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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Second Annual Session

OF THE

TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Of The Free Will Baptists

CONVENED

Murphey's Chapel Church

WATERLOO, ALABAMA

Friday before the Third Sunday in September, 1950

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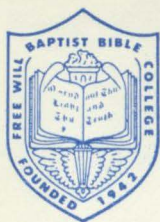
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Associational Officers and Their Addresses

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REV. L. L. WILSON, <i>Clerk</i>	Adamsville, Tenn.

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REV. L. L. MOORE, <i>Treasurer</i>	Adamsville, Tenn.

Associational Pastor

REV. V. H. GEAN	Waterloo, Ala.
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Examining Committee

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REV. L. L. MOORE	Adamsville, Tenn.
REV. J. C. McCLANNAHAN	Florence, Ala.

Ordaining Council

REV. J. W. PHILLIPS	Corinth, Miss.
REV. W. C. JONES	Waterloo, Ala.
REV. J. B. HARPER	Cypress Inn, Tenn.
REV. V. H. GEAN	Waterloo, Ala.
REV. J. C. McCLANNAHAN	Florence, Ala.

Moderator of Fifth Sunday Meetings

REV. W. M. BRILEY	Moderator
REV. L. L. WILSON	Assistant Moderator

Board of Trustees

REV. W. C. JONES

Waterloo, Aal.

REV. V. H. GEAN

Waterloo, Ala.

Church Clerks and Their Addresses

- Harmony—Bro. Lonnie Grisson, Leighton, Ala.
- Mt. Zion—Bro. Horace Jeffreys, Town Creek, Ala.
- Midway—Mrs. Asalee Robins, Leighton, Ala.
- Murphey's Chapel—Mrs. Vernett Ford, Waterloo, Ala.
- Second Creek—Mrs. Vernon Scott, Waterloo, Ala.
- Bumpas Creek—Mrs. Robert Benson, Waterloo, Ala.
- Piney Grove—Bro. Frank Wright, Lutts, Tenn.
- Mt. Oliviet—Rev. W. C. Jones, Waterloo, Ala.
- New Chapel—Mrs. Irene Robinson, Counce, Tenn.
- Community—Bro. J. W. Hall, Florence, Ala.
- Solitude—Mrs. Elnora Martin, Adamsville, Tenn.
- Meeks Grove—Mrs. Alice Hillingsworth, Stantonville, Tenn.
- Shady Grove—Mrs. Rosalee Clay, Savannah, Tenn.
- Scott's Chapel—Bro. Ray L. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tenn.
- Fairview—Mrs. Thelma M. Dixon, Iron City, Tenn.
- Maple Grove—Mrs. Herman Hagood, Madison, Ala.
- White's Creek—Rev. Clifford Goodman, Lutts, Tenn.
- Lutts—Bro. J. W. Berry, Cypress Inn, Tenn.
- McFalls—Bro. Charlie McFalls, Lutts, Tenn.
- Raborn Chapel—Mrs. W. T. Stricklin, Lutts, Tenn.
- Liberty—Mrs. Willie E. Horton, Waynesboro, Tenn.
- Popular Springs—Mrs. Frank Smith, Inka, Miss.

Pastor of Each Church and Their Address

- Harmony—
- Mt. Zion—Rev. W. M. Briley, Hillsboro, Ala.
- Midway—Rev. Johnnie M. Pace, Phil Campbell, Ala.
- Maple Grove—Rev. W. M. Briley, Hillsboro, Ala.
- Second Creek—
- Murphey's Creek—Rev. Theodore Norred, Florence, Ala.
- Bumpas Creek—Rev. J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tenn.
- Piney Grove—Rev. Hollis Southerland, Lutts, Tenn.
- Mt. Olivet—Rev. Curtis Briley, Hillsboro, Ala.
- Popular Springs—Rev. L. L. Wilson, Adamsville, Tenn.
- New Chapel—Rev. W. M. Briley, Hillsboro, Ala.
- Community—Rev. H. C. Killen, 936 N. Royal Ave., Florence, Ala.
- Solitude—Rev. W. M. Briley, Hillsboro, Ala.
- Meeks' Grove—Rev. Hollis Southerland, Lutts, Tenn.
- Shady Grove—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tenn.
- Scott's Chapel—Rev. J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tenn.
- Fairview—Rev. Dewey Stults, Cypress Inn, Tenn.
- White's Creek—Rev. Hollis Southerland, Lutts, Tenn.
- McFalls Chapel—Rev. J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tenn.

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Lutts Church—Rev. J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tenn.
Rayborn Chapel—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tenn.
Liberty—Rev. Eargen Warren, Lutts, Tenn.

Licensed Ministers

Rev. Burlon Jones and Rev. Raphael Parker

PROCEEDINGS

Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. J. C. McClannahan. Adjourned to meet at one o'clock. ✓

Friday Afternoon Session

Met according to previous adjournment, with singing and Scripture reading by Rev. J. B. Harper, and prayer by Rev. Hollis Southerland.

After reading of names of the Associational Officers, visitors were invited to sit with us.

Assistant Moderator appointed reading clerks: Rev. L. R. Craig, and Bro. R. E. Martin.

Finance Committee: Bro. Joe Bailey, Bro. Bert Smith and Bro. J. E. Martin.

Reading of By-Laws by Rev. J. B. Harper.

Called for letters from various churches.

Harmony—By letter and delegates: Bro. Quinton Grissom, Bro. George Oleham, and Mrs. George Oleham.

Mt. Zion—By letter and delegates: Bro. Quinton Grissom, Bro. George Halbrooks, and Sister Ella Halbrooks.

Maple Grove—By letter and delegates: Bro. U. G. Lowrey, Sister Mary Lowrey, and Bro. Jake Craig.

Midway Chapel—By letter and delegates: Bro. Bud Hooper and Sister Ruth Parker.

Solitude—By letter and delegates: Bro. Gilbert Finley, Bro. R. E. Martin, and Bro. Wilbert Weeks.

Second Creek—By letter and delegates: Bro. Billie Hinton.

Murphey's Chapel—By letter and delegates: Bro. Ben Brown, and Bro. Clifford Ford.

Bumpas Creek—By letter and delegates: Bro. Hamp Tune, and Bro. Jess Scott.

Piney Grove—By letter and delegates: Bro. Ira Gillis, Bro. Lonzo Wright and Bro. Willard Reaves.

Mt. Olivet—By letter and delegates: Bro. Dallas Jones, and Bro. Earlon Jones.

New Chapel—By letter and delegates: Bro. George McKinney, Sister Nep Shipman, and Sister Blanch Bullard.

Community—By letter and delegates: Bro. Jim Hall, Bro. Louis Fisher, and Bro. M. C. Erwin.

Scott's Chapel—By letter and delegates: Bro. Roy Brewer, and Bro. Tom Vickrey.

Shady Grove—By letter and delegates: Bro. James Tillie, and Bro. J. C. McLin.

Meek's Grove—By letter and delegates: Bro. Austin Kemp, and Bro. John Henry Brown.

White's Creek—By letter and delegates: Bro. Johnie Cox and Bro. Hardie Cossey.

Blowing Springs—Absent.

Popular Springs—By letter and delegates: Bro. Bert Smith and Bro. Frank Smith.

Fairview—By letter and delegates: Bro. Joe Bailey, and Bro. Hardin Stults.

McFalls—By letter and delegates: Bro. Charlie McFalls, and Bro. Bob Kilburn.

Lutts—By letter and delegate: Bro. J. W. Berry.

Liberty—By petitionary letter and delegates: Bro. Buddie Gipson, and Bro. Wilborn Warren.

Rayborn Chapel—By petitionary letter and delegates: Bro. Lonzo Sherrill, and Bro. W. T. Stricklin.

The appointing of various committees by Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. B. Harper.

General Business—Rev. J. W. Phillips, Rev. W. M. Briley, Rev. V. H. Gean, Rev. Hollis Southerland, Rev. W. C. Jones and Rev. Eargen Warren.

Sunday School—Rev. Ralph Parker, Bro. M. C. Erwin, Bro. Hamp Tune, Sister Nep Shipman, Sister Blanch Bullard and Bro. Austin Kemp.

Educational—Bro. W. T. Martin, Bro. Eulis Lowery, Rev. J. H. Staggs, Bro. C. I. Dixon, and Bro. Alfred Austin.

Temperance—Bro. George McKinney, Bro. Jim Hall, Bro. Tom Obrien, Rev. L. R. Craig, and Bro. Ira Gillis.

Obituary—Bro. Wilbert Weeks, Bro. Jess Scott, Bro. Lonzo Wright, Bro. J. G. Finley, and Bro. Roy Brewer.

Resolution of Thanks—Bro. Will Hall, Bro. Doyl Michael, Bro. John Warrington, Bro. T. L. Kidd and Bro. Anderson Jones.

Benevolence—Bro. Clifford Ford, Bro. J. W. Berry, Bro. Connie Frost, and Bro. I. L. Stanley.

✓ Rev. Ryland spoke on condition of Orphanage at Eldridge, Ala., and Bro. I. L. Stanley, Superintendent of the Children's Home at Greeneville, Tenn., spoke on conditions there, and the Association raised \$93.50 to be divided for the two homes.

PM Business adjourned until Saturday morning at 8 o'clock.

Friday night's messages were delivered by J. W. Phillips, devotional and J. B. Harper bringing the message.

Saturday Morning Session

Met according to previous adjournment by singing and prayer by Rev. W. C. Jones. Scripture by Rev. J. C. McClannahan.

General Business Report

We, your committee on General Business, recommend that each church send \$25.00 or more to the Home Mission Board.

We recommend that we elect or re-elect an Associational Pastor for the ensuing year and get behind him with our prayers, and help him for the betterment of our country and getting God's message to the world. We recommend anyone that is recommended by his church be licensed for twelve months and then if his church further recommends him to the Ordaining Council at the end of twelve months and is qualified, for him to be ordained as a minister.

We also recommend that each church elect the licensed ministers and young ordained ministers as assistant pastors in each church.

We also recommend that pastors of each church put before the people the orphan children and help support them as if they were his own. Be it resolved that we allow each church with its pastor to ordain its own Deacons and that they be men of good standing, men who qualify with First Timothy, 3rd chapter.

We also recommend that things to be discussed in the Presbyteria to be action and not talk because the world is looking on.

We recommend that we retain the Examining Committee and place their names in the minutes.

We also recommend that we release our present Ordaining Council and place it in the hands of the Presbyteria anywhere there is a quorum present.

We also recommend that any ordained minister with the quorum to organize churches as he sees fit by the authority of the Tennessee River Association.

Report adopted.

Chairman, Bro. W. C. Jones

Sunday School Committee

✓ We, your Committee on Sunday School, beg to submit the following. We find 14 Sunday Schools with an average of 50 members.

We recommend that the pastors and deacons of each church recommend and encourage a Sunday School with Bible class.

We recommend that the parents go to Sunday School and carry the children, that they might be more attentive to the word of God.

We also recommend that all leaders of the Sunday School be true Christians.

We should pray earnestly for the upbuilding of our churches and Sunday Schools and encourage the uplift of God's Kingdom while in this world.

Report adopted.

Chairman, Bro. D. H. Tune

Educational Committee

We, your Committee, wish to submit the following: That each one of us study the Bible prayerfully and get all the education possible, and es-

pecially young ministers, as the Lord won't do for us what we can do for ourselves, and that we as Free-Will Baptist preachers and deacons, encourage education as much as possible, as we are commanded to study to shew ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Report adopted.

Chairman, Bro. W. T. Martin

Temperance Committee

We submit the following: We find the word Temperance in regard to such things as beer, wine and whiskey to mean total abstinence. We should be temperate at home, at church, and also in our business with our fellow man. We find the Bible to say be temperate in all things.

Report adopted.

Chairman, Rev. L. R. Craig

Obituary Committee

We, your Committee, beg leave to report with sadness that death has taken thirteen of our beloved members since our last Association: Fairview 1, Mrs. Ola Mae Stults; Popular Springs 1, Mae Campbell; Piney Grove 1, B. H. Brewer; Harmony 2, Walter McDaniel, Mrs. Fannie Lowrey; Mt. Zion 2, Sister Willie Beaver and Bro. Grant Jeffreys; Community 2, Sister Lorene Wright and Sister Magaline Vickrey; White's Creek 1, Mrs. Lizzie White; New Chapel 1, Earline Shipman; Blowing Springs 1, Sister Mary Gobbles; Mt. Olivet 2, Sister Tishie Turfin, and Sister Mamie Lard.

We wish to extend our heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved. We realize our loss is Heaven's gain.

Report adopted.

Chairman, Bro. W. N. Weeks

Report of Benevolence

We, your Committee on Benevolence, find that various churches, individuals, and the Association itself, has paid to the Tennessee and Alabama Children's Homes, \$119.25. We want to commend the churches for this worthy help in the promotion of God's work. We recommend that each church in the Association send at least \$1.00 per month to one of the Homes either Tennessee or Alabama, to be left to the churches choice.

The addresses are: Alabama Home, Eldridge, Ala.; The Tennessee Home, Greeneville, Tenn.

Report adopted.

Chairman, Bro. Clifford Ford

Report of Home Mission Board

Meek's Grove	\$ 15.00
Scott's Chapel	18.30
Midway Chapel	10.00

Bumpas Creek	25.75
Community	19.00
New Chapel	30.34
Harmony	15.00
Mt. Zion	15.00
Murphey's Chapel	2.65
Mapel Grove	15.00
Solitude	10.75
Lutts	17.08
Piney Grove	10.00
Second Creek	5.00
Liberty	5.00
White's Creek	4.00

Total	\$217.87
Balance brought forward	190.52

	\$408.39
Disbursements	125.00

	\$283.39
Treasurer's fee.	10.00

Balance in treasury \$273.39

*Treasurer, Rev. L. L. Moore,
Address: Adamsville, Tenn.*

Clerk's Report

Printing of Minutes	\$50.51
Paid Clerk	25.00
Mailing of Minutes	3.62

Total paid out	\$79.13
Amount paid in by Churches	\$81.90
Amount paid by Clerk	79.13

Left over from this year	\$ 2.77
Left over from last year	2.00

Total left over	\$ 4.77
Offering	.23

Turned in to Association	\$ 5.00
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Clerk, Mrs. Talmadge Randolph

Be it resolved that the associational body has brought up a resolution and passed on it unanimously that each church recommend each qualified

Deacon to receive a card of standing from the Association each year. If he is not recommended by his church he is dropped as a Deacon.

Finance Committee Report

Left over	\$ 5.00
Harmony	5.00
Mt. Zion	4.03
Midway	4.00
Maple Grove	3.10
Solitude	4.07
Second Creek	2.00
Murphey's Chapel	3.00
Bumpas Creek	5.15
Piney Grove	4.00
New Chapel	9.05
Community	6.15
Scott's Chapel	4.56
Shady Grove	3.10
Meek's Grove	4.00
Popular Springs	3.50
Fairview	4.02
Lutts	3.25
Liberty	2.07
Mt. Olivet	2.00
McFalls Chapel	3.00
Rayborn Chapel	3.22
White's Creek	4.30
Bro. I. L. Stanley	1.00
Total	<u>\$92.57</u>

Ordained Ministers and Their Reports

✓ REV. W. M. BRILEY—Pastored 4 churches, preached 129 sermons, held 4 communion services, 5 funeral services, received in church 7, baptized 7, held 4 revivals, assisted in 1. Money received, \$837.08. Expenses unknown. Mileage unknown.

REV. J. W. PHILLIPS—Verbal.

✓ REV. L. J. VANDIVER—Absent.

✓ REV. V. H. GEAN—Pastored 4 churches, 3 in Tennessee River Association and 1 in Muscle Shoals Association. Received into church 5, baptized 4, conducted 4 communion services, held 2 conferences, conducted 4 revivals, and assisted in 2, conducted 8 funerals. Money received, \$289.48.

REV. W. C. JONES—Verbal.

REV. R. A. JOHNSON—Absent and sick.

REV. J. C. McCLANNAHAN—Verbal.

REV. ELTON COTNER—The Associational Pastor, organized 1 church,

pastored 2 churches, held 2 conferences, communion services 2, received in church 11, baptized 1, funeral services 2, held 3 revivals, helped in 3 revivals, visited 8 churches, sermons preached 88, prayers unknown, miles traveled unknown, expenses unknown, received from Home Mission Board \$125.00, received from other churches \$178.98, total in all \$303.98.

REV. L. R. CRAIG—Verbal.

REV. L. L. MOORE—Verbal.

REV. G. W. ARNOLD—Verbal.

REV. J. B. HARPER—Pastored 4 churches, communion services 3, conducted 7 funerals and assisted in 2 funerals, received in church 16, baptized 8, held 2 conferences, received \$512.80, expense unknown.

REV. EARGEN WARREN—Pastored 2 churches, held 5 revivals, assisted in 1, thirty professions, fourteen reclaimed, baptized 24, conducted 2 funerals, money received \$184.67.

REV. L. L. WILSON—Pastored 1 church, assistant pastor 2, preached 82 sermons, held 1 communion service, received in church 4, baptized 6, conducted 1 revival, assisted in 3 revivals, held services in 5 different communities outside the Tennessee River Association, money received \$206.23, expense unknown.

REV. DEWEY STULTS—Verbal.

REV. FLOYD MICHAEL—Verbal.

REV. EARNEST WOOD—Verbal.

REV. R. P. OWEN—Verbal.

REV. HOLLIS SOUTHERLAND—Verbal.

Licensed Ministers and Their Reports

REV. CURTIS BRILEY—Absent.

REV. CLIFFORD GOODMAN—Verbal.

REV. LINCOLN FRESHOUR—Absent.

Moved to elect Associational Pastor. Elected Rev. V. H. Geans, Waterloo, Ala.

Moved to elect Moderator of Fifth Sunday Meetings.

Elected Rev. W. M. Briley, Moderator; Rev. L. L. Wilson, Assistant Moderator.

Adjourned for a few minutes rest.

Rev. Eargen Warren bringing the message at 11 o'clock.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Met according to previous adjournment by singing and Scripture reading by Rev. J. C. McClannahan, prayer by Rev. Theodore Norred.

Move made to retain the Examining Committee. The names are: Rev. L. L. Moore, Rev. V. H. Gean and Rev. J. C. McClannahan.

Minutes of Fifth Sunday Meeting in October, 1949, at Piney Grove

Fifth Sunday Meeting report of Tennessee River Association.

Met at Piney Grove Church, Wayne County, with five preachers and six deacons present on the Saturday morning session.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Anderson Jones and Bro. Hollis Southerland.

Devotional by the Moderator, L. R. Craig. Scripture, 6th chapter of First Timothy. Message by Bro. J. B. Harper. Scripture, Third chapter of Second Timothy.

Saturday Evening Session

Opened by singing. Prayer by Bro. G. J. Ferrell. Message by L. R. Craig. Scripture, 10th Chapter of St. John. Took up collection for printing of Ministers Cards and Ordination Blanks. Amount collected \$7.75.

Saturday Night Services

Opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Lidge Dickey. Devotional by Bro. Eargen Warren. Message by Bro. Nick White.

Met Sunday morning by singing and prayer by Bro. Freshour. Messages by Bro. Cotner and Bro. Southerland.

Sunday evening services met by singing and prayer by Bro. J. B. Harper. Messages by Bro. Freshour and Bro. Gean.

Dismissed by prayer.

Clerk, Frank Wright

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting in January, 1950, at Bumpus Creek

Saturday Morning Session

Called together by singing and prayer and the stand was filled by Rev. L. L. Wilson, bringing a wonderful message.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Called together by singing and prayer by Bro. Clifford Ford and Rev. V. H. Gean. Church covenant read by Rev. L. R. Craig. Then going into the business part elected R. L. Harper, Clerk, for the Fifth Sunday Meeting.

A committee was appointed to arrange a program for the next fifth Sunday meeting in April.

The three appointed were Bro. Anderson Jones, Bro. Doyel Michael, and Bro. Hollis Southerland.

And nothing more come before the body the same was closed by adjournment.

Saturday Night Services

Called together by singing and prayer. Devotional conducted by Bro. Daylas Stockton.

The stand was filled by Bro. Hollis Southerland reading the 12th chapter of Isaiah and bringing a wonderful message.

Sunday Morning Session

Called together by singing and prayer. Devotional conducted by Bro. Nick White with Rev. J. W. Phillips bringing the message using the subject on Faith.

Sunday Afternoon Session

Called together by singing, prayer by Bro. Clifford Goodman and Bro. L. L. Wilson.

A short talk by Rev. L. R. Craig, Bro. Clarence Stricklen and Bro. Clifford Goodman.

Dismissed by Bro. V. H. Gean.

Rev. L. R. Craig, *Moderator*

R. L. Harper, *Clerk*

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Meek's Grove, April 30, 1950

Saturday Morning Session

Called together by singing, prayer by Bro. Hollis Southerland.

The stand was filled by Rev. W. M. Briley. Reading the 8th chapter of St. John.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Called together by singing and prayers by Bro. Nick White, and Bro. L. R. Craig, with Bro. V. H. Gean, bringing the message reading a part of the 26th chapter of first Samuel.

Then going into the business part first reading the minutes of the last fifth Sunday meeting.

A committee was appointed to arrange a program for the next fifth Sunday meeting in July.

The three appointed were Bro. J. B. Harper, Bro. F. M. Massengill and Bro. Jade Farrel. A letter from White's Creek Church recommending that Bro. Lincoln Freshour and Bro. Clifford Goodman, be ordained into the ministerial work.

A letter from Piney Grove Church recommending that Bro. Hollis Southerland, be ordained into the ministerial work.

The ordaining work was put off until the fifth Sunday meeting in July on account of the ordaining council not being present. Nothing more come before the body the same was closed.

Saturday Night Services

Called together by singing and prayers by Bro. Eargin Warren, Bro. Lincoln Freshour and Bro. Anderson Jones. Devotional by Bro. Cotner. Preaching by Bro. Curtis Briley. Reading the 12th chapter of Acts, using the subject on prayer.

Followed by Bro. Nick White, using the same subject, having a wonderful service.

Dismissed by Bro. L. L. Wilson.

Sunday Morning Service

Called together by singing and prayer by Bro. W. M. Briley. Devotional by Bro. Eargin Warren. Preaching by Bro. J. B. Harper.

Sunday Afternoon Service

Called together by singing and prayer by Bro. V. H. Gean. Preaching by Bro. J. W. Phillips. Dismissed by Bro. V. H. Gean.

Rev. L. R. Craig, *Moderator*

R. L. Harper, *Clerk*

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting in July, 1950, at Fair View Church

Saturday Morning Service

Called together by singing and prayer by Bro. Lige Dickey, and Bro. L. W. Crowder. Preaching by Rev. L. R. Craig, using the subject on neglect.

Followed by Rev. Eargin Warren, preaching on tithing.

Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Harper.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Called together by singing and prayer by Bro. Owen. Preaching by Bro. James Staggs. Reading the 27th chapter of Matt., using the subject "What Will You Do with Jesus."

Followed by Rev. L. L. Moore preaching on the Qualification of Preachers and Deacons.

Business sessions, first reading the minutes of the last fifth Sunday meeting.

A letter from Midway Chapel Church recommending that Bro. James Staggs be licensed for the ministerial work.

The Examination Committee made their report recommending that Bro. Hollis Southerland be ordained, also Bro. James Staggs be licensed. Bro. Hollis Southerland was ordained and Bro. James Staggs licensed until the Association in 1951.

Nothing more come before the body the same was closed. Dismissed by Bro. Wood.

Saturday Night Service

Called together by singing and prayer by Bro. J. B. Harper, and Bro. Dewey Stults.

Devotional conducted by Bro. Dewey Stults, preaching by Bro. Hollis Southerland. Reading the fifth chapter of 2nd Corinthians.

Followed by Bro. J. B. Harper. Dismissed by Bro. Jones.

Sunday Morning Service

Called together by singing and prayer by Bro. Edgar Davis, and Bro. Anderson Jones. Devotional conducted by Bro. Edgar Davis. Preaching by Bro. J. W. Phillips, on the subject of prayer.

Sunday Afternoon Service

Called together by singing and prayer. A short message by Bro. Wood, Bro. Lige Dickey and Bro. Norred.

Rev. L. R. Craig, *Moderator*

R. L. Harper, *Clerk*

Presbyteria Session

Ministers Cards Granted

Rev. L. R. Craig, card granted; Rev. J. W. Phillips, card granted; Rev. W. C. Jones, card granted; Rev. R. A. Johnson, Lifetime card; Rev. J. C. McClannahan, card granted; Rev. J. B. Harper, card granted; Rev. V. H. Gean, card granted; Rev. Eargen Warren, card granted; Rev. L. L. Wilson, card granted; Rev. L. J. Vandiver, card granted; Rev. G. W. Arnold, card granted; Rev. Dewey Stults, card granted; Rev. L. L. Moore, card granted; Rev. Elton Cotner, card granted; Rev. R. P. Owen, card granted; Rev. Floyd Michael, card granted; Rev. Hollis Southerland, card granted; Rev. W. M. Briley, card granted.

Recommendation from Mt. Olivet Church for Bro. Burlon Jones to be licensed to preach.

Recommendation from Midway Chapel Church for Bro. Raphel Parker to be licensed to preach.

The next Association will convene with the Scott's Chapel Church, 7 miles south of Collinwood, on the Trace Road.

Resolution of Thanks

We, your Committee, beg leave to report to this entire body as assembled together to give the people of Murphey's Chapel and surrounding community our sincere thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the sitting of this Association.

May the Grace of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit abide with us for ever, if we never meet again on earth may we meet in Heaven in one eternal gathering together.

Chairman, Bro. Doyle Michael

Fifth Sunday Meetings

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| 1—October, 1950 | Liberty Church |
| 2— | Bumpas Creek |
| 3— | Solitude |
| 4— | Maple Grove |

Saturday night messages were delivered by Rev. L. R. Craig and W. M. Briley.

Closing messages Sunday at 11 o'clock were delivered by Rev. Hollis Southerland and Rev. J. C. McClannahan.

Form of Church Conference

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

THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Tennessee River Association of Free Will Baptist, and shall be composed of 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 this 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 doctrine and practices, and in favor of the benevolent enterprise, 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 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 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 member 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 every body 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 by prayer.

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

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 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. The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds 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 manifest in the flesh, in his divine nature truly God, in his 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 performs 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 the 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 they 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 Last Day. 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 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 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 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 education 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

_____, 19____

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 enrolled 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 \$ _____. Contribution paid pastor \$ _____; pastoral help \$ _____; given to Home Missions \$ _____; Minute funds \$ _____.

Moderator _____ Address _____

Clerk _____ Address _____

Churches	Deaths	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Withdrawals	Rec'd. by Letter	By Restoration	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Deacons	Home Mission Funds	Baptisms	S. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	Church Value	Amount Paid Pastor	Pastoral Help	Minute Funds	Membership	Amount Given Children's Home
Harmony	2	4	4	-	-	-	1	1	4	\$15.00	1	-	-	\$1,500	\$127.00	8.00	\$5.00	107	-
Mt. Zion	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	15.00	1	-	-	850	137.15	8.00	4.03	129	-
Midway	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	3	10.00	2	50	35	1,500	104.00	15.00	4.00	72	-
Second Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	5.00	1	-	-	900	45.00	10.00	2.00	30	-
Murphey's	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	2.65	4	29	25	1,500	129.08	22.40	3.00	36	60.00
Bumpas Creek	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	25.73	2	79	35	1,500	97.34	75.00	5.15	97	61.50
Piney Grove	1	3	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	10.00	2	25	25	800	44.05	38.47	4.00	129	-
Mt. Olivet	2	2	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1,000	57.95	-	2.00	111	-
New Chapel	1	3	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	30.34	5	53	35	800	263.43	204.95	9.05	56	-
Community	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	19.00	1	75	45	1,000	36.25	38.50	6.15	77	-
Solitude	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	10.72	2	50	-	750	229.10	72.85	4.07	129	30.00
Meek's Grove	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	15.00	1	40	28	1,000	108.75	18.00	4.00	60	-
Shady Grove	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	3	15.00	2	50	25	750	71.87	18.00	3.10	79	-
Scott's Chapel	-	4	-	-	2	-	2	-	3	18.30	2	70	45	1,250	60.15	26.50	4.56	103	20.75
Fairview	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	6	65	45	1,500	-	56.25	4.02	22	-
Maple Grove	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	15.00	-	33	23	750	263.04	113.06	3.10	90	-
White's Creek	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	4.00	1	-	-	1,000	49.20	12.56	4.30	35	-
Lutts	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	3	17.08	4	-	50	-	69.30	32.50	3.25	20	-
McFalls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	27	18	-	59.07	13.27	3.00	49	-
Rayborn Chapel	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	5.00	-	-	-	-	55.92	16.00	3.22	49	-
Liberty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	49.05	-	2.07	39	-
Popular Springs	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1,500	39.91	-	3.50	-	-

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