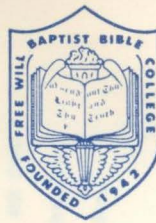


MINUTES
of the
Eighty-sixth Annual Session
of
TENNESSEE RIVER
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convened with
SECOND CREEK CHURCH
Waterloo, Alabama

Friday before the Third Sunday in September, 1964

The next association will convene with Midway Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Leighton, Alabama on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1965 at 11 o'clock a.m.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Mr. W. W. Berry

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 by Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed	Withdrawn	Deceased	Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Church Value	Amount Paid Pastor	Storatal Help	ren Children's	me Missions	reign Missions	nute Funds	etling Days
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Adamsville	3	6	2	1	1	1	1	33	101	50	35	1	1	1	\$10,000.0						
Bumpus Creek	4	1	1	4	1	1	1	101	50	35	1	1	1	1	2,000.0						
Fairview	9	3	2	1	1	1	1	57	90	80	1	1	1	1	7,000.0						
Harmony	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	215	85	80	5	1	1	1	10,500.0						
Huntsville	4	14	3	60	1	2	1	98	80	80	3	3	3	3	100,000.0						
Jones Chapel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	25	20	3	2	2	2	6,000.0						
McGlamery	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	25	19	1	1	1	1	4,000.0						
Meeks Grove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	44	25	19	1	1	1	1,000.0						
Midway	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	95	65	40	2	1	1	1	10,000.0						
Murphy's Chapel	1	7	2	2	2	2	2	83	75	60	3	4	4	4	18,000.0						
New Chapel	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	65	80	50	2	2	2	2	2,000.0						
New Home	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	57	45	30	1	1	1	1	3,000.0						
New Pleasant Grove	2	1	1	6	1	1	1	52	62	40	1	1	1	1	5,000.0						
Piney Grove	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	126	32	32	3	3	3	3	1,800.0						
Poplar Springs	1	1	1	6	1	1	1	45	35	24	1	1	1	1	5,000.0						
Posey Chapel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	1	25	24	1	1	1	10,000.0						
Rayborn Chapel	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	17	25	20	2	2	2	2	1,500.0						
Scotts Chapel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	110	61	39	3	3	3	3	3,000.0						
Second Creek	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	20	15	1	1	1	1	2,000.0						
Shady Grove	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	90	1	1	2	2	2	2	1,500.0						
Solitude	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	168	75	50	2	2	2	2	3,000.0						
White's Creek	6	4	4	4	4	4	4	52	60	45	2	2	2	2	3,200.0						

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Rev. Lige Dickey, Moderator.....Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Rev. J. B. Harper, Asst. Moderator.....Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 W. W. Berry, Clerk.....409 W. Clark Blvd., Murfreesboro, Tennessee

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. Roy L. Harper, Secretary & Treasurer.....Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Bro. Stancil Robbins.....707 Candler, Muscle Shoals, Alabama
 Bro. Jimmy Gillis.....Collinwood, Tennessee

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

Rev. J. B. Harper.....Cypress Inn, Tennessee

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

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. Burlon Jones, Asst. Moderator.....Florence, Alabama, Route #6
 Bro. Stancil Robbins, Clerk.....707 Candler, Muscle Shoals, Alabama

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Rev. V. H. Gean.....Cloverdale, Alabama
 Rev. B. H. Southerland.....Savannah, Tennessee
 Rev. Lige Dickey.....Cypress Inn, Tennessee

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Bumpus Creek—Mrs. Robert Benson, Star Rt. #10, Florence, Alabama
 Fairview—Mrs. Thelma M. Dixon, Iron City, Tennessee, Route #1
 Harmony—Mrs. Betty Lowery Jeffreys, Route #2, Leighton, Alabama
 1st Free Will Baptist—Adamsville, Tennessee—Connie Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee
 1st Free Will Baptist—Huntsville, Alabama—Mrs. Dolores Marable, 106 Warren Drive,
 N.W., Huntsville, Alabama
 Jones Chapel—Mrs. Virginia Jones, Route #6, Box 334, Florence, Alabama
 McGlamery—Mrs. Bethel Robertson, Collinwood, Tennessee, Route #2
 Meeks Grove—Mrs. W. E. Killingsworth, Stantonville, Tennessee
 Midway—Mrs. Lela Hall, Route #2, Leighton, Alabama
 Mt Olivet—
 Mt. Zion—
 Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Benny Brown, 209 North Ford, Muscle Shoals, 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—Sister Wanda McKee, Tishomingo, Mississippi
 Posey Chapel—Bro. Clarence Berryman, Route #3, Cherokee, Alabama
 Rayborn Chapel—Mrs. Myrtle Bratcher, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Route #2, Box 133
 Scott's Chapel—Bro. Roy L. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Second Creek—Mrs. Alma Scott, Waterloo, Alabama
 Shady Grove—Mrs. Alma Franks, Olive Hill, Tennessee, Route #1
 Solitude—Sister 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
J. C. McClanahan, Florence, Alabama, Route #6
J. A. Moyer, 906 5th. Ave., S.E., Decatur, Alabama
Edward Smith, Stantonville, Tennessee
John H. Sneed, 508 6th Ave. Riverside, 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
Jack Jones, Box 334, Florence, Ala., Route #6
Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee

LICENSED MINISTERS

Thurmon Stults, Iron City, Tennessee
Vernon Gober, Adamsville, Tennessee
Elias Stephans, Savannah, Tennessee

PASTORS OF EACH CHURCH AND THEIR ADDRESS

1st Free Will Baptist—Adamsville, Tennessee—Rev. Edward Smith, Stantonville, Tennessee (Pastor), Rev. Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee, Assistant pastor.
Bumpus—Rev. Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tennessee, Route #1
Fairview—Rev. Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tennessee, Route #1
Harmony—Rev. John Hunter Sneed, 508 Sixth Avenue, Riverside, Columbia, Tennessee
1st Free Will Baptist—Huntsville, Alabama—Rev. Ralph Tucker, 206 Jordan Lane, N.W., Huntsville, Tennessee.
Jones Chapel—
McGlamery—Rev. Lige Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Meek's Grove—Rev. Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee
Midway—Rev. Burlon Jones, Florence, Alabama, Route #6
Mt. Zion—
Murphy's Chapel—Rev. Virgil Gean, Route #1, Cloverdale, Alabama
New Chapel—Rev. Nick White, Savannah, Tennessee, Route #2
New Home—Rev. B. H. Southerland, Savannah, Tennessee
New Pleasant Grove—Rev. Paul Weaver, 415 N. Park Circle, Nashville, Tennessee
Piney Grove—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route #2
Poplar Springs—Rev. Nick White, Savannah, Tennessee, Route #2
Posey Chapel—Rev. Cecil Paden, Red Bay, Alabama
Rayborn Chapel—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route #2
Scott's Chapel—Rev. J. C. McClanahan, Florence, Alabama, Route #6
Second Creek—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route #2
Shady Grove—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee, Route #2
Solitude—Rev. B. H. Southerland, Savannah, Tennessee
White's Creek—Rev. Lige Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee

PROCEEDINGS

The opening message was brought by the moderator Rev. Lige Dickey, reading the 7th. chapter of second Kings. His subject "Hear ye the word of the Lord." Adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met according to previous adjournment with singing and prayer by Bro. John Bobo and scripture reading by Rev. Burlon Jones, reading second chapter of second Peter.

The body was then assembled in order of ministers, deacons and the delegation. The associational officers and their address was read by the moderator.

All visitors were invited seats with us.

Bro. Gerald Robbins and Bro. Allen Berry were appointed as reading clerks.

Finance committee was composed of Bro. Ira Gillis, Bro. C. I. Dixon, and Bro. Henry Joyner.

Sunday School committee was composed of Rev. L. L. Wilson, Bro. Cecil Burns and Bro. G. J. Ferrell.

Obituary committee was composed of Rev. Elton Cotner, Rev. Nick White and Bro. Oscar Martin.

Called for letters from various churches.

Adamsville—Mrs. George Nixon

Bumpus Creek—Bro. Hamp Tune, Bro. Homer Scott, Bro. Marvin Michael and Bro. Bill Benson.

Fairview—Bro. Hardin Stults and Bro. Cecil Burns.

Harmony—Bro. Alton McCormack and Bro. Claude Lowery.

Huntsville—Bro. Jake Craig, Sister Minnie Craig, Rev. Ralph Tucker and Rev. J. A. Moyer.

Jones Chapel—Sister Josie Jones and Sister Ada Mansell.

McGlamery—Bro. Clyde Robertson

Meeks Grove—Represented by letter

Midway—Bro. Oscar Martin and Bro. Gerald Robbins.

Mt. Olivet—Absent

Mt. Zion—Absent

Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Clifford Ford and Bro. Ernest Morrow.

New Chapel—Bro. George McKinney and Bro. Troy Duncan.

New Home—Bro. Geney Clayton and Bro. Henry Joyner.

New Pleasant Grove—Bro. Monroe Hubbard, Bro. Jim Denton and Sister Charty Hubbard.

Piney Grove—Bro. Willard Reeves and Bro. Lonzo Wright.

Poplar Springs—Bro. Ed Keele.

Posey Chapel—Bro. James Burleson

Rayborn Chapel—Represented by letter.

Scott's Chapel—Bro. Allen Berry and Bro. Frank Pigg.

Second Creek—Bro. Floyd Hinton

Shady Grove—Bro. Joda Melson

Solitude—Bro. J. C. Finley and Sister Virginia Finley.

White's Creek—Bro. Earl Morris and Bro. Hubert Freshour.

APPOINTING OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

General Business—Rev. B. H. Southerland, Rev. J. C. McClanahan, Bro. Arlis Garner, Bro. Burlon Jones and Bro. V. H. Gean.

Educational—Bro. Edward Smith, Bro. John Bobo, Bro. Elbert Weaver, Bro. Alton McCormack and Bro. Claude Lowery.

Temperance—Bro. Emerald Bailey, Bro. Geney Clayton, Bro. Marvin Michael, Bro. Homer Scott and Bro. Frank Pigg.

Benevolence—Brother Vernon Gober, Bro. Nolie Banks, Bro. J. E. Burleson and Bro. J. C. Finley.

Resolution of Thanks—Bro. Monroe Hubbard, Bro. Roy Harper, Bro. Ernest Morrow, Bro. Clifford Ford and Bro. Willard Reeves.

A committee was appointed to assist the pastor in arranging the program for each service. Rev. Elton Cotner, Bro. Stancil Robbins, and Bro. Virgil Hinton.

Business session adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Ernest Rich and preaching by Rev. Nick White and Rev. L. L. Wilson.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met according to previous adjournment by singing and prayer by Rev. Emerald Bailey and scripture reading by Rev. Elton Cotner.

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 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. C. McClanahan, Chairman

After the reading of the General Business report, there was some discussion about an associational revival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday School wish to submit the following. We have 20 churches present with Sunday School. The total enrollment in Sunday School is 1055 with regular attendance of 843 and an average of 42 for each Church. This shows a small increase in attendance over 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 recommend that visitors who visit our churches be followed up by a visit of the teacher, or by a card to show our appreciation for their visit.

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

Report adopted.

Brother G. J. Ferrell, Chairman

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.

Brother Aulton McCormack, 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 and 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 dilligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience Godliness;"

Report adopted.

Brother Geney Clayton, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

We your committee on obituary beg leave to report with sadness that death has taken 14 of our members since our last association:

Meeks Grove—2, Bro. Will Killingsworth and Rayborn Chapel—1, Sister Mattie Stricklin; Shady Grove—1, Sister Nannie Shull; Scotts Chapel—1, Brother Clyde Lawson; Harmony—2, Bro. Elbert Grissom and Sister Mary Lawrey; Fairview—1, Bro. Tom O'Bryant; Poseys Chapel—1, Bro. Claud Posey; McGlamery—1, Sister Roxy Lancaster; Piney Grove—1, Sister Annie Moore; New Pleasant Grove—1, Bro. Willie Earl White; New Home—2, Bro. Jake Davidson and Sister Ida Davidson.

We have hope and trust our loss is heavens gain.

Report adopted.

Brother Elton Cotner, Chairman

REPORT OF BENEVOLENCE

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

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

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

Report adopted.

Rev. Vernon Gober, Chairman

CLERKS REPORT

Balance brought forward from 1962	0
Amount Received from Churches	\$146.79
	\$146.79
Paid Clerk's fee	35.00
Paid for printing minutes	110.00
Paid for postage	3.67
Deficit	\$ 1.88

Received 675 minutes November 26, 1963

Report adopted.

W. W. Berry, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adamsville	\$ 8.35	New Home	\$ 6.00
Bumpus Creek	12.00	New Pleasant Grove	8.00
Fairview	13.30	Piney Grove	6.05
Harmony	7.25	Poplar Springs	4.00
Huntsville	5.00	Posey Chapel	2.71
Jones Chapel	3.05	Rayborn Chapel	4.00
McGlamery	5.55	Scotts Chapel	8.00
Meeks Grove	4.00	Second Creek	5.50
Mt. Olivet		Shady Grove	3.00
Midway	5.50	Solitude	9.50
Murphy's Chapel	10.00	Whites' Creek	6.50
New Chapel	9.00		
			<u>\$146.26</u>

Report adopted

Bro. Ira Gillis, Chairman

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

Sept. 1, 1963 — Sept. 1, 1964

Amount brought forward	\$1,749.24
Freewill offering for Children's Home at the association	168.08
Bumpus Creek Church	25.00
Fairview Church	27.50
McGlamery Church	25.00
Midway Church	15.00
Murphy's Chapel	25.00
New Chapel	25.00
New Pleasant Grove	25.00
Piney Grove Church	25.00
Posey's Chapel Church	25.00
Scotts Chapel Church	20.00
	<u>\$2,154.32</u>

Name of ministers who paid tenth received from ministerial work

Rev. B. H. Southerland	\$ 148.10
Rev. Emerald Bailey	70.00
Rev. Earl Dixon	50.00
Rev. V. H. Gean	38.37
Rev. J. B. Harper	70.00
Rev. Edward Smith	20.00
Rev. Nick White	25.00
	<u>421.47</u>
Total Paid in	<u>\$2,575.79</u>
Amount paid out	

Paid to children's home	\$ 200.00
Paid to 5th. Sunday meeting clerk	25.00
Paid to Associational pastor	330.00
Paid to Adamsville Church	500.00
Treasurer fee	25.00
	<u>Total paid out</u>
	<u>\$1,080.00</u>
Balance in treasury	<u>\$1,495.79</u>

Report adopted.

Bro. Roy L. Harper, Secretary and treasurer.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT—Rev. Edward Smith

Visited 18 churches, held 1 tent revival, received \$330.00 from association, received \$106.88 by the visited churches.

Moved and seconded to let the ordained ministers reports come in the presbytery and then grant the ministers cards at the same time.

Votes were taken and association placed to go to Midway church in 1965 on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1965 at 11 o'clock a.m.

Associational officers were elected at the 1963 session to serve for the next two years. They were Rev. Lige Dickey, moderator; Rev. J. B. Harper, assistant moderator, W. W. Berry, clerk.

Home mission board—Bro. Roy L. Harper, Secretary and Treasurer; Bro. Stancil Robbins and Bro. Jimmy Gillis.

Examining committee—Rev. Lige Dickey, Rev. Burlon Jones, Rev. Emerald Bailey.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Called together by singing and prayer, messages brought by Rev. Virgil Moore and Rev. Emerald Bailey.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRESBYTERY SESSION

Rev. Emerald Bailey presiding as moderator, Rev. Earl Dixon read Scripture from 2nd Thessalonians 5th chapter. Churches represented 17, ordained ministers present 14, licensed ministers 1, visiting ministers 1, deacons 4.

Moderator called for reading of minutes of last presbytery session, minutes were read and approved. Called for old business — none. New business, called for ordained ministers report and granting cards to same.

The following ordained ministers gave their report and were granted cards or were granted cards in their absence:

Rev. G. W. Arnold—Absent—Card granted.

Rev. Emerald Bailey—Report—Pastored 2 churches, ½ time each, conducted 2 conferences, held 2 communion services, conducted 4 funerals, held 2 revivals, assisted in 1, baptized 15, received 18 into church, money received \$576.38, expense and mileage unknown.—Card granted.

Rev. Elton Cotner—Report—Pastored 3 churches one half time, conducted 3 revivals assisted in 2 revivals, baptized 2, received 4 into the church, conducted 1 communion service, conducted 3 conferences service, conducted 8 funerals, assisted in one, married 1 couple, money received \$707.08, miles traveled unknown, expenses unknown.—Card granted.

Rev. Lige Dickey—Report—Pastored 3 churches, one half time, conducted 1 conference, held 3 revivals, helped in 3 revivals, witnessed 8 conversions, conducted 1 funeral, assisted in 1 funeral, money received \$931.88, miles traveled unknown, expenses unknown.—Card granted.

Rev. Earl Dixon—Report—Pastored two churches half time each, conducted 2 revivals, baptized 6, received 7 into church, conducted 2 communion services, conducted 3 funerals, married 1 couple, money received \$859.67—Card granted.

Rev. V. H. Gean—Report—Pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, assisted in 3, witnessed 5 professions, baptized 1, additions to church 8, preached 3 funerals, assisted in 2 funerals, miles traveled unknown, money received \$730.56—Card granted.

Rev. J. B. Harper—Report—Pastored 1 church full time, conducted 1 revival, reclaimed 5, witnessed 3 conversions, received in church 1, conducted 1 communion service, held 4 conferences, held 3 funerals, assisted in 1, assisted in one tent revival, expenses unknown, money received \$1,102.75.—Card granted.

Rev. Jack Jones—Report—Conducted one radio program two thirds time, preached 44 sermons, miles traveled unknown, expenses unknown.—Card granted.

Rev. Burlon Jones—Absent—Card granted.

Rev. John Lewis—Absent—Card granted.

Rev. J. C. McClanahan—Verbal—Card granted.

Rev. J. A. Moyer—Report—Sermons preached 32, fifth Sunday meeting attended 3, miles traveled 1,700, visited sick 25, money paid out \$62.50, money received 81.00, receive into the church — none, conversion 10, communion 2, pastor church—none, married couple—none, funerals—none.—Card granted.

Rev. Jamie Wicker—Absent—Card granted.

Rev. Virgil Moore—Report—Pastored 2 churches, pastored 1 half time. Conducted 1 revival, assisted in 2. Baptized 2, received 8 in church, witnessed 22 conversions, conducted 1 communion service, conducted 1 funeral, preached 96 sermons, money received \$332.46. Expenses and miles traveled unknown. Paid full salary to building fund at Adamsville church.—Card granted.

Rev. Edward Smith—Report—Pastored one church ½ time, conducted 1 revival, assisted in one, conducted 1 conference, held 1 communion service, assisted in 1 funeral, baptized 4, received 5 in church. Money received from church and revival \$195.18. Money received from Adamsville church was turned into the building fund. Miles traveled and expense unknown.—Card granted.

Rev. John H. Sneed—Report—Pastored 1 church full time. Sermons preached 190, funerals conducted 5, marriages 2, prayer meetings 8, conversions witnessed 24, baptized 3, received into church 5, money received \$1,475.00, miles traveled 13,000, revivals held 2.—Card granted.

Rev. B. H. Southerland—Report—Pastored 2 churches conducted 2 communion services, 1 conference, conducted 4 revivals, assisted in 3 revivals, received 7 in church, baptized 4, married 2 couples, conducted 12 funerals assisted in 2 funerals, money received \$1,640.28, miles and expenses unknown.—Card granted.

Rev. Ralph Tucker—Report—Sermons preached 130, pastored 1 church full time, revivals held 4, professions witnessed 80, number baptized 4, additions to church 21, funerals preached 4, marriages solemnized 2, miles traveled unknown, money received \$4,400.00.—Card granted.

Rev. Nick White—Report—Pastored 3 churches, conducted 3 revivals, assisted in 1, conversions witnessed 8, baptized 9, received in church 9, held communion service 3, held 2 conferences, held 3 funerals, married 1 couple, money received \$541.20, expenses and mileage unknown.—Card granted.

Rev. L. L. Wilson—Report—Pastored 1 church full time, sermons preached 120, held 2 revivals, helped in one, professions witnessed 3, number added to church 7, funerals preached 3, marriages solemnized, none, miles traveled 11,297, money received \$543.50, conducted 3 conferences and two communion services.—Card granted.

Rev. J. C. McClanahan, Assistant Moderator presiding, asked for the men who were to be ordained as Deacons and as ministers to retire with the Examining Committee and ask Rev. L. L. Wilson to serve on the Committee in the absence of Rev. Burlon Jones. The men to be ordained as deacons were Bro. Oscar Martin, from Midway Church, and Bro. Vernon Gober from Adamsville Church. Rev. Virgil Moore was to be ordained to preach. Rev. Ealis Stephans and Rev. Vernon Gober were to be licensed to preach. The examining committee returned and reported all the brethren were qualified to be ordained or/and licensed. Rev. V. H. Gean read the qualification of a Bishop from 1st. Timothy 3rd. Chapter, and ordination service was performed with alter of prayer and the laying on of hands.

Rev. Earl Dixon made the statement that he thought the Association should buy 50 books to use at 5th. Sunday meetings, with the tent and at the Association. After the discussion, the motion was made and seconded that the books be bought with home mission money, the body voted approval.

Moved and seconded to close the business session.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. John Sneed. Messages delivered by Rev. Earl Dixon and Rev. V. H. Gean.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

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

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

Bro. Willard Reaves, Chairman

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Edward Smith. A free will offering was taken for the Children's home. Received \$190.00. Message by Rev. Thurmond Stults and Rev. B. H. Southerland.

MINUTES OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT BUMPAS CREEK CHURCH SEPTEMBER 29 & 30, 1963 SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. S. G. Robbins and others, Prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon, and Rev. V. H. Gean. Rev. V. H. Gean took charge as acting moderator in the absence of Rev. Emerald Bailey, Moderator, and Rev. J. C. McClanahan. Opening message by Rev. Earl Dixon, reading from 3rd. Psalms. Followed by Rev. Edward Smith, reading John 1st. chapter and 43 verse. Dismissed by alter of prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Rev. J. B. Harper and others, prayer by Rev. John Sneed. Message by Rev. Nick White, reading from John 1st. Chapter 8th verse.

Business session was called to order by Rev. J. B. Harper in absence of moderator and the assistant moderator, Rev. Burlon Jones was appointed to act as moderator for the session.

Called for reading of minutes of last Presbytery session minutes, these were read and approved.

Churches represented 14, ordained ministers present 9, licensed ministers present 0, deacons present 5.

A letter was received and read from Harmony Freewill Baptist Church asking that Bro. Claude Lowery be ordained as deacon. Rev. Burlon Jones acting moderator, appointed Rev. Earl Dixon, Bro. John Wright and Bro. Stencil Robbins as program committee for next 5th Sunday meeting at Midway. Rev. Jones appointed the examining committee to examine Bro. Claude Lowery for deacon. The committee found him worthy and approved him for being ordained. Rev. V. H. Gean read qualification of a deacon from 3rd chapter of Timothy, and Bro. Claude was ordained. Motion was made and seconded to close the business. Dismissed by Bro. John Wright.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing led by Rev. Earl Dixon, prayer by Rev. Edward Smith and Sister Scott. Message by Rev. L. L. Wilson, reading 6th Chapter of Mark. Followed by Rev. Elton Cotner, reading 142nd. Psalms. Dismissed by Prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Rev. Emerald Bailey and others, prayer by Rev. Burlon Jones and Rev. B. H. Southerland. Opening message by Rev. J. C. McClanahan, reading 1st. Corinthians 2nd. Chapter, followed by Rev. J. B. Harper, reading 118 psalms. Dismissed by Bro. Ben Brown.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing led by Rev. Emerald Bailey. Prayer by Rev. Virgil Moore and Bro. Roy Scott. Message by Rev. Lige Dickey, reading John 3rd chapter. Dismissed by Rev. V. H. Gean.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT MIDWAY CHAPEL DECEMBER 28 & 29, 1963 SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing led by Bro. John Bobo. Prayer by Rev. V. H. Gean and Rev. J. C. McClanahan. Opening message by Rev. J. Moyer, reading from 1st. Peter 3rd. Chapter, followed by Rev. J. C. McClanahan reading from Hebrews 11th. Chapter 6th. verse. Dismissed by Rev. B. H. Southerland.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing by the Bobo family and prayer by Rev. Edward Smith and Rev. Lige Dickey, message by Rev. J. B. Harper reading 2nd. chapter Luke, 8th. verse.

Business session called to order by Rev. Emerald Bailey, moderator. Churches present 12, Ordained ministers present 13, licensed ministers 1, Deacons present 4, visiting ministers 1. Called for reading of minutes of last meeting, minutes read and approved. Called for old business, none. New business: Rev. J. C. McClanahan was asked to take over as assistant and appoint a program committee for the next fifth Sunday meeting at Poplar Springs in March. Rev. Nick White, Bro. John Bobo and Bro. Roy Harper was appointed as program committee.

Bro. Bobo made the statement that Posey's Chapel was now free of debt, and that the deed would be made to the Tenn. River Association.

Motion was made and seconded to issue Rev. Cotner new credentials to replace the ones that were destroyed by fire. The credentials were to so state that they were duplicate of the originals.

The new church at Adamsville was discussed. Rev. Edward Smith was given authority to sell the lots that they had and buy new ones for the church.

Rev. Moyer and others discussed organizing a new church at Decatur, Ala.

A letter was received from Jones Chapel asking that Bro. Jack Jones be ordained to preach the Gospel. The examining committee (Rev. Emerald Bailey, Rev. Burlon Jones and Rev. Lige Dickey) was asked to examine Bro. Jones. The committee reported the approval of Bro. Jones and after the reading of the qualifications of a bishop Bro. Jones was ordained.

A motion was made and seconded to close the session. Dismissed by Rev. L. J. Vandiver.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Lonnie Grissom and others, prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon, and Bro. Bobo. Opening message by Rev. John Sneed reading 8th chapter Luke followed by Rev. B. H. Southerland reading 14th chapter of Matthew, delegates were placed, dismissed by Rev. J. B. Harper.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Lonnie Grissom and others, prayer by Rev. J. A. Moyer and Rev. Earl Dixon. Opening message by Rev. Emerald Bailey reading 55th chapter of Isaiah, followed by Rev. V. H. Gean, dismissed by Bro. John Bobo.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Lonnie Grissom and Bro. Bobo and others, prayer by Bro. Jim White and Rev. J. B. Harper, message by Rev. Burlon Jones, reading from Hebrews, dismissed by Rev. J. C. McClanahan.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT POPLAR SPRINGS

MARCH 28 & 29, 1964

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Keel and others, prayer by sister Smith and altar of prayer. Message by Rev. Emerald Bailey reading 6th chapter of Acts. Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Harper.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing by Bro. Bert Smith and others, prayer by Rev. Ed Smith and Rev. Lige Dickey. Message by Rev. Ralph Tucker reading Revelations 3rd chapter 11th verse, followed by business session with Rev. Emerald Bailey moderator in charge.

Churches represented 9, ordained ministers present 9, deacons present 2. Called for reading of minutes of last meeting, minutes read and approved, called for old business, none, called for new business: Rev. J. C. McClanahan made motion as follows: When the pastor of the church that is hosting the next 5th Sunday meeting is absent the associational pastor will serve on the program committee in his stead. The program as made out will be submitted to the pastor for his approval or to make any changes that he might see fit to make. Motion was approved.

Rev. J. C. McClanahan, assistant moderator, appointed the program committee for the next Fifth Sunday meeting at Harmony in May. Rev. Ed Smith serving in the absence of Rev. John Sneed. Bro. John Bobo and Bro. Stancil Robbins made up the committee. Motion made and seconded to close session, dismissed by Bro. S. G. Robbins.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Bert Smith and others, prayer by Rev. Virgil Moore and Rev. V. H. Gean. Opening message by Rev. Ed Smith reading the 61st Psalms, followed by Rev. Lige Dickey reading from 18th chapter of Matthew, following a testimony service and dismissed by altar of prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. Keel, Bro. Bert Smith and others, prayer by Rev. B. H. Southerland and altar of prayer, opening message by Rev. V. H. Gean, followed by Rev. Elton Cotner reading from 3rd chapter of Acts. Dismissed by Bro. Lutie Barnes.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing and prayer, message by Rev. J. C. McClanahan.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT HARMONY

MAY 30 and 31, 1964

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Rev. Emerald Bailey and others, prayer by Rev. John Sneed and altar of prayer. Message by Rev. J. B. Harper reading 6th chapter Isaiah, 1st verse. Dismissed by Rev. Earl Dixon.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Rev. Emerald Bailey, prayer by Rev. Ed Smith, Rev. Ralph Tucker and Sister Gean. Message by Rev. Earl Dixon reading from 6th chapter of John. Business session was called to order by Rev. Emerald Bailey moderator, churches represented 9, ordained ministers present 8, visiting ministers 1, deacons present 6. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Called for old business, none, called for new business, appointing of program for next meeting, committee named as follows: Rev. Ed Smith serving in absence of Rev. L. J. Vandiver, pastor of Scotts Chapel, Bro. Benton Brown and Bro. Jake Craig. Moved and seconded to close business session. Dismissed by Bro. S. G. Robbins.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. John Lowery and others, prayer by Rev. Burlon Jones, Bro. Roy Harper. Opening message by Rev. Jack Jones reading from Ephesians 2nd chapter and 32nd chapter of Exodus, followed by Rev. Paul Weaver in absence of Rev. B. H. Southerland. Dismissed by Rev. Ed Smith.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. John Bobo and others, prayer by Rev. B. H. Southerland and altar of prayer. Opening message by Rev. Virgil Moore reading from Luke 21st chapter and Matthew 24th chapter, 21st verse. Followed by Rev. Burlon Jones reading from John 4th chapter 19th verse. Dismissed by Rev. Emmett Grissom.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opening by singing, prayer by Rev. J. M. Pace and Rev. W. Kendrick. Message by Rev. B. H. Southerland reading from 142nd Psalm. Dismissed by Rev. Earl Dixon.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT SCOTT'S CHAPEL

AUGUST 29 and 30, 1964

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing by Rev. Emerald Bailey and others, prayer by altar of prayer. Message by Rev. Elton Cotner reading from Ephesians 3rd chapter 16th verse. Dismissed by Rev. V. H. Gean.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. S. G. Robbins and others, prayer by Rev. Rich, message by Rev. Ralph Tucker, reading from John 14th chapter 14th verse.

Business session was called to order by Rev. Emerald Bailey moderator. Churches represented 17, ordained ministers present 14, visiting ministers 3, deacons present 8. Moderator called for reading of last minutes. The minutes of the last fifth Sunday meeting were read and approved. Called for old business, none, called for new business. Rev. Edward Smith requested that the association trustees be given authority to sign a mortgage to borrow \$3,000.00 to finish the First Free Will Baptist Church at Adamsville, Tennessee. It was explained to the body that since the Tennessee River Association held the deed to the church property it would be right for the trustees to sign the mortgage. The motion was made and seconded for the trustees to sign the mortgage and the body approved. The moderator asked for the churches that wished to host the fifth Sunday meetings for the next year. The following churches asked for one: Fairview, First Freewill at Huntsville, Alabama, First Freewill at Adamsville, Tennessee, Murphy's Chapel and Mt. Zion. Rev. McClanahan, the assistant moderator, appointed a committee to place the Fifth Sunday meetings for the coming year. The committee was as follows: Bro. W. W. Berry, Bro. Clay Sherrill, and Bro. Clarence Strickland. The committee placed the Fifth Sunday Meeting at:

Fairview — November, 1964

First Free Will Baptist in Huntsville, Ala. — January, 1965

First Free Will Baptist in Adamsville, Tenn. — May, 1965

Murphy's Chapel — August, 1965

The Fairview Church sent a letter asking that Bro. Thurman Stults be licensed to preach, the examining committee met with Bro. Stults and after examining him recommended him to be licensed to preach the Gospel.

The next business was the election of new officers for the coming year, the following officers were elected: Rev. Emerald Bailey was re-elected as moderator. Rev. Burlon Jones was elected as assistant moderator. Bro. Stancil Robbins was re-elected as clerk. Rev. J. B. Harper was elected as associational pastor.

Rev. J. C. McClanahan the assistant moderator appointed the program committee for the fifth Sunday at Fairview. The committee consists of Rev. Emerald Bailey, Bro. W. W. Berry and Bro. Stancil Robbins. Motion was made and seconded to close session. Dismissed by Rev. Earl Dixon.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing by Bro. W. W. Berry and others, prayer by Rev. Paul Weaver and Bro. Thurman Stults. Opening message by Rev. Burlon Jones reading 2nd Kings 6-13 verse "Give me a double portion." Followed by Rev. Emerald Bailey, reading 1st chapter of Daniel "Walking with the Lord." Dismissed by Bro. Jimmy Wilson.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. Gean and Rev. Southerland. Opening message by Rev. Virgil Moore, reading from 12th chapter Mark 1st to 10th verse. Followed by Rev. J. C. McClanahan. Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Harper.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Opened by singing, prayer by Bro. Stephans and Rev. L. L. Wilson. Message by Rev. Lige Dickey, reading from Acts 1st chapter 8th verse. Dismissed by Bro. McFalls.

FORM OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

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

The Constitution

Article 1. The 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 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 bylaws 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 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 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 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

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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 ex-
perience....., restored by confession....., dismissed by letter....., withdrawn.....,
expelled....., dead....., total membership....., 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

