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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES (as elected this year)

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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The purpose of this 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. Vernon Gober
Rev. Emerald Bailey
Rev. Lige Dickey
Rev. Earl Rich
Rev. L.L. Wilson (Chairman)

PLACING OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

September 1984, Posy Chapel
December 1984, Adamsville
March 1985, Murphy's Chapel
June 1985, New Pleasant Grove

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Adamsville—Sis. Pam Jarrett, Adamsville, TN
Antioch—Mrs. Lina Montgomery, Rt. 12, Florence, AL✓
Bumpus Creek—Mrs. Sue Curry, Rt. 1, Waterloo, AL✓
(Meeks Grove—Sis. Betty Milford, Rt. 1, Stantonville, TN
Midway—Sis. Thelma Pace, Rt. 2, Leighton, AL✓
Mt. Olive—Sis. Pauline Jones, Rt. 1, Waterloo, AL✓
Murphy's Chapel—Bro. David Montgomery, Box 12, Florence, AL✓
New Chapel—Sis. Betty Glissen, Rt. 1, Counce, TN
(New Home—Mrs. Alice Fay Patterson, 155 Hamlett Ave., Henderson,
TN
New Pleasant Grove—Wanda McFall, 2506 Walnut Street, Savannah,
TN
Piney Grove—Brother Roger Stults, Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Posey Chapel—Bro. Willie Posey, Cherokee, AL✓
Rayborn Chapel—Bro. Edgar Melson, Rt. 2, Box 102, Collinwood, TN
Scotts Chapel—Sis. Judy Harper, Rt. 1, Box 144, Iron City, TN 38463
Shady Grove—Bro. Joda 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

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LICENSED MINISTERS

Carl Creasy
 Jimmy Shields

CHURCH PASTORS

Adamsville—Rev. L.L. Wilson
 Antioch—Rev. Jimmy Shields
 Bumpus Creek—Rev. Emerald Bailey
 Meeks Grove—
 Midway—Rev. Jerry Strickling
 Mt. Olive—Rev. Allen Jones
 Murphy's Chapel—Rev. Jack Jones
 New Chapel—Rev. Charles Linam
 New Home—
 New Pleasant Grove—Rev. Vernon Gober
 Piney Grove—Rev. Lige Dickey
 Posey's Chapel—Rev. Marvin Morrow
 Rayborn Chapel—Rev. Dalton Skaggs
 Scotts Chapel—Rev. John E. Banks
 Shady Grove—Rev. Nick White
 Solitude—Rev. Edward Smith
 Whites Creek—Rev. V.H. Gean

ORDAINED DEACONS, THEIR ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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 Bumpus Creek—Bill Benson, Waterloo, AL Phone (205) 767-7529
 Meeks Grove—E.G. Sowell, 500 Old Shiloh Rd. Adamsville, TN Phone (901) 632-0154
 Midway—Bro. Stancil Robbins, Rt. 2, Leighton AL Phone (205) 446-6552, Bro. John W. Kidd, Leighton AL, Bro. Claude C. Hall Jr.,

Leighton AL. Bro. Lonnie Grissom Jr., Leighton, AL
Mt. Olive—

Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Ben Brown, Rt. 10, Florence, AL Phone (205)
764-7608, Bro. David Montgomery, Rt. 12, Florence, AL Phone (205)
766-6299, Bro. Randall Gray, 2044 Alpine Drive, Florence AL Phone
(205) 764-4508, Bro. Jimmy Shields, Rt. 12, Florence AL Phone (205)
766-6926

New Chapel—

New Home—

New Pleasant Grove

Piney Grove—Bro. Robert D. Wright, Cypress Inn, TN Phone (615)
724-9691, Bro. Ira Gillis, Collinwood, TN Phone (615) 724-9231

Posey Chapel—

Rayborn Chapel—Jessie J. Melson, Collinwood, TN, Bro. Dalton
Bratcher, Waynesboro, TN

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Gilchrist, Cypress Inn, TN Phone (615) 724-4155. Bro. Aaron Stults,
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TN Phone (615) 724-9263. Bro. J. W. Stooksberry, Iron City, TN Phone
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Shady Grove—Joda Melson, Olive Hill, TN Phone (901) 925-5431, Bro.
Clairce Franks, Olive Hill, TN Phone (901) 925-6070, Bro. Herbert
Clay, Savannah, TN

Solitude—

Whites Creek—Bro. Jimmy Lambert, Savannah TN Phone (901) 925-
3672, Bro. Dee Paterson, Savannah, TN Phone (901) 925-3667

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, September 14, 1984

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

Opening song—Bro. Carl Harper

Prayer—Bro. Jack Jones

Welcome by Rev. Edward Smith, assistant moderator, altar prayer.

Message by Rev. Marvin Morrow.

Subject—"Be not shaken in mind, or troubled."

Scripture—2 Thessalonians 2:1-9 "Handshake"

Dismissed by—Bro. Boyd Strickling.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song—Bro. Odell Harper

Scripture—Bro. Charles Linam

Prayer—Bro. L.L. Wilson

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

READING CLERKS—Bro. Leon Harper, Bro. Jimmy Lambert.
FINANCE—Bros. Dalton Skaggs, Richard Sowell, Boyd Strickling.
SUNDAY SCHOOL—Jay Sandusky, Tommy Cossey, Joel Pigg.
OBITUARY—Bros. Darl Dixon, Jimmy Shields, Charles Linam.
PROGRAM—Bros. John E. Banks, J.B. Harper, Ira Gillis.

CALLED FOR CHURCH LETTERS AND RECOGNIZED THE DELEGATES

Adamsville—Bro. Baxter Humphrey, Bro. Robert Jarrett.
Antioch—Bro. & Sis. Howard Whitten.
Bumpus Creek—Bro. Homer Scott.
Meeks Grove—Bro. E.G. Sowell, Bro. Jerry Whitten.
Midway—By Letter.
Mt. Olive—By Letter.
Murphy's Chapel—Bro. Chris Creasy.
New Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Bill Mayhall.
New Home—By Letter.
New Pleasant Grove—By Letter.
Piney Grove—Bro. Marty Porter, Bro. Jay Sandusky.
Posey Chapel—By Letter.
Rayborn Chapel—Bro. Edgar Melson.
Scotts Chapel—Bro. Odell Harper, Bro. Leyonne Harper, Bro. Carl Harper, Bro. Willis Wood.
Shady Grove—Bro. Joda Melson, Sis. Jane Melson, Bro. Buddy Lee Melson, Sis. Elua May Melson.
Solitude—Sis. Helen Tacker, Sis. Mozell Hardin, Sis. Lucille Lipford, Sis. Mary Ruth Tacker.
Whites Creek—Bro. Herschel White, Bro. Boyd Stricklin, Bro. Tommy Cossey.

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

General Business—Bro. J.B. Harper, Bro. Benton Brown, Bro. L.L. Wilson.
Education—Bro. Lige Dickey, Bro. Robert Jarrett, Bro. E.G. Sowell.
Temperance—Bro. Virgil Geans, Bro. Vernon Gober, Bro. Bill Binson.
Benevolence—Edgar Melson, Stencil Robbins, Howard Whitten.
Resolution Of Thanks—Sis. Whitten, Sis. Dixon, Sis. Brown.

Motion made to adjourn until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.
Dismissed by Bro. Lige Dickey.

FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Bro. Carl Harper, Prayer led by Bro. Jack Bowers. The first message by Bro. Jerry Strickling, subject "How ye ought to walk," scripture 1 Thess. 4:1, 18. Second message by Bro. Edward Smith, Subject "Inspired" scripture Job 32:8, 10.

Dismissed by Bro. Willie Daniels.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

First song by Bro. Carl Harper, Scripture reading by Bro. Carl Creasy, reading 2 Peter 3:14, Acts 6:1, 7. Prayer by Bro. Ealis Stephens.

Moderator Rev. Marvin Morrow called for reading of reports.

THE GENERAL BUSINESS REPORT

We, your 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 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 Mission 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 it's members be licensed to preach the gospel for one year, it request that the presbytery of the association if 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 presbytery before ordination.

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 character 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 that they go before the presbytery before ordination. We also recommend that they be given a certificate of ordination when ordained and if he resigns or leaves the denomination he turn 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 presbytery 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 minutes.

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 the church and not bring it to the association. We recommend that each church call it's pastor at least 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 \$100.00 per year to be paid from the Home Mission treasure.

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

We recommend that the Fifth Sunday Clerk be paid \$100.00 per year from the Home Mission treasury.

We recommend that preachers and deacons try to come to association. This report was adopted by the association,

Benton Brown, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday school wish to submit the following: We have 17 churches reporting with Sunday School with a present enrollment of 869. The average attendance for Sunday School is 700.

We recommend that each church have Sunday School regularly. We also recommend that all teachers be devout Christians sound in faith and apt to teach with good leadership.

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.

Jay Sandusky, 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." 1 Peter 2:21 says, "For even hereunto 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 thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Also 2 Timothy 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. 6:1-4 "Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." 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 teaching 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 meeting one night weekly, and establish and maintain a youth training program along with a yearly vacation Bible school. We also recommend our churches conduct a singing school every other year that we might better learn to praise the Lord in song. Eph. 5:19 "Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Robert Jarrett, Chairman

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee on temperance find the word temperance in regard to strong drink, beer, wine, whiskey or 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 also abstinence from things that are unpleasing to our Lord.

We find that the Bible says in 1 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.

Proverbs 20:1 says "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Finding Habakkuk 2:15 to reach: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also that thou mayest look on their nakedness."

We believe this to condemn the voting for or sanctioning, the sale of alcoholic beverage.

Vernon Gober, chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

We your committee on obituary in sorrow report the death of 15 of our members since our last Association. They are as follows: Meeks Grove 1, Bro. Dennis Milford, Midway 1, Bro. Eugene Waldrep. Mt. Olive 1, Sis. Oma Faulkner, New Home 1, Bro. Alvin Knipper. New Pleasant Grove 1, Bro. Sam White, Piney Grove, 2, Bro. Willard Reaves, Bro. Edd Pigg. Scotts Chapel 3, Bro. Walter Johnson, Sis Emily Farris, Bro. Dee Gilmore. Shady Grove 3, Bro. Tommy Franks, Bro. Carl McLin, Sis. Flora McLin. Solitude 1, Bro. Claude Mills. Whites Creek 1, Bro. Lincoln Freshour. We trust our loss is Heaven's gain.

Charles Linam, 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."

Stencil Robbins, Chairman

CLERK'S REPORT

1983 Balance left in treasure	\$-0-
Minute fund received from churches	\$398.85
total	\$398.85
Expenses for printing 1,000 minutes	\$638.66
Balance of \$239.81 taken from Home Mission treasure to pay for 1983 minutes.	

John E. Banks, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT FOR MINUTE FUND

Adamsville	\$ 35.00
Antioch	15.00
Bumpus Creek	50.00
Meeks Grove	30.00
Midway	30.00
Mt. Olive	8.00
Murphy's Chapel	50.00
New Chapel	20.00
New Home	25.00
New Pleasant Grove	40.00
Piney Grove	53.25
Posey Chapel	20.00
Rayborn Chapel	16.00
Scotts Chapel	50.00
Shady Grove	15.00
Solitude	6.76
Whites Creek	35.00
TOTAL	\$499.01

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

Balance Forwarded 83-84	\$2,118.98
Assoc. & 5th Sunday offerings	2,237.75
Antioch (childrens home)	50.00
Scotts Chapel (childrens home)	325.00
Whites Creek (childrens home)	135.60
Total	2,748.35

HOME MISSION FUND

Adamsville	75.00
Antioch	75.00
Bumpus Creek	75.00
Midway	75.00
Mt. Olive	100.00
Murphys Chapel	75.00
New Pleasant Grove	75.00
Piney Grove	75.00
Scotts Chapel	75.00
Solitude	50.00
Total	<u>750.00</u>

Ministers Tithes

Rev. Benton Brown	30.00
Rev. V.H. Gean	200.00
Rev. Vernon Gober	220.00
Rev. Charles Linam	100.00
Rev. Edward Smith	50.00
Rev. Nick White	50.00
Total	<u>650.00</u>

Total Received in 1984	\$4,148.35
Total Received & Balance Forwarded	6,267.33

Expenses 83-84

Alabama Childrens Home	\$1,095.17
Tennessee Childrens Home	1,095.18
Reimbursed John E. Banks for minute fund	239.81
Donation to Anthony Scott	558.00
Bro. John E. Banks Assoc. clerk	100.00
Bro. Earl Rich 5th Sun. clerk	100.00
Bro. D.E. Patterson Sec. & Treasure	75.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$3,263.16</u>

Balance Forwarded 1984-85	3,004.17
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Bro. D.E. Patterson (Sec/Treas)
 Rt. 1, Box 155A
 Savannah, TN 38372

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastored one church, held 3 revivals, married 1 couple, traveled 4,100 miles, money received \$452.19.

Rev. Marvin Morrow
Rt. 1, Box 71A,
Crypress Inn, Tenn.

ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

Rev. Marvin Morrow asked for any petitionary letters, there were none.

Vote taken on placing of 1985 Association, Whites Creek received the most votes.

Bro. Bill Foster from Randall House Publications, Sunday School Department, Made talk.

Motion made and seconded to drop Huntsville church from roll.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Service began with Bro. Jack Jones leading first song, Prayer by Bro. Vernon Gober, First Message by Bro. Jimmy Shields using the subject, "the need for workers," Scripture Matt. 9:35-38.

Second message by Bro. Emerald Bailey using the subject "works" scripture Phil 2:9-16.

Dismissed by Bro. Bill Foster.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

First song by Bro. Stencil Robbins, prayer by Bro. Ira Gillis, scripture reading by Bro. Ealias Stephens. Reading 1 Cor. 13.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRESBYTERY SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev. Earl Dixson with Rev. J.B. Harper as assistant. There were 11 churches present, 18 ordained ministers, 8 ordained deacons, 2 licensed ministers, 2 visiting ministers, and 1 visiting deacon. Moderator called for the reading of the minutes of the last Fifth Sunday Meeting. The minutes were read and approved. Bro. Paul Hurley turned in his ordination certificate to the presbytery. The presbytery accepted his credentials.

Moderator asked for petitionary letters. Midway Church sent a letter recommending Rev. Jerry Strickling be accepted as an ordained minister. Murphy's Chapel sent a letter recommending Bro. Ralph Brown be ordained for a minister and Bro. Jimmy Shields to be

licensed to preach for one year. These men were examined by the presbytery and all were worthy. Rev. Vernon Gober read the scripture of fellowship was given to each candidate and their wives.

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORT

Emerald Bailey—Pastored one church full time, held one revival, assisted in one revival, conducted one conference, held one communion service, conducted 7 funerals, money received \$3,524.00. Paid tithing on money received back to church and charity. Card Granted.

John E. Banks—pastored one church, held one revival, one weekend revival, witnessed 3 professions, 4 rededications, baptized 3, held 2 funerals, married 3 couples, money received \$4,853.00. card Granted.

Benton Brown—preached 21 sermons, witnessed 1 confession held 1 funeral. card granted

Ralph Bown—card granted.

Lige Dickey—Helped in one weekend Revival, held 1 funeral, filled in for other ministers 7 times, money received \$600.96. card granted.

Earl Dixon—pastored one church full time, conducted 1 revival, assisted in 1 revival, conducted 1 communion service, held 1 conference, conducted 2 funerals assisted in 2 funerals. Money received \$4,319.76. card granted.

V.H.Gean—Pastored one church full time, conducted 1 revival, witnessed 10 conversions, baptized 8 received 7 into church, held 1 communion, held one conference, married 1 couple, officiated in 2 funerals, money received \$2,065.00. card granted.

Vernon Gober—pastored one church, preached 112 sermons, held one revival, assisted in one revival, held one communion service, married one couple, miles traveled 4,250, money received \$2,761.00. card granted.

J.B. Harper—Visited church that have pastored in past and other churches, held 8 funerals, miles traveled 3,087, money received \$497.00. card granted.

Jack Jones—pastored 1 church, money received for expenses \$4,725.00. card granted.

Allen Jones—pastored 1 church, preached 70 sermons, witnessed 2 professions, held 1 communion servie, traveled 459 miles, money received \$1,500. card granted.

Charles Linam—pastored 1 church held one weekend revival, received 2 into church, baptized 2, married 1 couple, conducted 1 conference, held 1 communion service, received \$200.00 dollars. card granted

Marvin Morrow—same as associational pastors report, card granted.

Virgil Moore—Sick in bed all of year. card granted.

Earl Rich—Married 1 couple, assisted in 1 funeral. card granted.

Dalton Skaggs—pastored 1 church, preached 26 sermons, held 1 revival, traveled 1,000 miles, money received \$650.00. card granted.

Edward Smith—pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, assisted in 1 revival, held 1 funeral, married 2 couples, money received \$1,740.00. card granted.

Jamie Smith—Preached 30 sermons, pastored one church half time, assistant pastor at another church, held 1 revival, directed youth program. money received \$1,000. card granted.

Ealis Stephens—preached 15 sermons, held 1 revival, money received \$340.00. card granted.

Eargin Warren—pastored 1 church full time, assisted in 1 revival, held 5 funerals, 1 conference, baptized 3, received 3 into church. card granted.

Nick White—pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, held 1 communion service, 1 conference, witnessed 2 professions, baptized 2, married 2 couples, held 7 funerals, miles traveled 3,740, money received \$3,111.39. card granted.

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Service began with congregational singing led by Bro. Carl Harper, prayer by Bro. Emerald Bailey. First message by Bro. Earl Rich, subject "experiences" scripture Mark 1, 32, 45.

Second message by Bro. Earl Dixon, subject "expectation" scripture Luke 3:9, 18. Dismissed by Bro. Dalton Skaggs.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the committee of the resolution of thanks, report to the people of Scotts 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.

Sis. Esther Dixon, Chairman

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service began with Bro. Carl Harper leading first song, prayer by Bro. Ray Scott. Offering for Childrens Home taken by Bro. Willis Wood.

Childrens offering \$44.50, adults offering \$581.20. Total \$627.70 to be divided between Alabama and Tennessee Children's Home.

First message by Bro. Ealias Stephens, subject "let not your heart be troubled." scripture John 14:1, 4.

Second message by Bro. L.L. Wilson, Subject "Striving" Scripture 2 Peter 3:1, 9.

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Scotts Chapel Oct. 29, 30 1983

Saturday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Leyone Harper. A united altar prayer was called. First message was by Rev. Charles Linam using the subject: sin of presumption. Scripture was taken from Psalm 19, verse 13 & 14. Followed by Rev. Clarence Jeffers reading scripture from Revelation chapter 2 verses 1-5 and chapter 12 verses 1-12. Then there was an altar call and handshake. We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Elias Stephens.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Leyone Harper. Prayer was by Rev. Vernon Gober. Message was by Rev. Benton Brown using the subject: Be an Example. Scripture was taken from First Peter chapter 5, Job chapter 1, and Matthew chapter 4. Rev. Emerald Bailey dismissed with prayer.

Business Session

Moderator Rev. Earl Dixon called the meeting to order. Rev. J.B. Harper serving as assistant moderator. There were 11 churches represented, 16 ordained ministers, 5 deacons, and 1 licensed minister. The moderator called for reading of the minutes of the last presbytery session. Minutes were read and approved. Rev. Earl Dixon and Rev. Marvin Morrow reported that all items taken from Posey Chapel Church had been returned, with the exception of the gas tanks. Rev. Ted Simmons had sent his credentials to the presbytery. They were accepted. The moderator called for petitionary letters. First Freewill Baptist Church of Adamsville sent a letter stating Bro. Virgil Nixon and Jerry Scott were under the watchcare of the church for one year for the office of deacon. Meeks Grove sent a letter recommending Rev. Charles Linam be ordained as a minister. The presbytery examined Rev. Charles Linam and found him worthy to be ordained. Bro. Dee Patterson read scripture from Timothy chapter 3. The ordination service was carried out with prayer and the laying on of hands. Rev. Charles Linam and his family was given the right of fellowship. The presbytery also voted by a two-thirds majority to withdraw fellowship

with Rev. Glen Bobo and to send a letter to Meeks Grove where Rev. Bobo pastors, notifying the church about what had happened. Also sending Rev. Bobo a letter recommending he send his credentials to the clerk of the presbytery. Rev. Jack Jones, Bro. J. W. Stooksberry and Bro. Dee Patterson were placed on the program committee for the next fifth Sunday meeting. Motion was made to adjourn. The session was dismissed with prayer.

Saturday Night Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Leyone Harper. Prayer by Rev. Dalton Scaggs. First message by Rev. Earl Rich reading from Luke chapter 14 verses 28-35. Followed by Rev. Nick White. There was also special singing by Bro. Jamie Smith and The Young Christians. The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. W. Stooksberry.

Sunday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Leyone Harper. Prayer by Rev. Eargin Warren. Bro. J.W. Stooksberry was in charge of the offering for the children's home. First message by Rev. Jamie Smith using the subject: Spiritual Persuasion. Scripture was taken from Romans chapter 8 verses 35-39. He was followed by Rev. Earl Dixon speaking on the life of Hezekiah. Scripture was taken from 2nd Kings chapter 18 verses 15-22. The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ray Scott.

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Murphy's Chapel Church January 28, 29, 1984

Saturday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Ronnie Brown. Prayer by Rev. Emerald Bailey. First message was by Rev. Allen Jones reading from Matthew 11, 28-30 on the subject; Success in a Christian Life. He was followed by Rev. Vernon Gober reading from 1st John 4, 1-6 and Matthew 12 on the subject; Holy Spirit. The service was dismissed by Rev. Nick White.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Opened with singing led by Bro. Ronnie Brown. Prayer by Rev. Virgil Gean. Message by Rev. Emerald Bailey reading from Luke 18 on the subject; Laying Aside the Commandment. Followed by the presbytery session.

Presbytery Session

Meeting was called to order by Mod. Earl Dixon. Rev. J.B. Harper serving as his assistant. There were 9 churches represented, 15 ordained ministers, and 8 deacons present. Mod. called for the reading of the minutes of the last presbytery session. The minutes were read and approved. Moderator asked for any petitionary letters. Murphy's Chapel sent a letter recommending Bro. Carl Creasey be liscensed to preach the gospel for one year. Bro. Carl went before the presbytery for examination and was found worthy. Rev. Virgil Gean, Bro. D.E. Patterson, and Bro. Jimmy Lambert were placed on the program committee for the next fifth Sunday meeting at Whites Creek. Motion was made to adjourn.

Saturday Night Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Ronnie Brown. Prayer by Rev. J.B. Harper. Special singing by the Murphy's Chapel Singers. First message was by Rev. Edward Smith reading from Second Cor. 3, 5-6 on the subject; God's grace sufficient. He was followed by Rev. Johnny Banks Reading from Heb. 11 on the subject; Victory through faith. The service was dismissed wth prayer by Bro. Crants Hanback.

Sunday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Ronnie Brown. Prayer by Rev. Benton Brown. Offering for the Children's Home was taken by Rev. Bneton Borwn. First message was by Rev. L.L. Wilson on the subject; Sowing and reaping. He was followed by Rev. J.B. Harper reading from Acts 2, 14-17. An invitation was given followed by a Christian handshake. Bro. Robert Wyley came and prayer at the altar and later announced his calling to preach the gospel. The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Odell Harper.

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at White's Creek Church April 28, 29, 1984

Saturday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. D.E. Patterson. Prayer by Rev. Emerald Bailey. Mod. Rev. Earl Dixon read scripture from Philp. chapter 2 verses 1-7 and called for an altar prayer. First message was by Bro. Carl Creasey reading from Mat. 24, verses 4-7 on the subject; Times are changing. He was followed by Rev. Vernon Gober reading from Eph. 6, 10-18. The service was dismissed by Rev. L.L. Wilson.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Opened with singing led by Bro. D.E. Patterson. Prayer by Rev. Nick White. Message by Rev. Dalton Skaggs reading from Mat. chapter 27, verses 37-46. Followed by the presbytery session.

Presbytery Session

Meeting was called to order by Mod. Earl Dixon. Rev. J.B. Harper serving as Assistant Mod. There were 8 churches represented, 14 ordained ministers, 4 deacons, 1 licensed minister, and 1 appointed deacon. Mod. called for the reading of the minutes of the last presbytery session. Minutes were read and approved. Mod. asked for any new business and petitionary letters. The Associational Pastor Rev. Marvin Morrow gave a report on Posey Chapel Church. He reported that the offerings being taken at Posey Chapel were being deposited in the Home Mission Fund. He asked for the authority to spend money from the Home Mission Fund to repair the church building. A motion was made and passed to do so. Rev. Nick White, Bro. Carl Creasey, and Bro. Earl Rich was elected for the program committee for the next Fifth Sunday Meeting at Piney Grove Church. Motion was made to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Marvin Morrow.

Saturday Night Service

Opened with singing led by Bro. D.E. Patterson. Prayer by Bro. Homer Scott. First message by Rev. Benton Brown reading from Rev. 6, 17 on the subject; The wrath of God. He was followed by Rev. Jack Jones reading from II Chronicles 7, 14 on the subject; There is a shortage. The service was dismissed by Bro. D.E. Patterson.

Sunday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. D.E. Patterson. Prayer by Rev. Emerald Bailey. Rev. Emerald Bailey also took up the offering for the Children Home. First message was by Rev. Earl Dixon reading from Heb. 12 on the subject; Running the race of life. He was followed by Rev. Marvin Morrow reading from Mat. 23, 33-37. Service was dismissed by Bro. Earl Rich.

Minutes of the Fifth Sunday Meeting at Piny Grove Church July 28, 29, 1984

Saturday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Earl Rich. Prayer by Rev. J.B. Harper. Mod. Rev. Earl Dixon read the 100th Psalm. First

message was by Rev. Eargin Warren. He was followed by Rev. Lige Dickey reading from Eph. chapter 5, verse 22 on the subject; spots and wrinkles. Service was dismissed by Rev. Edward Smith.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Earl Rich. Prayer by Rev. Emerald Bailey. Message by Rev. Jerry Stricklin Reading from John chapter 15, verses 1-12. Followed by presbytery session.

Presbytery Session

Meeting was called to order by Mod. Earl Dixon, assistant Mod. J.B. Harper. There were 11 churches present, 15 ordained minister 5 deacons, 1 licensed minister, 1 appointed deacon, and 1 visiting minister. Mod. called for the reading of the minutes of the last fifth Sunday meeting. The minutes were read and approved. Rev. Vernon Gober was elected Mod. of the Presbytery. Rev. Jack Jones was elected Assistant Mod. Bro. Earl Rich was elected clerk of presbytery. Rev. J.B. Harper was elected Associational Pastor. The Fifth Sunday Meetings were placed as follows; Sept. at Posey Chapel, March at Murphy's chapel, June at New Pleasant Grove, and Dec. 1984 at First Freewill Baptist Church of Adamsville. Rev. Marvin Morrow, Bro. Virgil Nixon, and Rev. Benton Brown were placed on the program committee for the next fifth Sunday meeting.

Saturday Night Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Earl Rich. Prayer by Rev. Johnny Banks. Special singing by the Piny Grove Trio, the young people of the church, and Sharon Wyley. Mod. Earl Dixon conducted a devotional service. Message by Rev. Virgil Gean. Dismissed by Rev. Nick White.

Sunday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Earl Rich. Prayer by Bro. Homer Scott. Rev. Emerald Bailey was in charge of the offering taken for Anthony Scott. First Message was by Rev. Edward Smith reading from St. John chapter 4 verses 6-26. He was followed by Rev. Elias Stephens reading from Luke chapter 14 verses 16-24 On the subject; The Lord's table is spread. The service was dismissed by Rev. Marvin Morrow.

Churches	By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Withdrawn	Deceased	Membership	Sunday School	Average Attendance	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Church Value	Amount Paid Pastor	Pastorial Help	Home Missions	Minute Fund	Children's Homes	Meetings Days
Adamsville		5			5			82	82	36	2	4		\$58,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$325.00	\$75.00	\$35.00		
Antioch								43	30	24		1		\$45,000.00	\$4,115.76	\$350.00	\$75.00	\$15.00	\$ 50.00	
Bumpus Creek				5				100	50	40	1			\$20,000.00	\$3,524.00	\$300.00	\$75.00	\$50.00		
Meeks Grove	3	1	1	12	1			105	48	48	1	1		\$ 9,500.00	\$4,417.00	\$340.00		\$30.00		
Midway		2						90	50	40	1			\$50,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$568.00	\$75.00	\$30.00		
Mt. Olive								30	25	15	1	1		\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$150.00		\$ 8.00		
Murphy's Chapel	7	2	1	8				80	75	54	5	4		\$86,000.00	\$4,725.00	\$925.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$120.00	
New Chapel	2	1						37	35	30				\$20,000.00		\$200.00		\$20.00		
New Home	8	4	6					84	57	45	1			\$30,000.00	\$4,600.00	\$650.00		\$25.00		
New Pleasant Grove		4			2			52	25	40	2			\$25,000.00	\$2,600.00	\$325.00	\$75.00	\$40.00		Every Sun. and Sun. Night
Piney Grove	2				1			166	102	75	3	5		\$35,000.00	\$3,111.79	\$158.37	\$75.00	\$53.25		Every Sun. and Sat. Night before 3rd Sun.
Posey Chapel								18		14				\$20,000.00			\$40.00	\$20.00		
Rayborn Chapel								25	22	18	2			\$ 2,000.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 62.41		\$16.00	\$ 50.00	
Scotts Chapel	1		4	4				127	125	104	6	2		\$19,000.00	\$4,590.00	\$450.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$276.00	Every Sun. and Sun. night
Shady Grove	3							300	35	35	3			\$17,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$135.00		\$15.00		
Solitude					1			77	27		1	1		\$20,000.00	\$1,540.00	\$250.00	\$40.00	\$ 6.76		Every Sun.
Whites Creek	5	3						116	71	57	2	1		\$33,000.00	\$1,865.00	\$385.00		\$35.00	\$182.82	

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; footwashing 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 _____

