

MINUTES
OF THE
113th Annual Session of the
TENNESSEE RIVER
ASSOCIATION
of
Free Will Baptists
Convened with
Murphy's Chapel Church
Friday, September 13, 1991

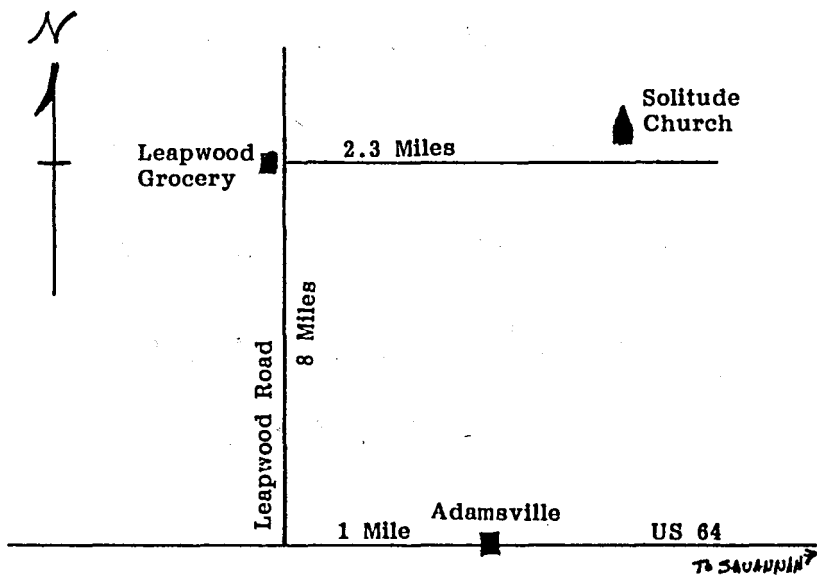
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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is to meet with Churches when needed to deal with any problem that might arise. If needed contact the Chairman which will be the longest experienced minister or deacon in the Tennessee River Association serving on the committee. In the event one of the committee is unable to serve the Moderator of the presbytery will serve in his absence. The Committee is as follows ...

Rev. Edward Smith (Chairman) Rev. Nick White
Bro. Danny Brown Rev. Carl Creasy
Rev. Earnest Robertson

PLACING OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Sept. 1991 Piney Grove
Dec. 1991 Scotts Chapel
March 1992 New Chapel
May 1992 Shady Grove
Aug. 1992 Murphy's Chapel

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Piney Grove	Roger Stults Rt. 1, Box 108A, Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Posey Chapel	Willie Posey Rt. 3, Cherokee, AL 35616
Rayborn Chapel	Edgar Melson Rt. 2, Box 102, Collinwood, TN 38450
Roden	Inas Lowery 2044 Co. Road 235, Town Creek, AL 35672
Scotts Chapel	Judy Harper Rt. 1, Box 144, Iron City, TN 38463
Shady Grove	Priscilla Franks Rt. 1, Box 322A, Olive Hill, TN 38475
Solitude	Betty Harville Rt. 2, Box 550, Adamsville, TN 38310
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Midway	Rev. Carl Creasy
Mt. Olive	
Murphy's Chapel	Rev. Jimmy Shields
New Chapel	Rev. Dalton Skaggs
New Pleasant Grove	Rev. Carl Hughes
Piney Grove	Rev. Earnest Roberson
Posey Chapek	
Rayborn Chapel	Rev. Benton Brown
Roden	Rev. Clarence Jeffreys
Scotts Chapel	Rev. Vernon Gober
Shady Grove	Rev. Edward Smith
Solitude	Rev. Marvin Morrow
Whites Creek	Rev. John E. Banks

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NEW PLEASANT GROVE

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, September 13, 1991

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

Opening son led by..... Bro. Jimmie Shields
Prayer By Bro. Earl Dixon
Message By Rev. Marvin Morrow
Scripture Ephesians 4:1-14
Subject Unity
Dismissed By Bro. Vernon Gober

Friday Afternoon Session

Song Bro. Jimmie Shields
 Scripture Read By Bro. Lemual Hanback
 Scripture Read Psalms 91
 Prayer Bro. Carl Creasy

Appointment Of Various Committees

Reading Clerks Bro. Carl Harper, Bro. Roger Stults
Finance Bro. Charles Linam, Bro. Mike Harper
Bro. Mike King
Sunday School Bro. Randy Flatt, Bro. Boyd Strickling
Bro. Ray Balentine
Obituary ... Bro. Jim Berry, Bro. Carl Creasy, Bro. Paul Hurley
Program Bro. Jimmie Shields, Bro. Joe Tacker,
Bro. Monroe Hubbard, Bro. Robert Berry

**CALLED FOR CHURCH LETTERS
AND RECOGNIZED THE DELEGATES**

ADAMSVILLE

Bro. Baxter Humphrey

BUMPUS CREEK

By Letter

MEEKS GROVE

Bro. Chuck Taylor, Bro. Paul Hurley

MIDWAY

By Letter

MT. OLIVE

Bro. Earl Reed

MURPHY'S CHAPEL

Bro. Mike King

NEW CHAPEL

Bro. Howard Massey

NEW PLEASANT GROVE

Bro. Monroe Hubbard

PINEY GROVE

Bro. Jay Sandusky, Bro. Ray Balentine,
Bro. Lem Hanback, Bro. Roger Stults

POSEY CHAPEL

No Report

RAYBORN CHAPEL

By Letter

RODEN

Bro. Jerry Mack Willis

SCOTTS CHAPEL

Bro. Jim Berry, Bro. Ross Berry, Bro. Carl Harper

SHADY GROVE

Bro. Robert Franks, Bro. Rickey Franks

SOLITUDE

Bro. Clarence Cook, Bro. Joe Tacker

WHITES CREEK

Bro. Boyd Stricklin, Bro. Tommy Cossey

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

General Business Bro. Jay Sandusky, Bro. J. B. Harper,
Bro. Clarence Jeffreys, Bro. Lem Hanback
Education Bro. Ross Berry, Bro. Greg Eaton,
Bro. Chuck Taylor
Temperance Bro. Howard Massey, Bro. Baxter
Humphrey, Bro. Ricky Franks
Benevolence Bro. Jerry Mack Willis, Bro. Clarence Cook,
Bro. Earl Dixon
Resolution Of Thanks Sis. Asalee Robbins, Sis. Lela Hall

Business meeting was adjourned to meet back at 9:00 A.M.
Saturday morning. Dismissed by Bro. James Brewer.

Friday Night Worship Service

Song Led By Bro. Ronald Brown
Prayer By Bro. Greg Eaton
1st Message By Rev. Vernon Gober
Scripture Gen. 1:3, 2 Cor. 4:3-7
Subject Light
2nd Message By Rev. Charles Linam
Scripture 2 Kings 20:1-11
Subject A promise of more.
Dismissed By Rev. Earnest Roberson

Saturday Morning Business Session

Song Bro. Jimmie Shields
Scripture Rev. Carl Creasy, Reading Psalm 23:1-6
Prayer By Rev. Clarence Jeffreys

GENERAL BUSINESS REPORT

We, your committee on general business, recommend each church send \$100.00 to the Home Missions Board each year. We recommend it be sent by the first of January.

We recommend that deacons remind their churches. According to Acts 6:3, we feel it is their duty to make sure the financial needs of their church and the association are met.

We recommend each church give prayerful thought to the support of the work of the Lord carried on by the association.

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

We recommend continuing the election of an Associational Pastor each year. He shall be paid for his ministerial expenses from the Home Missions Fund as the Home Missions Board sees fit.

We recommend supporting the Associational Pastor in his work of filling in where needed, looking for places to organize new churches, and if possible beginning mission work by other ministers within the association, especially those not holding churches.

We recommend any man believing that he is called of God to preach, notify the church of which he is a member. When his church desires he be licensed to preach the gospel, they should bring this request before the Presbytery of the Association.

We recommend he be examined by a council or otherwise before being licensed for a period of one year. The licensee shall appear before the Presbytery for examination before ordination. The examination for license or ordination should refer to the piety and doctrine, conviction and purpose, respecting work for the ministry, reputation of character, and ability of the candidate.

We recommend any ordained minister coming from other Free Will Baptist Associations who desire to unite with this association, that he join a church in this association then go before the Presbytery. If he brings a good recommendation from the association of which he is a member, believes and practices Free Will Baptist doctrine, he be granted a card.

We recommend that any minister coming from bodies other than Free Will Baptist, that they join a church in this association and be a member of that church for 1 year. And if at that time the church so desires, they recommend him to the association to be licensed for 1 year.

We recommend those desiring the office of deacon qualify according to the Scriptures and be appointed to the watchcare of their church for one year. The association must be notified of such an appointing. At the end of one year, they will appear before the Presbytery before ordination.

We recommend a minister or deacon be given a certificate of ordination when ordained. If he resigns or leaves the denomination, he should turn in his credentials. We recommend a minister or deacon leaving the Association be given a letter stating their standing with the Association at the time of departure.

We recommend that all church members, including those desiring the office of minister or deacon, abstain from strong drink, beer, whiskey, or anything harmful to our body and influence of the office we hold. We recommend they support the Free Will Baptist Doctrine and practice its ordinances.

We recommend each member support the Association. If any church calls a pastor that is not in a Free Will Baptist Presbytery, we recommend that this name not appear in the minutes. We recommend each church send its letter to the Association on Friday. This letter must be read to the church and approved before sending it to the Association.

We recommend any church having a problem they cannot work out call the Resolution Committee to meet with them. If the committee cannot work it out, they will have a called session of the Presbytery at the church and will not bring it to the Association.

We recommend each church call its pastor at least thirty days before the Association meets. We recommend church conferences use secret ballots to elect or reelect nominees for pastor.

We recommend the officers of the Fifth Sunday Meeting be elected and the Fifth Sunday Meeting places be selected at the last fifth Sunday Meeting before the Associational Meeting.

We recommend the host church of the Fifth Sunday Meeting give the youth of their church the opportunity of conducting one of the services as encouragement to become involved in Associational activities.

We recommend offering the host church of the Fifth Sunday Meeting the option of having two preachers for Sunday service.

We recommend the Associational Clerk, Home Missions Treasurer, and Fifth Sunday Clerk each be paid \$200.00 per year from the Home Missions treasury.

We recommend preachers and deacons come to the Associational meetings.

We recommend directions to the host church of the Association be added to the minutes.

The trustees gave their rules regarding the building fund as follows: a church may borrow a total of half the money in the fund for one year without interest.

We recommend that a form be placed in the minutes to be used in taking in new Church members.

Rev. Clarence Jeffreys, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday School wish to submit the following.

We have heard from 15 churches which have a present enrollment of 676 in Sunday School, with an average attendance of 606.

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

We recommend that parents carry their children to Sunday School that they may learn more of God's love for mankind.

We recommend that all visitors be made to feel welcome and made to feel that their being with us has made the service better and ask them to come again.

We should pray more and show more love one for another, asking God for wisdom and patience to teach our children God's ways.

Bro. Randy Flatt, Chairman

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on education, find the definition of education to mean "an act or process of learning by instruction, training, or example." Proverbs 4:14 says: *"Hear ye children, the instruction of a Father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law. For I was my Father's son, tender and only beloved in the sight of my mother. He taught me also and said under me, let thine heart retain my words. Keep my commandments, and live."*

We recommend that Christian families have daily Bible study and prayer with their children. We also recommend that our young people, and others desiring further education, attend the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. We should strive to learn more about our Lord. According to Proverbs 22:6: *"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."*

Ephesians 6:1-6: *"Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right. Honor 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 Father, 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 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 once per year that we might better learn to praise the Lord in song. Ephesians 5:19: *"Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."*

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, your committee on temperance, find the word temperance in regard to strong drink, 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 displeasing 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 mockery, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Finding Habakkuk 2:15 to read, "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth they bottle to him and maketh 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.

Titus 2:2 says, "that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith in charity, in patience."

1st Peter 3:10 says, :for he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no gile."

Once a word is spoken it can not be unsaid James says the tongue can be as deadly as a raging fire. James 3:1-12.

Bro. Howard L. Massey, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

We, your committee on obituary, in sorrow report the death of our members since our last Association. They are as follows.

BUMPUS CREEK

Bro. Home Scott, Bro. Jess Scott,
Bro. Hamp Tune and Sis. Maudie Faulkner

MEEKS GROVE

Sis. Mabel Rinks, Bro. Bill Sharron

NEW CHAPEL

Sis. Charlie Hammock, Bro. George McKinny

PINEY GROVE

Sis. Mary Lynn Horton, Sis. Ruby Ayers

SCOTTS CHAPEL

Bro. Warrington Berry

SOLITUDE

Sis. Conder

We trust our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bro. Carl Creasy, Chairman

REPORT ON BENEVOLENCE

We, the people of the Benevolence Committee, finding that Benevolence means a willingness to do good, promote brotherly love, and to be kind to others. We feel the need to instill the following verses into the hearts of all those who read, believe, and obey the Word of God.

In Matthew 18:27, *"The the Lord of that Servant was moved with compassion and loosed him, and forgave him the debt."* As Christians we find in Colossians 3:13 the following, *"forebearing one another, and forgiving 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 and family I Corinthians 7:3 says, *"Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife to the husband."*

Bro. Earl Dixon, Chairman

CLERKS REPORT

1989 balance left in treasury	\$198.67
Minute fund received from churches 1990	652.00
Expenses for printing 1990 minutes	450.00
Balance in treasury from 1990.....	417.54

FINANCE REPORT FOR MINUTE FUND

Adamsville	\$ 75.00
Bumpus Creek	50.00
Meeks Grove	50.00
Midway	50.00
Mt. Olive.....	10.00
Murphy's Chapel	50.00
New Chapel	50.00
New Pleasant Grove	50.00
Piney Grove	50.00
Posey Chapel.....	
Rayborn Chapel	14.45
Roden	20.00
Scotts Chapel	50.00
Shady Grove	20.00
Solitude	42.00
Whites Creek	50.00
Balance	\$ 631.45

Bro. Charles Linam, Chairman

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT
RECEIPTS 1990-91

FOR CHILDREN'S HOMES

Adamsville	\$ 200.00
Midway	300.00
New Chapel	100.00
Posey Chapel	25.00
Roden	50.00
Scotts Chapel	300.00
Shady Grove	100.00
Solitude	60.00
Whites Creek	241.00
	<u>\$ 1,376.00</u>

HOME MISSIONS FUND

Adamsville	\$ 100.00
Bumpus Creek	100.00
Midway	150.00
Mt. Olivet	50.00
Murphy's Chapel	75.00
New Chapel	175.00
New Pleasant Grove	100.00
Piney Grove	75.00
Roden	75.00
Scotts Chapel	341.00
Shady Grove	75.00
Solitude	176.00
Whites Creek	75.00
	<u>\$ 1,567.00</u>

MINISTERS TITHES

Rev. J. B. Harper	\$ 491.60
Rev. Charles Linam	450.00
Rev. Earnest Roberson	400.00
Rev. Jimmy Shields	540.40
Rev. Edward Smith	250.00
	<u>\$ 2,132.00</u>

OTHER INCOME

Assoc. and Quarterly Offerings	\$ 1,456.44
Donation by Bro. Luther White	5.00
Sale of Amplifier and speaker	200.00
Interest received on account	516.04
	<u>\$ 2,177.48</u>

Total Received 1990-91	\$ 7,252.48
Balance Forwarded 1990-91	9,085.89
Total Received and Balance Forwarded	<u>\$16,338.37</u>

EXPENSES 1990-91

Alabama Childrens Home	\$ 1,416.22
Tennessee Childrens Home	1,416.22
Randall House (Ministers manuals)	54.62
Flowers for Mrs. Gilbert Mata	35.00

Rev. J. B. Harper (Assoc. Pastor).....	1,800.00
Rev. John E. Banks (Assoc. Clerk)	200.00
Rev. Earl Rich (Quarterly Clerk)	200.00
Bro. Alan R. Gober (Assoc. Sec. & Treasurer)	200.00
Total Expenses 1990-91	\$ 5,322.06

BALANCE FORWARD 1991-92 \$11,106.31

BUILDING FUND

Balance Forwarded 1990-91	\$ 3,792.66
Received from Rev. J. B. Harper	600.00
Interest received on account	218.80
Balance Forwarded 1991-92	<u>\$ 4,611.46</u>

Alan R. Gober, Secretary & Treasurer
Rt. 2, Box 401, Adamsville, TN 38310

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Visited all the Churches in the association and some that used to be in our Association. Filled in at several of the Churches for the pastors. Held 1 conference, 7 funerals. Miles traveled 4,224. Money received \$2,370.

Rev. J. B. Harper

ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

Motion made and seconded to drop Antioch Church from the minutes. Motion made and seconded to elect Home Mission Board officers at the same time Associational Officers are elected and serve for two years. Bro. J. B. Harper was elected Associational Pastor. Solitude will host the Association in 1992. There was a discussion about starting a Scholarship Fund to send a student to Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. After much discussion motion was made and seconded to check with College about how this could be done before making any decision.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Led By	Bro. Ronald Brown
Prayer	Bro. Virgil Gean
1st Message	Bro. Tim Hanback
Scripture	1 Kings 17:9-16
Subject	Being Submissive To God
2nd Message	Bro. Mike Harper
Scripture	Matt. 28:18-20
Subject	Go Ye Therefore
Dismissed	Bro. Ira Gillis

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song	Bro. Ronald Brown
Prayer	Bro. Mike Harper
Scripture Read By	Bro. Greg Eaton
Scripture Read	Matt. 11:28-30
Dismissed By	Bro. Carl Creasy

**MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY SESSION
OF THE ASSOCIATION AT MURPHY'S CHAPEL
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 14, 1991**

Mod. Vernon Gober and Assist. Tim Hanback called the meeting to order. There were 10 churches, 17 ministers, 8 deacons, 1 licensed minister, and 1 visiting minister present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. The following minister's reports were read and granted a card: Johnny Banks, Benton Brown, Carl Creasy, Earl Dixon, Virgil Gean, Tim Hanback, J. B. Harper, Mike Harper, Clarence Jeffreys, Charles Linam, Marvin Morrow, Virgil Moore, Earl Rich, Ernest Roberson, Jimmy Shields, Dalton Skaggs, Edward Smith, L.L. Wilson. Greg Eaton, a licensed minister, also gave his report. Rev. Carl Hughes being a visiting minister gave an oral report. Rev. Lige Dickey, Keith Montgomery, Ealis Stephens, Jerry Strickland and Nick White failed to report. This being their first year not to report they were granted a card. Rev. Jack Bowers failed to report for the second consecutive year. The presbytery voted to drop his name from our minutes. Piney Grove Church sent a letter recommending Bro. Greg Eaton be ordained as a minister. New Pleasant Grove sent a letter recommending Bro. Carl Hughes be licensed to preach the gospel for one year. Bro. Greg and Bro. Carl were examined by the presbytery and both were found worthy. Rev. Tim Hanback read scripture from 1st Tim. Chapter 3, and Bro. Greg was ordained. Meeks Grove Church sent a letter asking the trustees of the Association to sign the necessary deed in order for the words of "Meeks Grove Church of the Tenn. River Association" can be added to their new deed. The presbytery voted in favor of giving them permission. Motion was made to adjourn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. John E. Banks: Pastored Whites Creek Church, held 1 revival, 1 weekend revival, assisted in 1 revival, married 1 couple, held 3 funerals, money received \$3,630.00. Card granted.

Rev. Benton Brown: Preached 16 sermons, baptized 1, held 1 funeral, money received \$500.00. Card granted.

Rev. Carl Creasy: Pastored 1 church, conducted 1 revival, assisted in 1 revival, witnessed 7 rededications, conducted 1 conference, money received \$8,200.00. Card granted.

Rev. Earl Dixon: Pastored Community Free Will Baptist Church, conducted 1 revival, assisted in 1 revival, witnessed 2 professions, received 1 into the church, conducted 3 conferences, held 2 funerals, assisted in 1 funeral, held 1 communion service, married 1 couple, money received \$3,050.00. Card granted.

Rev. Lige Dickey: No report, Card granted

Rev. Greg Eaton: Pastored Adamsville Church, preached 124 sermons, assisted in 6 revivals, held 1 communion service, witnessed 1 profession, witnessed 2 rededications, money received \$3,286.00. Card granted.

Rev. V. H. Gean: Pastored Burns Chapel Church, conducted 1 revival, conducted 1 communion service, 1 conference, witnessed 1 profession, held 9 funerals, money received \$4,232.00 Card granted.

Rev. Vernon Gober: Pastored Scotts Chapel Church, preached 89 sermons, assisted in 2 revivals, witnessed 2 professions, conducted 1 funeral, conducted 1 church dedication, 1 Baby dedication, conducted 1 communion service, baptized 2, miles traveled 8,000, money received \$5,200.00. Card granted.

Rev. Tim Hanback: Pastored 1 church, married 4 couples, assisted in 4 funerals, preached 140 sermons, assisted in 10 revivals, held 1 revival, witnessed 9 professions, 13 rededications, received 7 into the church, held 2 communion services, held 1 conference, baptized 4. Money received, \$6,840.00. Card granted.

Rev. J. B. Harper: Same as Associational Pastor. Card granted.

Rev. Mike Harper: Preached 40 sermons, held 2 revivals, received 2 into the church, held 1 communion service, 2 conferences, miles traveled 2,357, money received, \$2,741.00. Card granted.

Rev. Clarence Jeffreys: Pastored Roden Church, conducted 4 communion services, 2 conferences, held 1 revival, many received \$2,180.00. Card granted.

Rev. Charles Linam: Pastored 1 church, assisted in 1 revival, conducted 2 funerals, 1 conference, 1 communion service, money received \$300.00. Card granted.

Rev. Keith Montgomery: Preached 104 sermons, baptized 3, witnessed 3 professions, witnessed 6 rededications, held 2 revivals, conducted 2 communion services, married 3 couples, miles traveled 10,500. money received, \$6,175.00. Card granted.

Rev. Marvin Morrow: Pastored 1 church, held 2 revivals, held 3 funerals, married 5 couples, miles traveled 5,800. money received \$2,850.00. Card granted.

Rev. Virgil Moore: Sick all year. Card granted.

Rev. Earl Rich: Pastored 1 church, held 11 revivals, witnessed 1 profession, baptized 1, held 1 communion service, 1 conference, miles traveled, 3,500; money received \$2,500.00. Card granted.

Rev. Earnest Roberson: Pastored Piney Grove Church, held 3 revivals, witnessed 1 profession, baptized 1, added 2 to the church, held 5 funerals, money received \$4,776.82. Card granted.

Rev. Jimmy Shields: Conducted 2 communion services, held 1 conference, held 2 revivals, assisted in 3, added 6 to the church, witnessed 1 profession, witnessed 10 rededications, baptized 1, conducted 2 funerals, money received \$5,584.00. Card granted.

Rev. Dalton Skaggs: Preached 48 sermons, married 2 couples, miles traveled 2,000, money received \$700.00. Card granted.

Rev. Edward Smith: Pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, witnessed 1 profession, held 1 communion service, assisted in 1 funeral, money received \$3,175.50. Card granted.

Rev. Ealis Stephens: No report. Card granted

Rev. Jerry Strickland: No Report. Card granted.

Rev. Nick White: No report. Card granted.

Rev. L. L. Wilson: Pastored 1 church for two months, preached 20 sermons, received 2 into the church, conducted 1 funeral, money received \$450.00. Card granted.

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Led By Bro. Ronald Brown
Prayer No prayer, testimony service
1st Message By Bro. Greg Eaton
Scripture St. John 3-3
Subject You Must Be Born Again
2nd Message By Bro. Dalton Skaggs
Scripture Matthew 22-33
Subject Love The Lord Thy God
Dismissed By Handshake

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the committee of the resolution 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 to the entire Association as a whole.

We feel, speaking for the entire group, that everyone will leave here enriched in their hearts, as we walk with the Lord in our daily lives. May the Lord bless and keep each of us until we convene in another Association.

Sis. Lela Hall, Sister Asalee Robbins

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Led By Bro. Ronald Brown
Prayer By Bro. Earnest Roberson
Offering for Childrens Home Taken By Bro. Earl Rich
1st Message By Bro. James Brewer
Scripture 1 Timothy 3:15
Subject Doctrine of Christ
2nd Message By Bro. J. B. Harper
Scripture Luke 1:5-18
Subject Behold the Lamb of God
Dismissed By Bro. Boyd Strickland

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING
AT NEW PLEASANT GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 28 & 29 1990**

Friday Night Service

Rev. Carl Hughes led the first song followed with prayer. First message was by Rev. Carl Creasy reading from Gen. 3 using the subject: Little Sins. He was followed by Rev. Jimmy Shields reading from St. Luke 2:40 using the subject: Growing.

Saturday Morning Service

Rev. Carl Hughes led the first song followed with prayer. First message was by Rev. Earl Dixon reading from 1st Thes. 5, verses 1-11 and Matt. 24:27-35, using the subject: The Second Coming Of Christ. He was followed by Rev. Marvin Morrow reading from St. John 2:1-5. Dismissed by Bro. R. C. Hamm.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Rev. Benton Brown led the first song followed with prayer led by Rev. Virgil Gean. A message by Rev. Elias Stephens reading from Eph. 6:13, using the subject: Strong In The Lord.

Presbytery Session

Mod. Vernon Gober and Assist. Tim Hanback called the meeting to order. There were 9 church, 10 ministers, 4 deacons and 1 visiting minister present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. Rev. Gilbert Mata's report was read and he was granted a card. Bro. D. E. Patterson, Rev. J. B. Harper and Rev. Jimmy Shields were placed on the program committee for the next meeting. Motion made to adjourn. Dismissed by Benton Brown.

Saturday Night Service

Rev. Carl Hughes led the first son. Prayer by Rev. L. L. Wilson. There was singing by the New Chapel Singers. Rev. Earl Rich read scripture from Ezra 4:4-5 and the offering was taken for the Childrens' homes. A message was by Rev. Mike Harper reading from Matt. 13:45-46. Dismissed by Bro. Paul Childers.

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING
AT WHITE'S CREEK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 28 & 29, 1990**

Friday Night Service

Bro. D.E. Patterson led the first song and Rev. Jimmy Shields led prayer. The first message was by Rev. Ernest Roberson reading from Acts 4:7-20 using the subject: Boldness. He was followed by Rev. Tim Hanback reading from St. John 7:37-46 and 11:34-44 using the subject: Never a Man spake like this Man. Dismissed by prayer.

Saturday Morning Service

Bro. Boyd Stricklin led the first song followed with an altar prayer. First message was by Rev. Charles Linam reading from Gen. 3:1-15 using the subject: False Promises. He was followed by Rev. Vernon Gober reading from St. Mark 10:45 and Matt. 25:34-46. Dismissed by Rev. Ernest Roberson.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Bro. Boyd Stricklin led the first song and Rev. Benton Brown led prayer. A message by Rev. Jack Bowers reading from 2nd Chron. 7:12-14. Followed by presbytery session.

Presbytery Session

Mod. Vernon Gober called the meeting to order. There were 8 churches, 10 ministers, 1 deacon present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. The presbytery voted in favor of sending Rev. Gilbert Mata a letter of recommendation. Bro. Paul Childers, Rev. Edward Smith and Rev. Benton Brown were placed on the program committee for the next meeting. Motion made to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Marvin Morrow.

Saturday Night Service

Bro. D. E. Patterson led the first song and Rev. J. B. Harper led prayer. There was singing by the youth of the church. Rev. Greg Eaton read scripture from Matt. 18:1-6 and the offering for the childrens homes was taken. A message by Rev. Earl Rich reading from St. John 10:19-25. Dismissed by Bro. D. E. Patterson.

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING
AT RODEN CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 29 & 30, 1991**

Friday Night Service

Bro. Jerry Willis led the first song followed by prayer. The first message was by Rev. Johnny Banks reading from Deut. 34 speaking about the Life of Moses. He was followed by Rev. Keith Montgomery reading from Romans 8:1-8 using the subject: Are you spiritually minded. Dismissed with prayer.

Saturday Morning Service

Bro. Jerry Willis led the first song and prayer by Rev. J. B. Harper. The first message was by Rev. Benton Brown reading from St. John 4:25 and Romans 8 using the subject: God is a Spirit. He was followed by Rev. Edward Smith reading from 1st Peter 2:1-10 using the subject: Chief Cornerstone. Dismissed by Rev. Charles Linam.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Bro. Jerry Willis led the first song and prayer was by Rev. Edward Smith. A message was by Rev. Earl Dixon reading from 1st Cor. 2:1-5, Luke 23:26-43 using the subject: The Crosses. Rev. Carl Hughes read scripture from Matt. 24:32-42 and spoke on the second coming of Christ.

Presbytery Session

Mod. Vernon Gober and Assist. Tim Hanback called the meeting to order. There were 8 churches, 12 ministers, 3 deacons present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. The presbytery voted in favor of paying for flowers sent to Rev. Gilbert Mata's wife. Rev. Marvin Morrow, Bro. Clarence Cook and Bro. Charles Moore were placed on the program committee for the next meeting. Motion made to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Jimmy Shields.

Saturday Night Service

The service was opened with singing and prayer by Bro. Lonnie Grissom. There was special singing by the Roden Chapel Singers and a group from White's Creek. Rev. Vernon Gober read scripture from Matt. 18 and the offering for the Childrens' Homes was taken. A message by Rev. Jimmy Shields reading from 2nd Cor. 6 and Romans 12 using the subject: We are the temple of God. The service was dismissed by Rev. Keith Montgomery.

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING
AT SOLITUDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JUNE 28 & 29, 1991**

Friday Night Service

The service opened with congregational singing and prayer. The first message was by Rev. Greg Eaton reading from St. John chapter 2 and Matthew chapter 26 using the subject: All these things will be added unto you. He was followed by Rev. Carl Creasy reading from Matt. 33 using the subject: Judas betraying Christ. The service was dismissed by prayer.

Saturday Morning Service

The service opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Emerald Bailey. The first message was by Rev. Ernest Roberson using the subject: God chose us. He was followed by Rev. Vernon Gober reading from Eccl. 2:14 and Prov. 2:1-12 using the subject: Wisdom and knowledge. Dismissed by Bro. Joe Tacker.

Saturday Afternoon Service

The service opened with Rev. Marvin Morrow leading the first song and Rev. Johnny Banks leading prayer. A message was by Rev. Charles Linam reading from Heb. 2:1-14 using the subject: Drifting away. The presbytery session followed.

Presbytery Session

The meeting was called to order by Mod. Vernon Gober and Charles Linam serving as his assistant. There were 8 churches, 12 ministers and 3 deacons present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. Rev. Emerald Bailey announced that he was leaving the association and asked for a letter of recommendation. The presbytery voted in favor of giving him a letter. Solitude send a letter recommending Bro. Gary Gober be ordained for the office of deacon. Bro. Gary was examined by the presbytery and found worthy. Rev. Edward Smith read scripture from 1st Tim 3 and the ordination service was conducted. Rev. Tim Hanback was elected Moderator, Rev. Edward Smith was elected assistant Moderator and Bro. Allan Gober was elected clerk of the presbytery for the next year. The Fifth Sunday Weekend Meetings were placed as follows - Sept. 1991, Piney Grove; Dec. 1991, Scotts Chapel; March 1992, New Chapel; May 1992, Shady Grove; August 1992, Murphy's Chapel. The program committee for the Sept. meeting was not chosen. Motion was made to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Virgil Gean.

Saturday Night Service

The service opened with congregational singing and prayer. The youth program consisted of the following: singing by the Senior Class of Solitude Church and a play and singing by the Junior Class of Solitude Church. A message was delivered by Rev. Marvin Morrow. The service was dismissed by prayer.

	BY BAPTISM	BY LETTER	BY EXPERIENCE	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	WITHDRAWN	DECEASED	MEMBERSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL	AVG. ATTENDANCE	DEACONS	ORDAINED MINISTERS	LICENSED MINISTERS	CHURCH VALUE	AMOUNT PAID PASTOR	PASTORAL HELP	HOME MISSIONS	MINUTE FUND	CHILDREN'S HOMES
ADAMSVILLE								75	75	31	4	3		\$80,000	\$3,475	\$300.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$200.00
BUMPUS CREEK	3						4	100	30		2	1		\$20,000	\$2,450	\$200.00		\$50.00	
MEERS GROVE			6				2	133	53	53	2	1		\$40,000	\$8,000	\$200.00		\$50.00	
MIDWAY	1			8				114	50	40	4	3		\$70,000	\$6,500	\$660.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$200.00
MT. OLIVE								24	15	10				\$25,000	\$1,000	\$165.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	
MURPHY'S CHAPEL	1	5			1			60	33	29		3		\$130,000	\$5,100	\$650.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	
NEW CHAPEL	2						2	56	25	32	1	1		\$50,000		\$300.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$150.00
NEW PLEASANT GROVE	3							34	20	40		1		\$40,000	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	
PINEY GROVE	1	1	6	1	1	2	182	117	75	75	3	5	1	\$55,000	\$4,776	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	
POSEY CHAPEL																			
RAYBORN CHAPEL							22	15	13	1				\$10,000	\$681	\$100.00		\$18.85	\$100.00
RODEN							30	18	22	2	1			\$70,000	\$2,080	\$200.00	\$75.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
SCOTT'S CHAPEL				1	1	1	131	75	69	5	4			\$120,000	\$5,100	\$450.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$426.00
SHADY GROVE							36	12	35	3	1	1		\$25,000	\$2,500	\$300.00	\$75.00	\$20.00	\$100.00
SOLITUDE		1	11	1	1	1	57	79	66	3	1			\$65,000	\$2,750	\$415.00	\$200.00	\$42.00	\$317.76
WHITES CREEK							111	58	59	2	3			\$65,000	\$3,480	\$450.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$316.25

MIDWAY meets every Sunday and Sunday night. NEW PLEASANT GROVE meets every Sunday and Sunday night. PINEY GROVE meets every Sunday and Saturday night before 3rd Sunday. WHITES CREEK meets every Sunday and 2nd and 4th Sunday nights.

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 Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be 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 delgate 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.

17. Any minister who fails to get his report before the presbytery for two consecutive years, his name shall be dropped from the minutes.

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 on 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 exercised 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 promise 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 _____,
withdrawn _____, expelled _____, dead _____,
total membership _____, number of students enrolled
in Sunday school _____, average attendance _____,
number of deacons _____, number ordained ministers _____,
number of licensed ministers _____. We have elected Rev.

_____ Address _____,
to pastor our church for the ensuing year. Valuation of church house
and property \$ _____, Contribution paid pastor \$ _____,
pastoral help \$ _____, given to home missions \$ _____,
minute funds \$ _____.

Moderator _____ Address _____
Clerk _____ Address _____

FORM OF RECEIVING MEMBERS IN CHURCH

Inasmuch as you present yourself for admission into the church of the Free Will Baptist in Christ, we rejoice with you that through the grace of God you have been brought to a knowledge of the truth and have been made partakers of the great salvation. The privileges you seek are above price and the duties enjoined are so solemn, it is proper, that you publicly confess your faith and vow your purpose by answering the following questions:

1. Q. Did you find yourself a sinner in the sight of God?
A. I Did.
2. Q. And you now believe that God has for Christ's sake pardoned and forgiven all your sins?
A. I Do
3. Q. And your desire is to become a member of the Free Will Baptist at this place?
A. Yes, Sir.
4. Q. Are you willing to be governed by our church rules?
A. Yes, Sir.
5. Q. Are you willing to contribute to the support of the gospel as God prospers you?
A. I Am.
6. Q. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and do you accept Him as your personal Saviour?
A. I Do.
7. Q. Do you believe the whole Bible is infallibly true, and are you willing to take the authorized King James Version, as your guide, to live by?
A. Yes, Sir.
3. Q. Do you believe in free and open communion? Let a man examine himself according to I Corinthians 11:28. Also in washing of the saints' feet, according to St. John 13?
A. I Do.
9. Q. Have you been baptized by immersion, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, according to St. Matthew 28:19?
A. _____

