

MINUTES
of the
SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
Convened With
MIDWAY GROVE CHAPEL

Colbert County, Alabama on Friday before the
Third Sunday in September, 1942, at 11:00 a. m.

OFFICERS

Rev. J. W. Phillips Moderator
Rev. J. B. Harper Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Thomas Lowery Clerk
Edgar McCormick Assistant Clerk

The next Association convenes with Meek's Grove
Church, McNairy County, Tennessee, on Friday before
the third Sunday in September, 1943, at 11 o'clock a. m.

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Rev. J. W. Phillips _____ Moderator
Rev. J. B. Harper _____ Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Thomas Lowery, Madison, Ala. _____ Clerk
Edgar McCormick _____ Assistant Clerk

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. L. R. Craig _____ Moderator
Earl Grissom _____ Secretary
Edgar McCormick _____ Treasurer

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

Rev. J. C. McClanahan _____ Florence, Ala.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. W. Phillips, Moderator _____ Corinth, Mississippi
Rev. W. C. Jones _____ Waterloo, Alabama
Rev. J. B. Harper _____ Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Rev. V. H. Geans _____ Waterloo, Alabama
Rev. J. C. McClanahan _____ Florence, Alabama

MODERATOR OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Rev. L. R. Craig.

COMMITTEE OF PREACHING ARRANGEMENTS

Rev. J. W. Phillips.
Rev. W. C. Jones.
Rev. L. R. Craig.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. H. Gillis.
Rev. W. C. Jones.
G. W. Geans.

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Harmony—Mrs. Edgar McCormick _____ Leighton, Ala.
Mt. Zion—H. C. Jeffrys _____ Hillsboro, Ala.
White's Creek—Arthur Cossey _____ Waterloo, Ala.
Maple Grove—Gertrude Lowery _____ Madison, Ala.
Second Creek—Alma Hinton _____ Waterloo, Ala.
Murphy's Chapel—Ben Brown _____ Waterloo, Ala., R. 2, Box 64
Bumpas Creek—Mary Scott _____ Waterloo, Ala., Rt. 1
Midway Chapel—Daniel Berryman _____ Russellville, Ala., R. 8
Piney Grove—J. H. Wright _____ Cypress Inn, Tenn.
Popular Springs—Lawrence Honeycutt _____ Iuka, Miss.
Mount Olivet—W. C. Jones _____ Waterloo, Ala.
New Chapel—Irene Robinson _____ Counce, Tenn.
Community—J. W. Hall _____ Florence, Ala., Rt. 3
Solitude—Willis A. Martin _____ Enville, Tenn.
Meek's Grove—Laphard L. Wilson _____ Stantonville, Tenn.
48 Church—Letter returned.
Shady Grove—Rasolie Clay _____ Olive Hill, Tenn.
Scott's Chapel—Ethel Jackson _____ Cypress Inn, Tenn.

PASTORS OF EACH CHURCH AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Harmony—C. C. Kimbrough	Mt. Hope, Ala.
*Mt. Zion—W. M. Briley	Leighton, Ala.
White's Creek—D. P. Henson	Lutts, Tenn.
Maple Grove—Mack Pinkleton	Pulaski, Tenn., R. 3.
Second Creek—W. C. Jones	Waterloo, Ala.
Scott's Chapel—V. H. Geans	Waterloo, Ala.
Murphey's Chapel—V. H. Geans	Waterloo, Ala.
Piney Grove—V. H. Geans	Waterloo, Ala.
Bumpas Creek—J. B. Harper	Cypress Inn, Tenn.
Midway Chapel—W. M. Briley	Leighton, Ala.
Popular Springs—R. A. Johnson	Tishomingo, Miss.
Mount Olivet—W. C. Jones	Waterloo, Ala.
New Chapel—J. W. Phillips	Corinth, Miss.
Community—J. C. McClannahan	Florence, Ala.
Solitude—W. M. Briley	Leighton, Ala.
Meek's Grove—L. R. Craig	Town Creek, Ala.
Shady Grove—J. A. Staggs	

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

L. R. Craig	Town Creek, Ala.
J. W. Phillips	Iuka, Miss.
W. C. Jones	Waterloo, Ala.
R. A. Johnson	Tishomingo, Miss.
H. M. Richardson	Cloverdale, Ala.
J. M. Kellsey	Waterloo, Ala.
J. C. McClannahan	Florence, Ala.
J. B. Harper	Cypress Inn, Tenn.
C. L. Montgomery	Sheffield, Ala.
J. A. Staggs	Adamsville, Tenn.
G. W. Arnold	Russellville, Ala.
W. Baggett	Cypress Inn, Tenn.
L. L. Moore	Adamsville, Tenn.
W. M. Briley	Leighton, Ala.
Elton Cotner	Adamsville, Tenn.
V. H. Geans	Waterloo, Ala.

Proceedings

The Sixty-fourth Session of the Tennessee River Association of the Free Will Baptist Church convened with Midway Chapel Church in Colbert County, Alabama, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1942, 11 o'clock a. m.

The introductory sermon was delivered by the Moderator Rev. J. W. Phillips.

Adjourned to meet at 2:00 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met according to previous adjournment with singing. Scripture reading, J. W. Phillips and prayer by Rev. L. L. Moore.

Invited all visiting brethren and sisters from other denominations and associations to sit with us.

The Moderator, Rev. J. W. Phillips, appointed reading clerks: Rev. W. C. Jones and Sister John Parvin.

The Moderator, J. W. Phillips, appointed Finance Committee: Bro. Roy Harper, Bro. John Jeffreys.

Called for letters from various churches.

Harmony—By letter and delegates, Sister Edgar McCormick and Bro. Guy Grissom.

Mt. Zion—By letter and delegates, Bro. Edward Jefferys, Bro. Richard Berryman and Sister Cora Crowder.

Second Creek—By letter and delegates, Bro. Ed Keel.

Maple Grove—By letter and delegates, Bro. Walter Craig, Sister Estelle Craig, Bro. Jake Craig.

Bumpas Creek—By letter and delegate, Bro. Floyd Michael, Bro. Billie Hinton.

Midway Chapel—By letter and delegates, Bro. Commodor Vandiver, Bro. John Logan.

Community—By letter and delegates, Bro. W. F. Valentine, Bro. Jim Hall, Bro. J. W. Hall.

Meek's Grove—By letter and delegates, Bro. Ross Beleyn, Bro. Austin Kemp and Bro. Leapard Wilson.

White's Creek—By letter and delegate, Bro. Arthur Cossy.

Piney Grove—By letter.

Popular Springs—By letter.

Mt. Olivet—By letter and delegates, Sister Oma Jones.

48 Church—A letter rejected, because incorrect and out of order.

New Chapel—By letter and delegates, Bro. D. F. Stotton, Bro. Nip Shipman, Sister Martha Fields, Sister Erlene Shipman.

Solitude—By letter and delegates, Sister Hattie Hannah, Sister Myrtle Cotner, Bro. Oden Hannah.

Shady Grove—By letter and delegates, Bro. Herbert Clay, Bro. Robert Morgan.

Scott's Chapel—By letter and delegates, Bro. Frank Pigg, Bro. Roy Harper, Bro. Wayford Berry.

Murphey's Chapel—By letter and delegates, Bro. Elbert Smith, Bro. Johnny Liles, Bro. Gill Crest.

Called for Petitionary Letters—None.

The Moderator Rev. J. W. Phillips asked the Assistant Moderator to appoint the various committees.

General Business Committee—Bro. V. H. Geans, Rev. J. W. Phillips, Rev. W. M. Briley, Rev. J. C. McClannahan.

Sunday School Committee—Rev. G. W. Arnold, Rev. L. L. Moore, Sister Shipman.

Educational Committee—Rev. W. C. Jones, Bro. Berry Grissom, Bro. Jake Craig, and Bro. Ed Keel.

Temperance Committee—Bro. L. R. Craig, Sister Charlie Risner, Bro. Elbert Smith, Bro. Herbert Clay.

Obituary Committee—Bro. W. T. Banks, Bro. Billie Ginton, Bro. Frank Pigg.

Resolution of Thanks—Sister Edgar McCormick, Sister Louise Roberts, Sister Martha Fields, Sister Parvin.

Associational Pastor resigned.

Ordaining Council Report.

We, the Ordaining Council met at Solitude Church on the fifth Saturday in March and ordained Bro. L. L. Moore for the ministry.

Moved to adjourn until 8:00 o' clock Saturday morning.

The stand was filled Friday night by Rev. J. B. Harper and V. H. Geans.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met according to previous adjournment by singing, scripture reading, and prayer by Rev. J. W. Phillips.

Proceed with Business.

General Business Report—

We, your committee recommend that each church in the Tennessee River Association pay \$10.00 to the Home Mission Board as quick as possible, so as it may enable the Associational Pastor to reach as many people as possible.

We recommend that we retain our present Home Mission Board and elect a new Associational Pastor.

Be it resolved that we allow each church the right and authority to ordain its own deacons. Also be it resolved that we allow our Associational Pastor to organize and re-organize churches as he sees fit by the authority of the Tennessee River Association.

Chairman, J. C. McClannahan.

Move carried to adopt report.

Sunday School Report—

We submit the following report: We find seven schools with enrollment of 363 members, a decrease of 143 from last year. We recommend that deacons together with the pastor invest strongly upon organizing a Sunday School in their churches. We also commend that each Sunday School have a Bible Class as a Sunday isn't complete without a Bible class. We recommend teachers and officers of good influence. We urge the fathers and mothers to go to church and Sunday School and carry their children when it is possible.

Chairman, G. W. Arnold.

Move carried to adopt report.

Educational Report—

We submit the following: We recommend that the entire membership read the Bible daily and recommend that the literature we read is not misleading for so much of it seems to be in harming with the Bible. But when carefully studied we find that so much of it does not compare with

Mr. E. E. Scott

the Bible. We urge our ministers to speak boldly against false literature that spreading over our land, poisoning the minds of our people.

Chairman, Edd Keel.

Move carried to adopt report.

Temperance Report—

We submit the following: We find a great need of Temperance work in our churches and around our people as we see the increase of the use of such things as beer, wine, and whiskey. We recommend that our preachers and church members take a firm stand for the Bible and our church covenant, and in so doing we will be a against the use or sale of alcohol as a beverage in any form.

We recommend that our preachers preach one or more sermons a year on Temperance. We read that Apostle Paul in Titus 2-12 and 13 say Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Chairman, Rev. L. R. Craig.

Obituary Report—

We wish to report the following: With sadness we find death has taken 17 of our beloved members since the last association.

Popular Springs—One, not known; Midway Chapel—J. W. Morgan; Community—L. J. Brewer; Harmony—J. P. Lowery; Mt. Olivet—L. M. Mansion, John Turpin, Bert Webb; Scott's Chapel—Cove Berry, R. T. Berry, Sr.; Piney Grove—W. S. Moore, C. B. Victory, Ona Sandusky, Viola Reaves; New Chapel—Betty McKenney, Dave Jones; Meek's Grove—Mrs. John Cooksey, J. R. Grady.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.—Job 1,21.

Chairman, W. T. Banks.

Report of Home Mission Board—

No report, no work done. Pastor resigned.

Finance Committee Report—

We find the amount paid in for Minute funds from each church as follows:

Harmony _____	\$5.00	Mt. Olivet _____	2.00
Mt. Zion _____	4.00	New Chapel _____	2.10
Maple Grove _____	2.65	Solitude _____	3.20
Second Creek _____	2.25	Shady Grove _____	2.00
Murphy Chapel _____	2.00	Scott's Chapel _____	3.25
Bumpus Creek _____	3.75	Community _____	3.10
Piney Prove _____	3.30	Meek's Grove _____	1.40
Midway Chapel _____	2.00	White's Creek _____	2.10
Popular Springs _____	2.80	Free will offering _____	12.02

\$58.92

We recommend clerk to send Minutes to churches according to funds paid in.

Treasurer's Report—

Balance brought forward from last year, 1941.....	\$32.62
Mt Zion	11.80
Maple Grove	5.25
Bumpas Creek	10.00
Piney Grove	10.20
Second Creek	7.86
48 Church	5.00
Meek's Grove	7.50
Shady Grove	10.00
Scott's Chapel	4.50
Solitude	5.65
Communtty	4.00
V. H. Geans	9.32
L. R. Craig	6.00
J. B. Harper	11.15
Harmony	10.00
Total	\$150.85

Disbursements—None.

Edgar McCormick, Treasurer. Leighton, Ala.

Moved to take up free will offering, \$12.02.

Moved to elect an Associational Pastor—Rev. J. C. McClannahan.

Moved to adjourn until 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

The stand was filled Saturday at 11:00 o'clock a. m. by Rev. W. M. Briley and L. R. Craig.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Met according to previous adjournment by singing, scripture reading by Rev. J. W. Phillips.

Proceeded with business.

Ordained Ministers and their reports.

L. R. Craig report—Sermons preached 36; Public prayers 75; Funeral services 2; revivals held, 2; revivals helped in, 3; received in church, 9; baptised, 6; married, none; devotional services, number unknown; miles traveled, 2,500; amount received \$129.00, and expenses \$50.00.

J. W. Phillips—Verbal report.

W. C. Jones—Verbal report.

R. A. Johnson—Absent, no report.

H. M. Richardson—Absent, no report.

J. M. Kellsey—Absent, no report.

J. C. McClannahan—Verbal report.

J. B. Harper report—Pastor of four churches; sermons, 108; burial services, 5; baptized, 11; money received \$223.00; revivals, 4; communion services, 3; conference, 4; drawn from home treasury, \$10.00; paid to association treasury \$11.15; paid more in home church than in treasury.

C. L. Montgomery—Absent, no report.

J. A. Staggs—Absent, no report.

G. W. Arnold—Verbal report.

W. Baggett—Verbal report.

V. H. Geans report—Pastor of three churches; sermons preached, 103; communion services held, 3; funeral services, 6; received into the church, 18; baptized, 12; held four revivals, assisted in two; money received \$184.41.

L. L. Moore—Verbal report.

W. M. Briley—Verbal report.

Licensed Ministers Report

Bro. Elton Cotner—Verbal report.

The next Association will convene with Meek's Grove Church in McNairy County, Stantonville, Tenn., on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1943.

Presbyteria Session

Recommendation from Solitude Church that Bro. Elton Cotner be ordained for ministry. The ordination was carried out.

Ministers Cards

J. B. Harper	card granted
L. R. Craig	card granted
J. W. Phillips	card granted
R. A. Johnson	card granted
J. A. Staggs	card granted
C. L. Montgomery	card held
W. Baggett	card granted
V. H. Geans	card granted
W. C. Jones	card granted
G. W. Arnold	card granted
W. M. Briley	card granted
L. L. Moore	card granted
J. C. McClannahan	card granted
Elton Cotner	card granted
J. H. Sweeney	life time card
H. M. Richardson	life time card
J. M. Kellsey	life time card

Deceased Ministers

J. B. Lowery.

L. T. Tillman.

M. A. Smith.

L. M. Mansel.

Rev. B. A. Hale surrendered his credentials to the Moderator Rev. J. W. Phillips and dropped his name from list.

J. A. Moyer resigned.

None dropped from list.

Ordaining Council

Appointed Rev. J. C. McClannahan in ordaining council in J. A. Meyer's place.

Board of Trustees

J. H. Gillis.

W. C. Jones.

G. W. Geans.

Moved to adjourn until the next association at Meek's Grove at Stantonville, Tennessee.

The stand was filled Saturday night by Rev. J. C. McClannahan and Rev. H. C. Killen devotional.

The stand was filled by Rev. C. E. Harbin at 11:00 o'clock Sunday.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

- 1.—Call church to order.
- 2.—Call for peace of the church.
- 3.—Invite visiting brethren and sisters to seats with us.
- 4.—An opportunity for reception of members.
- 5.—Reading minutes of previous conference.
- 6.—Call for unfinished business.
- 7.—Call for new business.

THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1.—This Association shall be called the Tennessee River Association of the Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed to such consistent, well-regulated Free Will Baptist Churches as shall unite in this compact, and agree to this constitution.

Article 2.—The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by several churches of which the Association is composed, to represent them in this Association, every church being entitled to one delegate, every church containing fifty members to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members.

Article 3.—The officers of his Body shall be a moderator, a treasurer, corresponding and recording secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon the duties of said office.

Article 4.—Any regular organized Free Will Baptist Church, maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrines and practices, and in favor of the benevolent enterprises, as Sunday schools, missions, temperance and education, may be received into their Association on application, by the vote of the Association to which such application is made or referred.

Article 5.—This Association shall have power to discipline its churches for unchristian conduct, a want of conformity to Gospel order, or a violation of the conditions of this compact, and expell them in case of unsuccessful labor; to license and ordain ministers such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of churches to which such persons belong; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the churches may refer to them, and transact such other business as may be necessary for the benefit of religion, consistent with the liberty and independence of the churches, according to the usage of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and not repugnant to the regulations of the yearly meeting, with which this Association may be connected; and to make any by-laws necessary to its regulations not repugnant to this constitution.

Article 6.—The session of this Association shall be on the _____, when it shall be the duty of all churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

Article 7.—This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of any session of this Association, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing at the next previous session of Association.

BY-LAWS

1. The clerk and assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years, should call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator, shall take charge; and if neither of them is present the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. All persons declared by a committee on credentials to be duly entitled to a seat in this Association are hereby made constituted members of this Body, and are authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of constitution and by-laws under which this Association is organized.

3. It shall be the duty of everybody belonging to this Association to send a letter to the annual session of this Association, reporting to the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any Body which belongs to this Association, which fails to report for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and by prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present, a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

6. This Association may correspond by messengers or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. The Association shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by appellation, "Bro. Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "Yeas" and "Nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes, nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-third's vote of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible—

The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God—

There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as a Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ—

Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in Him human nature truly man. The Mediator between God and man; once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever-present Saviour.

4. The Holy Spirit—

The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God—

God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performed special Acts of Grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man—

Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into the state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ—

The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation—

The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance, or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the Soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance of faith and obedience until death.

9. Election—

God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will—

The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free—

God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the Water of Life freely.

12. Perseverance—

All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances—

Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; feet washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath—

The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution—

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the same time. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation: then the wicked will "go away into the eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in 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 seldom 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 the 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 the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forget 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 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 promotion 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.

FORM LETTER OF DISMISSION

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This certifies that _____ is a regular member of the Free Will Baptist Church at _____, in good standing as such. We recommend _____ to the fellowship of God's people, and when we are informed that _____ has united with some other evangelical church, we shall consider _____ regularly dismissed from this church. In behalf of the Free Will Baptist Church at _____.

_____ Pastor.

_____ Clerk.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, at _____ send greetings to the ministers and messengers composing the Tennessee River Association, when convened with _____ church. We send our beloved to-wit _____ to sit with you in your deliberations and to help transact any legal business that may come before your honorable body. The statistics of our church are as follows:

Received by profession of faith and baptism _____; by letter _____; by experience _____; restored by confession _____; dismissed by letter _____; withdrawn _____; expelled _____; dead _____; total membership _____; number of students to enroll in Sunday School _____; average attendance _____; number of Deacons _____; number of Ordained Ministers _____; number of Licensed Ministers _____. We have elected Rev. _____ Address _____

to pastor our Church for the ensuing year. Valuation of Church house and property \$ _____. Contributions paid Pastor \$ _____; pastoral help \$ _____; given to Home Missions \$ _____; minute funds \$ _____.

Moderator _____ Address _____

Clerk _____ Address _____

THE TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF F. W. B.—TABLE OF STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Meeting Days	Church Value	Deaths	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Withdrawals	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec. by Experience	Rec'd by Letter	By Restoration	Total Membership	S. S. Enrollment	Av. Attendance	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Deacons	Amt. Paid Pastor	Home Mission Funds	Pastorial Help	Minute Funds
Harmony		\$1,000	1	3	1						238			1		5	\$90.65	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Mt. Zion		700		3							52	75				3	95.40	10.80	16.00	4.00
White's Creek												40	30		1	3	40.05			2.00
Maple Grove		1,000		2		6				2	54					3	52.53	2.00	25.00	2.65
Second Creek	4	800								1	29			1		1	59.10	7.85	1.50	2.25
Bumpas Creek		1,000				3					68			1		3	67.51	10.00		3.75
Scott's Chapel		750	3			6					172			1		5	66.00	5.75	17.00	3.25
Piney Grove		500	4			4					102	30	20	2		4	27.19	10.20	15.52	3.30
Midway Chapel		900	1			3				1	61			1		3	15.00		11.00	2.00
Mt. Olivet		500	3	1					1	2	108			3		3	42.46	2.50		2.00
Popular Springs			1			1		1			87			2		3				1.80
New Chapel			2													1	25.00			2.10
Community		800				1			1		63	40	30	1		2	55.65	4.00		3.10
Solitude		500		2		1					102	85	60	1	1	6	61.80	5.65	13.80	3.20
48 Church																				
Meek's Grove		500	2	1		2				2	34	40	15			7	57.65	7.50	12.00	1.40
Shady Grove											57	45	30							
Murphy Chapel		700					5			1	42	30	28			2				2.00

