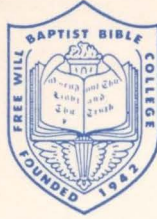


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Rev. Earl Dixon, Moderator	Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Rev. Emerald Bailey, Assistant Moderator	Iron City, Tennessee
Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, Clerk	Iron City, Tennessee

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. John Bobo, Secretary-Treasurer	Central Heights, Florence, Alabama Phone 766-0153
Bro. Stancil Robbins	707 Candler, Muscle Shoals, Ala.
Bro. Don Hanback	Route One, Iron City, Tennessee

EVANGELIST

Rev. Emerald Bailey	Route One, Iron City, Tennessee
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EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Rev. Lige Dickey, Cypress Inn, Tenn.; Rev. Elias Stephens, Savannah, Tenn.; Rev. Emerald Bailey, Iron City, Tenn.

OFFICERS OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Rev. L. L. Wilson, Moderator	Adamsville, Tenn.
Rev. Everett Rich, Asst. Moderator	Iron City, Tenn.
Rev. Vernon Gober, Clerk	Adamsville, Tenn.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Vernon Gober	Adamsville, Tenn.
Rev. Earl Dixon	Route One, Cloverdale, Ala.
Rev. Virgil Gean	Route One, Cloverdale, Ala.

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Adamsville—Bro. Douglas Scott, Adamsville, Tennessee
 Antioch—Sister Lina Montgomery, Route 1, Cloverdale, Alabama
 Bumpas—Sister Robert Benson, Star Route 10, Florence, Alabama
 Fairview—Sister Deane Butler, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee
 Harmony—Sister Betty L. Jeffreys, Route 2, Leighton, Alabama
 Jones Chapel—Sister Virgie Mullins, Route 1, Box 439A, Cloverdale, Alabama
 McGlamery—Sister Bethel Robertson, Route 2, Collinwood, Tennessee
 Meeks Grove—Sister Betty Sue Milford, Route 1, Box 183A, Stantonville, Tennessee
 Midway—Sister Lela Hall, Route 2, Leighton, Alabama
 Mt. Olivet—Bro. W. C. Jones, Route 1, Waterloo, Alabama
 Mt. Zion—Sister Inos Lowery, Route 1, Town Creek, Alabama
 Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Randal Gray, 1336 James St., Florence, Alabama
 New Chapel—Sister Irene Robinson, Counce, Tennessee
 New Homes—Sister Ethel Davidson, Route 4, Henderson, Tennessee
 New Pleasant Grove—Sister Mary Lou Hubbard, 1510 Hickory St., Savannah, Tennessee
 Piney Grove—Bro. Johnny Banks, Route 1, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Poplar Springs—Sister Wanda McKee, Route 1, Tishomingo, Mississippi
 Posey Chapel—Sister Laura Mae Posey, Route 3, Cherokee, Alabama
 Rayborn Chapel—Bro. Edgar Melson, Lutts, Tennessee
 Scotts Chapel—Bro. Allen Berry, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
 Second Creek—Sister Alma Scott, P. O. Box 35, Waterloo, Alabama
 Shady Grove—Sister Alma Franks, Aline Hill, Tennessee
 Shelby—Sister Thomas Lepard, 2135 Mangum Road, Memphis, Tennessee
 Solitude—Sister Virginia Finley, Adamsville, Tennessee
 Whites Creek—Sister Ora Stricklin, Savannah, Tennessee

ORDAINED MINISTERS, THEIR ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emerald Bailey, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee, Phone Collinwood 724-4378
Carroll C. Barnes, 706 Stage Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, Phone 358-9577
Elton Cotner, Route 2, Adamsville, Tennessee, Phone 632-6065
Lige Dickey, Route 1, Cypress Inn, Tennessee, Phone Collinwood 724-9332
Earl Dixon, Route 1, Cloverdale, Alabama, Phone Florence 764-0558
V. H. Gear, Route 1, Cloverdale, Alabama, Phone Florence 766-3896
Vernon Gober, Adamsville, Tennessee, Phone 632-4228
J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee, Phone 724-4594
Jerry House, Route 2, Box 31-A, Iuka, Mississippi
Burlon Jones, 6410 Marsh Avenue N. W., Huntsville, Alabama, Phone 837-4461
J. C. McClanahan, Route 2, Florence, Alabama, Phone 764-8210
Robert McGee, Route 5, Russellville, Alabama
Vernon Creasy
Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee, Phone 632-6888
J. A. Moyer, Deceased
Everette Rich, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee, Phone Collinwood 724-4568
Grover See, 2592 Dakar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee
Elias Stephens, Route 4, Savannah, Tennessee, Phone 925-5070
Thurman Stults, Iron City, Tennessee
Edward Smith, Stantonville, Tennessee
John H. Sneed, 508 Sixth Avenue, Riverside, Columbia, Tennessee
Nick White, Route 1, Savannah, Tennessee, Phone 925-4504
L. L. Wilson, Adamsville, Tennessee
Benton Brown, 2406 Pinhook Road, Savannah, Tennessee, Phone 901-925-3080

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Glenn Bobo, 1602 Pineherst Blvd., Sheffield, Alabama, Phone 383-0141
Bro. Clay Mullins, Route 1, Box 439-A, Cloverdale, Alabama
Bro. William Jr. Cagle, Cloverdale, Alabama
Bro. J. T. Wright, 427 Stanton Avenue, Florence, Alabama, Phone 766-4508

CHURCH PASTORS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Adamsville—Rev. L. L. Wilson, Adamsville, Tennessee
Antioch—Rev. Emerald Bailey, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee
Bumpas Creek—Rev. Earl Dixon, Route 1, Cloverdale, Alabama
Fairview—Rev. Everett Rich, Route 1, Iron City, Tennessee
Harmony—Rev. Joe Henderson, Moulton, Alabama
Jones Chapel—Rev. James Pauley, 3606 West End Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee
McGlamery—No Pastor as yet.
Meeks Grove—Rev. Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee
Midway—Rev. J. B. Harper, Cypress Inn, Tennessee
Mt. Olivet—Rev. W. C. Jones, Route 1, Waterloo, Alabama
Assistant: Rev. R. C. Scott
Mt. Zion—Rev. Robert McGee, Route 5, Russellville, Alabama
Murphy's Chapel—Rev. Virgil Gear, Route 1, Cloverdale, Alabama
New Chapel—Rev. Travis Johnson, Memphis, Tennessee
New Home—Rev. Virgil Moore, Morris Chapel, Tennessee
New Pleasant Grove—Rev. Elton Cotner, Adamsville, Tennessee
Piney Grove—Rev. Thurman Stults, Iron City, Tennessee
Poplar Springs—Rev. Nick White, Route 1, Savannah, Tennessee
and Rev. Travis Johnson, Memphis, Tennessee
Posey Chapel—Rev. Elias Stephens, Route 4, Savannah, Tennessee
Rayborn Chapel—Rev. William Kendricks, Trenton, Tennessee

Second Creek—Rev. Vernon Creasey, Cloverdale, Alabama
Shady Grove—Rev. William Jr. Cagle, Cloverdale, Alabama
Shelby—Rev. Grover L. See, 2592 Dakar, Memphis, Tennessee
Solitude—Rev. William Kendrick, Savannah, Tennessee
Whites Creek—Rev. Thurman Stults, Iron City, Tennessee

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Tennessee River Association met at 11:00 a.m. with congregational singing. The opening prayer was offered by Brother Garner. The welcoming address was given by the Rev. J. B. Harper, reading from Ecclesiastes.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. Lige Dickey, Moderator. His subject was "The Power of the Gospel." The Scripture reading was from the 28th chapter of Matthew and the 9th chapter of First Corinthians.

The morning session was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. William Jr. Cagle to meet back at 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Met according to previous adjournment with singing and prayer by the Rev. Vernon Gober. Rev. Glenn Bobo read the scripture reading from the 90th chapter of Psalms.

The body was then assembled in order of ministers, deacons, and delegates. All visitors were also invited to sit with us.

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

READING CLERKS—Rev. L. L. Wilson and Rev. Vernon Gober.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Rev. Edward Smith, Rev. Elias Stephens, and Rev. Robert McGee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Bro. Homer Scott, Bro. Willard Reaves, Bro. Jessie J. Melson.

OBITUARY—Bro. John Wright, Rev. Benton Brown, Bro. Bill Benson.

Letters from various churches were called for as follows:

Adamsville—Bro. and Sister Scott.

Antioch—Rev. William Jr. Cagle, Bro. Walter Dial, and Bro. J. T. Wright.

Bumpas Creek—Bro. R. E. Patton, and Bro. Homer Scott.

Fairview—Bro. Jimmy Wilson and Bro. Don Hanback.

Huntsville—Withdrawn from Association.

McGlamery—Bro. Clyde Robertson.

Meeks Grove—Sister Mary Dell Gilchrist and Sister Shirley Milford.

Midway—Bro. Lonnie Grissom, Bro. Dewey Pace, and Bro. George Robbins.

Mt. Olivet—Sister Vilona Jones, and Sister Frankie Austin.

Mt. Zion—Bro. Dial Willis, and Sister Melba Willis.

Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Ben Brown, and Bro. Earl Austin.

New Chapel—Bro. George McKinney, and Bro. Ronnie Bullard.

New Home—Bro. Brooks Burkhead and Sister Lettie Garner.

New Pleasant Grove—Sister Charity Hubbard and Sister Mary Lou Hubbard.

Piney Grove—Bro. Donnie Reaves, Bro. Willard Reaves, Bro. Johnny Brewer, and Bro. Buck Whitehead.

Poplar Springs—Bro. Herbert Johnson, Bro. Junior Johnson, and Sister Dona Johnson.

Posey's Chapel—Bro. Willie Posey.

Rayborn Chapel—Bro. Jessie Jay Melson.

Scotts Chapel—Bro. Allen Berry, and Bro. Curtis Pigg.
 Second Creek—Sister Lizzy Benson, Sister Alma Scott and Bro. Keith Barrier.
 Shady Grove—Bro. Herbert Clay.
 Solitude—Sister Joyce Finley, Sister Lillie Gallagher, Sister Etta Farriel, and Sister Marcia Finley.
 Whites Creek—Bro. Hershel White, and Bro. Earl Morris.
 Harmony—Represented by letter only.
 Jones Chapel—Represented by letter only.
 Shelby—Represented by letter only.

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

PROGRAM—Bro. Roy Harper, Bro. Jake Farriel, and Bro. J. B. Harper.
 GENERAL BUSINESS—Bro. J. C. McClanahan, Bro. Glenn Bobo, Bro. E. N. Bailey, and Bro. John Bobo.
 EDUCATIONAL—Bro. Willie Posey, Bro. Jr. Cagle, and Bro. Benton Brown.
 TEMPERANCE—Bro. Allen Berry, Bro. Don Hanback, Bro. George McKinnley.
 BENEVOLENCE—Bro. Elton Cotner, Bro. C. I. Dixon, and Bro. Walter Dial.
 REVOLUTION OF THANKS—Sister Scott and Sister Mary Lou Hubbard.
 The moderator asked that all Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates sign their names to be used for roll call.
 The Business session adjourned to meet on Saturday morning at 8:30 A. M.

FRIDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Friday night Service opened with singing and prayer by the Revs. L. L. Wilson and Virgil Gean. The first message of the service was by the Rev. J. C. McClanahan and the second part of the service was a message by the Rev. Elton Cotner. The service was closed with prayer by the Rev. Everett Rich.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session met according to previous adjournment with singing and prayer by Bro Jay Melson. The scripture reading was by the Rev. William Jr. Cagle from 116 Psalms.

The roll call was made and the business reports were given as follows:

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 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 he work with the home mission board.

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 also recommend that the home mission board pay the association pastor for his ministerial work, plus the amount of \$100.00 for each tent revival.

Rev. Glenn Bobo, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, wish to submit the following: We have 22 churches with Sunday schools (3 without Sunday schools), with a present enrollment of 1,180 and a regular attendance of 907. The average attendance is 40.15. 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 schools be devout Christians; sound in faith and 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 God's Kingdom while in this world.

Jessie J. Melson & Willard Reeves, Chairman

This report was adopted by the association.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your committee, wish to recommend the following:

That the Free Will Baptist urge the continued use of the King James Bible, because we are living in a time when different forms of the word is presented.

Ben Brown, Willie Posey,
and Chairman Junior Cagle.

This report was adopted by the association.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following:

We find the word temperance in regard to strong drink, beer, wine, whiskey, nicotine or any drug harmful to our body. In 1st Corinthians 6:19-20, the Bible says: "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, Which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." First Corinthians 3:17 says, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

We should be temperate in all walks of life, in church, at home, in school, and in business. We find that the Bible says in I Corinthians 9:25, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." We also find in II Peter 1:5-8, that temperance adds to things that are unto Godliness; "And beside 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, and to Godliness, brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Bro. Allen Berry
Bro. Don Hanback

This report was adopted by the Association.

OBITUARY REPORT

We, your committee on obituaries, in sorrow, report that death has taken 18 of our members since our last association. They are as follows:

Adamsville—Sister Carrie Telman; Harmony—Bro. Berry Grissom, Bro. John M. Lowery, Sister Alice Grissom, Sister Mattie McCormack; Jones Chapel—Sister Elizabeth LeNeaves and Bro. John Jones; McGlamery—Bro. R. A. Robertson; Meeks Grove—Sister Daisy Rinks Murphy and Sister Maude Brown; Pleasant Grove—Sister Eunice Tucker; Piney Grove—Bro. W. T. Banks; Poplar Springs—Bro. Chester Brown and Sister Lovi Johnson; Solitude—Bro. T. O. Hanna; White's Creek—Sister Flora Weatherford, Sister Addie Williams; Mt. Zion—Bro. Jeffery.

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

Bro. Bill Benson, 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, No, and come again, and tomorrow I will give: When thou hast it by thee."

By The Committee,
Bro. Elton Cotner
Bro. Walter Dial
Bro. C. I. Dixon

This report was adopted by the Association.

CLERK'S REPORT

Amount Recieved from Churches, September, 1967	\$225.61
Amount Recieved from Minute Refund	\$ 30.12
Total	\$255.73

Amount Paid Clerk	\$ 35.00
Paid for Printing 800 Minutes, Dec. 29, 1967	232.00
(from Free Will Baptist Press, P.O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina)	
Total Paid Out	267.00
Shortage	11.27
A collection for the shortage was taken up at the Fifth Sunday Meeting in March	
Amount Recieved from Fifth Sunday Meeting in March	\$23.14
Balance in the Treasure	\$ 11.87

Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, Clerk

This report was adopted by the Association

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Adamsville	\$11.00	New Home	\$10.00
Antioch	14.34	New Pleasant Grove	10.00
Bumpas Creek	12.00	Piney Grove	11.00
Fairview	20.09	Poplar Springs	5.00
Harmony	11.00	Posey Chapel	7.00
Jones Chapel	6.00	Rayborn Chapel	6.25
McGlamery	5.50	Scotts Chapel	17.58
Meeks Grove	11.25	Second Creek	7.60
Midway	10.00	Shady Grove	4.00
Mt. Olivet	5.00	Shelby	5.00
Murphy's Chapel	15.00	Solitude	7.50
Mt. Zion	12.00	White's Creek	8.70
New Chapel	8.87	Total	\$241.68

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

Amount brought forward, 1967	\$665.89
Amount Recieved at the Association for Children's Home	347.40
First Free Will at Adamsville	25.00
New Home Church	25.00
Poplar Springs	5.00
Midway	25.00
Posey's Chapel	25.00
Jone's Chapel	25.00
Murphy's Chapel	25.00
Mt. Zion	25.00
Fairview	25.00
Scott's Chapel	26.56
	<u>\$1244.85</u>

Names of Ministers who paid the tenth of their Ministerial work:

Rev. Benton Brown	\$ 33.60
Rev. Everett Rich	30.00
Rev. Carroll Barnes	1.50
Rev. Vernon Gober	10.00
Rev. V. H. Gean	102.50
Rev. J. C. McClanahan	33.00
Rev. Virgil Moore	10.00
Rev. Emerald Bailey	50.00
	<u>\$270.60</u>
Total Paid In	\$1515.45

Amount Paid Out:	
Balance on Minutes, J. W. Stooksberry	\$ 30.12
Children's Home	347.40
Fifth Sunday Meeting Clerk	25.00
Associational Pastor	150.00
Treasure Fee	25.00
	<u>Total Paid Out</u>
	\$ 577.52
Balance In Treasure	\$ 937.93

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. J. B. Harper

Pastored one church half time, held one revival, baptised one, received into church - one, held one communion service, conducted five funerals. Money received from churches - \$717.98, money received for funerals - \$48.77. In the Associational work: Held

one tent revival, one conference at Rayborn Chapel, received into church - two, visited twelve churches. When visiting Huntsville, found they had left the Association. Association Paid \$150.00; Churches - \$78.60; Tent - \$11.00; Revival at Memphis - \$80.00. for a total of \$319.60. Total amount received over all - \$1,086.35.

GENERAL BUSINESS CONTINUED

The moderator asked for petitionary letters. There were none.

A vote was taken for the placement of the Association for the coming year. The Association will convene with Piney Grove Church on Friday before the third Sunday in September of 1969, at 11:00 o'clock. since they received the largest number of votes.

The electing of the Associational Pastor was tabled until the Saturday afternoon session.

The moderator called for the election of Associational Officers. Those elected to serve were: Rev. Earl Dixon, moderator; Rev. Emerald Bailey, assistant moderator; Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, Clerk, retained.

The moderator called for the election of Home Mission Board; those elected were: Bro. John Bobo, secretary and treasure; Bro. Stancil Robbins, and Bro. Don Hanback.

Moderator called for the election of the member of the rotating board of trustees which had served the longest period of time. Those retained on the Board of Trustees were: Rev. Earl Dixon and Rev. Virgil Gean. Rev. Vernon Gober was elected to serve with them.

The resolution committee, which is a standing committee to serve both the Association and Fifth Sunday meetings are as follows: Bro. Earl Dixon, Bro. Edward Smith, Bro. Everett Rich, Bro. Emerald Bailey, and Bro. Elton Cotner. The purpose of this committee is to deal with problems that might arise and decide if they should be brought before the body of the Association.

The business session adjourned.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The Saturday morning service began at 11:00 o'clock with singing and prayer by Bro. Joe Bailey. Message was delivered by Rev. Earl Dixon and Rev. Virgil Moore. Dismissed by prayer by the Rev. Edward Smith.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Saturday evening session opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Michael. Scripture reading was by Bro. Burlon Jones, reading from the 16th chapter of John.

Business session was continued for the purpose of electing an Associational Pastor, which had been tabled until the afternoon session. The Rev. Emerald Bailey was elected as Associational Pastor.

Associational business session adjourned.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRESBYTERY SESSION

September 14, 1968

The presbytery of the Tennessee River Association met in session with New Chapel Church, September 14, 1968. The Rev. L. L. Wilson, moderator, and the Rev. Elias Stephens, assistant moderator, presided. There were 20 churches represented with 20 ordained ministers, 3 licensed ministers, and 9 deacons.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved. The moderator then called for old business. A motion was made and seconded that Bro. Earnest Hopkins appear before the examining committee and let them commit their findings to the body. The clerk was requested to notify him to this affect at once.

ORDAINED MINISTER'S REPORTS

Rev. George Arnold, absent—card granted.

Rev. Emerald Bailey, reported—Pastored one church full time, conducted 1 revival, assisted in 4, conducted one communion service, conducted one conference, conducted eight funerals, received 6 into the church. witnessed 12 professions.; money received - \$906.47. Card granted.

Rev. Carrel Barnes, absent,report read—Pastored two churches part time,held one revival, witnessed 3 professions, received 5 into the church, preached at three other churches; money received, none. Card granted.

Rev. Elton Cotner, reported—Pastored one church full time, conducted radio program each Sunday (8:15 Savannah time on station W O R M), conducted one revival, baptised and received three into church;conducted 13 funerals; married 2 couples; money received, \$1093.60. Card granted.

Rev. Lige Dickey, reported—Pastored one church half time; held one revival, assisted in two; witnessed 11 professions; baptised four; received 2 into church; money received, \$519.00. Card granted.

Rev. Benton Brown, gave report after ordination service—Pastored one church once a month; conducted one service a month in the home of Bro. Harrison Ayer's; preached 73 sermons; married 3 couples; held one revival and assisted in one; witnessed 4 professions; 3 redications; money received, \$289.92. Card granted.

Rev. L. L. Wilson, reported—Pastored in one church; preached 60 sermons; held one revival, assisted in two; witnessed 3 professions; baptised one; received one into church; conducted two conferences and one communion service; traveled 9,360 miles; money received, \$748.04. Card granted.

Rev. W. C. Jones, present and gave an oral report. Card granted.

LICENSED MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. Clay Mullins, reported—Preached 50 sermons; assisted in one funeral; baptised two; money received, none.

Rev. Glenn Bobo, reported—Licensed to preach on March 30, 1968; preached 33 sermons; conducted one revival; witnessed one profession; visited 9 churches; money received, \$78.98.

Th moderator called for letters of ordination.

Adamsville Church sent a letter asking that the Rev. Benton Brown be ordained to preach the gospel, and that Bro. Wayne Helton and Bro. Lannie Moore be ordained as deacons.

Antioch Church sent a letter asking that Bro. William Jr. Cagle and Bro. J. T. Wright be licensed to preach.

Jones Chapel Church sent a letter asking that Bro. Clay Mullins be ordained to preach and that Bro. J. C. Woods be ordained as a deacon.

Harmony Church sent a letter asking Bro. Durwood Posey be ordained as a deacon.

All candidates met with the examining committee. The examining committee reported that all men were worthy to be ordained and licensed, with the exception of Bro. Clay Mullins, who was with held until next session.

Rev. Everett Rich read the qualifications of a bishop from the third chapter of Timothy. This was followed by alter prayer, and an ordination service was held.

Motion made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Grover See.

Rev. Earl Dixon, reported—Pastored two churches half time each; conducted two revivals; assisted in two revivals; baptised 4; received 7 into church; conducted 2 communion services; conducted 3 funerals; held one conference; money received, \$663.44. Card granted.

Rev. Virgil Gean, reported—Pastored one church full time; conducted radio program each Sunday; conducted one revival, assisted in 3; witnessed 8 professions; received 5 into church; baptised 3; held one communion service; held one conference; conducted ten funerals; married one couple; money received, \$1,624.58. Card granted.

Rev. Vernon Gober, reported—Preached 40 sermons; assistant pastor to one church; assisted in one revival; traveled approximately 3,500 miles; money received \$141.30 Also received \$22.00 as assistant at Mt. Olivet. Card granted.

Rev. J. B. Harper, reported—Gave his complete report for associational pastor. Card granted.

Rev. Jerry House, reported—Preached 32 sermons; pastored one church; held one revival; witnessed 5 professions; conducted one funeral; money received, \$220.00. Card granted.

Rev. Burlon Jones, gave oral report. Card withheld

Rev. J. C. McClanahan, reported—Pastored one church full time; conducted one revival; conducted one conference; and 2 funerals; money received, \$485.00. Card granted.

Rev. Robert McGee, reported—Preached 54 sermons; pastored one church full time; held one revival; witnessed 16 professions; baptised 7; received 14 into church; conducted two funerals; married 2 couples; traveled approximately 20,000 miles; money received, \$1,572.37. Card granted.

Rev. J. A. Moyer, Deceased.

Rev. Braxton Parker, gone to another association.

Rev. Everett Rich, reported—Pastored two churches half time each; conducted 2 revivals, assisted in 5 and assisted in one weekend revival; witnessed 35 professions; baptised 18; received 14 into church; conducted 2 communion services; conducted two conferences; married one couple; money received, \$1,433.47. Card granted.

Rev. Virgil Moore, reported—Preached 95 sermons; pastored two churches half time each; assisted in three revivals; witnessed 18 professions; baptised 10; received 15 into church; conducted six funerals; held one communion service; married one couple; conducted one conference; money received, \$1,516.00 (Paid a tenth on building fund). Card granted.

Rev. Grover See, reported—Pastored one church; preached 80 messages; traveled 5,000 miles; conducted one funeral; amount received, \$185.00. Because of illness, was unable to make many visits the past year. Card granted.

Rev. William Kindrick, reported—Pastored one church half time; conducted one revival; witnessed 5 professions; received three into church; baptised one; received \$575.00 in money, paid tenth to the church. Card granted.

Rev. Edward Smith, reported—Pastored one church half time; held one revival; witnessed 3 professions; received 3 into church; preached 2 funerals; married 1 couple; conducted one communion service; money received, \$240.00. Card granted.

Rev. Vernon Creasy, absent—No report. Card granted.

Rev. John Sneed, reported—Preached 175 sermons; pastored one church; witnessed ten professions; baptised 10; received 10 into church; conducted 7 funerals; married four couples. Card granted.

Rev. Elias Stephens, reported—Pastored one church half-time; held one revival; assisted in one revival; witnessed 3 professions; held one communion service; money received, \$321.84. Card granted.

Rev. Thurmon Stults, reported—Pastored 3 churches fourth time each; held three revivals; assisted in 2 revivals; witnessed 23 professions; baptised 15; received 20 into the church; preached 3 funerals: money received, \$725.24. Card granted

Rev. Nick White, reported—Pastored two churches half time each; conducted three revivals; witnessed 11 professions; baptised 7; received 7 into church; held 2 communion services and one conference; married 3 couples; held 3 funerals; amount of money received, approximately \$1,190.00. Card granted.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Saturday night service opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Jones. The message was delivered by the Rev. Robert McGee and followed by the Rev. Jr. Cagle. Dismissed by prayer.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

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

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

Sister Mary Lou Hubbard

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Service was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Bro. J. T. Wright. An offering was taken for the Childrens' Home of \$291.68, with Bro. J. W. Stooksberry in charge. The message was brought by the Rev. V. H. Gean, and followed by the Rev. William Kindrick. Dismissed with a Christian hand shake and prayer by the Rev. John Sneed.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT NEW PLEASANT GROVE

October 28 and 29, 1967

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing, prayer by Bro. Homer Scott.

Rev. J. C. McClanahan acted as moderator, being the eldest minister, in tardiness of moderator and absence of the assistant moderator.

Message by the Rev. Earl Dixon, reading from Genesis, chapter one, followed by the Rev. Everett Rich reading from St. Luke, chapter 13. Dismissed by Rev. Lige Dickey.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened by singing; prayer by the Rev. Edward Smith. Message by the Rev. Virgil Moore, reading from Hebrews, 4th chapter, followed by the business session.

Churches represented - 13; Ordained ministers - 15; Ordained deacons - 5; visiting ministers - 1.

The Rev. Lige Dickey was nominated as acting assistant moderator in the absence of the Rev. Elias Stephens. Asked for reading of the last minutes; minutes read and approved; called for unfinished business, none; New business: a letter from Poplar Springs Church asking that Bro. Earnest Hopkins be licensed to preach; also, a letter from Martin Hill church recommending same.

A motion was made and seconded for Bro. Vernon Creasey to go before the examining committee for ordination purposes.

The Rev. J. C. McClanahan was elected to take the place of Bro. Stevens on the examining committee. After meeting before the examining committee, Bro. Vernon Creasey was recommended to be ordained to preach the gospel; also, Bro. Earnest Hopkins be licensed to preach for one year. The Rev. Edward Smith read the qualifications of a Bishop from the 3rd chapter of First Timothy.

The Rev. Lige Dickey, acting assistant moderator, appointed the program committee for the Fifth Sunday meeting at Fairview, in December. Bro. Roy Harper, the Rev.

Everett Rich, and Bro. Edgar Keele were appointed. Bro. Vernon Creasey was ordained. Moved and seconded to close. Dismissed by prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing, followed with prayer by Bro. J. C. McClanahan. The message was delivered by the Rev. Benton Brown, reading from Psalms the fifty-first chapter, followed by the Rev. Emerald Bailey. Dismissed by Bro. John Bobo.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened by singing; prayer by Rev. William Kendrick. Message by the Rev. Thurman Stults, reading from Romans, 14th chapter, followed by the Rev. J. C. McClanahan reading from the first chapter of Second Peter. Dismissed by the Rev. Everett Rich.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Called together by singing; prayer by the Rev. V. H. Gean. Message by Bro. Clay Mullins. Dismissed by Bro. John Wright.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT FAIRVIEW CHURCH December 30 and 31, 1967

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing led by the Rev. Emerald Bailey. Prayer was led by Bro. Jimmy Wilson. The opening message was brought by the Rev. Eldon Cotner, reading the twelfth chapter of Romans, followed by the Rev. Benton Brown, reading from Ephesians.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with singing by Miss Brinda Harper. Prayer was led by the Rev. J. B. Harper. The message was brought by the Rev. Vernon Gober.

The moderator called the business session to order. There were seven churches present; ten ordained ministers; two licensed ministers; two ordained deacons; and one visiting minister.

The moderator called for reading of minutes of the last session. The minutes were read and approved. The moderator asked for any unfinished business; there was none. He asked for new business. The appointing of the program committee. Rev. Earl Dixon, Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, and Bro. C. I. Dixon were appointed.

The motion was made and approved to adjourn.

The visiting minister, Rev. Norlin Jones, talked on the childrens' home. The need of prayer for the children and leaders were expressed. He, also, asked about the possibility of our helping organize and establish a church near Dyersburg, Tennessee. No statement was made on this matter. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. W. Stooksberry.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The session opened with congregational singing and prayer led by the Rev. J. C. McClanahan and Sister Dixon. The opening message was brought by the Rev. L. L. Wilson, followed by the Rev. Nick White. Dismissed with prayer by the Rev. V. H. Gean.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened with singing led by the Rev. Emerald Bailey. Prayers were led by the Rev. Thurmon Stults and Bro. J. W. Stooksberry. After an altar prayer, the message was brought by the Rev. V. H. Gean, reading from Jeremiah. The Rev. J. C. McClanahan brought the closing message, reading from Proverbs. Dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Clay Mullins.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Opened with singing led by the Rev. Earl Dixon. Prayers were offered by Bros.

Don Hanback and Glenn Bobo. The afternoon message was brought by the Rev. Lige Dickey, reading from the 16th chapter of St. Matthew. What do you think of Christ, was the text. Dismissed by Bro. C. I. Dixon.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT BUMPAS CREEK CHURCH

March 30 and 31, 1968

The morning session opened with singing led by the Rev. Emerald Bailey, followed with prayer offered by Bro. J. W. Stooksberry. The opening message was by the Rev. Edward Smith, reading from St. Mark, the eleventh chapter. This was followed with another message by the Rev. Everett Rich, reading from the 16th chapter of Revelation. Dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Virgil Moore, after a Christian hand shake.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened with singing, followed with prayer by the Rev. William Kendrick. The afternoon message was brought by the Rev. J. B. Harper, with the text, Be Aware.

The moderator called the business session to order, and asked for any letters. There were 13 churches represented; 13 ordained ministers; 8 ordained deacons and 3 licensed ministers present. All visitors were invited to sit with us.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The moderator, the Rev. L. L. Wilson, appointed Rev. J. B. Harper and Rev. Virgil Gean to serve on the examining committee in the absence of the Rev. Elias Stephens and the Rev. Lige Dickey. There were two letters, one from Posey's Chapel recommending that Bro. Glen Bobo be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Another letter was from the Rev. Earnest Hopkins asking for his old ordination papers and withdrawal from the association.

Bro. Glen Bobo, Rev. William Kendrick and the letter of Rev. Earnest Hopkins met with the examining committee.

The Rev. L. L. Wilson appointed Rev. Everett Rich, Bro. J. W. Stooksberry and Bro. Bill Benson as a program committee for the next fifth Sunday meeting to be held at Scott's Chapel Church, June, 1968.

The examining committee recommended Bro. Glen Bobo be licensed for one year. They also, recommended that Bro. William Kendrick's church send a letter to the next session recommending that his ordination papers be reinstated. The committee felt it best that Bro. Hopkins meet with them at the next session, in person, to better understand each other about his situation. Bro. Glen Bobo was licensed. A collection was taken up for the shortage of the printing of the last minutes.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn with prayer given by Bro. Stencil Robins.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with singing led by the Rev. J. B. Harper. Prayer was led by the Rev. Elias Stephens. Following an altar prayer, was the opening message by the Rev. Clay Mullins, reading from Acts, the 3rd chapter. A second message was delivered by the Rev. Emerald Bailey. Dismissed with prayer.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

Opened with congregational singing led by the Rev. Earl Dixon. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Nick White. The opening message was delivered by the Rev. L. L. Wilson, using the text, "The Call of God" and reading from Job. This was followed by a message delivered by the Rev. Elias Stephens, using the text, "Know Whom Ye Serve" and reading from Romans, chapter eight. Dismissed with prayer led by the Rev. J. B. Harper.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

The service opened with singing, followed with prayer by Bro. Simmons. The Rev. James Pauley, the new pastor of Jones Chapel Church, introduced himself to us. The afternoon message was brought by the Rev. Benton Brown, reading from St. Matthew, the 27th chapter. Dismissed with prayer by the Rev. James Pauley.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT SCOTT'S CHAPEL CHURCH

June 29 and 30, 1968

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session opened with singing and prayer by the Rev. Emerald Bailey and the Rev. Edward Smith. The opening message was by the Rev. Earl Dixon, reading from Second Kings, the third chapter. This was followed with another message by the Rev. Benton Brown, reading from Romans, chapter eight. Dismissed by the Rev. Elton Cotner after an old-time handshake.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

The afternoon service opened with singing led by the Rev. Benton Brown. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Vernon Gober. The afternoon message was delivered by the Rev. William Kendrick, reading from St. John, chapter fourteen.

The moderator called the business session to order. A motion was made and seconded for moderator to appoint an assistant. Motion passed. Rev. Lige was appointed.

There were 11 churches represented; 13 ordained ministers; 2 visiting ministers; 3 licensed ministers, and 2 ordained deacons present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Under old business, a letter from New Pleasant Grove asked that Rev. William Kendrick's ordination papers be reinstated. This letter was approved and accepted. The matter of Rev. Earnest Hopkins was tabled until the next association.

Under new business a letter from Adamsville Church was received asking for Rev. Benton Brown's license to be extended until the next session, as his year was not quite up but would be before the next session.

A call was made for the churches who would host the fifth Sunday meetings for the coming year. The Rev. L. L. Wilson appointed Bros. J. W. Stooksberry, Jade Ferrel, and Rev. Everett Rich as a committee to place the next year's meetings. They were placed as follows: Murphy's Chapel, September, 1968; Fairview, December, 1968; Adamsville, March, 1969; Poplar Springs, June, 1969; and Scott's Chapel, August, 1969.

The moderator appointed Bros. Jade Ferrel, J. W. Stooksberry and Rev. J. B. Harper as a program committee for the next fifth Sunday meeting.

The officers for the presbytery were elected as follows: Moderator, the Rev. L. L. Wilson, retained; assistant moderator, the Rev. Everett Rich, elected; clerk, the Rev. Vernon Gober. Motion was made and seconded to defer the electing of the association pastor until the associational meeting in September. Moved and seconded to adjourn with prayer by the Rev. Lige Dickey.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with congregational singing led by the Rev. Clay Mullins. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Emerald Bailey. There was special singing by various groups. Opening message by the Rev. Glen Bobo, reading from James, the fifth chapter. Followed with another message by the Rev. J. C. McClanahan. Dismissed by the Rev. Duey Stults.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with singing led by the Rev. J. B. Harper. Special singing by various groups. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Everett Rich. Opening message was brought by the Rev. Thurmon Stults, reading from First Corinthians, second chapter. Followed by the Rev. Virgil Moore reading from the fifth chapter of Jeremiah. Dismissed by the Rev. Nick White.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by congregational singing. Prayer offered by the Rev. J. C. McClanahan. The message was delivered by the Rev. Dewey Stults, reading from Hebrews the eleventh chapter. Dismissed by the Rev. Everett Rich.

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 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 experience....., 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

