

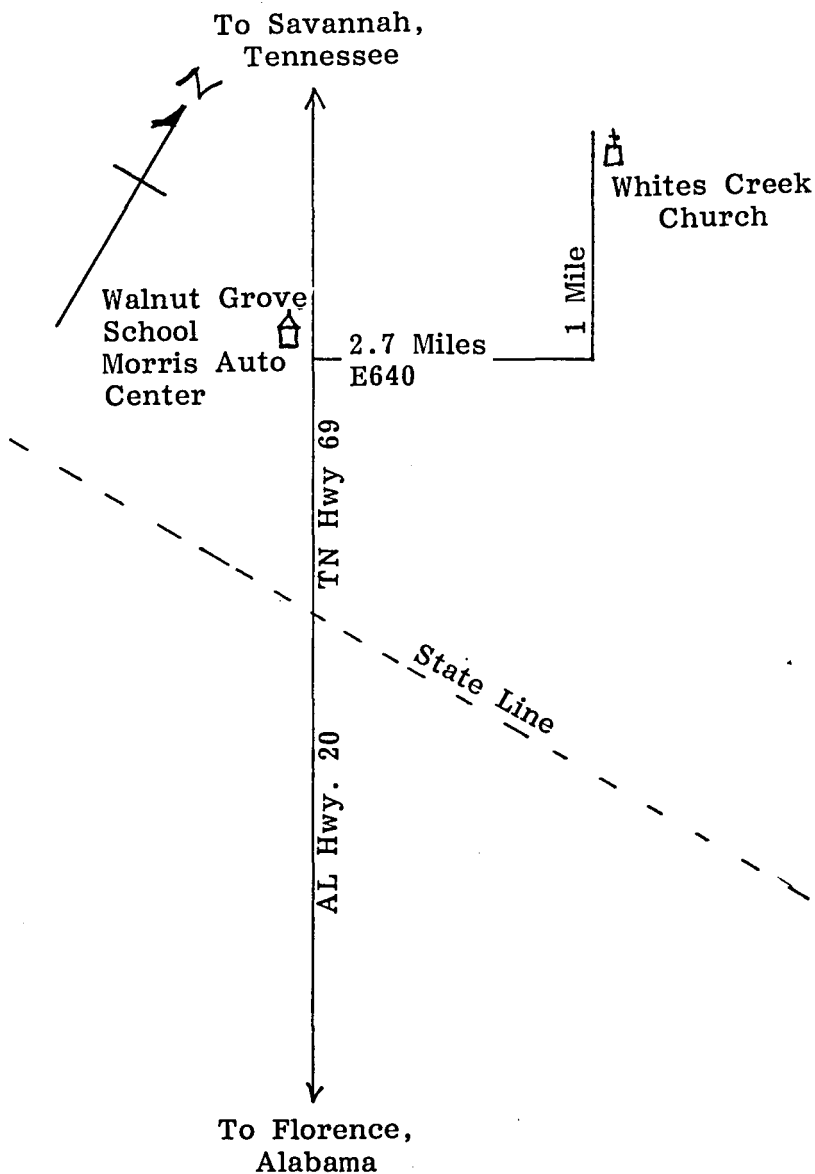
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(as elected this year)

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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is to meet with Churches when needed to deal with any 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. Jimmie Shields Rev. Edward Smith (Chairman)
Rev. Earl Rich Bro. Danny Brown
Rev. Nick White

PLACING OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS

Nov. 1992 Midway
Jan. 1993 New Chapel
May 1993 Murphy's Chapel
August 1993 Meek's Grove

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Midway	Susie Hall Rt. 1, Box 292, Russellville, TN 35653
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New Chapel	Doris Tucker Rt. 1, Box 354, Counce, TN 38326
New Pleasant Grove	Sue Franks Rt. 7, Box 77D, Savannah, TN 38372
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	Gwen Franks Rt. 1, Box 315, Olive Hill, TN 38475
Solitude	Betty Harville Rt. 2, Box 550, Adamsville, TN 38310
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New Pleasant Grove	Rev. Carlos Hughes
Piney Grove	Rev. Earnest Roberson
Posey Chapel	
Rayborn Chapel	Rev. Benton Brown
Roden	Rev. Clarence Jeffreys
Scotts Chapel	Rev. John E. Banks
Shady Grove	Rev. Edward Smith
Solitude	Rev. Marvin Morrow
Whites Creek	Rev. Jimmy McGee

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MT. OLIVE

MURPHY'S CHAPEL

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PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, September 18, 1992

The Tennessee River Association met with Solitude Church at 10:30 A.M.

Opening Song Led By Bro. Charles Moore
Prayer Alter Prayer
Message By Rev. Marvin Morrow
Scripture Ephesians 6:10,17
Subject Be strong in the Lord
Dismissed By Rev. John E. Banks

Friday Afternoon Session

Song Bro. Charles Moore
Scripture Read By Rev. Paul Childress
Scripture Read Ephesians 1:1-12
Prayer..... Rev. Vernon Gober

Appointment Of Various Committees

Reading Clerks Bro. Lemual Hanback, Odell Harper
Finance Bro. Jimmie Shields, Boyd Strickling, Otha Horton
Sunday School..Bro. Carl Creasy, Monroe Hubbard, Ricky Franks
Obituary Bro. Carl Harper, Ray Balentine, Edgar Melson
Program Bro. Vernon Gober, Joe Tacker, Jay Sandusky,
Howard Massey

CALLED FOR CHURCH LETTERS AND RECOGNIZED THE DELEGATES

ADAMSVILLE

Bro. Baxter Humphrey

BUMPUS CREEK

Bro. Ricky Franks

MEEKS GROVE

Bro. Charles Taylor, Paul Hurley, Gibb Barns

MIDWAY

By Letter

MT. OLIVE

By Letter

MURPHY'S CHAPEL

By Letter

NEW CHAPEL

Bro. Paul Childers, Howard Massey

NEW PLEASANT GROVE

Bro. Monroe Hubbard, Freddie Bowen

PINEY GROVE

Bro. Ray Balentine, Lemual Hanback, Jay Sandusky

POSEY CHAPEL

No Report

RAYBORN CHAPEL

Bro. Edgar Melson

RODEN

By Letter

SCOTTS CHAPEL

Bro. Ross Berry, Carl Harper, Otha Horton, Odell Harper

SHADY GROVE

Bro. Robert Franks, William Doyle

SOLITUDE

Bro. Joe Tacker, Allen Gober

WHITES CREEK

Bro. Boyd Strickling

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

General Business Bro. Edward Smith, Freddie Bowen,
Ross Berry, Allan Gober
Education Bro. Charles Moore, Charles Linam, Virgil Gean
Temperance ... Bro. Baxter Humphry, Randy Flatt, J. B. Harper
Benevolence Bro. Clarence Cook, Charles Taylor, Gibb Barns
Resolution of Thanks Bro. Paul Hurley, Lemual Hanback,
Odell Harper

Business meeting was dismissed to meet back at 9:00 A.M.
Saturday morning. Supper to be at 5:00 P.M. and service to start
at 6:30 P.M. Dismissed by Bro. Clarence Jefferys.

Friday Night Worship Service

Song Led By..... Bro. Marvin Morrow
Prayer..... Bro. Carl Harper
1st Message By..... Rev. Charles Linam
Scripture 1 Cor. 15:58
Subject Does Christ motivate you.
2nd Message By Rev. Jimmy Shields
Scripture Luke 15:1-7
Subject God carries us on His shoulders
Dismissed By Rev. Edward Smith

Saturday Morning Business Session

Song Led By Bro. Charles Moore
Scripture Read By Rev. Dalton Skaggs
Scripture John 5:24-25
Prayer Rev. Jimmy Shields

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 all our ministers pay a tenth 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 with 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 1 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 also 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 that 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 be 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.

We recommend that any church desiring to borrow money for any additions or improvements to petition the trustees at a quarterly meeting for up to two-thirds of the total amount in the fund, and if approved, to be granted at the next quarterly meeting. This money is to be repaid after one year without interest.

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

We recommend that the Association make plans to establish a youth center, to be owned by the Association and to be used by all member churches.

We recommend that each church encourage their youth to use the center and to participate in an Associational summer camp in connection with each church's Sunday School program.

Bro. Alan R. Gober, 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 633 in Sunday School, with an average attendance of 652.

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 had 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. Carl Creasy, 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 unto 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 is old he will not depart from it."*

Ephesians 6¹⁻⁶: *"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 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."*

Rev. Charles Linam, Chairman

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We your committee on temperance find the word temperance in regard to strong drink, wine, whiskey, drugs or any other

thing harmful to the body to mean total abstinence from these things.

We as Christians should remember that being temperate is not only moderation, but also abstinence from all things that are displeasing to the 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 *"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 any alcoholic beverage.

Titus 2:2 says, *"That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith in charity, and in patience",* and in 2 Peter 1:5-6 says, *"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness."*

1 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 guile."*

Once a word is spoken, it can not be unsaid.

James says in chapter 3, verse 8, *"But the tongue can no man tame: it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."*

TEMPERANCE - The virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites. Taken from the new Ungers Bible Dictionary.

Bro. Randy Flatt

OBITUARY REPORT

BUMPUS CREEK

Bro. John D. Tune

MIDWAY

Bro. Roy Fletcher, Bro. David Mason, Sis. Louise Waldrep

NEW PLEASANT GROVE

Sis. Charity Hubbard

SCOTTS CHAPEL

Sis. Lillie Berry, Sis. Ethel Jackson, Bro. Clifford Jackson,
Bro. Edd Martin, Bro. Chesley Harper.

SOLITUDE

Bro. Dewey Reaves

WHITES CREEK

Sis. Hattie Gean, Bro. Clifford Goodman

We trust our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bro. Carl Harper, 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.

As Christians we find in Colossians 3:13 the following, "Forbearing 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." Matthew 5:42 says, "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of them turn not thou away." In Acts 20:35 Paul says, "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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. Clarence Cook, Chairman

CLERK'S REPORT

1990 balance left in treasury	\$417.54
Minute Fund for 1991	631.45
Total	1,048.99
Expenses for printing 1991 minutes	450.00
Balance in treasury from 1991	\$620.12

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	75.00
New Chapel	50.00
New Pleasant Grove	50.00
Piney Grove	50.00
Posey Chapel	
Rayborn Chapel	16.00
Roden	20.00
Scotts Chapel	50.00
Shady Grove	20.00
Solitude	50.00
Whites Creek	50.00
Total	\$ 666.00

Bro. Boyd Strickling, Chairman

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT
RECEIPTS 1991-92

CHILDREN'S HOME

Adamsville	\$ 200.00
Midway	150.00
New Chapel	150.00
Roden	50.00
Scott's Chapel	426.00
Shady Grove	100.00
Solitude	317.78
White's Creek	316.25
	<u>\$ 1,710.03</u>

HOME MISSIONS

Adamsville.....	\$ 100.00
Bumpus Creek.....	100.00
Midway.....	100.00
Mt. Olivet	50.00
Murphy's Chapel	100.00
New Chapel	100.00
New Pleasant Grove	100.00
Roden.....	100.00
Scott's Chapel.....	100.00
Shady Grove	75.00
Solitude	200.00
White's Creek	75.00
	<u>\$ 1,200.00</u>

MINISTERS TITHES

Rev. J. B. Harper	\$ 220.00
Rev. Ernest Roberson	400.00
Rev. Edward Smith.....	301.00
	<u>\$ 921.00</u>

OTHER INCOME

Assoc. & Quarterly Offerings.....	\$ 1,861.23
Sale of Ministers Manuals	22.00
Interest Received on Account.....	439.06
	<u>\$ 2,322.29</u>

Total Received 1991-92	\$ 6,153.32
Balance Forwarded 1991-92	<u>11,016.31</u>
Total Received and Balance Forwarded.....	<u>\$17,169.63</u>

EXPENSES 1991-92

Alabama Children's Home	\$ 1,785.63
Tennessee Children's Home	1,785.63
Rev. J. B. Harper (Associational Pastor).....	1,800.00
Rev. John E. Banks (Associational Clerk)	200.00
Bro. Alan R. Gober (Quarterly Clerk).....	200.00
Bro. Alan R. Gober (Associational Sec. & Treasurer) ..	200.00
Total Expenses 1991-92	<u>\$ 5,971.26</u>

BALANCE FORWARDED 1992-93	<u>\$11,198.37</u>
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BUILDING FUND

Balance Forwarded 1991-92	\$ 4,611.46
Received from Rev. J. B. Harper	500.00
Interest received on account	150.38
BALANCE FORWARDED 1992-93	<u>\$ 5,261.84</u>

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

ASSOCIATIONAL PASTOR'S REPORT

Visited all the churches in the Association, some more than once. Filled in for some Pastors, conducted 1 revival, held 3 funerals, visited Posey Chapel Church two or three times, do no good. Money received \$3,070. Miles traveled 3,264.

Rev. J. B. Harper

ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

Bro. J. B. Harper was elected as associational pastor. Whites Creek Church will host the Association in 1993. Motion made and seconded to table the Scholarship fund at this time. Motion made and seconded to retain Posey's Chapel name in the minutes.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Led By Bro. Marvin Morrow
Prayer Bro. Earnest Robertson
1st Message By Rev. Paul Childers
Scripture Luke 6:39-45
Subject Jumping To Conclusions
2nd Message By..... Rev. Earl Rich
Scripture Exodus 3:7-14
Subject The Greatness Of God
Dismissed By Rev. Virgil Gean

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song Bro. Charles Moore
Prayer Bro. Clarence Cook
Scripture Read By..... Rev. Greg Eaton
Scripture Read Matt. 5:10-12
Dismissed By Rev. Greg Eaton
Supper to be at 5:00 P.M. and service to start at 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERY SESSION HELD AT THE ASSOCIATION SOLITUDE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 19, 1992

Moderator Rev. Tim Hanback being absent, Assistant Moderator Rev. Edward Smith called the meeting to order, with Rev. Vernon Gober assisting. There were 10 churches, 16 ordained ministers, 8 deacons, and 2 licensed ministers present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. The following ministers were present, reported, and were granted a card. John E. Banks, Carl Creasy, Earl Dixon, Greg Eaton, V. H. Grean, Vernon Gober, J. B. Harper, Charles Linam, Marvin Morrow, Earl Rich, Earnest Roberson, Jimmy Shields, Dalton

Skaggs, Edward Smith, Ealis Stephens, and L. L. Wilson. Rev. Benton Brown, Tim Hanback, Clarence Jeffreys and Rev. Lige Dickey and Nick White did not report but were granted a card due to illness. Rev. Mike Harper will be granted a card as soon as his report is received. Rev. Carlos Hughes was granted a card as an ordained minister after the ordination service. Rev. Paul Childers gave his report as a licensed minister. The presbytery received a letter from New Pleasant Grove recommending Bro. Carlos Hughes be ordained as a minister. Bro. Carlos was examined by the presbytery and was found worthy. Rev. Vernon Gober read scripture from I Timothy 3, and Bro. Carlos was ordained. Motion made and passed to adjourn.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORT

Rev. John E. Banks: Pastored Whites creek Church, Held 1 revival, Baptized 5, held 5 funerals, money received \$4,175.00. Card granted.

Rev. Benton Brown: Pastored one church, preached 45 sermons, held 1 communion service, 1 conference, married 1 couple, miles traveled 2,160, money received \$653.00. Paid 300.00 back to Church. Card granted.

Rev. Carl Creasy: Pastored Midway Church, assisted in 2 revivals, witnessed 4 professions, 4 rededications, baptized 2, added 2 to church, married 1 couple, conducted 1 conference, money received \$7,175.00, miles traveled 8,320. Card granted.

Rev. Earl Dixon: Pastored Community Gree Will Baptist Church. Conducted 1 revival, witnessed 3 rededications, received 5 into the church, conducted 3 conferences, conducted 2 funerals, assisted in 3, held 1 communion service, held 1 vacation Bible school. Money received \$3,060. Card granted.

Rev. Lige Dickey: No report. Sick. Card granted.

Rev. Greg Eaton: Pastored 1 church, preached 119 sermons, assisted in 9 Revivals, conducted 1 revival, witnessed 1 confession, witnessed 2 rededications, baptized 1, married 1 couple, conducted 1 communion service, assisted in 3 funerals, money received \$4,612. Card granted.

Rev. V. H. Gean: Pastored Burns Chapel Church, conducted 1 weekend revival, 1 revival, assisted in 2 revivals, witnessed 5 professions. Received 1 into the church, held 1 communion service. held 10 funerals, assisted in 1. Money received from funerals \$228.00. Money received from the church \$4,291. Card granted.

Rev. Vernon Gober: Pastored Scott's Chapel Church, preached 82 sermons, conducted 3 funerals, helped in 1, conducted 1 communion service, witnessed 2 professions, baptized 2, assisted in 1 revival, received 2 into the church, miles traveled 9,598, money received \$5,200. Card granted.

Rev. Tim Hanback: Pastored 1 church, preached 179 sermons, held 1 revival, assisted in 14 revivals, conducted 3 communion services, witnessed 6 professions, 7 rededications, baptized 5, added 5 into the church, held 5 funerals, married 3 couples, money received \$6,984. Card granted.

Rev. J. B. Harper: Same as associational pastor. Card granted.

Rev. Mike Harper: Preached 10 sermons, held 1 funeral, miles traveled 914, money received \$520. Card Granted.

Rev. Carl Hughs: Pastored 1 church, preached 102 sermons, held 1 revival, assisted in 1, held 1 communion service, held 1 conference, baptized 1, added 2 to the church, held 2 funerals, miles traveled 6,400, money received \$200. Card granted.

Rev. Clarence Jeffreys: Pastored Roden Church, conducted 4 communion services, 2 conferences, conducted 1 revival, money received \$2,180. Card granted.

Rev. Charles Linam: Pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, assisted in 1, conducted 1 funeral, held 1 conference, held 4 communion services, money received \$200. Card granted.

Rev. Keith Montgomery: No report. Card granted.

Rev. Marvin Morrow: Pastored 1 church, held 1 revival, miles traveled 5,600. Money received \$4,500. Card granted.

Rev. Virgil Moore: Sent report, sick all year. Card granted.

Rev. Earl Rich: Pastored 1 church, witnessed 3 professions, baptized 3, conducted 1 funeral, married 1 couple, assisted in 2 revivals, conducted 1 communion service, 1 conference, money received \$2,500. Card granted.

Rev. Earnest Roberson: Pastored 1 church, held 5 revivals, witnessed 2 professions, baptized 3, added 3 to the church, held 5 funerals, money received \$4,709. Card granted.

Rev. Jimmy Shields: Pastored 1 church, conducted 1 communion service, held 1 conference, held 3 revivals, assisted in 2, witnessed 6 professions, witnessed 1 rededication, baptized 8, received 7 into the church, conducted 3 funerals, married 1 couple, money received \$5,376. Card granted.

Rev. Dalton Skaggs: Pastored 1 church, preached 98 sermons, held 1 communion service, witnessed 25 professions, 1 rededication, baptized 19, added 20 to the church, held 2 funerals, married 2 couples, money received \$2,500. miles traveled 8,000. Card granted.

Rev. Edward Smith: Pastored 1 church, 1 revival, 2 weekend revivals, witnessed 1 profession, 2 rededications, baptized 1, added 1 to the church, assisted in 2 funerals, money received \$3,209. Card granted.

Rev. Ealis Stephens: Gave oral report. Card granted.

Rev. Nick White: No report, sick. Card granted.

Rev. L. L. Wilson: Gave oral report. Card granted.

Rev. Paul Childers: (Licensed Minister) Preached 65 sermons, held 1 revival, conducted 5 funerals, visited 10 churches, witnessed 1 rededication, 7 conversions, 19 baptisms, Money received \$137.00

SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Led By Bro. Charles Moore
Prayer By Rev. Dalton Skaggs
1st Message By Rev. Vernon Gober
Scripture Romans 8:5-11
Subject The Spirit of God
2nd Message By Rev. Edward Smith
Scripture Philippians
Subject It's Not What Happens, It's How You Handle
The Situation
Dismissed By Bro. Ross Vickory

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the committee of resolution of thanks, wish to first thank God for allowing us to meet in love and fellowship.

We wish to also thank the people of Solitude and the surrounding churches 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.

Bro. Odell Harper, Paul Hurley, Lem Hanback

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song Led By	Bro. Charles Moore
Prayer	Rev. Benton Brown
Offering For Children's Homes Taken By	Bro. John E. Banks
1st Message	Rev. Virgil Gean
Scripture	1 Samuel 1:17-28
Subject.....	The Birth Of Samuel
2nd Message By	Rev. J. B. Harper
Scripture.....	Luke 2:7-12
Subject	Signs
Dismissed By	Bro. Carl Harper

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING
CONVENED WITH PINEY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 1991**

Friday Evening Service

Service began with singing led by Bro. Robert Wright. Prayer by Rev. Ernest Roberson, followed by an altar prayer. The first message was brought by Rev. Carl Creasy reading from 2nd Peter 1:21 and 2:1-22 using the subject of "Present Times News". He was followed by Rev. Jimmy Shields reading from Acts 28:30-31 and Isaiah 62:10, using the subject of "God Opens Doors". Dismissed by Rev. Keith Montgomery.

Saturday Morning Service

Bro. Robert Wright led the first song. Prayer by Rev. Edward Smith. Special singing was enjoyed by Bro. Charles and Greg Eaton. The message was delivered by Rev. Marvin Morrow, reading from Hebrews 6:11-15 and Ephesians 6:10-11, with the subject of "Endurance." He was followed by a testimony service and handshake, the Good Spirit being felt. Dismissed by Rev. Vernon Gober.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Service opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Vernon Gober. Special singing also featured the Piney Grove Trio. The message was by Rev. Earl Dixon, reading from 1st Timothy 4:1-16, using the thought "That Thou Mayest Be a Good Minister."

Presbytery Session

Moderator Rev. Tim Hanback called the meeting to order, with Rev. Edward Smith assisting. There were 8 churches represented, with 12 ordained ministers and 4 ordained deacons present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. Rev. Keith Montgomery sent in his minister's report along with a letter notifying the Association that he will be leaving the body for an indefinite period of time, as he will join and pastor a church outside the Association. His report was accepted as read and no further action was taken as he has not yet transferred his membership. Rev. Vernon Gober, Rev. Mike Harper, and Bro. Danny Brown were placed on the program committee for the next meeting. Motion made and passed to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Marvin Morrow.

Saturday Evening Session

Service opened with singing by Bro. Robert Wright and prayer by Rev. Vernon Gober. The youth program included a skit about King David and singing by youth from various churches. The offering for the Children's Homes were conducted by Bro. Lem Hanback. He read scripture from St. Matthew 25:34-40 and 1st Corinthians 13:1-3. The opening message was brought by Rev. Greg Eaton, reading from Joshua 24:14-15. He was followed by Rev. Mike Harper using the thought, "Children-The Church of Tomorrow" and reading from St. Matthew 18:1-7, 19:14 and 21:15. Dismissed by Bro. Odell Harper.

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING
CONVENED WITH
SCOTTS CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 27 & 28, 1991**

Friday Evening Service

Service began with singing led by Bro. Odell Harper. Special singing was conducted by the church choir and prayer was offered by the Rev. Earl Dixon. Moderator Rev. Tim Hanback opened the worship service by reading Psalms 133:1. Prayer was led by the Rev. Edward Smith. The first message was brought by Rev. Earnest Roberson reading from St. John Chapter 9 with the subject of "Works Made Manifest". He was followed by Rev. Earl Rich reading from Psalms 33:4, using his subject "The Gift". Dismissed by Rev. Marvin Morrow.

Saturday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Alan Gober. Prayer by Rev. Vernon Gober. Prayer was also led by Rev. Charles Linam, followed by an altar of prayer. The first message was by Rev. Edward Smith, reading from II Kings 5:1-14, using "The Message and The Messenger" as his subject. He was followed by Rev. Clarence Jeffreys, reading from Daniel 1:1-21. Dismissed by Rev. Benton Brown.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Curtis Pigg and prayer led by Rev. Earl Dixon and Bro. Danny Brown. The message was by Rev. Benton Brown, reading from Jude 1-3, II Timothy 4:1-5, and II Corinthians 1:1-7, speaking about "Common Salvation."

Presbytery Session

Moderator Rev. Tim Hanback called the meeting to order, with Rev. Edward Smith assisting. There were 10 churches represented with 13 ordained ministers and 4 ordained deacons present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. New Chapel church sent a letter stating that Bro. Delbert Tucker has been placed under the watchcare of the church for the office of deacon. New Chapel also sent another letter asking that Bro. Paul Childers be licensed to preach the gospel for a period of one year. Bro. Paul was examined by the presbytery and was found worthy and the license was granted. Bro. Paul and his wife were then given the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Dalton Skaggs, Bro. Paul Childers and Bro. Howard Massey were placed on the program committee for the next meeting. Motion made and passed to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Alan Gober.

Saturday Evening Session

Service opened with singing by Bro. Odell Harper, followed by the youth program. The program began with singing by the church youth, followed by prayer led by Bro. James Harper. Bro. Greg Pigg read scripture from Psalms 24. Several skits were

performed each one conveying a message about God's greatness. The offering for the Children's Homes were taken up, with Bro. Danny Brown in charge. He read scripture from I Thessalonians 3:1-16. The message was brought by Rev. John E. Banks, reading from Romans Chapter 14, verses 17-19 and using the subject, "The Body Of Christ", bringing a wonderful message. Dismissed by Bro. Ernest West.

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING
CONVENED WITH NEW CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 27 & 28, 1992**

Friday Evening Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. D. E. Patterson. Prayer by Rev. Vernon Gober. Special singing was conducted by Sis. Paulette Stricklin, and Sis. Nancy Linam and Frankie Childers. Moderator Rev. Tim Hanback opened the worship service by reading from St. Matthew 18. The first message was brought by Rev. Greg Eaton reading from Hebrews 4:15-16, and St. Luke 22:7-9, using as his subject "Obeying God." He was followed by Rev. Carl Creasy reading from St. Luke 15:1-5 and 10:1-20 with the thought "Rejoice". Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Harper.

Saturday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Paul Childers and prayer by Rev. Earl Dixon. Special singing was conducted by the Shields family, followed by an altar prayer. The first message was brought by Rev. Vernon Gober reading from Ezekial 16:5-20 and I Corinthians 10:11. He was followed by Rev. Jimmy Shields reading from St. Matthew 8:18-20 and St. Luke 10:1-17, using as his subject "What Kind Of Follower Are You?" Dismissed by Bro. Ricky Franks.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Service began with singing by Rev. Earl Rich and special singing by Sis. Nancy Linam. Prayer was offered by Bro. Randy Flatt. The message was by Bro. Paul Childers reading from Nehemiah 8:1-6 and St. Matthew 5:18 with the subject "The Word of God."

Presbytery Session

Assistant Moderator Rev. Edward Smith called the meeting to order, in the absence of the Moderator, with Rev. Vernon Gober acting as assistant. There were 8 churches represented with 11 ordained ministers, 2 ordained deacons and 1 licensed minister present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. New Chapel church sent a letter stating that Bro. Richard Childers had been placed under the watchcare of the church for the office of deacon. The Progressive Association sent a letter requesting that Rev. Jerry Strickland be given a letter of recommendation as he has united with them. Motion made and passed that the letter be granted. Rev. Edward Smith, Rev.

Benton Brown, and Bro. Ricky Franks were placed on the program committee for the next meeting. Motion made and passed to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Alan Gober.

Saturday Evening Session

Service opened with Bro. Paul Childers leading the first song. Prayer was offered by Rev. Edward Smith. Special singing was conducted by the New Chapel Singers. The church youth program consisted of singing and a testimony service. Rev. Edward Smith was in charge of the Children's Homes offering, reading scripture from St. Matthew. The message was delivered by Rev. Charles Linam, reading from Genesis 3:1-10, Ephesians 2:2, and St. Luke 10:18, using the subject of "Hiding From God". Dismissed by Rev. Vernon Gober.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING CONVENED WITH SHADY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH MAY 29 & 30, 1992

Friday Evening Service

Service opened with congregational singing followed by an altar of prayer. Special singing was conducted by the Shields family and by Bro. Alan Gober. The first message was brought by Rev. Marvin Morrow reading from Psalms 46:1-3 using the subject "A Present Help In Time Of Trouble". He was followed by Rev. Tim Hanback reading from I Kings 3:8-13 and St. Matthew 7:7-14, speaking with the thought "Ask and Ye Shall Receive". Dismissed by Rev. Ernest Roberson.

Saturday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Rev. Tim Hanback, followed by an altar prayer. The first message was delivered by Rev. Earl Dixon reading from Psalms 78:1-8 and Proverbs 29:25, with the thought "Together". He was followed by Rev. J. B. Harper, in the absence of Rev. Dalton Skaggs. Rev. Harper read from II Timothy 3:1-5 speaking about "Commotion". Dismissed by song and an old-fashioned handshake.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Alan Gober. Special singing was performed by Sis. Joan Shields. The message was by Rev. Jimmy Shields, in the absence of Rev. L.L. Wilson. Rev. Shields read from Colossians 1:18 and II Timothy 4:2-3 with the subject "Why No Revival?"

Presbytery Session

Moderator Rev. Tim Hanback called the meeting to order, with Rev. Edward Smith assisting. There were 9 churches represented, with 7 ordained ministers and 3 ordained deacons present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Meeks Grove church sent a letter informing the presbytery that Bro. Charles Taylor has been placed under the watchcare of the church for one year for the office of deacon. Rev. Jimmy Shields, Rev. Earl Rich and Bro. Alan Gober were placed on the program committee for the next meeting. Motion made and passed to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Edward Smith.

Saturday Evening Session

Service opened with Bro. Alan Gober leading the first song. Prayer by Bro. Boyd Stricklin. Special singing was enjoyed by various members of the congregation. Bro. Alan Gober was in charge of the Children's Home Offering, reading scripture from Psalms 127:3-5 and Psalms 27:10. The message was by Rev. Mike Harper with the subject "Think." Dismissed by Bro. D. E. Patterson.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY WEEKEND MEETING CONVENED WITH MURPHY'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AUGUST 28 & 29, 1992

Friday Evening Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Ronnie Brown. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ernest Roberson. A welcome was made by Moderator Tim Hanback. The opening message was made by Rev. Greg Eaton, reading from Haggai 1:7 and Isaiah 38:1, with the thought "Consider Your Ways". He was followed by Rev. Keith Montgomery reading from St. John 8:1-11 with the subject "Forgiveness With No Condemnation." Dismissed by Bro. Carl Harper.

Saturday Morning Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Ronnie Brown followed by prayer led by rev. Vernon Gober. Special singing was conducted by Bro. Ronnie Brown. Rev. Tim Hanback read scripture from Proverbs 46:1-4. Prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Linam. A presentation was made by Bro. Jim Foster, a representative from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greenville, TN. Bro. Foster encouraged our continued support and informed the body of the Home's future plans. The message was brought by Rev. J. D. Norris, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist in Florence, AL. Rev. Norris read from Proverbs 11:30 and Acts 1:8 with the message "Winning Souls To Christ." Dismissed by Rev. V. H. Gean.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Service began with Bro. Ronnie Brown leading the first son. Prayer was led by Rev. Benton Brown. The message was by Rev. Carlos Hughes, reading from I Corinthians 12:12-18 and 25-27, speaking on "The Body Of Christ."

Presbytery Session

Moderator Rev. Tim Hanback called the meeting to order, with Rev. Edward Smith assisting. There were 11 churches represented, with 14 ordained ministers, 1 licensed minister and 4 ordained deacons present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. Bro. H. C. Richardson sent a letter along with his ordination papers. The presbytery voted to accept his credentials and to remove his name from the list of ordained deacons. Rev. Charles Linam was elected Moderator, Rev. Earl Rich was elected as assistant Moderator and Bro. Alan Gober was re-elected clerk of the presbytery for the coming year. The Fifth Sunday Weekend Meetings were placed as follows: Nov. 1992 - Midway; Jan. 1993 - New Chapel; May 1993 - Murphy's Chapel; August 1993 - Meek's Grove. The presbytery voted in favor of changing the election date of the associational pastor to the Annual Associational meeting. Rev. Carl Creasy, Rev. J. B. Harper and Bro. Stancil Robbins were placed on the program committee for the next meeting. Motion made and passed to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Dalton Skaggs.

Saturday Evening Service

Service opened with singing led by Bro. Ronnie Brown. Prayer led by Rev. Vernon Gober. Special singing was conducted by Bro. Alan Gober and the church youth. Rev. Earl Rich was in charge of the offering for the Children's Home. He read scripture from II Corinthians 8:9-14. The message was brought by Rev. Dalton Skaggs reading from St. Matthew 18:1-9, bring a wonderful message. Dismissed by Rev. Earl Rich.

	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				2				75		32	4	3		\$ 80,000	\$ 4,075	\$ 200.00	\$100.00	\$ 75.00	\$200.00
BUMPAS CREEK	1	2						103	30	30	2	1		\$ 20,000		\$ 75.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	
MEERKS GROVE	2	2	2	2				136	56	56	2	2		\$ 40,000		\$ 250.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$200.00
MIDWAY	2	2	3	2			3	113	40	50	4	3		\$110,000	\$ 7,175	\$ 450.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$200.00
MT. OLIVE				1				15	10	13				\$ 25,000		\$ 350.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00	
MURPHY'S CHAPEL	7							62	30			3		\$130,000	\$ 5,700	\$ 575.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$120.00
NEW CHAPEL	18	2						78	40	45	1	1	1	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,500		\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$150.00
NEW PLEASANT GROVE		2					1	35	20	42		1	1	\$ 40,000	\$ 200.	\$ 150.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	
PINEY GROVE	3		1					187	108	63	3	5	1	\$ 55,000	\$ 4,709	\$ 300.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$250.00
POSEY CHAPEL																			
RAYBORN CHAPEL								22	15	12	1			\$ 10,000	\$ 774.	\$ 76.00		\$ 16.00	\$ 50.00
RODEN								30	18	25	2	1		\$ 75,000	\$ 2,080	\$ 340.00	\$100.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00
SCOTTS CHAPEL	3		2				5	130	75	69	5	4		\$120,000	\$ 5,200	\$ 500.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$421.00
SHADY GROVE	1			1				40	12	30	2			\$ 25,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 287.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 20.00	\$100.00
SOLITUDE	1				1		1	59	76	63	3	1		\$ 65,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 500.00	\$100.00	\$ 50.00	\$284.26
WHITES CREEK	1						2	112	71	57	2	1		\$ 65,000	\$ 4,075	\$ 350.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00	\$357.00

Midway meets Sun., Sun. Night & Wed. night. New Pleasant Grove meets every Sun. and Sun. night. Wed. night. Piney Grove meets every Sun. and Sat. night before 3rd Sun. Scotts Chapel meets every Sun. and Sun. night. Solitude meets every Sun. and 2d & 4th Sun. 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 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.

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 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 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 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.
8. 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. _____

