

MINUTES
of the
133rd Annual Session
of the
TENNESSEE RIVER
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
when convened with
PINEY GROVE FWB CHURCH

September 17, 2011

The next association will convene with
WHITES CREEK FWB Church

On Saturday before the third Sunday
September 16, 2012, at 9:00 A.M.

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

(all officers elected in even numbered years)

Moderator	Rev. Greg Eaton, 295 Kilburn Hollow Road Waynesboro, TN 38485: Phone (931) 722-7581
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Marcus Morrow 3420 Cromwell Ridge Road Cypress Inn, TN 38452: Phone (931) 724-5830
Secretary/ Treasurer	Bro. Lem Hanback, 4141 Rose Lane Cypress Inn, TN 38452 Phone (931)724-4999
Assistant Secretary/ Treasure	Bro. Stan Horton, 2030 Spain Road Cypress Inn, TN 38452 Phone (931) 724-5572

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

(all members elected in even numbered years)

Bro. Lem Hanback	Secretary/Treasurer...4141 Rose Lane, Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Rev. Junior Overstreet	1289 Dave Rich Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Bro. Randy Bratton	5480 Hwy 17, Florence, AL 35634

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(one member elected each year - year indicates expiration of term)

Rev. Paul Childers (2013) Rev. Charles Linam (2014)

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

(senior minister in years shall serve as Chairman)

(one member elected each year - year indicates expiration of term)

Rev. Bobby Rich (2012) Bro. Joe Hanback (2013) Bro. Robert Jarred (2014)
Rev. John E. Banks (2015) Rev. Marcus Morrow (2016)

REVIEW COMMITTEE

(all elected each year - maximum of 2 consecutive years - year indicates when 1st elected)

This committee is to review the character and testimony of the ministers with a lifetime card each year. Requires 2 Ministers with a minimum of 15 years service.

Rev. Paul Childress (2011) Rev. Marvin Morrow Rev. Bobby Kelley

ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTORS

Bro. Joe Hanback	1140 Bear Creek Road, Collinwood, TN 38450 Phone (931) 724-9937
Bro. Stan Horton	2030 Spain Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 Phone (931) 724-5572

CHURCH PASTORS

Adamsville	Rev. Marcus Morrow 3420 Cromwell Ridge Road, Cypress Inn, TN, 38452 Phone (931) 724-5830
Bumpus Creek	Rev. Jimmy McGee 470 Hwy. 69, Savannah, TN
Meeks Grove	-----No Pastor
Midway	Rev. Glen Bobo 510 Marque Rite Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805 (256)-518-9123
Murphy's Chapel	Interim Pastor: Rev. Charles Linam 26 Southerland Lane, Savannah, TN 38372 (731) 438-7961
New Chapel	Rev. Paul Childers 1485 Mayhall Road, Counce, TN 38326 Phone: (731) 689-5548
New Pleasant Grove	-----
Piney Grove	Rev. Greg Eaton 295 Kilburn Hollow Road, Waynesboro, TN 38485 Phone: (931) 722-7581
Plummer's Chapel	Rev. Bobby Kelley 900 Burks, Rd. Savannah, TN 38372 (731)925-4325
Scotts Chapel	Rev. Junior Overstreet 1289 Dave Rich Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 Phone (931) 724-4795
Shady Grove	Rev. Randy Stricklin 7397 County Rd 61, Florence, AL 35632 (256) 702-1239
Solitude	Rev. Shane Thompson 6887 Leapwood-Enville Road, Adamsville, TN, 38310
Whites Creek	-----

ORDAINED MINISTERS:
YEAR OF ORDINATION
ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Rev. Chad Balentine (1999)	P.O. Box 251, Collinwood, TN 38450 Phone: (931) 722-8791
Rev. John E. Banks (1977)	1344 Chisholm Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 Phone: (931) 724-9156
Rev. Randy Carroll (2003)	Adamsville, TN 38310 (731)632-1777
Rev. Paul Childers (1991)	1485 Mayhall Road, Counce, TN 38326 Phone: (731) 689-5548
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Rev. Charles Linam (1982)	26 Southerland Lane, Savannah, TN 38372 Phone: (731) 438-7961
Rev. Bobby Kelley (2005)	900 Burks Road, Savannah, TN 38372 Phone (731) 925-4325
Rev. Marcus Morrow (2001)	3420 Cromwell Ridge, Cypress Inn, TN, 3845 e-mail: mrcsmorrow@hotmail.com Phone (931) 724-5830
Rev. Marvin Morrow (1976)	3415 Cromwell Ridge, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 Phone: (931) 724-9663
Rev. Junior Overstreet (2001)	1289 Dave Rich Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 Phone (931) 724-4795
Rev. Bobby Rich (2004)	5475 Middle Cypress Road, Iron City, TN 38463 Phone: (931) 724-5290
Rev. Dalton Skaggs (1977)	100 Catawba Dr., Collinwood, TN 38450 Phone: (931) 724-9622
Rev. Edward Smith (1957)	3856 Shiloh Adamsville, Stantonville, TN 38379 Phone: (731) 632-4413
Rev. Shane Thompson (2009)	6887 Leapwood-Enville Road, Adamsville, TN 38310 Phone
Rev. Forrest Wolfe (2011)	285 Fullwood Rd., Stantonville, TN 38379

LICENSED MINISTER

Bro. Camryn Eaton	295 Kilburn Hollow Rd., Waynesboro, TN 38485
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ROLL OF DECEASED MINISTERS

<u>Minister</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Rev. George W. Arnold	23
Rev. R. T. Berry	10
Rev. Benton Brown	39
Rev. Elton Cotner	39
Rev. Carl Creasy	26
Rev. Vernon Creasy	9
Rev. Lige Dickey	44
Rev. V.H. Gean	65
Rev. Boss G. Gibson	4
Rev. Vernon H. Gober	40
Rev. B. A. Hale	20
Rev. Don Hanback	1
Rev. J. B. Harper	60
Rev. Clarence Harris	5
Rev. R. A. Johnson	35
Rev. W.C. Jones	Unknown
Rev. J. B. McGee	18
Rev. L. L. Moore	22
Rev. Virgil Moore	44
Rev. J. A. Moyer	26
Rev. R. P. Owen	14
Rev. J. Whitfield Phillips	42
Rev. Walker Rich	13
Rev. H. M. Richardson	12
Rev. Earnest Robertson	9
Rev. Dewey Stults	11
Rev. J. J. Tune	Unknown
Rev. Eargin Warren	18
Rev. J. B. Webb	Unknown
Rev. Nick White	43
Rev. L. L. Wilson	43

LOCATION OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

December 2011-----New Chapel FWB
 March 2012 -----Piney Grove FWB
 June 2012-----Midway FWB
 (Bible Bowl to be held at Midway Church after June Meeting)

ORDAINED DEACONS

ADAMSVILLE

Bro. Robert Jarrett

1861 Caney Branch Road, Adamsville, TN 38310
Phone (731) 632-4151

Bro. Virgil Nixon

939 Old Shiloh Road, Adamsville, TN 38310
Phone (731) 632-4620

Bro. Jerry Scott

340 Palmer Street, Adamsville, TN 38310
Phone (731) 632-4629

BUMPUS CREEK

Bro. Glen Austin

2700 Holland Creek Road, Savannah, TN 38372

MEEKS GROVE

Bro. Jerry Whitten

1084 Tommy Sanders Road, Stantonville, TN 38379
Phone (731) 632-4732

MIDWAY

Bro. Claude Hall

2375 Waldrep Loop Road, Leighton, AL 35646
Phone (256) 446-8757

MURPHY'S CHAPEL

NEW CHAPEL

NEW PLEASANT GROVE

ORDAINED DEACONS (continued)

PINEY GROVE

- Bro. Robert D. Wright 6085 South Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Phone (931) 724-9691
- Bro. Coy Weeks 685 Little Cypress Road, Iron City, TN 38463
Phone (931) 724-4593
- Bro. Joe Hanback 1140 Bear Creek Road, Collinwood, TN 38450
Phone (931) 724-9937
- Bro. Randy Bratton 5480 Hwy 17, Florence, AL 35634
Phone (256) 764-8289
- Bro. Stan Horton 2030 Spain Rd., Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Phone (931) 724-5572

PLUMMER'S CHAPEL

- Bro. Odell Franks (Under Watch Care) 465 Andrews Lane, Savannah, TN 38372

SCOTTS CHAPEL

- Bro. Robert Berry 2355 Weatherford Creek Road, Lutts, TN 38471
Phone (931) 724-9011
- Bro. Danny Brown 1016 Oakwood Dr., Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Phone (931) 724-9509
- Bro. Joel Pigg 4114 Walter Pigg Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Phone (931) 724-9263

SHADY GROVE

- Bro. Paul Franks 917 Jower Rd., Olive Hill, TN 38475
Phone (731) 607-6921

SOLITUDE

- Bro. Charles Moore 8746 Leapwood-Enville Road, Adamsville, TN 38310
Phone (731) 632-3112
- Bro. Greg Martin 1900 Pine Ridge Lane, Adamsville, TN 38310
Phone (731) 632-5061

WHITES CREEK

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Adamsville	Sis. Cindy Wolfe 285 Fullwood Road, Stantonville, TN 38379
Bumpus Creek	Sis. Linda Scott 9224 Sixty-Nine Hwy., Lutts, TN 38471
Meeks Grove	Sis. Betty Milford 1123 Tommy Sanders Road, Stantonville, TN 38379
Midway	Sis. Lela Hall 375 Waldrep Loop, Leighton, AL 35646
Murphy's Chapel	Sis. Wanda Brown 10366 County Road 15, Florence, AL 35633 Phone (256)766-9668
New Chapel	Sis. Teresa Stanford 690 Red Sulphur Road, Counce, TN 38326 (731)607-6202 Email: thestanfords@centurytel.net
New Pleasant Grove	Sis. Rachel Palmer P. O. Box 921, Savannah, TN 38372
Piney Grove	Bro. Roger Stults 1080 Big Cypress Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 Phone (931) 724-9295
Plummer's Chapel	Bro. Odell Franks 65 Andrews Lane, Savannah, TN 38372
Scotts Chapel	Sis. Jeanette Staggs 98 Staggs Rd, Iron City, TN 38463 Phone (931) 724-9730
Shady Grove	Sis. Nora Melson Coy Hill Rd., Olive Hill, TN 38475
Solitude	Sis. Willodean Harville 9048 Leapwood-Enville Road, Adamsville, TN 38310
Whites Creek	Sis. Peggy Morris 9365 Hwy 69, Lutts, TN 38471 Phone: (931)724-5207

YOUTH LEADERS

Adamsville	Sis. Brandi Sharit & Bro. Zach Sharit 7040 Hwy. 22, Adamsville, TN 38310 Phone: (731)632-0013
Bumpus Creek	-----
Meeks Grove	Sis. Janie Stutts Snake Creek Loop, Adamsville, TN 38310
Midway	Sis. Melonie Vandiver 215 Wolf Spring Road, Leighton, AL 35646 (256) 446-6743 Sis. Felicia Jefferys 346Fox Trap Road, Tuscumbia, AL 35674 (256) 331-1946
Murphy's Chapel	Bro. Ronald Brown 10366 County Road 15, Florence, AL 35633, (256)-766-9668
New Chapel	Stephen & Bridgett Lee 295 Federal Rd. , Counce, TN 38326 Email: fireman315@hotmail.com
New Pleasant Grove	Bro. Shane Stults & Sis April Stults
Piney Grove	Bro. Joe Hanback 140 Bear Creek Road, Collinwood, TN 38450 Phone (931) 724-9937
Plummer's Chapel	-----
Scotts Chapel	Sis. Gina Brewer 1337 Railroad Bed Rd., Collinwood, TN 38450 (931) 724-5341 Sis. Melissa Berry 105 Berry Lane, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 (931) 724-9745 Sis. Paige Overstreet 1289 Dave Rich Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 (931) 724-4795 Bro. Greg Pigg 2475 Spain Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452 (931) 724-9116
Shady Grove	-----
Solitude	Bro. Mike & Sis. Denise Lobb Bethel Springs, TN 38315
Whites Creek	Sis. Pam White 220 Candy Lane, Savannah, TN 38372 (731) 925-9257 -Home (731) 438-1049 -Cell

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, September 17, 2011

9:00am

Song by:	Bro. Joe Hanback
Prayer by:	Rev. Marcus Morrow
Welcome by:	Rev. Greg Eaton, Moderator
Scripture by:	Rev. Carlos Hughes
Scripture:	Psalms 14:1
Altar Prayer led by:	Rev. Greg Eaton

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

(Appointed each year)

Reading Clerks	Bro. Carl Harper & Bro. Robert Jarrett
Finance	Bro. Jerry Whitten, Rev. Bobby Kelley, Bro. Randy Bratton
Sunday School	Rev. Bobby Rich, Bro. Roger Stults, Bro. Tommy Grisham
Obituary	Sis. Susie Hall, Sis. Alice Starnes, Bro. Carol Curry

LETTERS

AND RECOGNIZED THE DELEGATES

Adamsville

Bro. Edward Brown & Bro. Billy Sweat

Bumpus Creek

Bro. Glen Austin & Bro. George Stricklin

Meeks Grove

Bro. Jerry Whitten, Bro. Ray Milford, Bro. Rex Milford,
Bro. Paul Sweat, Bro. Tommy & Sis. Carolyn Grisham

Midway

Sis. Lela Hall, Sis. Susie Hall & Sis. Crystal Hall

Murphy's Chapel

Bro. Ronnie Brown, Bro. Billy Hill & Bro. Chuck Wagner

New Chapel

Bro. Eddie & Sis Linda Griffin & Sis. Anecia Price

New Pleasant Grove

Piney Grove

Bro. Lem Hanback , Bro. Roger Stults & Bro. Camryn Eaton

Plummer's Chapel

Bro. Odell Franks & Sis. Sue Franks

Scotts Chapel

Bro. Carl Harper, Bro. Elzo Smith,
Bro. Curtis Pigg, & Bro. David Berry

Shady Grove

Bro. Robert Franks

Solitude

Bro. Al Starnes & Sis. Alice Starnes

Whites Creek

Bro. Carol Curry & Bro. Ross Vickery

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

(appointed each year)

General Business

Rev. Junior Overstreet, Rev. Paul Childers,

Bro. Virgil Nixon, Rev. Greg Eaton & Rev. Shane Thompson

Education

Bro. Elzo Smith, Bro. Robert Berry, & Bro. Glen Austin

Temperance

Bro. Rex Milford, Bro. David Berry, & Bro. Al Starnes

Benevolence

Rev. Carlos Hughes, Rev. Charles Linam, Bro. Ronnie Brown

Resolution of Thanks

Sis. Lela Hall, Bro. Odell Franks, & Bro. Eddie Griffin

Dismissed by

Rev. Shane Thompson

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15AM

Song Led by

Bro. Curtis Pigg

Prayer Led by

Bro. Ross Vickery

1st Message by

Rev. John E. Banks

Scripture

Acts 20: 28&29

2nd Message by

Rev. John Hodum

Scripture

I Samuel 22: 1&2

Home Mission Offering:

\$387.66

Dismissed for lunch

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

1:00PM

Opening song led by
Children's Home Offering
Special Singing by:
Message by
Scripture
Subject

\$453.00

Rev. Shane Thompson

Piney Grove Youth Group

Bro. Camryn Eaton

Matthew 15: 13-16

We Are The light of the World

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

GENERAL BUSINESS REPORT

We your committee on general business recommends the committee be composed of five members.

We recommend that each church send \$200.00 to the Home Missions Board each year. We recommend it be sent with church letter to association.

We recommend that the deacons and pastors remind the 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 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 a pastor.

We recommend Quarterly Meetings be placed at Associational Meeting.

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

We recommend preachers and deacons attend the Associational meetings.

We recommend directions to the host church of the Association remain in the minutes each year.

We recommend that any church desiring to borrow money for any additions or improvements, petitions the trustee for up to \$15,000.00, and if approved to be granted the money within 14 days of the petition. This money is to be repaid within three years without interest.

We recommend that each church financially support the work of the youth group and continue the quarterly youth meetings. We recommend their annual donation be sent with the church letter to the association.

We recommend that each church include the name and address of the youth director in their letter each year.

We recommend the names of all ministers and deacons present at each presbytery meeting be shown in the minutes.

We recommend that each church take up a special offering on the last Sunday in November, to be sent to the Home Missions Board, for the benefit of National Home

Missions.

We recommend that each church take up a special offering on the last Sunday in April, to be sent to the Home Missions Board, for the benefit of National Foreign Missions.

We recommend that each church have a missionary visit at least once a year (Home or Foreign).

Rev. Paul Childers, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

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

We have heard from 12 churches which have a present enrollment of 511 in Sunday School, with an average attendance of 594.

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, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that all Sunday School Superintendents take an active role in overseeing Sunday School activities and make recommendations that will encourage strong leadership qualities in Sunday School teachers and enhance the attendance of Sunday School members.

We recommend that all churches provide up to date study/teaching materials for all age classes. We also encourage Sunday School Superintendents in the Association to meet and discuss methods of teaching and activities of the churches and methods of problem solving. We recommend that the meeting be held quarterly for these sessions.

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. Roger Stults, 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 4:1-4 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 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 God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.

We recommend that parents monitor school curriculum. We also recommend that parents cooperate with schools as long as it is not against the teaching of the Bible. Christian parents should 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.*

We recommend that all Sunday School teachers be chosen with prayer and great consideration for the children and that they have been in good standing with the church for at least 1 year.

Bro. Glen Austin, Chairman

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We your committee on Temperance in regard to strong drink, whiskey, drugs or any other thing harmful to the body to mean total abstinence is the best policy. We believe voting or allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages should also be forsaken. Make a stand for God, he has stood for you. Also, remember to think before we speak. Regarding others feelings is important.

Temperance is a fruit of the spirit. Galatians 5:23.

Ephesians 5:8 says, *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the spirit.*

Remember the world is looking at us and our behavior as an excuse not to serve God.

Bro. Rex Milford, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

Although we grieve and miss our loved ones, we trust that our loss is Heavens gain. We rejoice that we will meet again one day.

Adamsville

Sis. Mary Ruth Hamm & Bro. Joe Gibbs

Bumpus Creek

Bro. Jack Benson

Meeks Grove

Sis. Shelia Guynes, Bro. Andy Stevens, Bro. Bill Sherron,
& Bro. Gearld Ferguson

Murphy Chapel

Rev. Carl Creasy & Sis. Nevada Newton

New Chapel

Sis. Maxine Yarabrough, Sis. Betty Glisson McLin
& Bro. Robert Groves.

Scotts Chapel
Solitude
Whites Creek

Bro. James Harper & Bro. Leyonne Harper
Sis. Flora Reaves & Bro. Webster Harville
Sis. Louise Barrier & Bro. Hershal White
Bro. Carrol Curry, 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 that the pastors and church members as a whole body should visit the sick of the church and the people of the church community. We recommend each pastor coming into a new church at the beginning of a new year visit the community surrounding the church. 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 Acts 20:35 Paul says, *I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring 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 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.*

And remember the most important things. I Corinthians 13:13 says *...and now abideth Faith, Hope, Charity, these three, But the greatest of these is Charity.*

Rev. Charles Linam, Chairman

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK'S REPORT

Balance as of September 13, 2010 and reported at 2010 associational meeting	\$ 2,130.52
Minute fund receipts for 2010 Associational Meeting	615.00
Bank Balance TOTAL on September 20, 2010	<u>\$2,745.52</u>
 Paid Office Depot for printing minutes on 11-19-10	 \$695.82
Interest Earned for 2010-2011	16.31

Balance as of September 15, 2011	<u>\$ 2,066.01</u>
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Bro. Lem Hanback, Associational Clerk/ Treasurer

HOME MISSIONS GENERAL FUND

Balance Forward 2010-2011	\$13,373.76
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Children's Home

Adamsville	\$1,200.00
Meeks Grove	\$1,000.00
Midway	\$ 200.00
Murphy's Chapel	\$ 300.00
New Chapel	\$ 1090.69
Plummer's Chapel	\$ 200.00
Scott's Chapel	\$ 777.77
White's Creek	\$ 885.00
Associational Meeting 2010	\$ 729.67
Quarterly Meetings 2010-2011	\$1,303.14
Total Children's Home Offering 2010-2011	<u>\$7,861.27</u>

Home Missions

Adamsville	\$ 200.00
Bumpus Creek	\$ 450.00
Meeks Grove	\$ 200.00
Midway	\$ 200.00
Murphy's Chapel	\$ 200.00
New Chapel	\$ 200.00
Piney Grove	\$ 300.00
Plummers Chapel	\$ 200.00
Scott's Chapel	\$ 200.00
White's Creek	\$ 200.00
Association 2010	\$ 520.00
Quarterly Meetings 2010- 2011	\$ 578.00

TOTAL Home Mission Offerings 2010-2011	<u>\$3,468.00</u>
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Foreign Missions

Bumpus Creek	\$ 450.00
Whites Creek	\$ 300.00
TOTAL Foreign Missions Offerings 2010-2011	<u>\$ 750.00</u>

Balance forward from 2010	\$13,373.76
Children's Home Offerings 2010/11	7,861.27
Home Mission Offering 2010/11	3,468.00
Foreign Missions Offering 2010/11	750.00
Interest for 2010/11	148.25
TOTAL INCOME 2010/11	\$25,601.28

Expenses for 2010-2011

Associational Clerk/Treasure	\$ 400.00
Assistant Clerk	\$ 200.00
Alabama Children's Home	\$3,930.64
Tennessee Children's Home	\$3,930.64
Foreign Missions	\$ 750.00
Postage	\$ 236.25
James Harper Memorial	75.00
Carl Creasy (donation)	\$1,000.00
Claude/Lela Hall (donation)	\$1,000.00
Carl Creasy (memorial)	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSE for 2010/11	<u>\$11,572.53</u>

Total Income	(+) \$25,601.28
Expenses	<u>(-) \$11,572.53</u>
Ending Balance	\$14,028.75
TOTAL FORWARD for 2010-2011	<u>\$14,028.75</u>

BUILDING FUND

Balance Forward	\$17,098.65
Income New Chapel paid	\$ 4,960.00
Antioch Church	\$ 1,935.59
TVEC Refund (Rayburn Creek)	\$ 183.42
Gas Heater (M. Morrow)	\$ 100.00
Interest for 2010/2011	\$ 136.12
TOTAL INCOME for 2010/2011	\$ 7,315.13

Total Beginning Balance & Income	\$ 24,413.78
Expense / Utilities (Rayburn Creek)	\$ -74.98
TOTAL FORWARD FOR 2011-2012	<u>\$24,338.80</u>

Bro. Lem Hanback, Treasurer

ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

PRESBYTERY SESSION

Called to Order by

Moderator, Rev. Greg Eaton

Roll Call **11 Churches Present**--- Adamsville, Bumpus Creek, Meeks Grove, Midway, Murphy's Chapel, New Chapel, Piney Grove, Plummer's Chapel, Scotts Chapel, Solitude, & Whites Creek.

12 Ministers Present—John E. Banks, Paul Childers, Greg Eaton, Carlos Hughes, Charles Linam, Bobby Kelley, Marcus Morrow, Junior Overstreet, Bobby Rich, Dalton Skaggs, Edward Smith, & Shane Thompson

8 Deacons—Robert Jarrett, Virgil Nixon, Glen Austin, Jerry Whitten, Robert D. Wright, Joe Hanback, Randy Bratton, & Stan Horton.

1 Visiting Minister—John Hodum

2 Licensed Deacons—Odell Franks & Stephen Lee.

1. The minutes of the June 2011 Quarterly meeting were read by Bro. Stan Horton and approved by the assembly.
2. The 2011 Associational Meeting was placed at Whites Creek FWB Church. We will meet on Saturday before the third Sunday in September 2012. Other churches asking for the Association were Piney Grove & Midway Churches.
3. The quarterly meetings for 2011/2012 were placed. December 2011-New Chapel FWB Church, March 2012-Piney Grove FWB Church, June 2012-Midway FWB Church. **The December quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in December instead of the traditional Saturday before the 3rd Sunday.**
4. Rev. Greg Eaton will notify the City of Collinwood that they have until July 1st 2012 to move the Rayburn Creek Building. Mr. Pate will be notified that he can go ahead and buy the property before that date if he wants to.
5. Rev. Shane Thompson & Rev. Paul Childers introduced the idea to have a banner presented to the church which had the most members present at our Quarterly Meetings & Associational Meeting. The motion passed so a banner will be presented to a church in December at the 1st quarterly meeting of this year. (The host church will not be able to participate in this contest).
6. Bro. Jerry Whitten, deacon at the Meeks Grove FWB Church, ask the Association to help them find a pastor for their church.
7. Bro. Joe Hanback made a motion that the Associational Bible Bowl be held the same day as the June Quarterly Meeting. Beginning around 4pm.
8. A letter was read from the Piney Grove FWB Church stating that Bro. Camyron Eaton be licensed to preach the gospel for the incoming year. The Presbytery met with Bro. Camyron and approved him to be licensed.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. Chad Balentine

Did not give report. Card granted.

Rev. John E. Banks

Pastored McGlamery Church, held 1 revival, held 3 funerals, baptized 4. Has lifetime card.

Rev. Randy Carroll

Did not give report. Card granted.

- Rev. Paul Childers** During the past year was pastor of New Chapel FWB Church. conducted 1 conference, witnessed 2 professions of faith, 1 rededications, baptized 2, held 3 communions and foot washings, officiated at 8 funerals, and received 11 into the church. I will continue to pastor New Chapel FWB Church for the upcoming year.
- Rev. Greg Eaton** Pastored of Piney Grove Church, sermons preached 100, revivals held 5, professions witnessed 2, baptized 2, added to church 8, funerals preached 13, weddings 4, held 2 communion and foot washing, 1 baby dedication, miles traveled 10,000, money received \$16,390.00. TV ministry 2nd Sunday each month.
- Rev. Carlos Hughes** Pastored 1 church, preached 91 sermons, held 2 revivals, baptized 1, funerals preached 2, miles traveled 12,500.
- Rev. Bobby Kelley** Pastored Plummer's Chapel FWB Church. Preached 87 sermons, hosted 1 revival, held 1 wedding, received \$6,275.00. Will continue to pastor Plummars Chapel Church.
- Rev. Charles Linam** Held 1 revival, officiate at 5 funerals, held 1 conference.
- Rev. Marcus Morrow** Pastored Adamsville FWB Church, sermons preached 146, revivals held 9, communion and foot washing services 4, miles traveled 12,000, money received approximately \$15,000.00. Conducted TV ministry every 1st and 3rd Sunday.
- Rev. Marvin Morrow** Lifetime card.
- Rev. Junior Overstreet** Pastored Scotts Chapel Church, sermons preached 74 funerals preached 3, money received \$13,000.00, miles traveled 5,000.
- Rev. Bobby Rich** Pastored Fairview Freewill Baptist Church, sermons preached 57, held 1 revival, assisted in 2 revivals, funerals held 2, profession of faith 9, re-dedications 1, baptized 10, received into the church 9, communion and foot washing 4
- Rev. Dalton Skaggs** Has lifetime card.
- Rev. Edward Smith** Has lifetime card.
- Rev. Shane Thompson** Pastor of Solitude FWB Church. Preached 101 sermons, held 3 revivals, witnessed 5 professions, baptized 5, added to church 4, funerals preached 3, money received \$22,320.00.
- Rev. Forrest Wolfe** Filled in for Bro. Marcus at Adamsville FWB when asked. Preached at TV station some.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the committee of Resolution of Thanks, wish to thank our Lord and Savior for allowing us to meet in love and fellowship.

We wish to thank Piney Grove Church for the wonderful hospitality, friendliness and kindness shown to the entire Association.

A special thank you to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ who supported this Associational meeting.

May we all be greatly enriched in our hearts as we walk with the Lord in our daily lives.

May God bless and keep each of us until we meet again in the next Associational meeting.

Sis. Lela Hall, Bro. Odell Franks, & Bro. Eddie Griffin

Associational Meeting Dismissed by

Rev. Dalton Skaggs

QUARTERLY MEETING **Midway FWB Church** **December 4, 2010**

Saturday Morning

Song Led by:Bro. Glen Bobo
 Welcome by:.....Bro. Marcus Morrow, Assistant Moderator
 Prayer by:.....Bro. Everette Rich
 Altar Prayer led by.....Bro. Jimmy Shields
 1st Message by:.....Bro. Paul Childers
 Scripture:.....Luke 18:9-14
 Subject:.....Superficial Thanksgiving
 Home Mission Offering.....Bro. Marcus Morrow
 2nd Message:.....Bro. Marcus Morrow
 Scripture:.....Psalms 51:1-12
 Subject:.....Why Do We Need Revival?
 Dismissed by: Bro. Carlos Hughes
 Home Mission Offering:.....\$215.00

Saturday Afternoon

Special Singing by:..... Midway Youth Group
 Children's Home Offering..... Bro. Bobby Rich
 Subject:.....Woman with Two Mites
 Message by..... Bro. Charles Linam
 Scripture:.....Genesis 5:22-24
 Subject:.....What a Privilege to Walk with God
 Children's Home Offering.....\$361.83

Presbytery Session

The Presbytery Session was called to order by Bro. Marcus Morrow. Roll call was made with 7 churches being represented.

Seven ordained ministers were present: Bro. Paul Childers, Bro. Carlos Hughes, Bro. Charles Linam, Bro. Marcus Morrow, Bro. Marvin Morrow, Bro. Bobby Rich, and Bro. Jimmy Shield.

There were three visiting Ministers present: Bro. Glen Bobo, Bro. Everette Rich, and Bro. Jimmy McGee.

Five ordained deacons were present: Bro. Randy Bratton, Bro. Claude Hall, Bro. Robert Jarrett, Bro. Virgil Nixon, and Bro. Jerry Scott.

The Minutes from previous Presbytery Session at the Association in September were read by Bro. Lem Hanback and approved by those present.

Old Business:

A discussion was held regarding the Rayburn Creek property. Mr. Pate has been notified that he could buy the property when Bro. Randy Bratton Gets all the material he wants from the shed. The City of Collinwood has been sent a letter stating that they may have the church building to move at their expense. The electric power will be turned off within the next week.

New Business:

Bro. Glen Austin from Bumpus Creek Church was examined by the Presbytery to be approved as a deacon for their church. After examination, Bro. Austin was ordained as a deacon in our association.

The program committee was appointed for the next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Adamsville FWB Church in March. The committee members are Bro. Robert Jarrett, Bro. Virgil Nixon, and Bro. Jerry Scott.

There being no further business the Presbytery Session was dismissed by prayer being led by Bro. Jimmy McGee.

**QUARTERLY MEETING
Adamsville FWB Church
March 19, 2011**

Saturday Morning

Song Led by:	Bro. Robert Jarrett
Welcome By:	Bro. Greg Eaton, Moderator
Scripture read by:	Bro. Bobby Rich
Scripture:	Romans 15:1-7
Altar Prayer led by:	Bro. Greg Eaton
1 st Message by:	Bro. Marvin Morrow
Scripture:	Ephesians 3:16-20
Subject:	He Is Able
2 nd Message by:	Bro. Greg Eaton
Scripture:	John :10:10
Subject:	Do Not Let the Devil Steal, Kill or Destroy
Children's Home Presentation:	Bro. Charles Marble
Home Mission Offering:	\$207.00

Saturday Afternoon

Song Led by:	Bro. Greg Eaton
Prayer Led by:	Bro. Joe Hanback
Special Song by:	Bro. Jack Bouainne

Children's Home Offering.....Bro. Forrest Wolfe
 Children's Home Offering.....\$502.82
 Message by:.....Bro. Junior Overstreet
 Scripture:.....1 Corinthians 2:1-16
 Subject:.....The Best Thing Is Jesus

PRESBYTERY SESSION

The Presbytery Session was called to order by Bro. Greg Eaton, Moderator.

Roll Call:

There were eight churches represented.

Nine ordained ministers were present: Bro. Greg Eaton, Bro. Marvin Morrow, Bro. Junior Overstreet, Bro. Charles Liam, Bro. Marcus Morrow, Bro. Bobby Rich, Bro. Bobby Kelley, and Bro. Edward Smith.

There was one licensed minister present. Bro. Forrest Wolfe

There was one visiting minister. Bro. Jimmy Shields.

Six ordained deacons were present. Bro. Randy Bratton, Bro. Joe Hanback, Bro. Jerry Scott, Bro. Virgil Nixon, Bro. Robert Jarrett, and Bro. Stan Horton.

One visiting ordained deacon. Bro. Ronnie Gream.

1. Moderator, Bro. Greg Eaton, gave an update on the Rayburn Creek Church.
2. He also stated tat a monetary donation had been given to the Special Olympics by the Association in honor of Bro. James Harper.
3. The moderator read a letter from Bro. Billy Pinson stating that he wishes to turn his credentials back in to the association. Bro. Marvin Morrow made the motion to accept. Motion approved.
4. Bro. Marvin Morrow made the motion to approve for the associational clerk to type up certificates for ordination to have the same information as the former ones we use.
5. Bro. Marcus Morrow ask if it would be possible to add in the minute books under the ordained minister's name and address their cell phone numbers as well as e-mail address if available. It was suggested that minister's who wish to do this include this on their report at September meeting.
6. Bro. Randy Bratton was nominated and appointed to serve the vacancy on the Home Missions Board when vacated by Bro. Jimmy Shields.
7. Bro. Charles Linam was nominated and appointed to fill Bro. Shields position the the Board of Trustees.
8. Bro. Marcus Morrow was nominated and appointed to fill the position on the Resolution Committee for Bro. Jimmy Shields.
9. Bro. Robert Jarrett was nominated and appointed to fill the position on the Resolution Committee for Bro. Billy Pinson.
10. Bro. Jimmy Shields stated to the members of the association that he could not find his credentials. They had been misplaced when moving and when he located them he would turn them in. He said he had his card and he would turn that in if the association desired it. Bro. Joe Hanback made the motion to accept his card.

Motion approved.

11. Bro. Greg Eaton at this time invited the members of the Presbytery to review Bro. Forrest Wolfe so the he might be ordained to preach the gospel. Bro. Wolfe had been under the Licenses of the Church for twelve months. After returning from the review, Bro. Forrest Wolfe was received by the laying of hands and was presented a certificate as an ordained minister of the Tennessee River Association.
12. After a motion to adjourn and seconded, the March Quarterly Meeting was dismissed by Bro. Keith Nix.

QUARTERLY MEETING New Chapel FWB Church June 18, 2011

Saturday Morning

Song led by:.....Bro. Bobby Stanfield
Welcome by:.....Bro. Greg Eaton, Moderator
Scripture reading by:.....Bro. Bobby Kelley
Scripture:.....Ephesians 1: 5-9
Altar prayer led by:.....Bro. Virgil Nixon
1st message by:.....Bro. Charles Linam
Scripture:.....Hosea 9:11
Subject:.....Losing the Glory of God
2nd message by:.....Bro. Marcus Morrow
Scripture:.....Ephesians 3:14-21 & John 15:11
Subject:.....To Be Filled With the Fullness of God
Prayer led by:.....Bro. Paul Childers
Home Mission offering.....\$156.00
Dismissed by:.....Bro. Robert Jarrett

Saturday Afternoon

Song led by:.....Bro. Bobby Stanford
Prayer led by:.....Bro. Carlos Hughes
Scripture Reading by:.....Bro. Randy Carroll
Scripture:.....Luke 15:11
Children's Home Offering.....\$438.49
New Chapel Youth Program:My Chains Are Gone
.....& You Raise Me Up
Bro. Paul Childers introduced Bro. Nathaniel Bullard a licensed minister of the Little

Brown Creek Association.

Message by:.....Bro. Nathaniel Bullard

Scripture:.....1 Kings 18-27

Subject:.....We Need to Be Awakened

Presbytery Session

Bro. Greg Eaton, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

Minutes for the previous meeting were read by Bro. Stan Horton, Clerk. Minutes were approved.

There were eight churches represented at the meeting. They were Adamsville, Bumpus Creek, Midway, Piney Grove, Plummers Chapel, Solitude, Whites Creek and New Chapel.

Eleven ordained ministers were present. Bros. Randy Carroll, Paul Childers, Greg Eaton, Carlos Hughes, Charles Linam, Bobby Kelley, Marcus Morrow, Marvin Morrow, Bobby Rich, Edward Smith and Shane Thompson.

One licensed minister present. Bro. Nathaniel Bullard.

One visiting ordained minister. Bro. Jimmy Shields.

Four ordained deacons present. Bros. Robert Jarrett, Virgil Nixon, Randy Bratton and Stan Horton.

One deacon under watch care. Bro. Odell Franks.

1. Discussion about the Rayburn Creek Church building. Bro. Paul Childers made the motion that the building would be removed from the site if the City of Collinwood still desires to move it, that it should be removed from the property 90 days from the date given. Bro. Marcus Morrow seconded the motion.
2. A motion was made by Bro. Marvin Morrow and seconded by Bro. Paul Childers to give a donation of \$1,000.00 to Bro. Carl Creasy who is battling cancer, and also to Bro. Claude & Sis. Lela Hall who lost their home during the tornados.
3. Bro. Paul Childers made a recommendation that we should better inform each other concerning those in our churches who may be sick or any other issue, which may occur.
4. Motion to adjourn was made by Bro. Marvin Morrow and seconded by Bro. Marcus Morrow.

ASSOCIATIONAL TABLE

	By Baptism	By Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Withdrawn	Deceased	Membership	Sunday School	Avg. Attendance	Deacons	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Church Value	Amt. Paid Pastor	Pastoral Help	Home Mission	Minute Fund	Children's Home	Assoc. Youth
Adamsville	1					2	86	50	51	3	2			150,000.00	14,455.00	350.00	200.00	50.00	1,389.06	100.00
Bumpus Creek	1	2				1	33	26	25	1	1			50,000.00	4,550.00	600.00	200.00	50.00	800.00	
Meeks Grove	3	3	1	5		4	58	58	45	1				150,000.00	6,800.00		200.00	50.00	1,000.00	
Midway	3		1	2			91	52	50	1	1			250,000.00	11,000.00	920.00	200.00	75.00	529.00	100.00
Murphy's Chapel	2		1			2	67	30	45					150,000.00	5,800.00	1,050.00	200.00	50.00	300.00	100.00
New Chapel	2	5	5	1		3	112	60	67		2			400,000.00	10,200.00	600.00	200.00	50.00	963.80	100.00
New Pleasant Grove																				
Pony Grove	1	3	4			115	98	122	5	8	1			200,000.00	14,900.00	1,125.00	300.00	50.00	6,727.00	300.00
Plummer's Chapel						8	8	8	8		1			135,000.00	6,125.00	250.00	50.00	25.00	100.00	
Scott's Chapel						137	63	63	3					225,000.00	13,000.00	900.00	200.00	50.00	4,821.65	
Shady Grove						22	16	16	1	2				80,000.00		200.00		30.00		
Solitude						2	45	40	62	1	1			725,000.00	21,320.00	750.00	200.00	50.00	600.00	
White's Creek	2					2	98	10	44					300,000.00	6,250.00	515.00	200.00	100.00	1498.00	
TOTALS	15	11	11	4	7	3	872	511	598	16	18	1		2,815,000.00	114,400.00	6,560.00	2,150.00	630.00	18,728.51	700.00

THE CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The association shall be called the Tennessee River Association of Free Will Baptist, 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 new officers shall take office at next quarterly meeting.

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 questions of discipline and doctrine as the churches may refer to them and transact such other business as may be necessary for the benefit of religion, consistent with liberty and independence of the churches, according to the usage of the Free Will Baptist denomination, and not repugnant to the regulations of the yearly meeting with which this association may be connected; and to make bylaws necessary to its regulations, not repugnant to this constitution.

Article 6. The session of this association shall be on Saturday 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 or 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 or 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 quorums 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 being 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.

18. The Associational Pastor shall be elected each year, and be paid from the Home Mission Fund as the Home Mission Board sees fit. He shall fill in where needed, look for places to organize new churches, and assist with other ministers in mission work.

19. Any man believing he is called of God to preach should notify the church of which he is a member. The church by approval of its membership should bring this request before the presbytery.

20. All candidates for ordination and those to be licensed for a minister will be examined by council. If approved, licenses shall be for a period of one year. 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.

21. Any ordained minister coming from other Free Will Baptist Associations who desire to unite with this association, should first join a church in this association, then be examined by 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.

22. Any minister coming from a body other than Free Will Baptist, should join a church in this association and remain a member for one year. If at that time the church so desires, he be examined to be licensed for one year.

23. Any man desiring the office of deacon and qualifying according to the scriptures should be appointed to the watch care of their church for one year, and notify the association of such an appointing. At the end of one year, they will be examined by council for ordination.

24. All ministers and deacons shall be given a certificate of ordination when ordained. When leaving the association, they shall be given a letter at their request stating their standing with the association at the time of departure. Upon resignation or leaving the denomination, they shall turn in their credentials.

25. All members shall abstain from strong drink, beer, whiskey or any drug harmful to the body. They shall support the Free Will Baptist doctrine and practice its ordinances.

26. All members shall support the association. If any church calls a pastor not in a Free Will Baptist presbytery, his name shall not appear in the minutes. All churches shall send its letter to the association on Friday after being approved by its membership.

27. Any church having a problem that cannot be worked out should contact the chairman of the Resolution Committee. If necessary, a called session of the presbytery shall be held at the church.

28. An ordained minister shall be eligible to receive a lifetime card

from this association provided that he has served the association in this capacity for a period of at least thirty (30) years continuous, or if he should become unable to carry the gospel because of a physical condition.

29. All ordained ministers eligible to receive a lifetime card shall be subject to an annual review as to their conduct as a member of the presbytery. If such conduct is not found in good standing by the committee and the full presbytery, the card shall be null and void.

30. The annual review of lifetime cards shall be conducted by a committee of three (3) ordained ministers in a manner as they shall see fit. The committee shall be nominated from the floor and members shall be eligible to serve no more than two (2) years consecutively. At least two of the three committee members shall have served fifteen (15) years or more consecutively in this body, and no more than one (1) committee members shall be eligible to receive a lifetime card.

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 Savior 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 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; feet washing is an ordinance teaching humility or universal obligation, and they be administered to all true believers.

14. The Christian Sabbath - the divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities and for personal communion with God.

15. Resurrection, Judgement 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 to eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal live."

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.

FORM LETTER OF DISMISSAL

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

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 Savior 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.

QUESTIONS FOR ORDINATION

1. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist?
2. Give a short account of your calling.
3. Do you meet the qualifications of First Timothy 3:1-7?
4. Have you or your wife ever been divorced?
5. What is your attitude toward intoxicating beverages, tobacco, drugs or worldly amusement?
6. Do you believe without reservation that the Bible is the verbally inspired, infallible word of God and it is the only rule of faith and practice?
7. Explain your view on Baptism.
8. What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?
9. Should feet washing be observed? Explain.
10. What do you believe about apostasy and the perseverance of the believer?
11. What are the duties of your calling?
12. What is the mission of the Church in light of Matt. 28:19-20?

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

1. One \$500.00 scholarship will be granted each year, with everyone required to reapply every year.
2. All applicants must either be a member of the Tennessee River Association or with the Children's Home that the Association supports.
3. The scholarship will be awarded based on financial need and grade average.
4. The applicant must pursue a study in a religious field.
5. The Freewill Baptist Bible College will make the final decision in the case of more than one applicant.
6. The deadline to apply is January 1 for the following fall semester.
7. The scholarship will apply to the Freewill Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN only.

FORM OF RECEIVING MEMBERS IN CHURCH

In as much 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. Yes, Sir

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 fund \$ _____

Children's home offering _____

Associational Youth Fund _____

Youth Director _____

Address _____

Moderator _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____



