76	76394.09
500.00	39496.53	4001.04	5124.50	3779.91	4200.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	2785.00	19020.45
300.00	8106.62	90.08	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	30.00	2415.10	23923.60
910.00	19633.50	279.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	40.00	70.00	9839.73	44248.69
500.00	16900.00	150.00	40.00	168.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	64480.24
450.00	45520.24	1235.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	80.00	220.00	35.00	4243.06	56645.67
1000.00	22628.02	1301.35	92.00	3063.00	1000.00	25.00	200.00	30.00	51424.03	80668.06
373.85	22925.96	639.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	20.00	2718.24	17857.03
200.00	10828.26	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	2087.24	13920.63
0.00	9171.71	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	1090.35	11841.81
711.25	5174.81	678.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	250.00	30.00	846.92	8145.17
335.00	4464.33	360.00	73.00	0.00	0.00	165.00	275.00	30.00	3699.65	29576.32
600.00	18140.54	1192.13	100.00	0.00	0.00	55.00	255.00	25.00	2559.57	9813.74
250.00	2901.39	350.00	55.00	390.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	25.00	7587.04	17485.79
360.00	3768.68	500.00	100.00	1260.07	0.00	298.39	100.00	40.00	9538.13	35270.37
300.00	5454.37	1834.84	0.00	5054.64	300.00	110.00	117.00	20.00	14559.94	18605.29
382.00	1589.57	90.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	35.00	7112.52	42810.87
343.50	19062.96	444.00	4997.92	180.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	20.00	873.30	3755.71
0.00	1081.71	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	30.00	2235.00	10480.14
200.00	4844.52	68.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	100.00	8150.00
200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	25.00	500.00	9045.00
707.25	251.56	0.00	13.34	0.00	0.00	113.34	248.34	40.00	2599.96	8929.11
1308.00	7216.30	900.00	100.00	820.00	0.00	75.00	250.00	40.00	32699.56	54464.99
500.00	4164.50	156.35	65.50	0.00	0.00	65.50	362.00	50.00	34114.43	49183.13

(Business continued)

Motion sustained for the morning worship service.

Bro. Danny Allen directed the singing with Sis. Jeane Cobb at the piano.

Special singing by: Bro. and Sis. H.O. Allison, Sis. Estell Strickland, Sis. Patsy Savage.

Altar prayer was led by Bro. Rudy Oakes.

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Dennis Deweese. He read from II Timothy 13:14-17. His subject was "The Truth". After enjoying an educational message on the truth about eternal security and a great fellowship, we proceeded as follows:

The minutes were read and approved.

Announcements were made by various people.

Motion sustained to adjourn until next year's setting.

We were dismissed by Bro. Burdett Randolph.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, in searching the scriptures, have found that temperance is taught, strong and powerful.

We have chosen for our scripture, Romans 14:21. "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or in offended, or made weak."

Alma Billings
Carolyn McDowell

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, wish to report a total offering of \$1220.00 given by the churches to support the minute fund. We want to thank each church for their continuous support, both in offerings and prayers.

Betty Masters
Freda Boles

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the 36 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."

Evelyn Davis
Ray Fisher

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

We feel it is our duty as Christians to support foreign missions to fulfill this command. Thanks to all of the churches that took part.

Mabel Lewis
Ruby Moore

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, as parents and teachers, 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 to love God. 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."

Andrew Stamps
George Wright

HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We are truly thankful for the support of Home Missions.

Thanks to the Churches of Western Division of Stone Association for offering of \$11,562.26.

Anita Brown
Ruth Radford

DEACONS REGISTERING AT ASSOCIATION

NAME	CHURCH
Gar Stambough	Algood
Raymond Bowman	Brotherton
Jim Young	Dodsons Branch
	Jerry Mayberry
Tommy Phillips	Duncans Chapel
Dan Young	Hensleys Chapel
	John Young
Gene Robinson	Johnsons Chapel
	Roy Jones
Clarence Cantrell	Knights Chapel
Sheddie Kilgore	Laynes Chapel
Lester Haston	Mooneyham
Beecher Taylor	New West Point
Alfred Ashburn	Ozion
	H.O. Allison
Lonnie Deweese	Plainview
John Baker	Sampson
Stanley Haney	Shady Grove
Clyde Smith	Winesap
Charlie Moore	Yankeetown
	Clay Hickey
	James Copeland
	Mike Kerr

REPORT OF PASTORAL LABOR COMMITTEE

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Algood	Ovie Tinch	Deborah Sells	167 Spring Creek Circle, Cookeville, TN 38506
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Bakers Crossroads	Kenneth Young	Lois Miller	384 Miller Ct., Crossville, TN 38555
Bethel	Danny Bandy	Charles Price	332 Corinth Road, Sparta, TN 38583
Board Valley	Robert Benson	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
Crossroads	Willie Anderson	Sylvia Anderson	114 Pigram Circle, Monterey, TN 38574
Cumberland Chapel	Dennis Deweese	Carol Pelham	1064 Francis Ferry Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110
Dodson Branch	Clayton Lee, Jr.	Thelma Young	17028 Dodson Branch Rd., Cookeville, TN 38506
Douglas Chapel	Bill Matheny	Delia Bilbrey	2532 Bilbrey Road, Cookeville, TN 38506
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	Wayne Sullivan	Anna Webb	628 Swallows Chapel Rd., Cookeville, TN 38506
Harris Chapel	Gary Farris	Joyce Brown	1315 Hanging Limb Rd., Monterey, TN 38580
Hensley Chapel	William Simmons	Joyce Young	1348 Will Road, Sparta, TN 38583-4701
Johnson Chapel	Arvil Lee	Lou Jones	468 Backbone Rd., Sparta, TN 38583
Knights Chapel	Roger Cooper	Sue Tosh	2157 Shipley Road, Cookeville, TN 38501
Laynes Chapel	Freddie Savage	Leland Lankster	802 Pry Rd. Cove, Jasper, TN 37347
Lilys Chapel	Gary Norton	Jannie Maxwell	132 Chestnut Street, Baxter, TN 38544
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Mt. Zion	Bryon Findley	Marvin Seagraves	14090 Highway 70N., Monterey, TN 38574
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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
Plainview		Betty Bickford	RR#3, Box 315, Pikeville, TN 37367
Pleasant Ridge	Billy Nabors	Lynn Hall	7506 Pleasant Ridge Rd., Sparta, TN 38583
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Smith Chapel	Harold Robinson	Jeane Cobb	Never Fail Rd., Sparta, TN 38583
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Taylors Providence	Philip Luna	Susan Cole	840 Toy Slatten Rd., Sparta, TN 38583
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Yankeetown	Danny Lane	Dorothy Simmons	605 Winding Lane, Sparta, TN 38583

PRESBYTERY REPORT

The Presbytery met at the Hardys Chapel Church on November 16, 1997. Moderator called to order. Prayer led by Bro. Jim Young. Letter was read from church requesting that Bro. Carl Bowers be questioned and if found worthy be ordained as deacon. After examination, motion made and carried to grant request. Ordination prayer led by Bro. Frank Davis. Bro. Tex Boles preached the charge. Those present were Bros. Jim Young, Dennis Deweese, Tex Boles, Frank Davis, Wayne Sullivan, Lonnie Deweese, and Jerry Mayberry.

The Presbytery met at the Harris Chapel Church on April 5, 1998. Letter was read from church asking that Bros. Gary Hargis and Randall Phipps be examined and if found worthy, be ordained as deacons. After examination, Presbytery voted to grant church's request. After ordination prayer led by Bro. Gary Farris, Bro. Dennis Deweese preached the charge. Those present were Bros. Lonnie Deweese, Quentin Lee, Jim Young, Frank Davis, Dennis Deweese, Gary Farris, Jerry Mayberry, and Beecher Brown.

The Presbytery met at the Headquarters Building on May 30, 1998. A letter was read from Bakers Crossroads Church requesting that Bro. Kenneth Young be examined and if found worthy, have his credentials ratified to become a member of this body. After questioning and reading a letter of good standing from the Liberty Association, members present voted to ratify Bro. Young's credentials. A letter was also read from the Douglas Chapel Church asking that Bro. Bill Matheney be examined and if found worthy, be ordained to preach the gospel. After examination, motion made and carried to ordain Bro. Matheney. Ordination prayer led by Bro. Tim Hammons. Charge preached by Bro. Clayton Lee, Jr.

The Presbytery met at the Headquarters Building on August 29, 1998. Read letter from Yankeetown Free Will Baptist Church asking that Bro. Mike Kerr be examined and if found worthy, be licensed to preach the gospel. After examination, motion made and carried to grant request. Letter was read from the Taylors Providence Church requesting that Bro. Phillip Luna be reinstated back into the Association as an ordained minister. After questioning, motion made and passed to grant request.

The annual meeting of the Presbytery met at the Headquarters Building on October 3, 1998. After Moderator read the scripture, Bro. Gary Lewis led an altar prayer. We proceeded to organize by election of officers for the coming year.

Moderator:	Dennis Deweese
Assistant Moderator:	Bill Simmons
Clerk:	Jerry Maberry
Assistant Clerk:	Bobby Roberts

Letter was read from the Cumberland Chapel Free Will Baptist Church asking that Bro. Barry Pelham be examined and if found worthy, be ordained to preach the gospel. After examination, motion made and passed to ordain Bro. Pelham. Bro. Clayton Padgett came before the body requesting a letter of standing from this Association, since he has been called to pastor a church in the Eastern Division. Motion made and carried to grant Bro. Padgett's request. Ordination prayer was led by Bro. Frank Davis. Charge preached by Bro. Tim Hammons.

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	87	1	1	3	2	3	2	\$2900.00	10%
1	98	4	8	2	3	2	0	7500.00	10%
1	82	7	3	1	0	8	1	0.00	10%
1	82	5	0	1	0	2	1	6083.52	0
0	43	3	0	0	0	0	1	527.45	420.00
1	120	9	2	6	1	1	2	0.00	0
1	80	3	1	3	1	3	0	0.00	3049.91
1	96	7	3	0	0	2	1	0.00	0
0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
1	142	0	5	4	0	20	3	5840.00	0
1	60	1	3	1	1	1	0	UNK	0
1	48	0	0	0	2	1	1	1500.00	0
1	139	10	7	6	0	2	6	14174.00	10%
1	148	7	2	3	1	10	1	4767.27	10%
1	126	5	3	3	1	3	3	13275.00	10%
1	150	4	0	0	0	3	0	0.00	0
0	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	275.00	0
0	8	0	0	0	0	3	0	184.00	0
1	105	3	0	11	1	1	1	10781.13	0
1	143	5	0	1	0	6	1	7800.00	1555.00
1	40	2	0	2	0	1	0	1530.00	0
1	90	3	4	1	0	6	7	10287.00	0
0	20	1	0	0	3	1	1	642.00	610.00
1	135	7	5	7	1	6	6	0.00	0
0	61	1	0	2	0	0	0	690.00	10%
1	135	2	1	2	0	2	0	1300.00	10%
0	50	0	0	0	0	0	1	450.00	0
0	1	1	0	20	0	0	0.00	0	
1	100	2	4	2	1	0	0	3000.00	10%
0	56	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.00	0
1	140	0	0	0	0	5	0	1616.82	0
1	58	6	9	6	0	2	2	3620.00	10%
1	127	1	0	3	1	2	3	9900.00	10%
0	39	3	0	1	3	18	1	2938.93	10%
1	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	1688.51	10%
1	138	9	1	11	0	3	2	0.00	0
1	105	9	0	5	1	2	0	7035.17	10%
1	101	4	0	3	0	7	3	0.00	0
1	160	17	5	4	1	7	14	0.0	10%
1	89	13	4	5	2	1	1	6175.84	10%
0	95	0	0	0	0	2	0	3400.00	0
1	90	2	0	0	0	0	0	2500.00	10%
1	107	6	2	4	3	2	1	0.00	10%
0	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0.00	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00.00	2240.00
1	104	3	0	0	0	1	1	4338.00	10%
1	93	1	6	1	1	5	0	0.00	0
0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0
1	80	12	18	19	1	2	0	2750.00	10%
1	30	2	4	4	0	0	0	90.00	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 dismission and recommendation to any ordained minister, if in good standing, wishing to leave our Association.

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

Section 15. That any minister being called from another Association to pastor a church in the Western Division of the Stone Association must first come before the Presbytery for examination.

Section 16. 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; 11 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.

