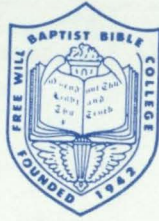


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Rev. Lige Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee; Rev. Burlon Jones,
Florence, Alabama, Route #6; Rev. Emerald Bailey; Iron City,
Tennessee

OFFICERS OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Rev. Emerald Bailey, Moderator Iron City, Tennessee
Rev. J. C. McClanahan, Assistant Moderator... Florence, Alabama,
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Rev. V. H. Gean Cloverdale, Alabama
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Rev. Lige Dickey Cypress Inn, Tennessee

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- Bumpus Creek—Mrs. Robert Benson, Star Rt. #10, Florence, Alabama
- Fairview—Mrs. Thelma M. Dixon, Iron City, Tennessee, Route #1
- Harmony—Miss Betty Lowery, Leighton, Alabama, Route #2
- 1st Free Will Baptist—Adamsville, Tennessee—Mrs. Connie Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee
- 1st Free Will Baptist—Huntsville, Alabama—
- Jones Chapel—Mrs. Virginia Jones, Route #6, Box 334 Florence, Alabama
- McGlamery—Mrs. Bethel Robertson, Collinwood, Tennessee, Route #2
- Meeks Grove—Bro. Anderson Jones, Stantonville, Tennessee
- Midway—Mrs. Lela Hall, Route #2, Leighton, Alabama
- Mt. Olivet—
- Mt. Zion—
- Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Jimmy Faulkner, Route #2, Waterloo, Alabama
- New Chapel—Mrs. Irene Robinson, Counce, Tennessee
- New Home—Mrs. Ethel Davidson, Henderson, Tennessee, Route #4
- New Pleasant Grove—Bro. Odell Franks, Route #5, Savannah, Tennessee
- Piney Grove—Bro. Frank Wright, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
- Poplar Springs—Mrs. Ray McKee, Route #1, Tishomingo, Mississippi
- Posey Chapel—Bro. Clarence Berryman, Route #3, Cherokee, Alabama
- Rayborn Chapel—Mrs. Myrtle Bratcher, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Route #2, Box 133
- Scotts Chapel—Bro. Roy L. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
- Second Creek—Mrs. Vernon Scott, Waterloo, Alabama
- Shady Grove—Mrs. Alma Franks, Olive Hill, Tennessee, Route #2
- Solitude—Mrs. Virginia Finley, Adamsville, Tennessee
- White's Creek—Mrs. Ora Stricklin, Savannah, Tennessee

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

G. W. Arnold, Address Unknown
Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tennessee
Curtis Briley, Leighton, Alabama
W. M. Briley, Leighton, Alabama, Route #2, Box 313
Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route #2
Lige Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Earl Dixon, Waterloo, Alabama
V. H. Gean, Cloverdale, Alabama, Route #1
J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Burlon Jones, Florence, Alabama, Route #6
John Lewis, Madison, Alabama, R. F. D. #2
L. L. Moore, Deceased
J. C. McClanahan, Florence, Alabama, Route #6
J. A. Moyer, 906 5th. Ave., S. E., Decatur, Alabama
Edward Smith, Stantonville, Tennessee
John H. Sneed, Stanley Street, Columbia, Tennessee
B. H. Southerland, Savannah, Tennessee
Ralph Tucker, 206 Jordan Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama
Nick White, Savannah, Tennessee, Route #2
Jamie Wicker, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route #2
L. L. Wilson, 4186 Neely Road, Memphis 9, Tennessee

LICENSED MINISTERS

Eargen Warren, Savannah, Tennessee
Jack Jones, Address Unknown
Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee

PASTORS OF EACH CHURCH AND THEIR ADDRESS

Bumpus—Rev. Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tennessee, Route #1

Fairview—Rev. Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tennessee, Route #1

Harmony—Rev. John H. Sneed, Stanley Street, Columbia,
Tennessee

1st Free Will Baptist—Adamsville, Tennessee—Rev. Edward Smith,
Stantonville, Tennessee, Pastor, Rev. Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel,
Tennessee, Assistant Pastor

1st Free Will Baptist—Huntsville, Alabama

Jones Chapel—Rev. Lige Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee

McGlamery—Rev. Nick White, Savannah, Tennessee, Route #2

Meek's Grove—Rev. Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee

Midway—Rev. Earl Dixon, Waterloo, Alabama

Mt. Zion—

Murphy's Chapel—Rev. Virgil Gean, Cloverdale, Alabama, Route
#1

New Chapel—Rev. B. H. Southerland, Savannah, Tennessee

New Home—Rev. B. H. Southerland, Savannah, Tennessee

New Pleasant Grove—Rev. J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee

Piney Grove—Rev. Nick White, Savannah, Tennessee, Route #2

Poplar Springs—Rev. Nick White, Savannah, Tennessee, Route #2

Posey Chapel—Rev. J. C. McClanahan, Route #6, Florence, Alabama

Rayborn Chapel—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route
#2

Scotts Chapel—Rev. L. J. Vandiver, Leighton, Alabama

Second Creek—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route #2

Shady Grove—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route #2

Solitude—Rev. W. M. Briley, Leighton, Alabama, Route #2, Box 313

White's Creek—Rev. Lige Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee

PROCEEDINGS

Opening message was brought by the moderator Rev. V. H. Gean, reading the first chapter of Romans. Adjourned to meet at 1:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met according to previous adjournment with singing and prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon, and scripture reading by Rev. J. C. McClanahan, reading 5th chapter of 1st Thessalonians.

Rev. Harold Harrison, Promotional secretary, Board of Sunday School, from the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville brought a short message and displayed his Sunday School literature.

The body was then assembled in order of ministers, deacons and delegation.

All visitors were invited seats with us.

Rev. Lige Dickey and Rev. Burlan Jones were appointed Reading Clerks.

Finance committee was composed of Bro. Fred Bowen, Bro. Herbert Clay and Bro. Larry Dixon.

Sunday School committee composed of Jim White, Clyde Robertson and Frank Pigg.

Obituary committee was composed of John B. Bobo, Clarence Stricklin and Ira Gillis.

Called for letters from various churches.

Adamsville—Bro. Homer Griffin and Bro. Vernon Gober.

Bumpus—Bro. Homer Scott, Bro. Bill Benson, Bro. Jim White and Bro. Marvin Michael.

Fairview—Bro. Elvie Handback.

Harmony—Represented by Letter

Huntsville—(Absent)

Jones Chapel—Bro. J. T. Jones.

Maple Grove—Request letter for dismissal.

McGlamery—Bro. Clyde Robertson

Meeks Grove—Represented by letter.

Midway—Bro. Dewey Pace, Bro. and Sister Oscar Martin.

Mt. Olivet—Bro. W. C. Jones

Mt. Zion—Letter rejected.

Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Clifford Ford, Bro. Larry Dixon and Bro.

Jimmy Faulkner.

New Chapel—Sister Irene Robinson and Mrs. Richard E. White

New Home—Bro. and Sister Joel Davidson.

New Pleasant Grove—Bro. Fred Bowen, Bro. Millard White and Bro. Clyde Hubbard.
Piney Grove—Bro. Wilard Reeves, Bro. Lonzo Wright, And Bro. Jimmie Gillis.
Poplar Springs—Bro. Herbert Johnson.
Posey Chapel—Bro. Willie Posey.
Rayborn Chapel—Bro. Clay Sherrill.
Scotts Chapel—Bro. Frank Pigg and Bro. Ernest Berry
Second Creek—Bro. Floyd Hinton and Bro. Billy Lewis
Shady Grove—Bro. Herbert Clay
Solitude—Bro. J. C. Finley, Sister's Jap Landreth, Carolyn Harvill, Lena Harvill, Coleen Landreth, and Alcie Farrell.
Whites Creek—Bro. Earl Morris.

APPOINTING OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

General Business—Bro. Willie Posey, Bro. Clifford Ford, Bro. Wilard Reeves, and Bro. J. B. Harper and Bro. Clarence Jones.
Educational—Bro. Jamie Wicker, Bro. Brady Tacker, and Bro. Clay Sherrill.
Temperance—Bro. J. C. McClanahan, Bro. Ernest Morrow, Bro. Elvie Handback, Bro. Homer Griffin.
Benevolence—Bro. Jimmy Faulkner, Bro. Vernon Gober, Bro. Earl Dixon.
Resolution of Thanks—Bro. Alf Layton, Bro. G. J. Ferrell, Bro. Emerald Bailey.
Business session adjourned until Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with singing and prayer. Preaching by Rev. J. C. McClanahan and Rev. J. B. Harper.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met according to previous adjournment by singing and Scripture reading by Rev. Emerald Bailey and prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon.

GENERAL BUSINESS REPORT

We, your committee on general business recommend that each church send \$25.00 or more to the home mission board. We also recommend that it be sent in by the first of January. We recommend that each preacher pay the tenth, more or less out of money he receives for ministerial work to the home mission board. We also recommend that it be paid quarterly.

We recommend that we continue the election of an associational pastor each year and that we get behind him with our finances and our prayers. We also recommend that he make an effort to visit each church in the association during the year for which he is elected.

We recommend that any that is recommended by his home church to preach be licensed for twelve months, then if his home church further recommends him to the ordaining council at the end of twelve months, and if he be qualified, then he be ordained as a minister.

We recommend that deacons to be ordained be appointed for one year, then be recommended to the ordaining council for ordination.

We also recommend that they be granted a certificate of ordination when ordained.

We recommend that we retain an examining committee and place their names in the minutes.

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

We recommend that each church get its letter to the Association on Friday.

We also recommend that delegates who are not present when the church letter is read be absent in the minutes.

We also recommend that the letter be read to the church and approved by it before being sent to the association.

We recommend that officers of the fifth Sunday meeting be elected, and the meeting place of each fifth Sunday meeting be selected at the last fifth Sunday meeting prior to the association.

We recommend that we pay our fifth Sunday meeting clerk \$25.00 for service and pay him out of the home mission treasury.

We recommend that each church call their pastor thirty days before the association.

We also recommend that we pay the Home Mission treasurer \$25.00.

We also recommend we pay associational clerk \$35.00.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. B. Harper, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday School wish to submit the following: We have 19 churches present with Sunday School. The total enrollment in Sunday School is 909 with regular attendance of 720 which is an average of 38 for each church. This shows an increase in average attendance of 1% than of last year.

We recommend that each church have a Sunday School regularly. We also recommend that all leaders and teachers in Sunday School be devout Christians, sound in faith, apt to teach.

We recommend that parents carry their children to Sunday School that they may be more attentive to the work of God.

We should pray earnestly for the uplifting of God's Kingdom while in this world.

Report adopted.

Bro. Clyde Robertson, Bro. Frank Pigg and Bro. James White

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

We the committee on education wish to recommend the following:

We recommend that Christians study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth, 2 Timothy 2:15, also, from 2 Timothy 3:15 "and that from a child thou has known the Holy Scriptures. Which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ."

We also recommend that the parents co-operate with the schools, as long as it is not against the teaching of the Bible. Stand against that which is evil. Proverbs 22:15 says "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

We recommend, also, that parents train up a child as he should go, teaching them to reverence and love God and to read the Bible daily.

Report adopted.

Rev. Jamie L. Wicker, Chairman

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We submit the following report: We find the word temperance in regard to beer, wine and whiskey, to mean *total* abstinence from the use or sale of it.

We should be temperate at home, in church and at business. We find the Bible says in 1st Corinthians 9:25 and every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. We find temperance adds to the things that are unto Godliness in 2 Peter 1: 5-6 "and besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience Godliness;"

Report adopted.

Rev. J. C. McClanahan, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

We your committee on obituary beg leave to report with sadness that death has taken 12 of our members since our last association: Meeks Grove—1, Sister Gracie Jones, Midway—2, Sister Janie Waldrop & Bro. Herman Mason, Murphy's Chapel—1. Sister Clara Gilchrist, New Chapel—1, Bro. Haily Aday, New Home—2, Bro. John Whittman & Sister Dovie Morris, Piney Grove—1, Sister May Dodd, Scotts Chapel—2, Sister Josie Pigg & Sister Nannie Berry, Solitude—Bro. L. L. Moore, Whites Creek—1, Bro. Henry Henson.

We have hope and trust our loss is heavens gain.

Report adopted.

Bro. Ira Gillis, Chairman

REPORT OF BENEVOLENCE

We your committee on benevolence find that the word benevolence means, disposition to do good, act of kindness, good done,

We feel that we ought to support all the benevolence of our churches.

We recommend that each church support their pastor financially for we see the need of him being on the field.

We also recommend that our churches send an offering to the orphans home monthly or quarterly and the support of our missions both at home and abroad. Wherever we find people in need.

We find that Proverbs 3:27-28 "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee."

We recommend that we grant the Board of Trustees authority to give the new church at Adamsville \$500.00 or more on the new building.

Report adopted.

Rev. J. Earl Dixon, Chairman

CLERKS REPORT

Balance brought forward from 1961	\$ 6.12
Amount Received from Churches	138.13
	\$144.25
Paid Clerk's fee	25.00
Paid for printing minutes	115.00
Paid for postage	4.25
Balance	0

Received 611 minutes November 27, 1962

Report adopted.

W. W. Berry, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Bumpus Creek	\$11.60	New Pleasant Grove	10.00
Fairview	12.00	Piney Grove	7.75
Harmony	7.25	Poplar Springs	4.00
Huntsville		Posey Chapel	5.11
Jones Chapel	5.00	Rayborn Chapel	4.00
McGlamery	6.15	Scotts Chapel	6.47
Meeks Grove	4.00	Second Creek	6.32
Mt. Olivet	2.00	Shady Grove	4.00
Midway	6.00	Solitude	8.00
Murphy's Chapel	8.00	Whites Creek	6.50
New Chapel	12.34	1st Free Will Baptist	
New Home	5.30	Adamsville	5.00
			<u>\$146.79</u>

Report adopted.

Bro. Fred Bowen, Bro. Herbert Clay,
Bro. Larry Dixon

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

Sept. 1, 1962 — Sept. 1, 1963

Amount brought forward	\$1,756.26
Freewill offering for Children's Home	
at the association	150.00
Maple Grove Church	25.00
Bumpus Creek Church	25.00
Huntsville Church	25.00
McGlamery Church	25.00
Meeks Grove Church	35.00
Midway Church	15.00
New Chapel Church	25.00
Piney Grove Church	25.00
Solitude Church	25.00
Scotts Chapel Church	25.00
Murphy's Chapel Church	25.00
	<u>\$2,181.26</u>
Name of ministers who paid tenth received from ministerial work	
Rev. J. B. Harper	114.23
Rev. B. H. Southerland	108.10
Rev. Burlon Jones	20.00
Rev. Earl Dixon	30.00
Rev. Emerald Bailey	28.00
Rev. V. H. Geans	81.88
Rev. Edward Smith	35.00
	<u>417.21</u>
Total paid in	<u>\$2,598.47</u>

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT CONTINUED

Amount paid out	
Paid to children's Home	\$200.00
Paid to 5th Sun. meeting clerk	25.00
Paid associational pastor	614.23
Treasurer fee	10.00
Total paid out	849.23
Balance in treasure	\$1,749.24
Report adopted. Bro. Roy L. Harper, Secretary and treasurer	

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR REPORTS

Rev. G. W. Arnold—Absent.

Rev. Emerald Bailey—Pastored 2 churches, half time each, conducted 2 revivals, assisted in 3, baptized 7, received 1 into the church, conducted 1 conference, conducted 2 communion services, conducted 4 funerals, assisted in 1, money received \$403.19, expenses unknown.

Rev. Curtis Briley—Absent.

Rev. W. M. Briley—Pastored 1 church, conducted 1 communion service, received 23 into church, baptized 19, witnessed 25 conversions, helped in one revival, married one couple, conducted 4 funerals, assisted in 1 funeral, preached 64 sermons, money received \$547.94, miles traveled unknown, expenses unknown.

Rev. Elton Cotner—Pastored 3 churches, conducted 3 revivals, assisted in 1 revival, baptized 6, received 5 into church, conducted 2 communion services, conducted 2 conferences, conducted 5 funerals, married 2 couples, money received \$619.35, miles traveled unknown, expenses unknown.

Rev. Lige Dickey—Pastored 3 churches, one half time, held 3 revivals, witnessed 10 professions, baptized 7, helped in one revival, married 2 couples, money received \$730.05, miles traveled unknown, expenses unknown.

Rev. Earl Dixon—Pastored two churches half time, conducted 2 revivals, assisted in 1, baptized 5, received 5 into church, conducted 2 communion services, conducted 1 funeral, married 1 couple, amount received \$827.48.

Rev. V. H. Gean—Full time mission work, assisted in six revivals, witnessed 26 conversions, conducted 11 funerals, married 1 couple, money received \$744.40.

Rev. J. M. Harbin—Absent.

Rev. J. B. Harper—Pastored 1 church, conducted 4 revivals, 3 in the tent, received in church 12, baptized 1, communion services 1, funerals 4, assisted in 1. Church paid \$799.79.

Visited churches, McGlamery paid \$2.00, Harmony paid \$10.00, Posey Chapel paid \$5.00, Mt. Zion paid \$5.00, Fairview paid \$7.00, Murphys Chapel paid unknown, Poplar Springs amount paid unknown, Piney Grove amount paid unknown, cloverdale mission, amount paid unknown, organized 1 church, association paid \$614.23, Paid \$90.00 on mission work, expenses unknown.

Rev. Travis Johnson—Preached approximately 120 sermons, conducted 2 revivals, assisted in 1, baptized 7, conducted 1 funeral, received \$2,630.00

Rev. Burlon Jones—Oral

Rev. William Kendrick—Absent

Rev. T. B. Lee—Absent

Rev. John Lewis—Absent

Rev. L. L. Moore—Deceased

Rev. J. C. McClanahan—Pastored 1 church full time, held 1 revival, received into church 4, conducted 1 communion service, held 1 conference, conducted 1 funeral, assisted in 1, money received \$180.78, tithes paid to Poseys Chapel church for ministerial work.

Rev. J. A. Moyer—Absent

Rev. Edward Smith—Pastored 2 churches $\frac{1}{2}$ time, held 2 revivals, assisted in 1, baptized 2, received 1 into church, conducted 1 funeral, assisted in 1, married 2 couples, money received \$350.18, miles traveled and expenses unknown.

Rev. John H. Sneed—Preached 200 sermons, money received \$1,000.00, witnessed 20 conversions, received 5 into church, conducted 2 revivals, miles traveled 15,000, held 10 prayer meetings, baptized 1, conducted 4 funerals.

Rev. B. H. Southerland—Pastored 3 churches, conducted 4 communion services, held 2 conferences, married 1 couple, conducted 4 revivals, helped in 7 revivals, received 5 into church, baptized 3, money received \$1,953.17, miles and expenses unknown, held 3 funerals, assisted in 5.

Rev. Ralph Tucker—Absent

Rev. Nick White—Oral

Rev. Jamie Wicker—Pastored 1 church half time, conducted one revival, assisted in one revival, conducted one communion serv-

ice, conducted one conference, married one couple, money received \$415.80, miles traveled unknown.

Rev. L. L. Wilson—Preached 82 sermons, pastored 1 church, held 2 revivals, preached 2 funerals, traveled 10,877 miles, received \$487.53.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR REPORTS

Rev. Eargen Warren—Oral

Rev. Jack Jones—Absent

Officers were elected to serve for the next two years, Rev. Lige Dickey was elected association moderator, Rev. J. B. Harper was elected assistant moderator, W. W. Berry re-elected as clerk.

Home mission board. Moved and seconded to retain Bro. Roy L. Harper as Secretary and treasurer, Bro. Stancil Robbins and Bro. Jimmy Gillis were elected on this board.

Moved and seconded to retain same examining committee. Rev. Lige Dickey, Rev. Burlon Jones, Rev. Emerald Bailey.

Votes were taken and the association placed to go to Second Creek Church, Waterloo, Alabama for the 1964 session Friday before the third Sunday in September 1964 at 11 o'clock a.m.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Called together by singing and prayer, messages brought by Rev. Virgil Moore and Rev. Lige Dickey.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRESBYTERY SESSION

Scripture reading by Rev. L. L. Wilson

Rev. Earl Dixon, moderator asked assistant moderator, Rev. Burlon Jones to take over and conduct the session.

Churches present 18, ministers present 15, visiting ministers present 5, called for reading of minutes of last session. Clerk read minutes of last 5th Sunday meeting they were approved.

Called for old business—none

New Business—Granting of ministers cards as follows:

Rev. G. W. Arnold
Emerald Bailey
Elton Cotner
Lige Dickey
V. H. Gean
J. B. Harper
Travis Johnson
Earl Dixon
Burlon Jones
William Kendrick

Rev. J. C. McClanahan
John Sneed
Edward Smith
B. H. Southerland
Ralph Tucker
Nick White
Jamie Wicker
L. L. Wilson

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened by singing and prayer. Messages delivered by Rev. Edward Simth followed by Rev. Elton Cotner.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We your committee on resolution of thanks beg leave to report to this body assembled together with White's Creek Church.

We wish to express our thanks for the people of this church and surrounding community for the hospitality and friendship they have shown us during our stay. May the Lord bless each one that lend a helping hand in any way.

Bro. G. J. Ferrell, Chairman

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Free will offering taken for Children's home. Received \$168.08.
Opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Burr McFalls, preaching by Rev. L. L. Wilson and Rev. Burlon Jones.

MINUTES OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Fifth Sunday Meeting at Mt. Zion Church, September 1962

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing, the Huntsville Junior Choir, message by Rev. Edward Smith.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Going into business session we had 13 churches represented, 13 ministers present and 6 deacons present.

Minutes of previous session were read and approved.

There was no unfinished business.

New business: A committee was appointed to arrange program for the next fifth Sunday meeting. Those appointed were Rev. Earl Dixon, Bro. W. W. Berry, and Bro. Stancil Robbins.

Move and second to close session.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with singing led by Bro. Paul Weaver. Message brought by Rev. J. H. Sneed followed by Rev. B. H. Southerland. Dismissed by Bro. Paul Weaver.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. L. J. Vandiver. Message by Rev. Emerald Bailey followed by Rev. Lige Dickey, Subject: "As a man thinketh in his heart So is he."

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Called together with singing and prayer by Rev. J. H. Sneed. Message by Rev. Burlon Jones reading Revelation 2:10 "Be thou faithful unto death". Dismissed by Rev. Earl Dixon.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT MURPHY'S CHAPEL DECEMBER 29, 1962

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Called together by singing, prayer by Rev. Elton Cotner and Rev. Edward Smith and Sister McClanahan. Message by Rev. J. B. Harper, subject "looking through a glass darkly", followed by Rev. Earl Dixon, dismissed by Rev. Lige Dickey.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Called together by singing by Rev. Earl Dixon prayer by Rev. Jack Jones and Rev. Eargen Warren. Preaching by Rev. Burlon

Jones, reading from the 1st Chapter of Acts, subject, "God's Outer Space". Followed by business session.

Going into business session with 11 churches present, 10 ordained ministers and 1 licensed minister and 4 deacons.

Motion made and second that Bro. W. W. Berry be temporary clerk for this session. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Called for new business.

Moved to elect a Fifth Sunday meeting clerk, Bro. Stancil Robins was elected as Fifth Sunday meeting clerk.

A letter from Jones Chapel received recommending Bro. Jack Jones to be licensed for 12 months to preach the Gospel. The letter was voted on and approved. A committee was appointed to arrange the program for next 5th Sunday meeting in March at Posey's Chapel. The following were appointed, Rev. J. C. McClanahan, Bro. Eldred Rich, Bro. W. W. Berry.

A report was given by Rev. J. B. Harper on the disposal of the property at Liberty Church in Waynesboro, Tennessee. \$250.00 was to be placed in the bank to be used if another church building was built at Waynesboro, Tennessee. Moved and second to close the business session.

Testamonies were given by Rev. Eargen Warren and Rev. Jack Jones and Rev. Nick White, dismissed by Rev. Emerald Bailey.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing by Rev. Earl Dixon, prayer by Rev. L. J. Vandiver, preaching by Rev. Elton Cotner, Scripture from 7 ch. 2nd Kings, subject, "Maybe they will help us" followed by Rev. Emerald Bailey with text from Revelation, dismissed by Rev. J. C. McClanahan.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Sister Harper, Bro. McFall, prayer by Bro. Lindsey, message by Rev. Virgil Gean, subject, "Why Will You Die." Followed by Rev. Edward Smith, Scripture from 37th chapter of Genesis, dismissed by united prayer.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Larry Dixon and prayer. Message by Rev. J. C. McClanahan from 13th Chapter of Hebrews, followed by Rev. Lige Dickey, dismissed by Rev. Burlon Jones.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT POSEY'S CHAPEL MARCH 30 & 31, 1963

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Bobo and altar of prayer, Rev. Earl Dixon acting as moderator, message by Rev. Emerald Bailey, Scripture from 3rd chapter of 2nd Corinthians "Looking at Our-

selves" Followed by Rev. Ralph Tucker reading 1st Peter 5th Chapter "Cast your cares on him, He cares." Dismissed by Rev. Curtis Briley.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. John Bobo, prayer by sister McClanahan, Rev. Earl Dixon moderator, message by Rev. J. A. Moyer, "The Five Greatest Things on Earth." Followed by business session.

16 churches represented, 18 ministers present, 3 deacons, 1 licensed minister.

Minutes of the last business session were read, amended and approved. Rev. J. B. Harper reported that the church property of Liberty in Waynesboro, Tennessee had been sold and the money was deposited in the bank to be used if a building was ever built at Waynesboro, Tennessee by the Freewill Baptist Church.

Old business, Rev. Earl Dixon ask that the ordination paper of Rev. Moyer and Rev. John Lewis be taken care of as soon as possible and issued to them.

Rev. Burlon Jones, assistant moderator was asked to take over and appoint a program committee for the fifth Sunday in June at Scott's Chapel. Committee appointed was Rev. J. B. Harper, Bro. Jake Craig, and Bro. Stancil Robbins. Moved and seconded to close business session.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. John Bobo and prayer, message by Rev. Lige Dickey from 2nd Ch. 1st Corinthians followed by Rev. Earl Dixon preaching from 30 ch. Deuteronomy "LIFE".

Rev. Burlon Jones acting as moderator placed the visitors who were staying over. Dismissed by Bro. Stancil Robbins.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing Bro. John Bobo in charge of singing. Message by Rev. Edward Smith preaching from 10 chapter of Hebrews "The Obstacle Course of Life", followed by Rev. L. L. Wilson preaching on faith, dismissed by Rev. Bishop.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Bobo, Bro. Feltman and others and by prayer. Message by Rev. Virgil Gean "Christ on the Cross", hand shake and dismissed by Bro. Michael.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT SCOTT'S CHAPEL JUNE 29 & 30, 1963

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Ben Berry, prayer by Rev. Dewey Stults. Message by Rev. Elton Cotner preaching from 3rd ch. of Acts, "God will not let you down". Followed by Rev. Dewey Stults in absence of Rev. L. L. Moore, reading from 4th ch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Rev. V. H. Gean, prayer by Rev. L. J. Vandiver. Message by Rev. Ernest Rich in absence of Rev. John Lewis, reading from 1st Peter. Followed by Rev. Earl Dixon, reading from 1st Peter, "Be a good example, witness for God".

Going into business session Rev. Emerald Bailey was appointed to assist the moderator in the absence of Rev. Burlon Jones, the assistant moderator. Churches represented 13, ministers present 11, deacons present 6, licensed ministers 1.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved, called for unfinished business none. New business of electing new officers; Rev. Emerald Bailey was elected as moderator, Rev. J. C. McClanahan was elected Assistant Moderator. Bro. Stancil Robbins was elected as clerk for the Presbytery. Rev. Edward Smith was elected as Associational pastor. Committee was appointed to place the fifth Sunday meeting for the coming year, Bro. Jake Craig, Bro. Clay and Bro. Rich, were appointed.

The Fifth Sunday meetings were placed as follows:

Bumpus Creek	September 1963
Midway	December 1963
Poplar Springs	March 1964
Harmony	May 1964
Scott's Chapel	August 1964

The program committee for Fifth Sunday meeting at Bumpus Creek was as follows, Rev. Emerald Bailey, Bro. W. W. Berry, Bro. Roy Harper.

Rev. Virgil Geans made the statement that the tent was in need of repair, it was discussed and voted on and approved to buy a new tent top. Business session closed and dismissed by Rev. V. H. Geans.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing by Sister Mearle Harper, prayer by Bro. Jake Craig, messages by Rev. John Sneed, reading from 19th ch. of Genesis, followed by Rev. J. A. Moyer reading from 32 ch. of Deuteronomy. Visitors were placed and service dismissed by Bro. Jimmy Wilson.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Ben Berry and others, prayer by Rev. J. C. McClanahan and Rev. L. L. Wilson. Message by Rev. Burlon Jones, 20th ch. 2nd Kings "Set thy house in order". Followed by Rev. V. H. Geans reading from 1st ch. Isaiah, "What Ails Thee?" Dismissed by Rev. Elton Cotner.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Roy Harper and Sister Mearle Harper, prayer by Rev. Dewey Stults, message by Rev. J. C. McClanahan, reading from 6th Chapter Ephesians, dismissed by altar of prayer.

The Constitution

Article 1. This association shall be called the *Tennessee River Association of Free Will Baptists*, 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 the compact, and expel 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 bylaws necessary to its regulations, not repugnant to this constitution.

Article 6. The session of this association shall be on Friday before the third Sunday in September when it shall be the duty of all churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegate.

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.

Bylaws

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 authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of constitution and bylaws 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 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 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, providing 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 re-

quest 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 bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE
Call church to order.
Call for peace of church.
Invite visiting brethren and sisters
to take seats with us.
Opportunity to reception of members.
Read minutes of previous conference.
Call for unfinished business.
Call for new business.

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 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 a 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 affected 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 unrenewed 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 condition 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 is an ordinance teaching humility or 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 eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the World 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 principles 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 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 _____, 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 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 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 mem-
bership _____, number of students enrolled in Sunday school _____,
average attendance _____, number of deacons _____, number
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																										
Recd. by Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed	Withdrawn	Deceased	Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Church Value	Amount Paid Pastor	Pastoral Help	Given Children's Home	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Minute Funds	Meeting Days						
2	2	1	2	2	2	2	96	47	37	1	1	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 246.20	\$ 61.00	\$ 25.00	\$	\$	\$ 11.60	2nd & 4th Sundays						
1	5	1	1	1	1	1	45	60	50	1	1	1	6,000.00	484.10	75.00	18.00			12.00							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	115	75	70	2	2	2	10,500.00	1,000.00	128.00				7.25							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	35	25	3	1	1	6,000.00	245.15	20.00	25.00			5.00	2nd & 4th Sundays						
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	23	25	18	1	1	1	4,000.00	95.60	55.00		25.00		6.15	2nd Sun., 4th Sat. Night & Sunday						
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	59	25	19	1	1	1	1,000.00	116.10	38.60		25.00		4.00	2nd & 4th Sundays						
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	100	50	40	2	1	9,000.00	580.98	148.40		15.00		6.00	2nd & 4th Sundays						
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78	71	45	3	4	15,000.00	482.55	59.10	20.00	25.00		8.00	Every Sunday						
1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	65	80	60	2	2	2,000.00	525.00	85.00		25.00		12.34							
4	8	1	2	2	2	2	55	45	30	1	1	1	3,000.00	415.80	54.00				5.30							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	73	50	40	2	1	1	5,000.00	799.79	199.79				10.00							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	125	32	32	1	1	1	1,800.00	214.42	64.00		25.00		7.75							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	35	23	1	1	1	8,000.00	207.06	29.00				4.00							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	44	25	1	1	1	10,000.00	180.78	81.77				5.11							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	67	50	2	1	1	3,000.00	201.50	46.00				4.00	1st Sat. Night & Sun.						
4	4	1	1	1	1	1	26	20	16	2	3	1	3,000.00	420.57	77.00		100.00		6.47	1st & 3rd Sundays						
5	5	1	1	1	1	1	88	45	45	2	2	2	2,000.00	274.00	50.00		25.00		4.22	2nd & 4th Sundays						
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	2	2	2	1,500.00	61.35	15.00				8.00	2nd & 4th Sun. & Nights						
20	20	1	1	1	1	1	166	75	45	2	2	2	3,000.00	505.00	65.00		25.00		6.50							
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	60	50	2	1	1	3,000.00	112.63	33.00				5.00	4th Sunday						
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1	1	1	1	1														
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1														

