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Churches	By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Withdrawn	Deceased	Membership	Sunday School	Average Attendance	Deacons	Ordained Minsters	Licensed Minsters	Church Value	Amount Paid Pastor	For Pastoral Help	Home Missions	Minute Fund	Children's Homes	Meeting Days
Adamsville	2	8	2		3			81	81	42	2	4	1	\$20,000	\$2,350.00	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$30.00	\$100.00	
Antioch	5	1						41	46	31	1			\$20,000	\$1,508.54	275.00	\$40.00	13.60	\$50.00	
Bumpus Creek								1	99	50	50	1		\$20,000	\$2,717.00	400.00	\$75.00	30.00		
Meeks Grove		2	3	3				1	94	54	54	2	1	\$3,500	\$2,930.00	\$200.00		22.00		Every Sun. & Sun. Night & Wed. Night
Midway								1	92	60	45	4	1	\$35,000	\$3,090.00	\$440.00	\$115.00	20.00		Every Sun. & Sun. Night & Wed. Night
Mt. Olive	2		4					1	45	30	25	4	1	\$7,000	\$784.75	\$117.00		6.55		Every Sunday
Murphy's Chapel	1		6					2	68	68	60	4	2	\$86,000	\$2,550.00	\$950.00	\$75.00	31.70	170.00	Every Sunday & Sun. Night
New Chapel		1		4				34	30	25				\$10,000	1,650.00	\$100.00		18.20		Every Sun. 1st & 3rd Sun. Night
New Home	4		5					2	63	57	35	2		\$16,000	\$2,225.00			25.00		Every Sun. & Sun. Night except 2nd Sun. Night
New Pleasant Grove	3							2	58	25	40	3		\$25,000	\$2,400.00	\$500.00	75.00	40.00		
Piney Grove	3	2			1			3	163	105	72	4	6	\$30,000	2,427.87	193.38	\$40.00	28.65		
Posey Chapel			2					24	25					\$20,000	\$2,400.00		25.00	25.00		
Rayborn Chapel								24	13	13	2			\$1,500	\$829.72	\$67.02		6.75	25.00	
Scotts Chapel	7	2	10	1	2	2	2	1240	120	97	6	3		\$19,000	4,519.98	\$450.00	40.00	\$50.00	308.77	Every Sunday & Sun. Night
Shady Grove								1	97	32	32	3		\$17,000	2,100.00	\$207.06		15.00		Every Sunday & Sun. Night
Soilude	1							1	97	32	32	1	1	\$25,000	\$1,200.00	\$285.35	\$40.00	12.00		
White's Creek	1	1				1		107	66	66	2	1		\$20,000	\$2,567.00	\$198.00	\$75.00	20.00	\$116.95	

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

(as elected this year)

Moderator Rev. V. H. Gean, Rt. 10, Box 323, Florence, AL
Assistant Moderator. Rev. John E. Banks, Rt. 1, Box 77B,
 Cypress Inn, TN
Clerk. Rev. Ted Simmons, Box 238, Cherokee, AL

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Secretary-Treasurer Bro. D.E. Patterson, Rt. 1, Box 155A
Savannah, TN, Phone—901-925-3667.
Rev. Marvin Morrow Box 71A, Cypress Inn, TN serves on mission board
Bro. Carl Harper Rt. 1, Iron City, TN, serves on mission board

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR

Rev. Benton Brown Rt. 1, Savannah, TN, Phone—901-925-9313

OFFICERS OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Moderator Rev. Edward Smith, Rt. 1, Stantville, TN
Assistant Moderator. Rev. Ealis Stephens, Rt. 4, Savannah, TN
Clerk. Bro. Donnie Joe Rich, Chpress Inn, TN

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. J.B. Harper	Cypress Inn, TN
Rev. L.L. Wilson	Adamsville, TN
Rev. Edward Smith	Stantonville, TN

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

The Examination Committee will be selected by name drawing at each session as needed by those present, as recommended by General Business Report.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the committee is to meet with churches when needed to deal with any problems that might arise. If needed contact chairman, which will be the longest experienced minister in the Tennessee River Association serving on the committee. The Committee is as follows:

Rev. Earl Dixon
Rev. L.L. Wilson
Rev. Clay Mullins
Rev. Eargin Warren
Rev. Lige Dickey (Chairman)

PLACING OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

November 1981—Piney Grove

January 1982—Adamsville

May 1982—New Home

August 1982—Shady Grove

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Adamsville—Bro. Dwayne Smith, Stantonville, TN 38379

Antioch—Sis. Ruth Needham, Rt. 3, Florence, AL 35630

Bumpus Creek—Sis. Sue Curry, Rt. 1, Box 287, Waterloo, AL 35677

Meeks Grove—Sis. Beverly Sowell, Rt. 1, Stantonville, TN 38379

Midway—Sis. Opal Poston, Rt. 2, Leighton, AL 35646

Mt. Olive—Sis. Janice Franks, Rt. 1, Box 308, Waterloo, AL 35677

Murphy's Chapel—Bro. David Montgomery, Box 12, Florence, AL 35630

New Chapel—Sis. Betty Glissen, Rt. 1, Counce, TN 38326

New Home—Sis. Ethel Davidson, 1862 Silverton Rd., Henderson, TN 38340

New Pleasant Grove—Sis. Sue Franks, Rt. 2, Box 770, Savannah, TN 38372

Piney Grove—Bro. Roger Stults, Cypress Inn, TN 38452

Posey Chapel—Sis. Cindy Barrier, Rt. 12, Box 381C, Florence, AL 35630

Rayborn Chapel—Bro. Edgar Melson, Rt. 2, Box 102, Collinwood, TN 38450

Scotts Chapel—Sis. Carolyn Harper, Rt. 3 Box 120 Hale Dr. Florence, AL 35630

Shady Grove—Bro. Jody Melson, Rt. 1, Olive Hill, TN 38475

Solitude—Sis. Betty Harville, Rt. 2, Adamsville, TN 38310

Whites Creek—Sis. Brenda Lambert, Rt. 1, Box 144A, Savannah, TN 38372

ORDAINED MINISTERS, THEIR ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

John E. Banks—Rt. 1, Box 77B, Cypress Inn, TN phone 615-724-4251

Emerald Bailey—Rt. 1, Iron City, TN, phone 615-724-4378

Benton Brown—Rt. 1, Savannah, TN, phone 901-925-9313

Lige Dickey—Collinwood, TN, phone 615-724-4809

Earl Dixon—Rt. 10, Box 303, Florence, AL, phone 205-764-0558

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Edward Smith—Rt. 1, Box 163, Stantonville, TN, phone 901-632-4413

Ealis Stephens—Rt. 4, Savannah, TN, phone 925-3881

Eargin Warren—Rt. 1, Collinwood, TN, phone 61-724-4540

Nick White—Savannah, TN, 38372, phone 901-925-4544

L.L. Wilson—Rt. 2, Old Shiloh Rd., Adamsville, TN, phone 901-632-1146

Earl Rich—Cypress Inn, TN, phone-Raymond Rich 615-724-9705

Glen Bobo—Sheffield, AL, 1620 Pinehurst Blvd.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Oliver Bumpas—Phone 901-632-4968

CHURCH PASTORS

Adamsville—Earl Rich
Antioch—Emerald Bailey
Bumpus Creek—V.H. Gean
Meeks Grove—Ealis Stephens
Midway—Glen Bobo
Mt. Olive—
Murphys Chapel—Earl Dixon
New Chapel—L.L. Wilson
New Home—J.B. Harper
New Pleasant Grove—Vernon Gober
Piney Grove—Nick White
Posey's Chapel—Clay Mullins
Rayborn Chapel—Dalton Scaggs
Scotts Chapel—John E. Banks
Shady Grove—Eargin Warren
Solitude—Edward Smith
Whites Creek—Marvin Morrow

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, September 18, 1981

The Tennessee River Association met with Murphy's Chapel Church at 10:30 o'clock.

Opening song—By Bro. Rickey Brown

Prayer—By Bro. Homer Scott

Welcomed by Bro. Carl Creacy & Bro. John E. Banks, assistant Moderator

Also Alter Prayer

Message by Rev. V.H. Gean

Scripture—Psalms 37:1; Isa. 57:15

Dismissed by—Bro. Lige Dickey

Friday Afternoon Session:

Song—By Bro. Leyonne & Sis. Merle Harper

Scripture—By Bro. Clay Mullins, Heb. 11:1-9

Prayer—Bro. J.B. Harper

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

READING CLERKS—Rev. Glen Bobo, Rev. Earl Rich

FINANCE—Rev. Emerald Bailey, Bro. Bill Benson, Bro. Leyonne Harper

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Rev. Eargin Warren, Bro. Herschel White, Bro. Elzo Smith

OBITUARY—Rev. Clay Mullins, Bro. Homer Scott, Bro. Ira Gillis

PROGRAM—Rev. Earl Dixon, Bro. D.E. Patterson, Bro. Carl Creasy

CALLED FOR CHURCH LETTERS AND RECOGNIZED THE DELEGATES

Adamsville—Bro. Jerry Scott, Bro. Virgil Nixon
Antioch—Bro. Howard Whitten
Bumpus Creek—Bro. Homer Scott
Fairview—Dismissed by 2/3 vote of Presbytery
Meeks Grove—By letter
Midway—Sis. Lela Hall, Sis. Carrie Saint
Mt. Olivet—By letter
Murphys Chapel—Bro. Ricky Brown, Bro. Robert Wiley
New Chapel—Bro. Bill Mayhall, Bro. Troy Duncan
New Home—By Letter
New Pleasant—By Letter
Piney Grove—The Bro's. Jay Sandusky, Arvil Rich, Willard Reeves, Joe Hanback
Posey's Chapel—By Letter
Rayborn Chapel—Bro. Edgar Melson
Scotts Chapel—Bro. Leyonne Harper, Bro. Elzo Smith, Bro. Daryl Holt
Shady Grove—Bro. Richard Melson, Bro. Paul Franks, Bro. Edward Franks
Solitude—Sis. Mary Ruth Tacker
Whites Creek—Bro's. Herschel White, Boyd Strickland, Jimmy Morris

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

GENERAL BUSINESS—Rev. J.B. Harper, Rev. Earl Dixon, Bro. Boyd Strickland, Rev. Nick White, Rev. Edward Smith
EDUCATIONAL—Bro. Daryl Holt, Bro. Jimmy Morris, Bro. Jay Sandusky
TEMPERANCE—Bro. Frank Pigg, Bro. Joda Melson, Bro. Robert Wiley
BENEVOLENCE—Bro. Ricky Brown, Bro. Arvil Rich, Bro. Joe Handback, Bro. Elzo Smith
RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS—Bro. Brady Tacker, Bro. J.W. Stooksberry, Bro. Paul Franks

Motion made to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning. Dismissed by Rev. Robert Crawford.

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service began with Bro. Ronnie Brown leading the first song. Prayer was led by Rev. Emerald Bailey. Rev. V.H. Gean gave opportunity for testimony service.

The first message was by Rev. Earl Rich. Scripture taken from Ezek. 37:1. Second message by Rev. Edward Smith, scripture was different characters of the Bible.

Dismissed by Rev. Benton Brown.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Bro. D.E. Patterson began the service with a song. The scripture reading was by Rev. Oliver Bumpas, John 14:1. Prayer by Rev. L.L. Wilson.
Moderator Rev. V.H. Gean called for reading of reports.

THE GENERAL BUSINESS REPORT

We, you committee on general business, recommend that each church send \$75.00 or more each year to the Home Mission Board. We recommend it be sent by the first of January.

We recommend that the deacons remind the churches, because of Acts 6:3 we feel it is their duty to see that the financial needs of the home church and the association are cared for.

We recommend that our ministers pay a tenth, more or less, of the money received from ministerial work to the Home Missions Board, to be paid by August 30 of each year.

We recommend that we continue the election of an associational pastor each year and that he be paid from the Home Mission fund for his ministerial work as the Home Mission Board sees fit.

We recommend that the associational pastor and others look for places to organize new churches, and if possible begin mission work.

We recommend that any man that acknowledges that he is called of God to preach, and when the church desires that such a one of its members be licensed to preach the gospel for one year, it request that the presbytery of the association of which it is a member to examine by council or otherwise such a person.

The licensee shall at the end of one year go before the examining committee before ordination.

We recommend that the examining committee be selected by name drawing at each session as needed by those present.

We recommend that each member back the association of which he is a member.

The examination for license (or ordination) should refer to the piety and doctrine, the conviction and purposes, respecting work of the ministry and reputation for characters and ability of the candidate.

We recommend those desiring the office of a minister or deacon abstain from strong drink, beer, whiskey, or anything harmful to our body and influence of the office we hold.

We recommend that the men who desire the office of a deacon and can qualify according to the Scripture be appointed under the watchcare of their church for one year and that the association be notified of such appointing. Then at the end of one year they go before the examining committee before ordination. We also recommend that they be given a certificate of ordination when ordained and if he resigns or leaves the denomination he turns in his credentials. We recommend that they back the Free Will Baptist doctrine and practice its ordinances.

We recommend that any minister coming from other bodies to this association, that brings good recommendation from the church of which he is a member, go before the examining committee and if he believes and practices Free Will Baptist doctrine, that we grant him a card. We recommend any church that calls a pastor that's not in a Free Will Baptist Presbytery, that his name not appear in the minute.

We recommend that each church get its letter to the association on Friday, and that the letter be read to the church and approved by it before sending it to the association if possible.

We recommend that if any church has a problem that they cannot work out they call the resolution committee to meet with them and if the committee

cannot work it out, they have a called session of the presbytery at their church and not bring it to the association. We recommend that each church call its pastor thirty days before the association meets if possible.

We recommend that the officers of the Fifth Sunday Meeting be elected and the Fifth Sunday Meeting places be selected at the last Fifth Sunday Meeting prior to the association meeting.

We recommend that the associational clerk be paid \$100 per year to be paid from the Home Mission treasury.

We recommend that the Home Mission treasurer be paid \$75.00 per year to be paid from the Home Mission treasury.

We recommend that the Fifth Sunday Clerk be paid \$100 per year from the Home Mission treasury.

We recommend that the Association start at 10:30 on Friday.

Edward Smith, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday School wish to submit the following: We have 16 churches reporting with Sunday school. With a present enrollment of 832. The average attendance of churches are 702.

We recommend that each church has Sunday School regularly. We also recommend that all leaders and teachers 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 from their teacher or someone of the church if possible to show your appreciation of their visit.

We should pray more and show a love for one another more. This report was adopted by the association.

Elzo Smith, Chairman

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on education, find the definition of education means, "an act or process of learning by instruction, training or example." I Peter 2:21 says, "For even here unto were ye called: because Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps. "2 Timothy 2:15" Study to show thy self approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Also 2 Tim. 3:15 and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto Salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

We also recommend that Christian families have a daily Bible study and prayer with their children. Prov. 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Eph. 6:5 Servants be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear an trembling, in singleness of your heart as unto Christ. James 1:5 If any of you lack Wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it

shall be given him.

We recommend that parents cooperate with schools as long as it is not against the teachings of the Bible. Stand against that which is evil. We recommend our churches use the King James Version of the Bible and Free Will Baptist Literature. We recommend our churches have Bible study and prayer meetings one night weekly, and establish and maintain a youth training program along with a yearly vacation Bible school.

This report was adopted by the association.

Darrell Holt, Chairman

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following: We find the word temperance in regard to strong drink, beer, wine, whiskey on any drug harmful to our body to mean total abstinence from these things.

We as Christians, should remember foremost that being temperate is not only moderation but is also abstinence from things that are displeasing to our Lord.

We find that the Bible says in I Cor. 9:25 "and every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." Therefore to please God we must be temperate in all walks of life. In Phillipians 4:8 the Bible says "Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are of a good report? if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Finding that the Bible tells us in Romans 13:13, Let us walk honestly, as in the day, not in rioting and drunkenness, and chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. Also we find in Galatians 5:21-23 that "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like; of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God". But the fruits of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such things there is no law.

Robert Wylie, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

We your committee on obituaries in sorrow report the death of 18 of our members since our last association. They are as follows: Bumpus Creek - 1, Sewell Lord; Meeks Grove - 1, E.G. Rinks; Midway - 1, H.M. Walter; Mt. Olive - 1, W.C. Jones; Murphy's Chapel - 2, Elbert Smith & Carthel Shields; New Pleasant Grove - 2, Rev. Clarence Harris & Kenneth Urban; Piney Grove - 3, Charles Risner, Lula Ayers & Gertie Wright; Scott Chapel - 2, Will Scott & Lonzo Harper; Shday Grove - 1, Marshal Franks, Jr.; Solitude - 4, Rev. Elton Cotner, Sis Myrtle Cotner, Venota Harville, Haddie Hanna. We trust our loss is Heavens gain.

Clay Mullins, Chairman

REPORT OF BENEVOLENCE

We the committee on Benevolence, finding that word to mean a willingness to do good, promote brotherly love, and to be kind to others. We feel a need to instill the following verses into the hearts of all those who read, believe, and obey God's Word.

In Matthew 18:27 "Then the Lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and forgave him the debt." As Christians we find in Colossians 3:13 the following, "Forbearing one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you so also do ye." Matthew 6:15 says, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses."

Then for our homes I Cor. 7:3 says, "Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence; and likewise also the wife to the husband.

Joe Hancock, Chairman

CLERK'S REPORT

1980 Balance left in treasure	\$199.02
Minute funds received from churches	<u>399.30</u>
Total amount	\$538.32

Expenses for 100 minutes	<u>467.89</u>
Balance	\$ 70.43

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FINANCE REPORT FOR MINUTE FUND

Adamsville	\$30.00
Antioch	13.50
Bumpus	30.00
Fairview	Dismissed
Meeks Grove	22.00
Midway	20.00
Mt. Olive	6.55
Murphy's Chapel	31.70
New Chapel	18.20
New Home	25.00
New Pleasant Grove	40.00
Piney Grove	28.65

Poseys Chapel.	25.00
Rayborn Chapel	6.75
Scott's Chapel.	50.00
Shady Grove.	15.00
Solitude.	12.00
White's Creek	20.00
TOTAL.	370.55

This report was adopted by the association.

Bill Benson, Chairman

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

1980-81 Balance Forwarded	\$ 569.62
1980-81 Received	
Assoc. & Fifth Sunday Offerings	1,779.49
White's Creek (Children Home)	233.11
Scotts Chapel (Children's Home)	300.00
Antioch (Children's Home)	40.00
	<u>2,352.60</u>

HOME MISSIONS FUND

Adamsville	75.00
Antioch.	25.00
Bumpus Creek	75.00
Midway	115.00
Murphy's Chapel.	75.00
New Pleasant Grove	40.00
Piney Grove	40.00
Scott's Chapel.	40.00
Solitude.	40.00
Posey's Chapel	25.00
White's Creek	75.00
	<u>625.00</u>

MINISTERS TITHES

Rev. Benton Brown	160.00
Rev. Earl Dixon	50.00
Rev. V.H. Gean.	262.93
Rev. Vernon Gober	100.00
Rev. Earl Rich	25.00
Rev. Ted Simmons.	250.00
Rev. Eales Stephens.	220.00
	<u>1,317.93</u>

MISCELLANEOUS

Special H.M.F. Offering Assoc.	378.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$4,673.53
TOTAL RECEIVED & BALANCE FORWARDED	\$5,243.15

1980-81 EXPENSES

Alabama Children's Home.	\$ 694.38
Tennessee Children's Home.	694.38
Rev. Benton Brown Assoc. Pastor (pd. \$100.00 per month).	1,200.00
Rev. Virgil Moore	250.00
Rev. Clarence Harris.	250.00
J. & L. Sign Company Sheffield, Ala.	30.00
W.V.N.A. Radio Station	42.50
Florence Times.	72.66
Bro. Donnie Joe Rich (Clerk).	100.00
Bro. D.E. Patterson (Treasurer)	75.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,408.92

Balance Forwarded 1981-82 \$1,834.23

Bro. D.E. Patterson, Sec./Treas.
Rt. 1 Box 155A
Savannah, Tenn. 38372

Home Mission books will be closed by Sept. 1 for the year. Please get your contributions in before this date.

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORTS

Preached one revival, assisted in one revival, witnessed 3 rededications, held 1 conference, married one couple, preached about 65 sermons. Money received \$1,200.00. Money handed me \$362.50. Traveled 6,001 ½ miles. Rev.

Rev. Benton Brown
Rt. 2 Box 85D
Savannah, Tenn. 38372
Phone 901-925-9313

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

Rev. V.H. Gean asked for any petitionary letters, there were none brought forth. Rev. J.B. Harper told about New Home getting a clear deed to their church property and about their building program.

Vote taken on the placing of 1982 association Piney Grove received the most votes.

Rev. John E. Banks was in charge of election of officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. Robert Crawford spoke about our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville and made literature available to the ones interested to carry back to their churches.

Motion made to adjourn until we meet with Piney Grove Sept. 1982.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service began with Bro. Leyonne Harper leading. Led in prayer by Rev. Eala Stephens.

The first message of the morning was by Rev. Glenn Bobo, his subject, "Canst thou Believe" Mark 9:23.

The second message was by Rev. Emerald Bailey, his subject, "What Is He Worth To You." Reading from Isaiah 53:7.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. John E. Banks.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Service began with congregational singing led by Ronnie Brown. Led in prayer by Bro. Bill Benson. The scripture reading by Rev. Everett Rich was taken from Luke 13:19.

Rev. Robert Crawford talked in view of support of our Free Will Baptist College.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRESBYTERY SESSION

September 19, 1981

The presbytery session was called to order by moderator, Rev. V.H. Gean. Rev. John E. Banks, assistant moderator. There were 11 churches represented. Ordained ministers present 18, visiting ministers 2, ordained deacons 7 and licensed ministers 1.

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORTS

John E. Banks, present, pastored one church full time. Held 3 revivals, one communion service, 3 funerals, 1 marriage, witnessed 17 conversions, 5 rededications, baptized 21. Money Received \$4,699.99 Card Granted.

Emerald Bailey, present. Pastored Antioch Church every Sunday. Conducted 2 revivals, one communion service, one conference, baptized 6, received 7 into the church, held 11 funerals, assisted in 10 funerals, married 2. Money received \$1,558.54. Tithed to the church. Card Granted.

Benton Brown, present. Same as associational pastor's report. Card granted.

Glen Bobo, absent, reported by letter. Pastored at Midway full time. Conducted 1 revival, assisted in 2. 4 rededications, held one communion service, married 1, taught midweek Bible study, preached 153 sermons. Money received \$3,190.00. Also served as chaplain with 1,027 hrs. of chaplain service and activities. Card Granted.

Elton Catner, Deceased.

Lige Dickey, present, Card granted.

Earl Dixon, present. Pastored Murphy's Chapel full time. Conducted 1 revival, 1 weekend revival, witnessed 3 professions, baptized 1, 6 rededications, received 1 into the church, held 1 communion service, 8 funerals, married 2 couples, held 1 conference. Money received \$2,600.00. Card granted.

V.H. Gean, present. Pastored 1 church full time, conducted 1 revival, 1 weekend revival, assisted in 1 weekend revival, witness 2 professions, baptized 2, conducted 1 communion service, conducted 1 conference, 16 funerals and assisted in 3. Money received \$3,008.50. Card Granted.

Vernon Gober, present. Preached 90 sermons. Pastored Rayborn Chapel half time, conducted radio program every Sunday morning at 8:15 a.m. on station W.O.R.M., Savannah, Tenn., Held 1 revival and assisted in 1. Witnessed 1 profession and 3 rededications. Total money \$1,458.72. Card granted.

J.B. Harper, pastored 1 church full time. Held 1 revival, 4 funerals, baptized 4 witnessed 7 professions and traveled 9,195 miles. Money received \$2,444.20. Card granted.

Clarence Harris, Deceased.

Virgil Moore, absent. Sent letter, stating he had been confined to bed for the past year. Has great desire to preach and witness for the Lord. Card granted.

Marvin Morrow, present. Pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, witnessed 11 professions, baptized 2, additions to church 2, preached 1 funeral, traveled 6,090 miles, preached 6 revivals. Money received \$3,551.00. Card granted.

Clay Mullins, present, pastored 1 church fulltime, witnessed 1 profession, baptized 2, married 1 couple, held 4 business meetings. Money received \$2,400.00. Card granted.

Earl Rich, pastored 1 church full time since March, held 1 revival and assisted in 1. Held 1 communion, 1 conference, witnessed 1 profession, 5 rededications, baptized 1, held 1 funeral. Traveled 2,400 miles. Money received \$1,300.00. Card granted.

Everett Rich, Asked for recommendation to Muscle Shoals State Line Asso. Letter Granted.

Edward South, present, pastored one church, held one revival, witnessed one profession, baptized 1 and 1 addition to the church, held one funeral, money received \$1,200.00. Card granted.

Ted Simmons, present, pastored New Pleasant Grove Church full time, held 2 revivals, assisted in 2, witnessed 5 professions, baptized 4, held 1 conference, approximately 100 sermons, money received approximately \$3,000.00. Card granted.

Ealis Stephens, present, pastored 1 church full time, preached 52 times, 1 conference, 1 communion, witnessed 3 rededications, assisted in 2 revivals, took 2 into church, money received \$2,930.00. Card granted.

Dalton Skaggs, present. Card granted.

Eargin Warren, present, pastored 1 church full time, witnessed 1 conversion, 3 renewals, 3 funerals, assisted in 2 revivals, baptized 1. Money received \$2,100.00. Card granted.

Nick White, present, pastored Piney Grove full time, held 1 revival, 2 weekend revivals, baptized 3, took 3 into the church, 2 restored by confession, conducted 1 conference, 1 communion, 4 funerals, married 4. Money received \$2,427.87. Card granted.

L.L. Wilson, present, pastored 1 church full time, conducted 1 revival, 1 communion service, 3 additions to church, conducted 5 funerals, 2 marriages, preached 103 times. Money received \$1,575.00. Miles traveled approx. 8,000. Card granted.

Oliver Bumpus, present, licensed at Hardins Graveyard March, 1981. Preached 23 sermons, held 1 revival and assisted in 1. Assisted 2 baptisms.

Money received \$397.05. Card granted.

Motion to adjourn the presbytery session until November 28, 1981 at Piney Grove, dismissed with prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Service began with congregational singing led by Robert Miley, followed with prayer. First message by Rev. Ted Simmons preaching on the subject of Sound Doctrine Titus Chapter 2.

Second message by Rev. Robert Crawford on the subject of Know So Salvation - Galatians 1.

Dismissed by Rev. Burlon Jones.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service began with Bro. Ronnie Brown, Prayer by Rev. Nick White. Offering taken by Rev. Benton Brown for children's home. Scripture reading Ephesians 6:1-4; Matt. 18.

Children's offering \$61.35, adult offering \$468.60, Total of \$529.21 to be divided between Alabama & Tennessee Children's Homes.

First message by Rev. Vernon Gober. Subject "Come Not To Condemn" Scripture John 3:17.

Second message by Rev. Marvin Morrow Subject "Back To the Rock" Isa. 51:11.

Rev. V.H. Gean called for old fashion hand shake and dismissed with prayer by Rev. Dewey Stults.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the committee of the resolutions of Thanks, report to the people of Murphy's Chapel and the surrounding churches our sincere Thanks for the wonderful hospitality, friendliness and kindness shown the entire association as a whole.

We feel, speaking for the entire group, that everyone will leave here greatly enriched in their hearts, as we walk with the Lord in our daily lives.

May the Lord bless and keep each of us as we travel the journey of life.

J.W. Stooksberry, Chairman

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Adamsville
Nov. 29 and 30, 1980

Saturday Morning Service

Opened singing by Bro. Robert Jarrett, prayer by Bro. J.W. Stooksberry. Moderator, Rev. Edward Smith later asked for united altar prayer. First message by Rev. L.L. Wilson reading in Psalms, Romans and Matt. Followed by Rev. John E. Banks reading from fourth chapter of Matt. and Isaiah the eight chapter, dismissed by Rev. Ted Simmons.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Opened with singing by Bro. Paul Hurley and Bro. Robert Jarrett. Prayer by Rev. L.L. Wilson. Special singing by quartet made up from congregation, also special song by Bro. Jamie Smith. Message by Rev. V.H. Gean speaking on "The Power of God."

Business Session

The session was called to order by Moderator Rev. Edward Smith. Rev. Ealis Stephens assisting. Churches represented 11, ordained ministers present 11, ordained deacons 7. Rev. Edward Smith asked for reading of the minutes of the last presbytery session. The minutes were read and approved. The Moderator asked for church letters, there were none. Announcement was made for the next regular meeting at Solitude in March. Rev. Earl Dixon, Rev. J.B. Harper, Bro. Grady Tacker, and Rev. Edward Smith were chosen to serve on the program committee. Rev. Elton Cotner made motion to send Sunday collection to Rev. Virgil Moore and Rev. Clarence Harris who are very ill at present time. Rev. V.H. Gean seconded the motion. Motion made to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Jamie Smith.

Saturday Night Service

Opened with singing by Bro. Robert Jarrett. Prayer by Rev. Elton Cotner, and Bro. Humphry Baxter. First message by Rev. Veron Gober reading from Second Chronicles and eight chapter of Isaiah, followed by Rev. Emerald Bailey reading from Jeremiah second chapter. Dismissed by Rev. J.B. Harper.

Sunday Morning Service

Opened with singing by Bro. Billy Joe Hurley. Prayer by Rev. Marvin Morrow and Rev. L.L. Wilson. Rev. Edward Smith was in charge of the collection. The amount collected was \$500.00. The first message was by Rev. Earl Dixon, "Pray Without Ceasing", followed by Rev. Ted Simmons reading from Acts 19th Chapter. Dismissed by Rev. Bumpas.

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Solitude March 28 & 29, 1981

Saturday Morning Service

Opened with singing by Rev. Edward Smith, prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon, followed by an altar of prayer. First message by Rev. J.B. Harper reading the eight chapter of Romans followed by Rev. Nick White speaking on the power of God. Dismissed by Rev. Oliver Bumpas.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Opened with singing by Rev. Eargin Warren. Special song by Bro. Gary

and Alan Gober. Message by Rev. Earl Rich reading from the fourth chapter of Philipians. Followed by business session.

Business Session

The session was called to order by Rev. Edward Smith moderator, Rev. Ealis Stephens assisting. Churches present 11, ordained ministers present 12, ordained deacons 4, visiting ministers 1. Reading of the minutes of the last presbytery session was asked by the moderator, minutes were read and approved. The moderator asked for church letters, one from Adamsville church asking the presbytery to license Rev. Oliver Bumpas to preach the gospel for one year. The examining committee, made up of Rev. Earl Rich, Rev. V.H. Gean, and Rev. Edward Smith, after examining Rev. Bumpas recommends him to be licensed. Congregation gives Rev. Bumpas and his wife handshake.

Announcement was made of the next Fifth Sunday Meeting at New Chapel May 30, and 31, 1981. Bro. Herbert Clay, Bro. D.E. Patterson, and Bro. Brady Tacker were put on the Program Committee.

Bro. D.E. Patterson gave report on the money in the treasury at present time. After much discussion on the operating of the two children's home, the motion was made by Rev. Marvin Morrow and seconded by Rev. Ted Simmons, to put Sunday collection in Home Mission Fund for the present time. Motion made to adjourn, dismissed by Rev. Veron Gober.

Saturday Night Service

Opened with singing, prayer by Rev. L.L. Wilson. First message by Rev. Marvin Morrow reading from First Samuel Fourth chapter, Hebrews Ninth Chapter followed by Rev. Ealis Stephens speaking on Broken Vessels.

Sunday Morning Service

Opened with singing by Rev. Edward Smith and others, prayer by Rev. Nick White. First message by Rev. Oliver Bumpas followed by Rev. Everett Rich reading from the Sixth chapter of Corinthians. Dismissed by Rev. Ted Simmons.

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at New Chapel May 30 & 31, 1981

Saturday Morning Service

Opened with singing, prayer by Rev. V.H. Gean. Message by Rev. Ted Simmons speaking on prayer. Dismissed by Bro. Donnie Rich.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Opened with singing by Sister Mahall. Prayer by Rev. Ealis Stephens. Message by Rev. Glen Bobo reading from the twenty-second chapter Acts.

Business Session

The session was called to order by Rev. Edward Smith moderator, Rev.

Ealis Stephens assisting. Churches present 12, ordained ministers 12, ordained deacons 5. Moderator asked for church letters, there were none.

The next Fifth Sunday Meeting was announced for August 29 & 30, 1981 at Midway. Program committee was made up of Rev. Glen Bobo, Bro. Herbert Clay and Bro. Brady Tacker. Motion was made to put Sunday collection in Home Mission for building fund.

Rev. Ted Simmons announced the tent meeting at Cherokee, AL and gave a report on the expenses for advertising. Motion was made for the association to cover the cost. Motion made to adjourn, dismissed by Rev. J.B. Harper.

Saturday Night Service

Opened with singing, prayer by Bro. Brady Tacker. Special song by Bro. Gary and Alan Gober. First message by Rev. Earl Dixon reading from tenth chapter of St. John, entitled "List to the Voice", followed by Rev. Eargin Warren reading from tenth chapter of Matthew.

Dismissed with prayer.

Sunday Morning Service

Opened with singing. Special singing was enjoyed with many different people taking part. Bro. Berry was in charge of the collection. First message by Rev. Edward Smith followed by Rev. V.H. Gean reading from the Book of Matthew. Dismissed with prayer.

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Midway August 29 & 30, 1981

Saturday Morning Service

Opened with singing led by Bro. Stancil Robbins. Prayer by Rev. Ealis Stephens followed by singing and an altar of prayer. First message by Rev. Emerald Bailey reading 1st Samuel 24th. chapter followed by Rev. Vernon Gober speaking on Confidence in God from the 14th chapter of Numbers. Dismissed by Bro. Carl Harlper.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Opened with singing, prayer by Rev. Ted Simmons. Special song by Bro. Jamie Smith. Message by Rev. J.B. Harper reading from Fourth Chapter of Acts, followed by business session.

Business Session

The session was called to order by Rev. Edward Smith, moderator. Churches represented 10, ordained ministers 15, ordained deacons 8, licensed ministers 1, appointed deacons 2. The moderator called for reading of the minutes of the last presbytery session, the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Marvin Morrow gave a report on the children's home at Greeneville,

Tennessee and Rev. Earl Dixon reported on the condition of the children's home at Eldridge, Ala. Both homes were found to be in very good condition. A motion was made to send the Sunday collection to the children's home.

A committee was then made up to place the Fifth Sunday Meetings for the coming year. On the committee were Bro. Jamie Smith, Bro. Herbert Clay, and Bro. J.W. Stooksberry. Placement of the meetings were as followed; Piney Grove - Nov., 1981, Adamsville - Jan., 1982, New Home - May, 1982, and Shady Grove - Aug., 1982. The program committee for the next Fifth Sunday Meeting at Piney Grove in Nov. was Rev. Nick White, Bro. Carl Harper, and Bro. Donnie Rich.

The moderator then asked for letters from the churches to the presbytery. A letter from Midway recommending that Bro. J.W. Kidd be ordained as a deacon, and one from Meeks Grove recommending Bro. E.G. Sowell be ordained as a deacon also. A committee was made up by name drawing to examine these men. Rev. Marvin Morrow, Rev. L.L. Wilson, and Rev. Benton Brown was on the committee and reported that they found these men worthy to be ordained as a deacon. Rev. Ted Simmons then read qualification of a deacon from Third Chapter of First Timothy followed by an altar of prayer and the laying on of hands by the presbytery and a hand shake.

New business was that of electing officers for the Fifth Sunday Meetings for the coming year. Those elected were as followed: Associational pastor - Rev. Benton Brown, Moderator - Rev. Edward Smith, Assistant moderator - Rev. Ealis Stephens and Bro. Donnie Rich as the Fifth Sunday Meeting clerk. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Saturday Night Service

Opened with singing by Bro. Leon Grissom. Prayer by Rev. V.H. Gean. First message by Rev. L.L. Wilson reading from the 12th chapter of Romans followed by Rev. Nick White speaking on Being Led by the Spirit. Dismissed by Rev. J.B. Harper.

Sunday Morning Service

Opened with singing and prayer. Rev. Glen Bobo was in charge of taking up the offering. First message by Rev. Ealis Stephens speaking on The Faith of Moses followed by Rev. Everett Rich reading from Revelation. Dismissed by Bro. J. W. Kidd.

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 the 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, an assistant 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 his 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 association shall use a treatise of the faith and practices of Free Will Baptists from the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article 8. 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 the 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 discussion 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 "yes" 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 Testament 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, 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 renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance of faith and obedience until death.

9. *Election*—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the 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 promises of eternal salvation.

13. *Gospel Ordinances*—Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper or ordinances to be perpetuated under the gospel; feetwashing 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 will 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

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 set 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 _____

