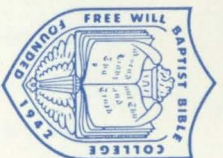


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FREE WILL BAPTISTS
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BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Burlon Jones

	By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed	Withdrawn	Deceased	Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Church Value	st Paid Pastor	al Help	Children's Home	Missions	Funds	g Days
Adamsville	5						2	40	50	40	2	4		\$12,000.						
Bumpas Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	102	50	32	0	0	0	4,000.						
Fairview	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	62	80	64	1	2	1	7,964.						
Harmony	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	130	87	75	5	2	2	13,000						
Huntsville		9	14		13	0	4	122	95	76	2	4	0	100,000						
McClamery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	22	19	1	0	0	4,000						
Meeks Grove	0	2	0	5	0	0	1	24	50	35	0	0	0	1,000						
Midway	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	96	63	55	3	1	1	10,000						
Mt. Olivet	0	0	0				2	10			1	1		4,000						
Mt. Zion	2	2					2	99	52	37	4	1		8,500						
Murphy Chapel	8	5	2	0	0	0	1	97	79	64	4	3	0	25,000						
New Chapel	4	1	0	0	1	2	2	63	60	45	1	0	0	6,000						
New Home	2	0	0	1			1	57	45	35	1	0	0	3,000						
New Pleasant Grove	2							37	22		1	1	1	3,000						
Piney Grove	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	127		29	3	0	0	1,800						
Poplar Springs	2	7	2	0	2	1	1	56	35	30	2	0	1	5,000						
Posey Chapel	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	13	15	15	0	0	0	10,000						
Rayborn Chapel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	25	20	1	0	1	1,500						
Scotts Chapel	0	1					1	108	52	33	3	3		3,000						
Second Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	20	15	0	0	0	2,500						
Shady Grove	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	68			2	0	0	1,500						
Shelby	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	21	17	1	1	1	10,000						
Solitude	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	180	75	50	2	0	0	4,000.00	625.00	75.00		25.00	8.39	2nd & 4th Sun.
Whites Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	58	50	40	1	1	0	3,900.00	285.25	52.60			7.76	

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Rev. Lige Dickey, Moderator Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Rev. J. B. Harper, Asst. Moderator Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, Clerk Iron City, Tennessee

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. Roy L. Harper, Secretary & Treasurer Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Bro. Stancil Robbins 707 Candler, Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Bro. Everette Rich Iron City, Tennessee

EVANGELIST

Rev. J. B. Harper Cypress Inn, Tennessee

EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Rev. Lidge Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tenn.; Rev. Burlon Jones, Huntsville, Ala.; Rev. Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tenn.

OFFICERS OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Rev. Burlon Jones, Moderator 206 Jordon Lane, Huntsville, Ala.
Rev. Edward Smith, Asst. Moderator Stantonville, Tennessee
Bro. Stancil Robbins, Clerk 707 Chandler, Muscle Shoals, Ala.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Burlon Jones Huntsville, Ala.
Rev. Earl Dixon Cloverdale, Ala.
Rev. Edward Smith Stantonville, Tenn.

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

1st Free Will Baptist - Adamsville, Tennessee—Bro. Connie Moore, Savannah, Tennessee.
Bumpas Creek—Mrs. Robert Benson, Star Rt. No. 10, Florence, Alabama
Fairview—Mrs. Thelma Dixon, Iron City, Tennessee
Harmony—Mrs. Betty Lowery Jeffreys, Rt. No. 2, Leighton, Alabama
1st. Free Will Baptist - Huntsville,—Jean Tucker, Home Ave., Huntsville, Alabama
Jones Chapel—Mrs. Cloteel Jones, Rt. No. 6, Florence, Alabama
McGlamery—Mrs. Bethel Robertson, Collinwood, Tenn., Rt. No. 2
Meeks Grove—Mrs. W. E. Killingsworth, Stantonville, Tennessee
Midway—Mrs. Lela Hall, Rt. No. 2, Leighton, Alabama
Mt. Olivet—Rev. W. C. Jones, Waterloo, Alabama, Rt. No. 1
Mt. Zion—Mrs. Walter T. Lowery, Rt. No. 1, Town Creek, Alabama
Murphys Chapel—Bro. Benny Brown, Rt. No. 6, Florence, Alabama
New Chapel—Mrs. Irene Robinson, Counce, Tennessee
New Home—Mrs. Ethel Davidson, Henderson, Tennessee, Rt. No. 4
New Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Annie Mae Bowen, Rt. No. 3, Savannah, Tenn.
Piney Groe—Bro. Johnnie Banks, Rt. No. 1, Cypress Inn, Tennessee

Poplar Springs—Sis. Wanda McKee, Rt. No. 1, Tishomingo, Mississippi
 Posey Chapel—Sis. Laura Mae Posey, Cherokee, Alabama, Rt. No. 3
 Rayborn Chapel—Mrs. Myrtle Bratcher, Waynesboro, Tennessee, Rt. No. 2
 Scotts Chapel—Bro. Roy L. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Second Creek—Mrs. Alma Scott, Waterloo, Alabama
 Shady Grove—Sis. Alma Franks, Olive Hill, Tennessee, Rt. No. 1
 Shelby—Memphis, Tennessee,— Mrs. Thomas Lepard, 2135 Mangum Road, Memphis, Tennessee
 Solitude—Sis. Virginia Finley, Rt. No. 2, Adamsville, Tennessee
 White's Creek—Sis. Ora Stricklin, Savannah, Tennessee

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

G. W. Arnold, Address Unknown
 Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tennessee
 Elton Cotner, Adamsville Tennessee, Route No. 2
 Lidge Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Earl Dixon, Cloverdale, Alabama, Route No. 1
 V. H. Gean, Cloverdale, Alabama, Route No. 1
 J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Burlon Jones, 206 Jordon Lane, Huntsville, Alabama
 John Lewis, Madison, Alabama, Route No.2
 J. C. McClanahan, Florence, Alabama, Route No. 2
 J. A. Moyer, 823 4th Ave., S.E., Decatur, Alabama
 Edward Smith, Stantonville, Tennessee
 John H. Sneed, 508 6th Ave., River Side, Columbia, Tennessee
 Nick White, Route No. 2, Savannah, Tennessee
 L. L. Wilson, 4186 Nelly Road, Memphis, 9, Tennessee
 Jerry House, Iuka, Mississippi
 Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee
 Thurmon Stults, Iron City, Tennessee
 Vernon Gober, Adamsville, Tennessee
 Elias Stephens, Savannah, Tennessee, Route No. 4
 Robert McGee, Russellville, Alabama
 Grover See, 2592 Daxar Ave., Memphis, Tennessee
 Carroll C. Barnes, 811 South Cooper, Memphis, Tennessee
 Randie Euhanks,
 Braxton Parker,

LICENSED MINISTERS

Chester Brown
 Everett Rich

PASTOR OF EACH CHURCH AND THEIR ADDRESSES

1st Free Will Baptist - Adamsville, Tennessee—Rev. Edward Smith
 Stantonville, Tennessee (pastor), Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee, Assistant pastor
 Bumpas—Rev. Earl Dixon, Cloverdale, Alabama
 Fairview—Rev. Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tennessee, Route No. 1
 Harmony—Rev. J. W. Hinderson, Moulton, Alabama
 1st Free Will Baptist—Huntsville, Alabama.—Rev. Burlon Jones, 206 Jordon Lane, Huntsville, Alabama
 McGlamery—Rev. Thurman Stults, Iron City, Tennessee
 Meeks Grove—Rev. Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee
 Midway—Rev. J. M. Pace, Russellville, Alabama
 Mt. Zion—Rev. Robert McGee, Russellville, Alabama, Rt. No. 5

Murphy's Chapel—Rev. V. H. Gean, Rt. No. 1, Cloverdale, Alabama
Mt. Ovillet—No Pastor

New Chapel—Rev. Nick White, Rt. No. 2, Savannah, Tennessee

New Home—Rev. L. L. Wilson, 4186 Neely Road, Memphis, Tennessee

New Pleasant Grove—Rev. Elton Cotner, Rt. No. 2, Adamsville, Tennessee

Piney Grove—Rev. Thurman Stults, Iron City, Tennessee

Poplar Springs—Rev. Nick White, Rt. No. 2, Savannah, Tennessee

Assistant Pastor, Rev. Jerry House, Iuka, Mississippi

Possey Chapel—Rev. J. C. McClanahan, Florence, Alabama, Assistant Pastor, J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee

Rayborn Chapel—Rev. Thurman Stults, Iron City, Tennessee

Scotts Chapel—Rev. Everett Rich, Iron City, Tennessee

Second Creek—Rev. Lidge Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee

Shady Grove—Rev. Elias Stephans, Savannah, Tennessee

Solitude—Rev. Elias Stephans, Savannah, Tennessee

Whites Creek—Rev. Earl Dixon, Rt. No. 1, Cloverdale, Alabama

Shelby—Memphis, Tennessee, Rev. Grover See, 2592 Daker, Ave., Memphis, Tennessee

PROCEEDINGS

The Service was opened by singing and prayer by Bro. J. B. Harper. The opening message was brought by Rev. Lidge Dickey, reading from Ephesians 6th Chapter beginning at the 10th verse. His subject, "Love." Dismissed by Bro. Burlon Jones. Adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Met according to previous adjournment with singing and prayer by Bro. Jack Craig, and scripture reading by Rev. Elton Cotner, reading from 2nd chapter of Ephesians.

The body was then assembled in order of ministers, deacons, and the delegates. The associational officers and their addresses was read by Rev. J. B. Harper, assistant moderator.

All visitors were invited to sit with us.

Nomination was made for an associational Clerk to replace Bro. John Bobo, since he moved to Michigan and ask to be released. Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, Iron City, Tennessee was elected Clerk.

Unfinished business, Read statement sent by Bro. W. W. Berry pertaining to the shortage of the minute funds for the past year. Motion made and seconded to re-emburse Bro. J. B. Harper for \$26.27, which he paid for the shortage.

Bro. Burlon Jones, and Bro. Brady Tacker were appointed reading Clerks.

Finance Committee was composed of Bro. G. T. Farrill, chairman, Bro. J. H. Wright, Bro. Clearance Stricklin.

Sunday School committee was composed of Bro. Robert McGee, Bro. Earl Dixon and Bro. C. O. Marble.

Obituary Committee was composed of Bro. Benton Brown, Bro. Thurman Stults, and Bro. Marvin Michael

Called for letters from various churches:

Adamsville—Bro. Benton Brown & Bro. Lonnie More.

Fairview—Bro. J. A. Wilson, Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, and Bro. L. O. Quillen

Bumpas Creek—Bro. Homer Scott, and Bro. Marvin Michael.
 Huntsville—Bro. Elmer Lewis, Sis. Minnie Craig, and Bro. Charles Marble
 McGlamery—Bro. Clyde Robertson
 Meeks Grove—Bro. W. E. Killingsworth
 Midway—Bro. Dewey Pace, Sis. Asalee Robbins and Sis. Grace Pace
 Mt. Ovilet—Bro. Odell Jones, Sis. Vilona Jones, Odeser Parker
 Mt. Zion—Bro. Connie Frost and Sis. Clezelle Jefferys
 Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Tom Richards, Bro. Veron Creasy, and Bro. Larry Dixon
 New Chapel—Bro. George McKemney and Bro. Erby White
 New Home—Bro. and Sis. Alvin Knipper and Bro. and Sis. Brooks Burkhead
 New Pleasant Grove—Represented by letter
 Pley Grove—Bro. Lonzo Wright, Bro. Willard Reaves, Bro. Johnnie Banks
 Poplar Springs—Represented by letter
 Posey Chapel—Represented by letter
 Rayborn Chapel—Represented by letter
 Scotts Chapel—Bro. Lonzo Harper, Bro. Roy Brewer, Bro. Elzo Smith
 Second Creek—Sis. Edna Hinton and Sis. Alma Scott
 Shady Grove—Sis. Bessie Franks, and Sis. Alma Franks
 Shelby—Memphis, Tennessee,—Bro. Carrol C. Barnes, Sis. Renetta Lepard and Bro. Thomas Lepard
 Solitude—Sis. Lillie Gallegar, Sis. Etta Farriel, Sis. Mary Ruth Tacker, Sis. Virginia Finley
 White's Creek—Bro. Hershal White and Bro. Clearance Stricklin
 Harmony—Represented by letter

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

A program Committee was appointed to arrange preaching service. Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, Bro. Emerald Bailey, Bro. Jack Craig.

General Business—Bro. Edward Smith, Bro. J. C. McClanahan, Bro. Burlon Jones, Bro. Everett Rich and Bro. Jimmy Wilson

Educational—Bro. Virgil Gean, Bro. Cecil Jeffreys, Bro. J. A. Moyer, Bro. Elmer Lewis and Bro. Clyde Robertson.

Temperance—Bro. Randie Eubanks, Bro. Carrol C. Barnes, Bro. J. H. Wright and Bro. Johnnie Banks

Benevolence—Bro. Roy Brewer, Bro. Brooks Burkhead, Bro. Alvin Knipper and Bro. Hershel White.

Revolution of Thanks—Sis. Asalee Robbins, Sis. Brady Tacker, Sis. Alma Scott and Sis. Edna Hinton.

A new Resolution Committee to apply to the Association and Fifth Sunday meetings was voted in as a standing Committee; Bro. Earl Dixon, Bro. Edward Smith, Bro. Everett Rich, Bro. Emerald Bailey and Bro. Elton Cotner.

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

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing led by Ronnie Bailey, and prayer by Rev. Dewey Stults. Message by Rev. Elton Cotner and Rev. L. L. Wilson.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met according to previous adjournment by singing and prayer by Rev. L. L. Wilson and scripture reading by Rev. Virgil Moore.

GENERAL BUSINESS REPORT

We your committee on general business recommend that each church sent \$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 preachers and deacons remind the churches. 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.

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 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 its pastor thirty days before the association if possible.

We also recommend that we pay the home mission treasurer \$25.00.

We also recommend that we pay the association clerk \$35.00.

We recommend that we elect an evangelist and get behind him with our prayers and support.

Bro. Burlon Jones, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday School wish to submit the following: We have 21 churches with Sunday Schools, (2 without Sunday Schools) present with a total enrollment of 1083, regular attendance 856, an average of 40.76 for each church. This shows a small increase in attendance from 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 word of God.

We recommend that all 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 Gods Kingdom while in this world.

Report adopted.

Bro. Charles O. Marble, Chairman

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

We your committee on education wish to recommend the following: We recommend that Christians study to show themselves approval unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, II Timothy 2:15, also, from II 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 parents cooperate with 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, that parents train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it, Proverbs 22:6.

Report adopted.

Bro. E. H. Lewis, Chairman

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We your committee on temperance 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 diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience Godliness."

Report adopted.

Bro. Johnnie Banks, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

We your committee on obituary beg leave to report with sadness that death has taken 20 of our members since our last association.

Adamsville 2, unknown. Huntsville—Bro. Alvin Craig, Bro. J. L. Sweeden, Sis. Jessie Royal, Judy Blackston. Meeks Grove—Bro. Anderson Jones. Midway—Sis. Mary Hall. Mt. Olive—Bro. Chester Harrell, Sis. Olene Jones. Mt. Zion—Bro. Herman Jeffreys and Bro. Frank Willingham. Murphy's Chapel—Sis. Vernetta Ford. New Chapel—Sis. Maude Mayhall and Sis. Birtie Fields. New Home—Sis. Ader Davidson. Poplar Springs—Sis. Billie Johnson. Posey Chapel—Sis. Posey. Rayborn Chapel—Bro. Clay Sherrill. Scotts Chapel—Sis. Nippie Johnson.

We hope and trust our loss is heaven's gain.

Report adopted.

Bro. Marvin Michael, Chairman

REPORT OF BENEVOLENCE

We your committee on benevolence find that the word benevolence means disposition to do good, act of kindness, god 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. Committee, Bro. Hershel White, Bro Roy Brewer and Bro. Willard Reaves

Balance from 1964	\$ 4.38
Amount received from churches	172.35
Total	176.73
Paid clerks fee	35.00
Paid for printing minutes	168.00
Postage	00
Balance	00
Received 740 minutes Oct. 27, 1965	00

Report adopted.

W. W. Berry, Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Adamsville	\$ 8.03	New Pleasant Grove	\$10.00
Bumpas	7.50	Piney Grove	7.25
Fairview	13.00	Poplar Springs	4.00
Harmony	9.45	Poseys Chapel	3.50
Huntsville	10.00	Rayborn Chapel	3.50
McGlamery	7.30	Scotts Chapel	8.23
Meeks Grove	6.31	Second Creek	5.00
Midway	6.50	Shady Grove	3.00
Mt. Ovielt	3.00	Shelby	5.00
Mt. Zion	6.00	Solitude	8.39
Murphy's Chapel	10.50	Whites Creek	7.76
New Chapel	8.00		
New Home	5.00		
			\$166.22

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

Sept. 1, 1966

Amount brought forward	\$934.86
Freewill offering for children's home at the association	151.10
Solitude Church	25.00
Murphy's Chapel	50.00
New Home	50.00
Poplar Springs	10.00
Midway Church	37.50
Shelby, Memphis	25.00
Mt. Zion	25.00
Meeks Grove	12.00
Bumpas Creek	25.00
Adamsville	25.00
Scotts Chapel	25.00
	\$1,395.46

Names of ministers who paid tenth received from ministerial work:

Rev. J. C. McClanahan	\$ 20.61
Rev. V. H. Gean	89.50
Rev. Emerald Bailey	46.00
Rev. Vernon Gober	4.00
Rev. Elias Stephens	10.00
Rev. Earl Dixon	24.62
Rev. Edward Smith	20.00
Rev. Everett Rich	15.00
Rev. J. B. Harper	135.35
	\$374.08

Total Paid In \$1,769.54

Amount paid out

Paid Children's Home	\$ 151.00
Associational Pastor	1200.00
Paid for insurance on Posey's Chapel Church	30.60
Fifth Sunday Meeting Clerk	25.00
Treasury fee	25.00

Total paid out \$1,431.60

Balance in treasury \$337.94

Report Adopted

Bro. Roy L. Harper, Sec. & Treas.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR REPORT

Rev. J. B. Harper

Pastored Jones Chapel for 2 months and helped get them a pastor
I have had the privilege to visit 23 churches, some more than once
Conducted 2 tent revivals, one near Walnut Grove, Tennessee, one on Cloverdale Road, Alabama

Association paid \$1200.00. Held 2 funerals and assisted in 2 funerals
Offering received other than the association \$186.47, which made a total of \$1386.47 received

GENERAL BUSINESS CONTINUED

Votes were taken and association placed to go to Murphy's Chapel on the Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept., 1967 at 11 o'clock.

Associational Officers were elected.

Rev. Lidge Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tennessee, Moderator, Rev. J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee, Assistant Moderator, Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, Route 1, Iron City Tennessee, Clerk.

Home mission board consists of Bro. Everett Rich, Bro. Roy Harper, Bro. Stancil Robbins.

Associational Evangelist Rev. J. B. Harper was re-elected at 5th Sunday meeting prior to the association. Moved and seconded to pay the Associational Evangelist \$150.00 for each two weeks revival with the tent, from Home Missions funds and recommend each church he visits give him a freewill offering.

Board of Trustees—Moved and seconded to elect a rotating board to serve, electing one each year. Earl Dixon at Top, retiring next year; and Edward Smith; Virgil Geans according to age.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened with singing and prayer by Rev/. Earnest Rich. The message was brought by Rev. Earl Dixon and followed by Rev. Virgil Geans.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRESBYTERY SESSION

The Presbytery session at Fairview Church in session with the Tennessee River Association, Sept. 17, 1966. Rev. Burlon Jones, Moderator, Rev. Edward Smith assistant Moderator, churches represented 19, ordained ministers present 19, licensed ministers present 3, visiting ministers present 2, ordained deacons present 10.

Moderator asked for the minutes to be read of previous session, minutes read and approved. Called for old business none new business the reports of the ministers and granting of cards:

Rev. George Arnold, absent—card granted

Rev. Emerald Bailey, report, Pastored 1 church, half time, conducted 1 conference, conducted 3 funerals, conducted 1 communion service, conducted 1 revival, assisted in 3 revivals, witnessed 12 professions, baptized 1, received into church 1, money received \$607.30, expenses unknown, card granted.

Rev. Elton Cotner, report, Pastored 1 church full time, conducted 1 revival, assisted 3 revivals, conducted 1 communion service, conducted 5 funerals, married 1 couple, conducted radio program every Sunday at Savannah, Tenn., W.O.R.M. Station. Money received \$1094.50, card granted.

Rev. Lidge Dickey, report, Pastored 3 churches, 1 half time, conducted 2 conferences, conducted 2 communion services, held 3 revivals, assisted in 3 revivals, witnessed 4 confessions, married 2 couples, money received \$896.75, card granted.

Rev. Earl Dixon, report, Pastored 2 churches, half time each, conducted 1 communion service, held 2 conferences, held 2 revivals, assisted in 1 revival, conducted 1 funeral, assisted in 1 funeral, witnessed 1 profession, money received \$539.60. card granted.

Rev. Virgil Gean, report, Pastored 1 church, revivals held 6, professions witnessed 17, number baptized 7, additions to church 15, funerals held 11, marriages held 3, money received \$1860.28, card granted.

Rev. J. B. Harper, report, Associational pastor, pastored Jones Chapel 2 months, helped get a pastor, visited 23 churches some more than once, conducted 2 tent revivals, held 2 funerals, assisted 2 funerals, money received \$1386.47, card granted.

Rev. Burlon Jones, report, Pastored 2 churches half time each, held 2 revivals, witnessed 6 professionals, received into church 1, baptized 1, miles traveled approximately 6.735, sermons preached 86, money received \$908.15, card granted.

Rev. Jack Jones, absent, gone to another association.

Rev. John Lewis, absent, report sent in; Sermons preached 18, professions witnessed 5, number baptized 2, funerals preached 1, card granted.

Rev. J. C. McClanahan, report, Pastored 1 church half time, held 1 revival, assisted in 2 revivals, held 1 communion service, held 2 conferences, money received \$294.76, card granted.

Rev. J. A. Moyers, report, Sermons preached 67, helped in 3 ordinations services, visited 41 sick, witnessed 40 professions, funerals held 4, couples married 1, miles traveled 1306, money received \$279.90, money paid out \$250.60, fifth Sunday meetings attended 3, prayer meetings attended 28, visited 10 churches, communion services in 3, conferences 1, card granted.

Rev. Virgil Moore, report, Pastored 1 church half time, assistant pastor 1 church half time, assisted in 2 revivals, witnessed 13 professions, baptized 1, conducted 1 communion service, held 1 conference, conducted 3 funerals, preached 68 sermons, money received \$213.50, card granted.

Rev. Edward Smith, report, Pastored 1 church, assistant pastor 1 church, held 1 revival, witnessed 5 professions, added 5 to church, baptized 1, conducted 3 funerals, money received from Jones Chapel \$120.00, money from Adamsville First Free Will went on church note. Card granted.

Rev. John Sneed, report, Sermons preached 100, pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, witnessed 6 professions, baptized 2, added 6 to church, preached 6 funerals,, married 4, money received \$725.00. Card granted.

Rev. Ralph Tucker, absent, gone to another association.

Rev. Elias Stephens, report, Pastored 2 churches, one half time, helped in 3 revivals, preached 68 sermons, witnessed 9 professions, married 3 couples, money received \$412.71, card granted.

Rev. Thurmon Stults, report, Pastored 4 churches, one quarter time each, conducted 2 conferences, conducted 2 communion services, assisted in 1 funeral, conducted 3 revivals, assisted in 1 revival, witnessed 3 professions, baptized 3, received 1 in church, married 1 couple, money received \$594.41. Card granted.

Rev. Vernon Gober, report, Sermons preached 17, miles traveled approximately 850, visited 6 churches, money received \$44.25, card granted.

Rev. Nick White, report, Pastored 2 churches, held 3 revivals, assisted in 2 revivals, witnessed 6 professions, baptized 6, received into church 11, card granted.

Rev. Robert McGee, report, Pastored 1 church full time, sermons preached 58, revivals helped in 2, professions witnessed 5, number baptized 2, marriages 3, money received \$1049.00, gave to charity \$275.00, card granted.

Rev. Randy Eubanks, report, Preached 13 sermons, card granted.

Rev. L. L. Wilson, report, Sermons preaches 82, churches pastored 1, revivals held 1, professions witnessed 3, number baptized 3, addition to church 2, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 10,787, money received \$645.06, conducted 1 communion service, conducted 2 conferences, card granted.

Rev. Jerry House, report, Pastored 2 churches, assisted 1, witnessed professions 6, assisted in 2 revivals, card granted.

Rev. Carrel Barnes, report, Preached at home church 24 sermons, preached at other churches 3 times, assisted in 1 revival, miles traveled 800, money received \$5.00, card granted.

Rev. Braxton Parker, report, Preached 35 sermons, assisted in 1 revival, conducted 1 radio program full time, money received \$75.00, card granted.

Rev. Everette Rich, report, Preached every 3rd Sunday at Fairview Church since Jan. '66, helped in 3 revivals, received \$306.96, card granted.

Rev. Grover See, report, Pastored 1 church, preached 124 sermons, miles traveled 3,510, money received \$352.06, couples married 1, baptized 1, funerals conducted 1, revivals held 1, revivals helped in 1, card granted.

The moderator called for the ones to be licensed or ordained to preach, also those to be ordained as deacons. Brother Vernon Creacy from Murphy's Chapel was to be licensed, Braxton Parker from Harmony, Jerry House from Poplar Springs, and Brother Carrel Barnes from Shelby Church were to be ordained as ministers. To be ordained as deacons were Billy Joe Campbell, and Sherman McCormick from Harmony Church, Tom Dawson and Cecil Jeffreys from Mt. Zion Church. Rev. Glover L. See from Shelby Church presented a letter asking to be received into the Presbytery as an ordained minister. The Presbytery voted to accept him and granted him a card.

Mt. Olive Church ask that Brother W. C. Jones be reinstated into the Presbytery and granted ordination papers to replace his lost ones, the body voted approval and granted him a card.

Rev. John Sneed read the qualifications of a bishop and the ordination service was preformed. Motion made and approved to close business session, dismissed by Brother Tacket.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Edward Smith, preaching service by Rev. Dewey Stults and followed by Elias Stephens.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We your committee on resolution of thanks, report to this body as assembled together to give the people of Fairview Church and surrounding churches, our sincere thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this association.

May the Lord bless each one of you, and the communion of the Holy Spirit abide with us forever.

Sis. Asalee Robbins, Chairman

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing and prayer by Bro. Carroll C. Barnes. An offering of \$213.30 was taken for childrens home. Preaching by Rev. Edward Smith and Rev. J. C. McClanahan.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting Was Omitted At First Freewill Church In Huntsville In Jan. 1966, Was Omitted Because Of Bad Weather.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT NEW CHAPEL CHURCH MAY 28 AND 29, 1966

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. Emerald Bailey (and altar of prayer). Message by Rev. Earl Dixon reading from the book of Jobe 9th Chapter. Dismissed by Rev. Nick White.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Brother Brown, message by Rev. Elias Stephens, reading from Galations 5th Chapter. Followed by business session, Rev. Burlon Jones moderator churches represented 16; ordained ministers present 13, licensed ministers present 2, deacons present 7, visiting ministers present 1.

Rev. Virgil Moore was appointed to serve as assistant moderator in the absence of Rev. Edward Smith.

The moderator called for reading of the last minutes, minutes read and approved, called for unfinished business, none—called for new business. The First Freewill Church at Huntsville sends letter recommending that Brother Randy Eubanks be ordained to preach, The Poplar Springs Church sends letter asking that Brother Chester Brown be licensed to preach one year, The Fairview Church sends letter asking that Brother Everett Rich be licensed to preach for one year. Rev. Virgil Gean was appointed to serve on the examining committee in the absence of Rev. Lidge Dickey.

The examining committee after meeting with the ones to be ordained and licensed recommended that Brother Randy Eubanks be ordained to preach, and that Brother Everett Rich and Brother Chester Brown be licensed to preach for one year. Rev. J. B. Harper read the qualifications of a bishop from First Timothy 3rd Chapter followed by ordination service. The body voted to license Brother Everett Rich and Brother Chester Brown for one year.

Rev. Virgil Moore acting assist. moderator, appointed the program committee for the Fifth Sunday meeting at Solitude in July, Brother Roy Harper, Bro. Alf Layton and Rev. Burlon Jones were appointed. The clerk reported that the insurance was due on the Posey's Chapel building, the body voted to pay the insurance from Home Missions funds, the amount of \$30.60 was paid.

Rev. J. B. Harper stated that the Tent Revival would be in the Walnut Grove School area (on Savannah Road.) Time was set at June 19 thru July 1. The program committee for the revival was Bro. Roy Harper, Rev. Earl Dixon, Rev. Emerald Bailey, Bro. Frank Smith, Rev. V. H. Gean.

A special called session held Saturday night on 5-28-66 for the purpose of granting Rev. D. Jack Jones credentials replacing his lost ones, and also granting him a letter of recommendation to another association.

Moved and seconded to close

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing and prayer, message by Rev. Jerry House reading from Matthew 7th Chapter, followed by Rev. V. H. Gean, dismissed by Bro. Springer.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. Elton Cotner and Rev. Elias Stephens. Opening message by Rev. Thurmon Stults, reading from Jonah 3rd Chapter, followed by Rev. L. L. Wilson reading from 10th Chapter of Jobe.

Dismissed By Bro. Bowden

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. V. H. Gean. Preachers hash program. First speaker Rev. Carrel Barnes followed by Rev. Chester Brown, dismissed by Rev. Johnson.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT SOLITUDE

July 30 and 31, 1966

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. Virgil Moore, message by Rev. Ed Smith reading from Acts 20th Chapter. Dismissed by Rev. B. Parker.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. Elton Cotner, message by Rev. Nick White reading from 10th Chapter of Corinthians.

Followed by business session. Rev. Burlon Jones moderator, Rev. Edward Smith assistant moderator.

Churches represented 16; Ordained ministers 11; Licensed ministers 2; visiting ministers 2; ordained deacons 5; minutes read and approved, called for unfinished business, none—New usiness, called for churches who would like to host Fifth Sunday Meetings during coming year. Committee appointed to place Fifth Sunday Meetings, Rev. Elton Cotner, Brother Frost (Connie), Rev. J. B. Harper. Meeting as follows:

Oct. 66—New Pleasant Grove

Jan. 67—Murphy's Chapel

April 67—Mt Zion

July. 67—Adamsville First Freewill

Rev. Edward Smith assistant moderator appointed the program committee for the Fifth Sunday Meeting at New Chapel Oct. 1966. Committee—Bro. J. Ferrell, Bro. Roy Harper, Rev. Elton Cotner.

Election of new officers for the Presbytery—moved and seconded to retain all of the officers as follows:

Moderator, Rev. Burlon Jones, Assistant moderator, Rev. Edward Smith, clerk Stancil Robbins.

Rev. J. B. Harper was re-elected as associational pastor, after discussing the pay for the associational pastor, a motion was made and approved to discontinue paying the pastor \$100.00 per month and set the following, each church give Rev. Harper a free will offering when he visits the church and to pay him \$150.00 for each two weeks revival with the tent, from Home Mission funds.

Motion was made to close session, dismissed by Bro. Connie Frost.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. Brush and Rev. Lidge Dickey, opening message by Rev. Everett Rich, reading from Chronicles (2) 7th Chapter. Followed by Rev. Emerald reading from 3rd Chapter of Timothy. Dismissed by Bro. Ferrel.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE, JULY 31, 1966

Opened by singing, prayer by Brother Brown, and Rev. Elias Stephens, Special singing by the Lacy singers, message by Rev. Lidge Dickey reading from 2nd Chapter of Revelations, followed by Rev. J. B. Harper reading from Mark 10th Chapter. Dismissed by Rev. Lacy.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. L. L. Wilson, message by Rev. Elias Stephens reading from 20th Chapter of Revelation.

Dismissed by Brother Garner

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT SCOTT'S CHAPEL CHURCH

Oct. 30 and 31, 1965

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. J. C. McClanahan. Message by Rev. Burlon Jones reading from 6th Chapter of Revelations. Followed by Rev. Elias Stephens reading from 22nd Chapter of Matthew. Dismissed by Rev. Elton Cotner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Bro. Jake Craig and Rev. W. C. Jones. Message by Rev. J. A. Moyer reading from 1st Psalms.

Business Session: Rev. Burlon Jones, moderator, Rev. Edward Smith, assistant moderator. Churches represented 14; Ordained ministers present 12; Ordained deacons present 6; Moderator ask for reading of last minutes, minutes read and approved, ask for unfinished business, none—New business: Moderator called for letters from churches having deacons to be ordained or ministers to be licensed or ordained. Mt. Zion presented letter asking that Rev. Robert McGee be received into the Presbytery. The examining committee after meeting with Rev.. McGee recommended that he be excepted into the Presbytery, the body voted to receive him. Dismissed by Rev. Jack Jones.

Minutes of a special called session of the Presbytery at Scott's Chapel

Oct. 31, 1965.—The meeting was called to order by Rev. Burlon Jones (as Moderator) Ministers present 13; deacons present 5. The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and voting on the question of whether or not the Presbytery members should support (or recommend) the churches support a radio program being carried by Bro. B. H. Southerland at that time. It was suggested and approved by the body that since Brother Southerland had turned in his credentials along with a letter stating that he was unworthy of them, that the Presbytery and churches should not support the program. Meeting closed.

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Brother W. W. Berry, prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon, and Rev. Lidge Dickey. Message by Rev. Thurmon Stults reading from 2nd Chapter of Philipians, followed by Rev. Elton Cotner reading from 16th Chapter of Luke and from Matthew. Dismissed by Brother John Bobo.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Rev. Emerald Bailey, (and altar prayer). Opening message by Rev. Edward Smith reading from Joshua, followed by Rev. L. L. Wilson reading from Timothy "To Be Wise," dismissed by Rev. Virgil Moore.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Brother J. H. Wright, message by Rev. Earl Dixon, reading from Colossians, dismissed by Brother Buddy Bailey.

- 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 consisten, 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 preserve 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 are 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....., withdraw.....,
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

