

MINUTES
of the
136th Annual Session
of the
TENNESSEE RIVER
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
when convened with
SOLITUDE FWB CHURCH
September 20, 2014

The next association will convene with
MIDWAY FWB CHURCH
On Saturday before the third Sunday
September 19, 2015 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 Childres 1485 Mayhall Road Counce, TN 38326	731-689-5548
Secretary/ Treasurer	Bro. Stan Horton 2030 Spain Road Cypress Inn, TN 38452	931-724-5572
Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer	Sis. Iva Hanback 4141 Rose Lane Cypress Inn, TN 38452	931-724-4999

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 Hwy 17, Florence, AL 35634

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

Bro. Eddie Griffin (2015)	Bro. Virgil Nixon (2016)	Carlos Hughes (2017)
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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

(senior minister in years shall serve as Chairman)

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

Rev. John E. Banks (2015)	Rev. Marcus Morrow (2016)	Rev. Shane Thompson (2017)
Bro. Joe Hanback (2018)	Bro. James Cones (2019)	

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. Charles Linam (2013)	Rev. Jimmy Shields (2014)	Rev. Camryn Eaton (2014)
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ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTORS

Sis. Tabitha Morrow	3420 Cromwell Ridge Road Cypress Inn, TN 38452	931-724-5830
Sis. Cindi Wolfe	285 Fullwood Road Stantonville, TN 38379	

CHURCH PASTORS

Adamsville	Rev. Marcus Morrow 3420 Cromwell Ridge Road Cypress Inn, TN, 38452 Phone (931) 724-5830 Cell#256-349-6000 E-Mail >mrcsmorrow@hotmail.com
Bumpus Creek	Rev. Jimmy McGee 470 Hwy. 69, Savannah, TN
Meeks Grove	Rev. Daniel Holt
Midway	Rev. Jerry Stricklin
Murphy's Chapel I	Interim Pastor: Rev. Jimmy Shields 196 County Road 262 Florence, AL 35633 Phone 256-766-6926
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	-----
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	-----
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	(931) 724-9156
Rev. Randy Carroll (2003)	Adamsville, TN 38310	(731) 632-1777
Rev. Paul Childers (1991)	1485 Mayhall Road Counce, TN 38326	(731) 689-5548
Rev. Camryn Eaton (2012)	295 Kilburn Hollow Road Waynesboro, TN 38485	(931) 722-8593
Rev. Greg Eaton (1991)	295 Kilburn Hollow Road, Waynesboro, TN 38485	(931) 722-8593
Rev. Carlos Hughes (1991)	225 Saddle Club Loop Lexington, TN 38351	(731) 968-8194
Rev. Charles Linam (1982)	26 Southerland Lane Savannah, TN 38372	(731) 438-7961
Rev. Bobby Kelley (2005)	900 Burks Road Savannah, TN	(731) 925-4325
Rev. Marcus Morrow (2001)	3420 Cromwell Ridge Road Cypress Inn, TN, 3845 e-mail: mrcsmorrow@hotmail.com	(931) 724-5830
Rev. Junior Overstreet (2001)	1289 Dave Rich Road Cypress Inn, TN 38452	(931) 724-4795
Rev. Bobby Rich (2004)	5475 Middle Cypress Road, Iron City, TN 38463	(931) 724-5290
Rev. Jimmy Shields (2014)	196 County Rd. 262 Florence, AL 35633	(256) 766-6926
Rev. Dalton Skaggs (1977)	100 Catawba Dr. Collinwood, TN 38450	(931) 724-9622
Rev. Edward Smith (1957)	3856 Shiloh Adamsville Stantonville, TN 38379	(731) 632-4413
Rev. Shane Thompson (2009)	6887 Leapwood-Enville Road Adamsville, TN 38310	
Rev. Forrest Wolfe (2014)	285 Fullwood Rd. Stantonville, TN 38379	

LICENSED MINISTER

Bro. Stephen Stults	216 Cedar Grove Raod Iron City, TN 38462	(931) 724-2390
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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 2014-----Piney Grove FWB
 March 2015 -----Midway FWB
 June 2015-----Adamsville FWB
 (Bible Bowl to be held at Adamsville Church after June Meeting)

ORDAINED DEACONS
THEIR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS

ADAMSVILLE

Bro. Robert Jarrett	1861 Caney Branch Road Adamsville, TN 38310	(731) 632-4151
Bro. Virgil Nixon	939 Old Shiloh Road Adamsville, TN 38310	(731) 632-4620
Bro. Jerry Scott	340 Palmer Street Adamsville, TN 38310	(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	(731) 632-4732
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MIDWAY

Bro. Claude Hall	2375 Waldrep Loop Road Leighton, AL 35646	(256) 446-8757
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MURPHY'S CHAPEL

NEW CHAPEL

Bro. Eddie Griffin

NEW PLEASANT GROVE

PINEY GROVE

Bro. Robert D. Wright	6085 South Road Collinwood, TN 38450	(931) 724-9691
Bro. Coy Weeks	685 Little Cypress Road Iron City, TN 38463	(931) 724-4593

ORDAINED DEACONS (continued)

Bro. Joe Hanback	1140 Bear Creek Road Collinwood, TN 38450	(931) 724-9937
Bro. Randy Bratton	5480 Hwy 17 Florence, AL 35634	(256) 764-8289
Bro. Stan Horton	2030 Spain Rd. Cypress Inn, TN 38452	(931) 724-5572

PLUMMER'S CHAPEL

Bro. Odell Franks	465 Andrews Lane, Savannah, TN 38372
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SCOTTS CHAPEL

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

SHADY GROVE

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

Bro. Charles Moore	8746 Leapwood-Enville Road Adamsville, TN 38310	(731) 632-3112
Bro. James Combs	614 Sewell Bottom Rd. Adamsville, TN 38310	

WHITES CREEK

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

<u>Adamsville</u>	Sis. Elizabeth Sweat PO Box 193, Crump, TN 38327 (731)412-9891
<u>Bumpus Creek</u>	Sis. Connie Austin 2700 Holland Creek Rd. Savannah, TN 38372 (731)925-3716
<u>Meeks Grove</u>	Sis. Betty Milford 1123 Tommy Sanders Road Stantonville, TN 38379
<u>Midway</u>	Sis. Lisa Pigg 2420 Waldrep Loop Rd. Leighton, AL 35646 (256)483-9819
<u>Murphy's Chapel</u>	Sis. Betty Creasey 6421 County Road 10 Florence, AL 35633 (256)766-5958
<u>New Chapel</u>	Sis. Bridget Lee PO Box 306, Counce, TN 38326
<u>New Pleasant Grove</u>	-----
<u>Piney Grove</u>	Bro. Roger Stults 1080 Big Cypress Road Cypress Inn, TN 38452 (931) 724-9295
<u>Plummer's Chapel</u>	Bro. Odell Franks 465 Andrews Lane, Savannah, TN 38372
<u>Scotts Chapel</u>	Sis. Jeanette Staggs 98 Staggs Rd. Iron City, TN 38463 (931) 724-9730
<u>Shady Grove</u>	Bro. Richard & Sis Nora Melson 19150 Hwy. 64, Olive Hill, TN 38475-9118
<u>Solitude</u>	Sis. Willodean Harville 9048 Leapwood-Enville Road Adamsville, TN 38310
<u>Whites Creek</u>	Sis. Peggy Morris 9365 Hwy 69 Lutts, TN 38471 (931)724-5207

YOUTH LEADERS

Adamsville

Bro. Zach Sharit
7040 Hwy. 22
Adamsville, TN 38310 (731)632-0013

Sis. Tabitha Morrow
3420 Cromwell Ridge Rd, Cypress Inn, TN

Sis. Lisa Hamm
665 Boone Lane, Savannah, TN 38372

Sis. Sherry Dancer
941 Old Shiloh Rd., Adamsville, TN 38310

Bumpus Creek

Sis. Janie Stutts
Snake Creek Loop, Adamsville, TN 38310

Meeks Grove

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

Sis. Beth Lawrence
900 Braden Lane, Tuscumbia, AL 35674

Murphy's Chapel

Sis. Cathy Creasey
1650 County Road 141
Florence, AL 35633 (256) 366-1581

New Chapel

Diane Davis
741 Damron Loop,
Counce, TN 38326

New Pleasant Grove

Piney Grove

Bro. Stephen & Sis. Joy Stults
2016 Cedar Grove Road
Iron City, TN 38463 (931) 724-6631

Plummer's Chapel

Scotts Chapel

Sis. Gina Brewer
1337 Railroad Bed Rd
Collinwood, TN 38450 (931) 724-5341

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

Sis. Rita Hamilton
3806 Avalon Avenue
Florence, AL (256) 764-3352

Shady Grove

Sis. Nora Melson, Renee Stricklin & Paula Tucker
19150 Hwy. 64
Olive Hill, TN 38475 (662)660-6246

Solitude

Whites Creek

Sis. Angela Reatherford
470 Morris Road
Savannah, TN 38372 (731) 925-1757

PROCEEDINGS

2014 TENNESSEE RIVER ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

9:00am

Song By:	Bro. Charles Moore
Welcome by:	Rev. Marcus Morrow
Scripture:	Psalms 150: 1-6
Subject:	"Praise Ye The Lord"
Altar Prayer led by:	Rev. Marcus Morrow
Appointment of Committees:	Rev. Paul Childres

APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

(Appointed each year)

Reading Clerk	Bro. Carl Harper & Bro. Robert Jarrett
Finance	Bro. Eddie Griffin, Sis. Lisa Pigg, Bro. Randy Bratton
Sunday School	Bro. Al & Sis Alice Starns, Sis Linda Griffin
Obituary	Bro. Stephen Lee, Bro. Glen Austin & Sis. Lela Hall
General Business	Rev. Marcus Morrow, Bro. Charles Moore, Bro. Virgil Nix, Rev. Greg Eaton, & Rev. Charles Linam
Education	Rev. Camryn Eaton, Bro. Roger Stults, & Bro. Billy Hill
Temperance	Rev. Bobby Rich, Bro. George Stricklin, & Bro. Larry Cross
Benevolence	Rev. Randy Carroll, Rev. Stephen Stults, & Bro. Johnny Pigg
Resolution of Thanks	Sis. Susie Hall, Rev. Carlos Hughes, & Bro. John Dial

LETTERS
AND RECOGNIZED THE DELEGATES

Adamsville

Bro. Edward Brown & Bro. Billy Sweat

Bumpus Creek

Bro. Glen Austin & Bro. George Stricklin

Meeks Grove

Bro. Ray Milford, Bro. Rex Milford, Bro. Hunter Stevens, & Bro. Paul Sweat

Midway

Sis. Lela Hall, Sis. Susie Hall, Bro. Johnny Pigg & Sis Lisa Pigg

Murphy's Chapel

Bro. Jerry Burns & Bro. Jackie McWilliams
Alternates: Bro. Billy Hill & Bro. Lonnie Hayes

New Chapel

Bro. Eddie & Sis Linda Griffin & Bro. Stephen Lee

New Pleasant Grove

Piney Grove

Bro. Roger Stults, Bro. John Dial & Bro. Larry Cross

Plummer's Chapel

Bro. Odell Franks

Scotts Chapel

Bro. Carl Harper, Bro. Elzo Smith,

Bro. Curtis Pigg, & Bro. David Berry

Shady Grove

Bro. Edward Franks & Bro. Robert Franks

Solitude

Bro. Al Starnes & Sis. Alice Starnes

Whites Creek

Bro. Larry Tillie, & Sis. Frances Lard

Dismissed for Break

Bro. Bobby Rich

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15AM

Song Led by	Bro. Charles Moore
1 st Message by	Rev. Marcus Morrow
Scripture	Luke 10:30-37
Subject:	"Being a Good Neighbor"
2 nd Message	Rev. Paul Childers
Scripture	Deuteronomy 33:24-24
Subject	"Strength for Today"
Alabama Children's Home Report	Danny Williams
Tennessee Children's Report read by	Rev. Marcus Morrow in the absence of
	Bro. Jack Taylor from FWB Family Ministries
Dismissed for lunch:	Rev. Shane Thompson

SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE

1:00PM

Opening song led by	Rev. Charles Moore
Prayer	Rev. Marcus Morrow
Message by	Rev. Camryn Eaton
Scripture	Acts 2:41-47
Subject	"Keys to a Healthy Church"
Children's Home Offering	Rev. Greg Eaton
Amount;	\$ 515.30

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. Charles Linam, 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 487 in Sunday School, with an average attendance of 597.

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. Al Starnes, 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.

Bro. Roger Stults, 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. George Stricklin, 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.

Meeks Grove

Sis. Kay Parvin, Sis. Bonnie Barnes

Bro. E. G. Sowell, & Sis. Emma Jean Sowell

Midway

Sis. Beth Staggs, Bro. Stephen Ayers,

& Sis. Lila Parker

New Chapel

Bro. Bobby Stanford

Scotts Chapel

Sis. Marie Southerland

Solitude

Sis. Bettye Martin

Whites Creek

Sis. Christine Cox

Bro. Glen Austin, 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. Stephen Stults, Chairman

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK'S REPORT

Balance as of September 14, 2013 and reported at 2013 associational meeting	\$ 2,250.94
Minute fund receipts for 2013 Associational Meeting	650.00
Interest for year 2013/2014	11.89
Balance Brought forward (2013) and Income for 2014	<u>\$2,912.83</u>
Paid Office Depot for printing minutes on 11-13-2013	
\$433.99	
Ending Balance on September 20, 2014	<u>\$ 2,478.84</u>

Bro. Stan Horton, Associational Clerk/ Treasurer

HOME MISSIONS GENERAL FUND

Balance Forward from 9-14-13	\$18611.71
<u>Children's Home Offering</u>	
Adamsville	\$1,074.02
Meeks Grove	\$1,000.00
Midway	\$ 300.00
Murphy's Chapel	\$ 300.00
New Chapel	\$ 3,000.00
Scott's Chapel	\$ 712.00
Associational Meeting 2013	\$ 451.00
Quarterly Meetings 2013-2014	\$ 735.00
Total Children's Home Offering 2013-2014	<u>\$7,572.02</u>
<u>Home Missions Offering</u>	
Adamsville	\$ 200.00

Bumpus Creek	\$ 200.00
Meeks Grove	\$ 100.00
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
TOTAL Home Mission Offerings 2013-2014	<u>\$2,050.00</u>

Foreign Missions Offering

Bumpus Creek	\$ 150.00
TOTAL Foreign Missions Offerings 2013-2014	<u>\$ 150.00</u>

Balance forward from 2013	\$18,611.71
Children's Home Offerings 2013/2014	7,572.02
Home Mission Offering 2013/2014	2050.00
Foreign Missions Offering 2013/2014	150.00
Interest for 2013/2014	104.61
TOTAL INCOME 2013/2014	<u>\$28,488.34</u>

Expenses for 2013/2014

Associational Clerk/Treasure	\$ 400.00
Assistant Clerk	\$ 200.00
Alabama Children's Home	\$3,786.01
Tennessee Children's Home	\$3,786.01
Foreign Missions	\$ 150.00
TOTAL EXPENSE for 2013/2014	<u>\$ 8,322.02</u>

Total Income (2013/2014)	\$28,488.34
Expenses (2013-2014)	<u>\$8,322.02</u>
Ending Balance on September 20. 2014	\$20,166.32

TOTAL FORWARD for 2014 **\$20,166.32**

BUILDING FUND

Balance Forward on 9-14-13	\$27,044.93
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Income/ Interest for 2013/2014 \$ 105.17

Beginning Balance 2013 &
Interest Income for 2013/2014 \$27,150.10

Expense

Whites Creek FWB Church (loan) 2-8-14 \$8,000.00
Adamsville FWB Church (loan) 5-28-14 \$3,000.00
Total Expense for 2013-2014 \$11,000.00

Total Income (2013/2014) \$27,150.10
Total Expense (2013/2014) \$11,000.00

Ending Balance on September 20, 2014 \$15,150.10

Bro. Stan Horton, Treasurer

ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS
PRESBYTERY SESSION

Called to Order by Moderator, Rev. Marcus Morrow
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.

11 Ministers Present--- Paul Childers, Camryn Eaton, Greg Eaton, Carlos Hughes, Charles Linam, Marcus Morrow, Junior Overstreet, Bobby Rich, Shane Thompson & Forest Wolfe

1 Licensed Minister--- Bro. Stephen Stults

1 Visiting Minister--- Rev. Jerry Stricklin

10 Deacons--- Robert Jarrett, Virgil Nixon, Glen Austin, Jerry Whitten, Stephen Lee, Eddie Griffin, Joe Hanback, Randy Bratton, Stan Horton, & Charles Moore.

The minutes of the June 2014 Quarterly meeting which was held at Midway FWB Church were read by Bro. Stan Horton and approved by the assembly.

1. In old business, a discussion was had concerning putting our stand on homosexual conduct in our minute book. A motion passed to amend our Constitution and Articles of Faith to express our views.
2. In new business, Rev. Greg Eaton and Rev. Camryn Eaton submitted letters applying for the scholarship fund sponsored by the Tennessee River Association. After some discussion, a motion was passed to change from one scholarship per year to \$2,000.00 per year which would be split between

applicants applying for the scholarship each year. This year Bro. Greg and Bro. Camryn will each receive \$1,000.00

3. Solitude Church submitted a letter asking the Bro. James Cones be ordained as a deacon for their church. Bro. Cones met with the Presbytery members and was ordained as a deacon in the Tennessee River Association. Rev. Marcus Morrow read from I Timothy 2:8-13 before the Presbytery members had prayer and laid hands on Bro. Cones.
4. Adamsville Church submitted a letter asking that Rev. Forrest Wolfe be reinstated as a minister in the Tennessee River Association. After meeting with the Presbytery members, Rev. Wolfe was granted his minister card again.
5. A motion was made that our churches one again start supporting Foreign/International Missions in Tennessee. After some discussion, a motion passed asking each church to make a yearly contribution of \$100.00 to be sent to the Tennessee State FWB Association for the Foreign Mission Fund.
6. Discussion was had about what to do with the New Pleasant Grove Church. It was decided that no action would be taken at this time. It was tabled until the next Quarterly meeting to be held in December.
7. Rev. Shane Thompson recommended that our association try to work something out so that our churches can communicate better and know when special events are planned. We will try to work on this and find a solution to the problem by the Spring Quarterly meeting.
8. Rev. Marcus Morrow, Moderator, ask for nominations for the election of new officers for the association. (*New officers are listed on page three of this minute book.*)
9. Four churches had sent letters asking to host the 2015 Associational meeting next year. They were Midway, New Chapel, Piney Grove, and Scotts Chapel. After some discussion, it was agreed that Midway FWB Church would host the 2015 Associational meeting.
10. The Quarterly meetings were placed as follows:
December 2014 Piney Grove
March 2015 New Chapel
June 2015 Adamsville
11. Ordained Ministers gave the following reports.

ORDAINED MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. John E. Banks

Pastored McGlamery Church, held 1 revival, held 1 weekend revival, held 8 funerals, baptized 1. Has lifetime card.

Rev. Randy Carroll

Pastored Whites Creek Church, preached 70 sermons, professions witnessed 2, number baptized 2, additions to church 2

Rev. Paul Childers

Pastored New Chapel Church, held 3 communion & footwashing

service, officiated at 6 funerals, saw 5 added to the church. I will continue to pastor New Chapel FWB Church for the upcoming year.

Rev. Camryn Eaton

Sermons preached 45, held 9 revivals, held 1 wedding,, held 3 funerals, witnessed 15 saved, witnessed 2 rededications, baptized 1, traveled 2,200 miles, \$2,803 money received. Also, do devotions for the WMC teams before games with the FCA.

Rev. Greg Eaton

Pastor of Piney Grove Church, revivals held 5, professions witnessed 4, baptized 10, funerals held 13, weddings 2, held 2 communion and foot washing, 1 baby dedication, TV ministry 2nd Sunday each month.

Rev. Carlos Hughes

Pastored 1 church, preached 91 sermons, held 2 revivals, witnessed 3 professions, baptized 3, funerals held 3, miles traveled 15,000..

Rev. Bobby Kelley

Pastored Plummer's Chapel FWB Church. officiated at 2 weddings, received \$4,675.00

Rev. Charles Linam

Pastored Murphy's Chapel Church, held 10 funerals.

Rev. Marcus Morrow

Pastored Adamsville FWB Church, revivals held 6, communion and foot washing services 3, Conducted TV ministry every 1st and 3rd Sunday.

Rev. Junior Overstreet

Pastored Scotts Chapel Church, sermons preached 70, funerals preached 1, money received \$13,000.00, miles traveled 5,000.

Rev. Bobby Rich

Pastored Cypress Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church, since May 2014, visited several different churches up until May, sermons preached 52, assisted in 1 revivals,

Rev. Jimmy Shield

I began the Associational year as pastor of Victory FWB Church in Jackson, TN. After coming home in December we joined our home church Murphy's Chapel FWB. Since that time I have filled in for two pastors and assisted in one funeral.

Rev. Dalton Skaggs

Has lifetime card.

Rev. Edward Smith

Has lifetime card.

Rev. Shane Thompson

Pastored Solitude FWB Church. Preached 101 sermons, held 1 revivals, witnessed 1 profession, baptized 5, added to church 1, funerals preached 1, money received \$21,300.00.

Rev. Forrest Wolfe

Filled in for Bro. Marcus at Adamsville FWB when asked. Preached at TV station some.

12. Reading of Resolution of Thanks from the committee.

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 Solitude FWB 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.

Bro. John Dial, Chairman

Rev. Junior Overstreet

13. Associational Meeting Dismissed by

QUARTERLY MEETING New Chapel FWB Church December 2013

Saturday Morning

Song led by	Bro. Christopher Kelley
Welcome by	Rev. Paul Childers, Assistant Moderator
Altar Prayer led by	Rev. Shane Thompson
1 st Message by	Bro. Daniel Holt
Scripture	Psalms 73:23-28
Subject	"The Game of Life"
2 nd Message	Rev. Greg Eaton
Scripture	Daniel 3:17
Subject	"Do Not Give Up"
Dismissed by	Rev. Forrest Wolfe

Saturday Afternoon

Special Singing by	Bro. Christopher Kelley
Children's Home Offering	Rev. Shane Thompson
Scripture Read	I Timothy 4
Offering Amount	\$217.00
Message by	Rev. Forest Wolfe
Scripture	Genesis 5:22-24
Subject	"Seeking God"

Presbytery Session

The Presbytery Session was called to order by Rev. Paul Childers. Roll call was made with 8 churches being represented. They were Adamsville, Bumpus Creek, Murphy's Chapel, New Chapel, Piney Grove, Plummers Chapel, Solitude, & Whites Creek.

Eight ordained ministers were present: Rev. Randy Carroll, Rev. Paul Childers, Rev. Camryn Eaton, Rev. Greg Eaton, Rev. Charles Linam, Rev. Bobby Kelley, Rev. Shane Thompson, and Rev. Forrest Wolfe.

Five ordained deacons were present: Bro. Robert Jarrett, Bro. Joe Hanback, Bro. Stan Horton, Bro. Odell Franks, & Bro. Eddie Griffin.

We had two deacons under watch care present: Bro. Carroll Curry and Bro. James Combs.

Whites Creek Church won the attendance award for having the most church members present.

The Minutes from previous Presbytery Session at the Association in September were read by Sis. Crista Reed. Bro. Greg Eaton made the motion to accept the minutes and they were approved by those present.

Old Business:

1. Motion was made by Bro. Stan Horton to move the date to the 1st Saturday in December instead of Saturday before the 1st Sunday. Passed by unanimous vote.
2. Rev. Bobby Kelley made a motion to mail resolution concerning marriage between one man and one woman be sent with associational letter so churches can review the resolution and vote at our annual meeting in September. Bro. Joe Hanback seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

1. Piney Grove FWB Church sent a letter requesting that Bro. Steven Stults be licensed to preach the gospel. Bro. Steven will be licensed for one year at which time he will meet with the Presbytery and be ordained.
2. The program committee for the March Quarterly Meeting to be held at Whites Creek was appointed. They were Rev. Randy Carroll, Bro. Carroll Curry, and Sis. Pam White.
3. Rev. Greg Eaton made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Bro. Joe Hanback.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Whites Creek FWB Church

March 2014

Saturday Morning

Song Led by	Bro. Stan Horton
Welcome By	Bro. Marcus Morrow, Moderator
Scripture read by	Bro. Marcus Morrow
Scripture	Psalms 100
Altar Prayer led by	Bro. Jimmy Shields
1 st Message by	Bro. Bobby Rich
Scripture	II Timothy 4:
Subject	"Preach the Word"
2 nd Message by	Bro. Marcus Morrow
Scripture	I Corinthians 10:
Subject	"The Fall"
Dismissed by	Bro. Dee Patterson

Saturday Afternoon

Song Led by:	Bro. Jimmy Shields
Children's Home Offering	Bro. Camryn Eaton
Scripture	I John 3:1
Children's Home Amount	\$262.00
Message by	Bro. Charles Linam
Scripture	Psalms 78:19
Subject	"God Can"

PRESBYTERY SESSION

The Presbytery Session was called to order by Bro. Marcus Morrow, Moderator. Roll call was made with eight churches being present. They were Adamsville, Bumpus Creek, Murphy's Chapel, New Chapel, Piney Grove, Plummers Chapel, Scotts Chapel, and Whites Creek.

Nine ordained ministers were present: Bro. Randy Carroll, Bro. Paul Childers, Bro. Camryn Eaton, Bro. Greg Eaton, Bro. Carlos Hughes, Bro. Bobby Kelley, Bro. Charles Liam, Bro. Marcus Morrow, and Bro. Bobby Rich.

There was one visiting minister. Bro. Jimmy Shields.

Seven ordained deacons were present. Bro. Robert Jarrett, Bro. Virgil Nixon, Bro. Randy Bratton, Bro. Joe Hanback, Bro. Stan Horton, Bro. Odell Franks, and Bro. Eddie Griffin..

One deacon under the watch care was present: Bro. Carroll Curry.
Adamsville FWB Church and New Chapel FWB Church tied for the

attendance award. Each church had six members present.

The minutes for the previous Presbytery Session held at New Chapel in December were read by Sis. Crista Reed. Bro. Bobby Kelley made the motion to accept the minutes seconded by Joe Hanback and they were approved by those present.

Old Business:

There was no old Business to come before the presbytery members.

New Business:

1. Murphy's Chapel Church sent a letter requesting that Bro. Jimmy Shields be reinstated as a minister in the Tennessee River Association. After meeting with the Presbytery, he was granted his card back into the TRA.
2. Whites Creek FWB Church presented a letter requesting that Bro. Carroll Curry be ordained as a deacon for their church. After meeting with the Presbytery members he was ordained as a deacon in the Tennessee River Association.
3. Bro. Odell Franks requested that he be reinstated as a deacon in the Tennessee River Association. Bro. Odell was reinstated as a deacon in the TRA.
4. Bro. Randy Bratton made a motion that if a deacon moves churches in the Association, the new church has to send a letter requesting that the deacon be a deacon in the new church and the old church send a letter that the deacon is in good standing there. Rev. Paul Childers seconded the motion and was passed by the members.
5. Rev Forrest Wolfe sent his credentials in wishing to no longer be a member of the TRA Presbytery.
6. Rev. Marcus Morrow read a letter of resignation from Rev. Marvin Morrow.
7. Rev. Paul Childers made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Bro. Joe Hanback.
8. The March Quarterly meeting was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jimmy Shields.

QUARTERLY MEETING
Midway FWB Church
June 14, 2014

Saturday Morning

Song led by	Rev. Jerry Stricklin
Welcome by	Rev. Marcus Morrow, Moderator
1 st message by	Rev. Jerry Stricklin
Scripture	Romans 6:1
Subject	"Be Transformed to the Likeness of Christ"
2 nd message by	Rev. Camryn Eaton
Scripture	Exodus 3:4-8
Subject	"Our God is A Deliverer"
Dismissed by	Bro. Joe Hanback

Saturday Afternoon

Children's Home Offering	Rev. Junior Overstreet
Scripture	Luke 18:15-17
Offering Amount	\$256.00
Message by	Rev. Shane Thompson
Scripture	John 3:22-28
Subject	"He Must Increase"

Presbytery Session

Rev. Marcus Morrow, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Roll call was made with ten churches being represented. They were Adamsville, Bumpus Creek, Midway, Murphy's Chapel, New Chapel, Piney Grove, Scotts Chapel, Solitude and Whites Creek.

There were seven ordained ministers present. Bro. Marcus Morrow, Bro. Shane Thompson, Bro. Camryn Eaton, Bro. Bobby Rich, Bro. Charles Linam, Bro. Junior Overstreet, & Bro. Jimmy Shields.

One visiting ministers: Bro. Jerry Stricklin.

Three ordained deacons present: Bro. Randy Bratton, Bro. Joe Hanback, and Bro. Stan Horton.

One deacon under watch care: Bro. James Combs

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

Motion to accept the minutes was made by Bro Joe Hanback and approved by those present.

Old Business:

There was no old business to come before the Presbytery.

New Business:

1. Bro. Joe Hanback made the motion to add the Bible Bowl participant's names in the minute book. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dismissed by

Bro. Randy Bratton.

BIBLE BOWL PARTICIPANTS
Held at Midway Church June 14 at 3:30pm.

Adamsville: Noah Wolfe, Isaac Morrow, Abel Wolfe, Isabella Morrow, Ella Grace and Kinsley Sharit.

New Chapel: Christopher Kelley and Danyell Stephens.

Piney Grove: Fletcher Thompson, Josie Pigg, Hannah Horton, Olivia Ayers, Rachel Stults, Emily Dial, Cassie Rich, Savannah Hanvey, Canaan Hanvey and Gabriell Stults.

TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO:
AND WHEN HE IS OLD, HE WILL NOT DEPART
FROM IT.

PROVERBS 22:6

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	Am't. Paid Pastor	Pastoral Help	Home Mission & Foreign Missions	Minute Fund	Children's Home	Assoc. Youth
Adamsville	1	2					1	91	34	43	3	2		180,000.00	17,015.00	150.00	200.00	50.00	1,250.17	100.00
Bumpus Creek								35	31	38	1	1	1	50,000.00	6,100.00	900.00	400.00	50.00	1,600.00	
Meeks Grove					5		4	49	50	50	1			150,000.00			100.00	50.00	1,000.00	
Ridway	2						3	94	55	48	1	2		240,000.00	10,400.00	500.00	200.00	50.00	200.00	100.00
Murphy's Chapel	2			3				71	37	46		1		150,000.00		850.00	200.00	50.00	705.00	100.00
New Chapel	2	2		2	2		1	94	55	65	1	1		400,000.00	10,200.00	1,400.00	200.00	50.00	3,000.00	100.00
New Pleasant Grove																				
Piney Grove	10	8	7	4				133	112	140	5	5	1	200,000.00	16,500.00	2,325.00	300.00	100.00	11,296.00	300.00
Plummer's Chapel									6	6	1			135,000.00	4,125.00			25.00	100.00	
Scott's Chapel	5						1	146	47	47	3	1		225,000.00	13,000.00	900.00	200.00	50.00	4,861.75	
Shady Grove			2					34	18	31	1							30.00		
Solitude			1				1	45	30	47	1	1	1	800,000.00	21,370.00	200.00	200.00	50.00		
White's Creek	2						1	74	12	36	1	1	1	500,000.00	3,700.00	680.00	100.00	50.00	518.00	
TOTALS	18	10	12	3	11	0	12	866	487	597	19	15	4	2,840,000.00	102,360.00	7,905.00	2,100.00	605.00	24,530.92	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.

Article 9. The Tennessee River Association Free Will Baptist Presbytery abides by the Biblical definition of marriage between one man and one woman. (Genesis 2:24) Therefore, if any member of the Tennessee River Free Will Baptist Association performs or participates in any marriage ceremony involving two of the same sex, he will

automatically be expelled from the Association and we will not recommend him to any other Association or body. We make this move because we feel it is contrary to the King James Version of the Bible from which we teach and preach. (Romans 1:20-32, Leviticus 20:13) (This resolution passed by the Tennessee River Free Will Baptist Presbytery at September 2014 meeting.)

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 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 Friday 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 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."

16. **Homosexual life-style.** We believe that a Homosexual life-style is a sin against God. The prerequisite requirement for being a Believer in God is to be "Born Again"; born again of the Spirit of God. The Bible has established in truth that God will not dwell within an unclean body as such those that practice sin shall not enter into the presence of God or into heaven. Without the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, you are not of God. For this cause God gave them up unto their vile affections being filled with all unrighteousness who knowing the judgment of God, that which commit such things are worthy of death. God has stated that no sin shall enter Heaven and that sin separates man from God. References: Genesis 1:26-31; 2:18; Isaiah 59:2; John 3:3,5, 16; Romans 1:18-28; 8:9, 10; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20; 2 Corinthians 6:16-18; Colossians 1:27; Hebrew 13:4; 1 John 3:8,9; Constitution of the United States- Bill of Rights Amendment 1.

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?

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

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 _____

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

1. A \$2,000.00 scholarship will be granted each year, If more than one application is received in a given year, the scholarship will be divided between applicants. Each applicant is required to reapply each 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 deadline to apply is January 1 for the following fall semester.
6. The scholarship will apply to the Freewill Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN only.

PHYSICAL CHURCH (911) ADDRESSES

Adamsville	309 Freewill St., Adamsville, TN 38310
Bumpus Creek	County Rd 14, Waterloo, AL 35677
Meeks Grove	821 Tommy Sanders Rd., Stantonville, TN 38379
Midway	7485 Lagrange Rd., Leighton, AL 35646
Murphy's Chapel	9090 County Rd 8, Waterloo, AL 35677
New Chapel	Old State Rte. 57, Counce, TN 38326
New Pleasant Grove	N/A
Piney Grove	1904 Piney Rd., Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Plummer's Chapel	N/A
Scotts Chapel	1540 Big Cypress Rd., Cypress Inn, TN 38452
Shady Grove	N/A
Solitude	414 Meeks Rd., Adamsville, TN 38310
White's Creek	15 Freeland Coop, Savannah, TN 38372

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

