

MINUTES
of the
134th Annual Session
of the
TENNESSEE RIVER
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
when convened with
WHITES CREEK FWB CHURCH
September 15, 2012

The next association will convene with
Murphy's Chapel FWB Church
On Saturday before the third Sunday
September 14, 2013 at 9:00 A.M.

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

(all officers elected in even numbered years)

Moderator	Rev. Marcus Morrow 3420 Cromwell Ridge Road Cypress Inn, TN. 38452	(931-) 724-5830
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Paul Childers 1485 Mayhall Road Counce, TN 38326	(731) 689-5548
Secretary/ Treasurer	Bro. Stan Horton 2030 Spain Rd. Cypress Inn, TN 38452	(931) 724-5572
Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer	Sis. Crista Reed 2550 Nichols Rd Guys, TN 38339	(731)-439-1764

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

(all members elected in even numbered years)

Bro. Stan Horton Sec. /Treasurer	2030 Spain Rd., Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Rev. Junior Overstreet	1289 Dave Rich Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Bro. Randy Bratton	5480 Highway 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)	Bro. Eddie Griffin (2015)
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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

(senior minister in years shall serve as Chairman)

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

Bro. Joe Hanback (2013)	Bro. Robert Jarred (2014)	Rev. John E. Banks (2015)
Rev. Marcus Morrow (2016)	Rev. Shane Thompson (2017)	

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 Childers (2011)	Rev. Greg Eaton (2012)	Rev. Bobby Rich (2012)
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ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTORS

Bro. Joe Hanback	1140 Bear Creek Road, Collinwood, TN 38450 Phone (931) 724-9937
Bro. Shane Thompson	6887 Leapwood-Enville Rd. Adamsville, TN 38310

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 Phone: (256)-518-9123
Murphy's Chapel	Rev. Charles Linam 26 Southerland Lane, Savannah, TN Phone: (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 Phone: (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 Phone: (256) 702-1239
Solitude	Bro. Shane Thompson 6887 Leapwood-Enville Road, Adamsville, TN, 38310
Whites Creek	Rev. Randy Carroll Adamsville, TN 38310 Phone: (731) 689-5548

ORDAINED MINISTERS:
YEAR OF ORDINATION
ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

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
Rev. Camryn Eaton (2012)	295 Kilburn Hollow Road, Waynesboro, TN 38485 Phone: (931)722-8593
Rev. Greg Eaton (1991)	295 Kilburn Hollow Road, Waynesboro, TN 38485 Phone: (931) 722-8593
Rev. Carlos Hughes (1991)	225 Saddle Club Loop, Lexington, TN 38351 Phone: (731) 968-8194
Rev. Charles Linam (1982)	26 Southerland Lane, Savannah, TN 38372 Phone: (731) 925-2923
Rev. Bobby Kelley (2005).	900 Burks Road, Savannah, TN 38372 Phone (731) 925-4325
Rev. Marcus Morrow (2001)	3420 Cromwell Ridge, Cypress Inn, TN, 38452 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
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
Bro. Forrest Wolfe	285 Fullwood Rd., Stantonville, TN 38379

LICENSED MINISTER

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 2012-----Whites Creek
 March 2013 -----Midway
 June 2013-----New Chapel
 (Bible Bowl to be held at New Chapel after June Meeting)

ORDAINED DEACONS
THEIR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS

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
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MEEKS GROVE

Bro. Jerry Whitten	1084 Tommy Sanders Road, Stantonville, TN 38379 Phone (731) 632-4732
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MIDWAY

Bro. Claude Hall	2375 Waldrep Loop Road, Leighton, AL 35646 Phone (256) 446-8757
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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 Phone (931) 724-5572

PLUMMER'S CHAPEL

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

Bro. Charles Moore	8746 Leapwood-Enville Road, Adamsville, TN 38310 Phone (731) 632-3112
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WHITES CREEK

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Adamsville	Sis. Cindy Wolfe 285 Fullwood Road, Stantonville, TN 38310
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 2375 Waldrep Loop, Leighton, AL 35646 Phone: (256) 446-8757
Murphy's Chapel	Sis. Betty Creasy 6421 County Rd. 10, Florence, AL 35633 Phone: (256)766-5958
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 465 Andrews Lane, Savannah, TN 38372
Scotts Chapel	Sis. Jeanette Staggs 198 Staggs Rd, Iron City, TN 38463 Phone (931) 724-9730
Shady Grove	Sis. Nora Melson 1915 Hwy 64, 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	Bro. Zach & Sis. Brandi 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 346 Fox Trap Road, Tuscumbia, AL 35674 (256) 331-1946
Murphy's Chapel	Sis. Cathy Creasy 1650 County Rd. 141, Florence, AL 35633 (253) 366-1581
New Chapel	LaDonna Duck 130 Carriage Trail, Savannah TN 38372 (731)727-4229 duckpond101599@att.net
	Patricia Bishop (731) 412-8255 bishop6869@hotmail.com
New Pleasant Grove	Bro. Shane Stults & Sis April Stults
Piney Grove	Bro. Joe Hanback 1140 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 Lobb 4693 Beauty Hill Rd. Bethel Springs, TN 38315
Whites Creek	Sis. Angela Richardson 470 Morris Rd. Savannah, TN (731)925-1757

PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY MORNING, September 15, 2012

9:00am

Song Led by
Welcome by
Scripture Reading
Altar Prayer led by:

Bro. Christopher Kelley
Rev. Greg Eaton, Moderator
Rev. Forrest Wolfe
Rev. Charles Linam

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

(Appointed each year)

Reading Clerks
Finance
Sunday School
Obituary

Bro. Robert Jarret & Bro. David Berry
Bro. Jerry Whitten, Bro. Roger Stults, & Bro. Elzo Smith
Rev. Bobby Kelley, Bro. Lonnie Hayes, & Bro. George Stricklin
Sis Willodean Harville, Sis. Crista Reed, & Sis Crystal Hall

CALLED FOR CHURCH LETTERS AND RECOGNIZED THE DELEGATES

Adamsville

Bro. Edward Brown & Bro. Billy Sweatt

Bumpus Creek

Bro. Glen Austin & Bro. George Stricklin

Meeks Grove

Bro. Ray Milford, Bro. Rex Milford,
Bro. Tommy Grisham, Bro. Billy Benson
Bro. Paul Sweat & Bro. Jerry Whitten

Midway

Sis. Lela Hall, Sis. Felicia Jefferys, & Sis. Crystal Hall

Murphy's Chapel

Bro. Lonnie Hayes & Bro. Jackie McWilliams

New Chapel

Bro. Eddie & Sis Linda Griffin & Sis. Crista Reed

New Pleasant Grove

Piney Grove

Bro. Lem Hanback & Bro. Roger Stults

Plummer's Chapel

Bro. Odell Franks & Sis. Sue Franks

Scotts Chapel

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

Shady Grove

Bro. Richard Melson & Sis. Nora Melson

Solitude

Sis. Willodean Harville & Sis. Helen Scott

Whites Creek

Bro. Shorty Curry, Bro. Brent Richardson, & Bro. Ross Victory

APPOINTMENT OF OTHER COMMITTEES

(appointed each year)

General Business	Rev. Greg Eaton, Chairman, Rev. Marvin Morrow, Bro. Joe Hanback, Bro. Carl Harper, & Bro. Rex Milford
Education	Rev. Shane Thompson, Rev. Junior Overstreet, Bro. Ray Milford
Temperance	Rev. Paul Childers, Rev. John E. Banks, & Bro. Randy Bratton
Benevolence	Rev. Bobby Rich, Bro. Eddie Griffin, & Bro. Carrol Curry
Resolution of Thanks	Rev. Forest Wolfe, Rev. Charles Linam, & Bro. Billy Benson
Roll Call was had with New Chapel Church winning the attendance award.	
Dismissed by	Rev. Earl Rich

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30AM

Song Led by	Rev. Forrest Wolfe
Prayer Led by	Rev. Jack Taylor
1 st Message by	Rev. Carlos Hughes
Scripture	II Chronicles 7:12
2 nd Message by	Rev. Paul Childers
Scripture	Jonah Chapter 1: 1&2
Subject	Don't Be a Jonah, Be An Apostle Paul
Special Guest Speakers:	Rev. Jack Taylor from TN FWB Family Ministries & Bro. Danny Weeks from AL FWB Children's Home
Dismissed by:	Bro. David Berry

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

1:00PM

Opening song led by
Children's Home Offering \$745.00
Message by
Scripture
Subject

Bro. Robert Jarrett
Rev. Shane Thompson
Romans 15:13
Discernment of Responsibility

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.

Rev. Greg Eaton, 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 499 in Sunday School, with an average attendance of 619.

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.

Rev. Bobby Kelley, 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.

We recommend that each pastor explain or summarize each report to their church.

Rev. Shane Thompson, 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.

Rev. John E. Banks, 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. Willadene Everage
Meeks Grove	Bro. Hurley Humphrey, Bro. Rickey Julian, & Sis. Johnnie Gilchrist
Midway	Bro. Tommy Lewis
Murphys Chapel	Sis. Eva Terrell
Piney Grove	Sis's Connie Morrow, Nina Brewer, & Earline Rich
Scotts Chapel	Sis. Earlene Barkley
Shady Grove	Bro. Buddy Melson
Solitude	Sis. Juanita Hayes
Whites Creek	Sis. Etoile Henson

Sis. Willodean Harville, Chairperson

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.*

Bro. Carroll Curry, Chairman

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK'S REPORT

Balance as of September 15, 2011 and reported at 2011 associational meeting	\$ 2,066.01
Minute fund receipts for 2011 Associational Meeting	<u>630.00</u>
Total in Peoples Bank on September 21, 2011	\$2,696.01
 Paid Office Depot for printing minutes on 11-17-12	 \$553.75
 Interest earned Sept. 2011 thru August 2012	 13.72
 Balance as of September 12, 2012	 \$ 2,155.98
Bro. Lem Hanback, Associational Clerk	

HOME MISSIONS GENERAL FUND

Balance Forward 2011	\$14,028.75
 <u>Children's Home</u>	
Adamsville	\$1,067.75
Meeks Grove	\$1,000.00
Midway	\$ 200.00
Murphy's Chapel	\$ 300.00
New Chapel	\$ 963.80
Plummer's Chapel	\$ 100.00
Scott's Chapel	\$ 821.65
Association Offering	2011 \$ 453.00
Quarterly Meeting Offerings	<u>\$1,445.00</u>
TOTAL Children's Home offering	\$6,350.45

Home Missions

Adamsville	\$ 200.00
Bumpus Creek	\$ 200.00
Meeks Grove	\$ 200.00

Midway	\$ 200.00
Murphy's Chapel	\$ 200.00
New Chapel	\$ 200.00
Piney Grove	\$ 300.00
Plummers Chapel	\$ 50.00
Scott's Chapel	\$ 200.00
Solitude	\$ 200.00
White's Creek	\$ 200.00
Associational Offering 2011	\$ 387.66
Quarterly Meeting Offerings	<u>\$ 668.00</u>
TOTAL Home Mission Offering	\$3,205.66

TOTAL Income for 2011-2012

Children's Home	\$6,350.45
Home Mission	\$3,205.66
Interest 2011/12	<u>\$ 114.10</u>

Balance Forward from 2011 **\$14,028.75**

TOTAL INCOME + BALANCE FORWARD 2011-2012 **\$23,698.96**

Expenses for 2011-2012

Alabama Children's Home	\$3,175.23
Tennessee Children's Home	\$3,175.23
Associational Clerk/Treasure	\$ 400.00
Assistant Clerk	\$ 200.00
Wayne County News (stamp	\$ 19.73
Florence Trophy Shop (plaques)	<u>\$ 179.03</u>
Total Expense for 2011-2012	\$ 7,149.22

Total Income **(+) \$23,698.96**

Expenses **(-) \$7,149.22**

Ending Balance

\$16,549.74

Total forward 9-14-12 (General Account) **\$16,549.74**

BUILDING FUND

Balance Forward from 2011		\$24,338.80
Income		
Rusty Pate (Rayburn Creek Church)		\$2,500.00
Interest for 2011-2012		<u>\$ 141.86</u>
TOTAL INCOME for 2011-2012		\$2,641.86
Expenses –		
Andy Yarborough (deed for Rayburn Church)		<u>-\$55.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE for 2011-2012		\$55.00
Beginning Balance	\$24,338.80	
Income	\$2,641.86	
Total expense	\$ -55.00	
<u>Ending Balance 9-14-12 (Building Account)</u>		<u>\$26,925.66</u>

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

13 Ministers Present—Revs. John E. Banks, Randy Carroll, Paul Childers, Greg Eaton, Carlos Hughes, Charles Linam, Bobby Kelley, Marcus Morrow, Marvin Morrow, Junior Overstreet, Bobby Rich, Edward Smith, Shane Thompson, & Forrest Wolfe.

1 Licensed Minister—Bro. Camryn Eaton

6 Deacons—Robert Jarrett, Glen Austin, Jerry Whitten, Randy Bratton, Joe Hanback, & Stan Horton.

1. The minutes of the June 2012 Quarterly meeting were read by Bro. Stan Horton and approved by the assembly.
2. The 2013 Associational Meeting was placed at Murphy's Chapel FWB Church. We will meet on Saturday before the third Sunday in September 2013 at 9am.
3. The quarterly meetings for 2012/2013 were placed. December 2012-White' Creek FWB Church, March 2013-Midway FWB Church, June 2013- New Chapel FWB Church. The Associational Youth Bible Bowl will be held at New Chapel Church immediately following the June Meeting. **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. Bro. Jerry Whitten made the motion that our church letter to the association be revised to change the way we submit our children's home offerings to the association. It was decided that a new line would be add to the letter saying "previous children's home offering sent to children's home".
5. Rev. Paul Childers spoke to the delegation about a letter one of his church members wrote to be sent to our congress about putting prayer back in school. The letter was passed out to all churches to take back to their local church to be sent out.
6. Rev. Shane Thompson made suggestion that moderator or assistant moderator be more accountable to Association about issues concerning the Association.
7. Bro. Shane also question how the minutes are distributed each year. The clerk said the minutes are distributed according to church average attendance.
8. A discussion was had about the New Pleasant Grove Church which had not been represented at the association for the past two years. Rev. Paul Childers mad the nomination the have the Resolution committee meet with the church and report back to the association at next quarterly meeting.
9. Associational officers were elected for the year 2012/2013. They are listed on page three of this minute book.
10. Ministers Reports were given as follows

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. John E. Banks Pastored McGlamery Church, held 1 revival, 1 weekend revival, held 5 funerals, baptized 4. Has lifetime card.

Rev. Randy Carroll Filled in for different preachers as needed. Held 2 funerals, took part in 2 communion/foot washing services, visited the sick. Will pastor Whites Creek Church for the coming year.

Rev. Paul Childers This past year was pastor of New Chapel FWB Church. conducted 1 conference, witnessed 2 professions of faith, 1 rededications, baptized 2, held 2 communions and foot washings, officiated at 4 funerals, received 9 into the church, held 2 weddings. I will continue to pastor New Chapel FWB Church for the upcoming year.

Bro. Camryn Eaton Licensed Minister/ Sermons preached-70, rededications 3, saved- 9, baptized- 19, revivals- 7, funerals- 2, miles traveled- 2,599, money received \$5,551.00, preached 2 Courts for Christ, estimated total saved or rededicated- 85

Rev. Greg Eaton Pastored Piney Grove Church, sermons preached 97, revivals held 7, baptized 4, baptized 19 with Camryn, saved- 5, rededications- 4, funerals- 11, weddings-3, held 2 communion and foot washing, miles traveled 11,225, money received \$14,660.00

Rev. Carlos Hughes Sermons preached 91, Churches pastured 1, professions witnessed 2, number baptized 1, communion and footwashing 1, miles traveled 12,000.

Rev. Bobby Kelley Pastored Plummers Chapel Church, will pastor it again this year, preached 52 sermons, hosted 1 revival, received \$4,000, keep us in your prayers.

Rev. Charles Linam Pastored Murphy's Chapel Church, conducted 11 funerals, baptized 6

Rev. Marcus Morrow Pastored Adamsville FWB Church, sermons preached 120, revivals held 7, communion and foot washing services 4, funerals 3, miles traveled 12,000, Conducted TV ministry every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Rev. Marvin Morrow Lifetime card.

Rev. Junior Overstreet Pastored Scotts Chapel Church, sermons preached 73, money received \$13,000.00, miles traveled 5,000.

Rev. Bobby Rich Pastored Fairview Freewill Baptist Church, sermons preached 50, held 1 revival, assisted in 2 revivals, funerals held 3, communion and foot washing 4, received into church 7, profession of faith 8, baptized 9

Rev. Dalton Skaggs Has lifetime card.

Rev. Edward Smith Has lifetime card.

Rev. Shane Thompson Pastored Solitude FWB Church, sermons preached 95, revivals held 2, professions witnessed 3, number baptized 10, funerals 4, communion and footwashing 3, money received \$22,000.

Rev. Forrest Wolfe Preached at Old Union Church in February till my job changed, taught Sunday School at my church.

11. Piney Grove Church had sent letter for Bro. Camryn Eaton be ordained to preach the gospel. Bro. Camryn met with the Presbytery before being ordained. Bro. Greg Eaton read from II Timothy, Chapter 4 and then prayer and laying on of hands by the Presbytery followed.
12. Resolution of Thanks was read by Rev. Charles Linam.
13. Associational Meeting was dismissed by congregation giving Bro. Camryn the right hand of fellowship

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 Whites Creek 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.

Rev. Charles Linam, Chairman

PROCEEDINGS OF QUARTERLY MEETING

DATE: December 3, 2011

PLACE: New Chapel FWB Church

SATURDAY MORNING 10:00AM

Song led by	Bro. Dee Patterson
Welcome by	Bro. Greg Eaton
Scripture by:	Bro. Paul Childers
Bro. Marcus Morrow thanked New Chapel for hosting December meeting.	
1 st Message	Bro. Greg Eaton
Scripture	Luke 2:11, & I Samuel 17:1-9
Subject	Let the Lord fight the battle and claim the victory.
2 nd Message	Bro. Shane Thompson
Scripture	Isaiah 6:1-8
Subject	Praise the Lord in all Things
Home Missions Offering	\$301.00
Dismissed	Bro. Edward Smith

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 1:00PM

Song led by		Bro. Dee Patterson
Scripture by:		Bro. Joe Hanback
Scripture:		Mark 9:36-37
Children's Home Offering		\$617.00
Song:		Christopher Kelley
Message by		Bro. Bobby Kelley
Scripture		Romans 7:1-25
Subject		Struggles against Sin

PRESBYTERY SESSION

Rev. Greg Eaton called the Presbytery Session to order.

There were eight churches present. They were Adamsville, Murphy's Chapel, , New Chapel, Piney Grove, Plummer's Chapel, Scotts Chapel, Solitude, and White's Creek.

Ordained Ministers present: Randy Carroll, Paul Childers, Greg Eaton, Carlos Hughes, Charles Linam, Bobby Kelley, Marcus Morrow, Junior Overstreet, Edward Smith, and Shane Thompson.

1 visiting minister: Earl Rich

Deacons present- Robert Jarrett, Virgil Nixon, Randy Bratton, Joe Hanback, and Stan Horton.

Deacons under watch care: Odell Franks

1. Minutes from September meeting were read by Bro. Stan Horton.
2. Rayburn Church property, Bro. Bobby Kelley made the motion for Bro. Greg Eaton and Bro. Stan Horton to oversee the deed and transaction of this property. Motion seconded by Bro. Joe Hanback. Motion passed.
3. Bro. Marcus Morrow made the motion to appoint Bro. Stan Horton to fill the term of Brent Morrow on the Board of Trustee. The term will expire in September 2012. Bro. Bobby Kelley seconded the motion; Bro. Paul Childers made the motion to elect by acclamation.
4. Motion was made by Bro. Randy Bratton and seconded by Bro. Bobby Kelley to purchase an EXPIRED stamp for the ministers and deacons who wish to keep the ordination papers when leaving the association.
5. Bro. Chad Balentine ask for permission to retain his ordination papers upon leaving the association. The presbytery approved as long as it was stamped and signed by the moderator.
6. Motion to adjourn was made by Bro. Paul Childers.
7. Dismissed by Bro. Randy Carroll/

PROCEEDINGS OF QUARTERLY MEETING

DATE: MARCH 17, 2012

PLACE: PINEY GROVE FWB CHURCH

SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 AM

Song led by Bro. Joe Hanback
Song led byBro Robert Jarrett
Welcome byBro. Greg Eaton
Devotional Scripture byBro. Bobby Rich
Scripture ReadRomans 15:1-10
Song led byBro. Dee Patterson
Song led by Sis. Iva Hanback in memory of Connie Morrow & Earlene Rich
1st Message byBro. Charles Marble
ScriptureJohn 3:16
SubjectGod Gave His Son, Jesus gave His Blood, What will you give?
Presentation of Ministers: Ministers with 30 years service or more were recognized for their service. They were Bro. Edward Smith (55 yrs.), Bro. Marvin Morrow (36 yrs.), Bro. John E. Banks (35 yrs.), Bro. Dalton Skaggs (35 yrs.), and Bro. Charles Linam (30 yrs.)
Home Missions Offering Received.....\$367.00
Dismissed by Bro. Roger Stults.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 1:00 PM

Song led byBro. Stan Horton
Song led byBro. Ronnie Brown
Prayer byBro. Paul Childers
Children's Home offering\$607.00
Message byBro. Camryn Eaton
ScriptureMark 4:35-41
SubjectDon't Give Up
Song led by:Bro. Joe Hanback

PRESBYTERY SESSION

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

The following Churches were represented: Adamsville, Meeks Grove, Midway, Murphy's Chapel, New Chapel, Piney Grove, Plummer's Chapel, Scotts Chapel, and Whites Creek.

Adamsville FWB received the attendance award for the March meeting.

Ministers present were, John E Banks, Paul Childers, Greg Eaton, Carlos Hughes, Charles Linam, Bobby Kelley, Marcus Morrow, Junior Overstreet, Bobby Rich, and Edward Smith.

Licensed minister present was Bro. Camryn Eaton

The following Deacons were present Robert Jarrett, Virgil Nixon, Jerry Scott, Joe Hanback, Randy Bratton, and Stan Horton.

- 1. Stan Horton read the minutes from the December meeting. Motion to approve the minutes made by Bro. Lem Hanback seconded by Bro. Paul Childers.
- 2. In old business, Bro. Greg Eaton stated everything was final on the Rayburn Creek property.
It was reported that the void stamp for ordination papers has been purchased and Stan would be getting with Chad Balentine to complete his papers.
- 3. In new business, Bro. Paul Childers stated that he would like for everyone to encourage their churches to be more involved and attend the quarterly meetings.
- 4. Bro. Joe Hanback made the motion for the association to start giving the ministers with 30 years of service a plaque when granted a lifetime card. Motion seconded by Bro. Bobby Kelley.
- 5. Bro. Carlos Hughes made the motion to reimburse Piney Grove for the plaques purchased for the ministers who received the plaque at March 2012 meeting.
- 6. Bro. Marcus Morrow made the motion to do away with the home mission offering at the quarterly meetings, motion seconded by Bro. Paul Childers.
- 7. Bro. Lem Hanback made the motion for the monies collected for the Children's Home to be mailed in the next business day after collection at quarterly meeting. Bro. Bobby Kelley seconded the motion.
- 8. Motion to adjourn was made by Bro. Paul Childers.

PROCEEDINGS OF QUARTERLY MEETING
DATE: JUNE 16, 2012
PLACE: MIDWAY FWB CHURCH

SATURDAY MORNING 10:00AM

Song led by:	Bro. Ronnie Brown
Welcome by:	Bro. Stan Horton
1 st Message by	Bro. Junior Overstreet
Scripture:	Luke 16:19-24
Subject:	Rich Man and Lazarus
2 nd Message by	Bro. Shane Thompson
Scripture:	Ephesians 6:10-12 & 18
Subject	Encourage the Church
Morning Service Dismissed.	Bro. Charles Linam

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE At 1:00pm

Program by Youth from Midway
Song by Bro. Glen Bobo
Scripture reading Bro. Bobby Rich
Scripture read Psalms 133:1-3
Children's Home offering \$221.00
Message by Bro. Marvin Morrow
Scripture Hosea 13:1-9 & 14:1-4
Subject Repent for the Kingdom is at Hand

PRESBYTERY SESSION

Bro. Charles Linam called the meeting to order.

Ordained ministers present: Bros. Charles Linam, Shane Thompson, Marvin Morrow, and Bobby Rich

One visiting minister: Bro. Glen Bobo.

Ordained deacons present: Claude Hall, Joe Hanback, and Stan Horton.

Churches present: Bumpus Creek, Midway, Murphy's Chapel, Piney Grove, Plummer's Chapel, Scotts Chapel, and Solitude.

1. Minutes from March 2012 meeting were read by Bro. Stan Horton. Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Bro. Shane Thompson, seconded by Bro. Carl Harper.
2. New Chapel Church sent letters to the moderator for Bro. Eddie Griffin and Bro. Bob Fondren to be placed under the watch care of the church to be ordained as deacons.
3. Bro. Joe Hanback made the motion to adjourn.

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						1	86	30	42	3	2		\$150,000.00	\$15,420.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$1,180.76	\$100.00
Bumpus Creek								34	28	28	1	1		\$50,000.00	\$4,900.00	\$700.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$2,400.00	
Meeks Grove							3	55	55	54	1			\$150,000.00		\$150.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	
Midway	3			1			1	91	50	46	1			\$250,000.00	\$11,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
Murphy's Chapel	6	3					1	67	32	44				\$150,000.00		\$625.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$300.00	\$100.00
New Chapel	2	5	2	1	0	32	1	89	60	65		2		\$400,000.00	\$10,200.00	\$1,850.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$3,000.00	\$100.00
New Pleasant Grove																				
Piney Grove		1			2		3	111	110	142	5	6	1	\$200,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$2,100.00	\$300.00	\$50.00	\$8,489.00	\$300.00
Plummer's Chapel								8	8	6		1		\$135,000.00	\$4,900.00	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$25.00		
Scott's Chapel	7						1	143	50	50	3			\$225,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$900.00	\$200.00	\$50.00	\$4,497.00	
Shady Grove	2	2	2	2			1	36		26	1			\$100,000.00		\$200.00		\$30.00		
Solitude							1	45	40	73	1	1	1	\$800,000.00	\$21,320.00	\$725.00	\$200.00	\$50.00		
White's Creek	4						1	98	10	43			1	\$300,000.00	\$6,250.00	\$1,220.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$580.00	
TOTALS	25	8	7	4	2	32	14	863	473	619	16	13	3	\$2,910,000.00	\$101,090.00	\$10,120.00	\$2,050.00	\$605.00	\$21,746.76	\$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. 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.
19. 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.

20. 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 shall be granted a card.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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 Saturday after being approved by its membership.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. 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.

29. 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 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 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, 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 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

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?

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.

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

Amount sent with letter to Association \$ _____

Amount already sent to Homes during \$ _____

Associational Youth Fund \$ _____

Youth Director _____

Address _____

Moderator _____

Address _____

Clerk _____

Address _____

