1913 Minutes

Minutes of the

Forty-eighth Anniversary of

The Western Division of

Stone Association of

Freewill Christian Baptist

Church of Christ

Held with the Johnson’s Church, Putnam

County, Tennessee, Commencing on

Thursday, before the Third

Sabbath in October, 1913.

Rev W. B. Gentry, Moderator.

A Lee, Clerk.

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**MINUTES**

THURSDAY

  The ministers and delegates comprising the Western Di-

vision of the Stone Association of the Freewill Christian

Baptist Church of Christ met with the Johnson’s Church,

Putnam county, Tenn., on Thursday, before the third Sun

day in October, 1913 in the forty-eighth annual session.

  After singing by the class, devotional exercises were con-

ducted by Rev. Issac Todd, and the introductory sermon

was preached by Rev. J. W. Stone from Psalms 107:43, “Who-

so is wise and will observe these things, even they shall un-

derstand the loving kindness of the Lord,” After which the

Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. G.

B. Brown, and proceeded to organize by electing Rev. W. B.

Gentry, Moderator, Rev. J. L. Myers, Assistant, A. Lee, Clerk

And Mrs. H. P. Smith Assistant.

  The roll was called by churches and delegates names en-

rolled as follows:

Allen’s Chapel P. C.---By letter.

Allen’s Chapel O. C.------------

Board Valley—Clinton Robinson,, J. A. Brown, N. Clouse.

Baker’s X Roads—H. M. Welch, Ben Duncan.

Bear Cove—J. D. Swift, W. C. Swift.

Cane Creek—J. F. Gentry, R. D. Ellis.

Caney Fork—Dan Clark, James Bartlett, H. Brown.

Dotson’s Branch—J. V. Hawkins, J. A. Hawkins, R. Jackson.

Derossett—C. C. Derossett.

Eastland—G. W. Kidwell, Lee Todd.

Flat rock---By Letter.

Free Union—EE. E. Walker, Frank Rodgers.

Glade Creek—A. C. Emery, C. Lockwood.

Highland—O. V. Bilbrey,T. H. Hammock, J. R. Hammonds.

Hensley’s Chapel---------

Johnson’s Church—Geo. Bilbrey, J. B. Myers, J. B. Rob-

inson.

Johnson’s Chapel—J. L. Johnson.

Johnson Stand—J. D. Stamps, A. Lee.

Laurel Creek—Ollie Sievers.

Laurel Springs----------------

Lone Oak—John H. Price, W. E. Walden.

Lost Creek—W. T. Hale.

Macedonia—J. B. Walker, J. P. Bohanon.

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Meridian---------------

Mt. Pleasant--------------

Mt. Union—W. M. Henry, J. H. Ford.

New Era—J. E. Davis.

New Harmony—A. C. Riggs, H. J. Sullivan.

Pleasant Ridge—Wm. Shirley, A. Baker, V. M Poston.

Poplar Springs-----------

Post Oak Shade—M. A. Judd, S. P. Kuykendall.

Poplar Grove—P. M. Manning.

Rocky Point—W. A. Jackson, G. W. Randolph.

Shady Grove—Johnson Bilbrey, S. D. Buckner, R. L. Ma-

theny.

Smith’s Chapel—W. H. Seegraves, J. F. DuBois.

Union Hill-----------Walker’s Creek----------

Watson’s Chapel------------

Zion Hill—H. J. Vanwinkle, Ervin Burgess.

  The churches marked with a dash made no report.

  An invitation was given for reception of new church-

es into the Association, whereupon Brothers Andy LaFever

and S. K. Dobbs came forward bearing letter from Ozion

church, Putnam county, Tenn.

  The Moderator appointed Brothers G. B . Brown and G. F.

Henry and the pastor and delegates of Johnson’s church as

A committee on devotional services, which reported as fol-

lows: Thursday night, Rev. Issac Todd: Friday 11:00 a. m.,

Rev. Wm. Rodgers; Friday night, Evangelist E. S Pruitt; Sat-

Urday 11:00 a. m., Rev. L. F. Smith; Saturday night, Rev.

W. S. Clouse, Sunday 11:00 a. m , Rev. E. W. Stone.

  The Rules of Decorum were then read and adopted.

  Upon motion the regular order of business was suspend-

ed and visiting brothers and sisters invited to seats with us.

  Delegates were then assigned homes and the Association

ajourned till 8 o’clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

  The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After sing-

ing by the class and prayer by Rev. J. E. Onesby, the roll

was called and Thursday’s minutes read and approved.

  The Moderator appointed the following committees: Mis:-

sions, Sabbath School, Obituary, Temperance, Finance, Pub-

lication and Education, Resolutions and a special committee

to look after and dispose of the property deeded to the Asso-

ciation by A. V. Horn.

  Letters from the various churches were called for, read

and accepted.

  Corresponding letters from sister Associations were then

Called for and Bro. H. G. Beasley came forward, bearing a let-

ter from the Eastern Division of the Stone Association and

(**SEVERAL MISSING PAGES AT THIS POINT**)

Sec. 10. No minister shall be ordained to the office of Elder

Until having passed a satisfactory examination upon the

subjects of repentance, faith, justification, the door into the

church, water baptism, the Lord’s supper, washing the

saint’s feet and transacting of church business in general.

Sec 11. Any one who desires the office of an Elder shall

take the following steps before presenting himself for ordi-

nation: They shall be liberated by their churches to hold

prayer meeting and comment on the Scripture for one year;

at the expiration of twelve months, or any time thereafter,

he sall go before aPpresbytery for examination, and if

found compentent, they shall issue license for him; after he

has had license for one year, he shall go before a Presbytery

for a second exanimation, and if found worthy, they shall

ordain him to the office of Elder.

Sec. 12. That for the purpose of receiving licentiates or

ordained ministers from other denominations who come to

us well recommended we receive trhem and ratify their

license or credentials.

Sec. 13. It shall be the duty of the presbytery to give a

letter of dismission and recommendation to any ordained

minister if in good standing wishing to leave our Associa-

tion.

Sec. 14. It shall be the duty of each church on sending

Delegates to the annual Association, to furnish them with a

Stated amount that they will pay their pastor for his ser-

vices. Any church or pastor failing to comply with said

resolution shall be reported to the Association and such fail-

ure shall appear in the report of Committee on Support ofPastors.

**ARTICLES OF FAITH**

Article 1. We believe in one eternal God, the creator and

Upholder of all things, and in Jesus Christ, His Son, and in

The Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.

Art. 2. We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New

Testements to be the word of God, and the only rule of faith

and practice.

Art. 3. We believe that man is unable to recover himself

from the fallen state that he is in by reason of sin, only by

the grace of God through the exercise of faith.

Art. 4. We believe that baptism and the Lord’s supper

And the washing of the saints’ feet are ordinances of Jesus

Christ, and that immersion is the only mode of baptism; not

The putting away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a

Good conscience toward God by the resurrection of Jesus

Christ.

Art. 5. We believe that no minister has the right to ad-

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minister these ordinances except such as are regularly

ordained.

Art. 6. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a gen-

eral judgment, the punishment of the wicked, and the joys

of the righteous are eternal.

Art. 7. We believe according to the Scriptures----Paul’s

letter to Hebrews 6: 1-7--that after a man has been made par-

taker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from frace, it is im-

possible ever to renew him again unto repentance, or re-

store him unto the favor of God.

Art. 8. We receive no person into the Freewill Christian

Baptist Church of Christ only on the principle of their con-

version.

Art. 9. We believe that no persons are members of the

church of Christ only those who have the witness within

themselves.

Art. 10. We believe that all the members od the church of

Christ hav e a right to the sacramental table upon the prin-

ciple of their acceptance with him, for St. Paul says: “But

let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread

and drink of that cup,” (1 Cor. 11:28.)

MINISTERS REPORTS

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| NAME | ADDRESS | No. of Churches | Sermons Preached | Exhortations | No. Confessions | Rec’d into Church | N. Baptised | Contributions re-  ceived for self | Contributions Received  For Home Missions | Ass’t in Churches | Baptized | Contributions Rec’d |  |
| G. F. Henry  J. E. Onesby  Issac Todd  J. L. Myers  W. C. Swift  W. S. Clouse  J. J. Swift  G. E. Pennington  W. B. Gentry  E. N. Henry  V. W. Dewese  J. W. Stone  G. B .Brown  E. W. Stone | Monterey  Clifty  Clifty  Baxter  Sparta  Cookeville  Sparta  Cookeville  Cookeville  Cookeville  Silver Point  Bloomington  Sparta  Baxter | 1  1  1  1  1  3  2  1  2  2  2  2  0  2 | 24  45  42  48  35  87  71  25  61  30  30  83  35  60 | 5          10 | 115    178    150      115  34 | 14  28  3  139  5  6  4  66  18    2  7  15  5 | 13    2  81    9  3  54  11      3  12 | 27.35  36.35  13.00  76.93  17.86  189.35  49.25  45.00  124.65  60.40  6.65  135.78  24.70  114.28 |  | 2 | 12 | 7.06 |  |

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  Committee to dispose of Horn property near Mayland,

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Mayland, Tenn., H. M Welch, Creston, Tenn.

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John McCully, Ravenscroft, Tenn.

FORM OF LETTER TO CHURCH MEMBERS.

To All Lovers Of Jesus Christ:

  This is to certify that the well beloved------------------------is

a member of the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ

at ----------------------, --------------------county, Tenn., and is hereby

dismissed from us in full fellowship.

  This done by a voice of the church the ----------day of --------------

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  ---------------------------------Moderator,

  ---------------------------------Clerk.

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FORM OF LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION

  We the Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ

at -------------------------, -------------- county, Tennessee: To

the Stone Association: when convened with --------------------,

----------------county, Tennessee.

  Dear Bretheren: We have chosen messangers -----------------.

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-------------------, to represent us in your body.

  The statistics of our church are as follows: Increase by

profession-----, by letter------, by recommendation------, by

restoration-----, our decrease by letter-----, by exclusion----,

by death-------, our total to date---------.

  We have paid our pastor $-----, assistants $------, for re-

vival work $------,total $------, paid for Home Mission work,

$------- We send Contributions for minutes $-----Our day of

meeting is the -----Sabbath in each month. Our present

pastor is Bro.------------------ Send minutes to -----------------

address---------------Tenn.

  This is done by a voice of the church and signed by order

Of the same on ---------------------191—

  ------------------------Moderator,

  -------------------------Clerk.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE FREE-

  WILL BAPTIST CHURCH AND WHY SO CALLED.

  The Freewill Baptist Church, (so called because of their

belief in open communion, and that “the will is free and self-

determined, having power to yield to gracious influences and

live, or resist them and perish,”) as a body separate and dis-

tinct, was organized June 30, 1780, at New Durham, N. H. by

its founder, Benjamin Randall, with a total membership of

seven. Benjamin Randall was born at New Castle, N. H. in

1749, was converted under the preaching of George White-

field in 1771, uniting with the Congregational Church, where

he remained four years, but deciding that immersion was the

scriptural mode of baptism, and that to be administered to

adults only, he withdrew from the Congregational Church

and united with the Baptists, remaining one year, but believ-

ing the Lord’s Supper should be administered to all regener-

ated persons, he withdrew and organized what is now known

as the Freewill Baptist Church.

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  Shortly after the organization at New Durham, N. H. , six

other ministers –Edward Locke, Tosier Lord, John Shep-

herd, Pelatiah Tingley, Samuel Weeks and Daniel Hibbard—

joined Randell and the work began to spread, churches being

organized in Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island

and other States, till at the first General Conference, held at

Tunbridge, Vt., Oct. 11, 1827, there were ten States and two

British Provinces represented with a total membership of

20,000.

  In 1905, the Freewill Baptists numbered 87,898, and had

Fifty-one Associations or annual meetings. There are now

Under their direct charge several colleges and theological

Seminaries, among which may be mentioned a college at Hills-

Dale, Mich., Parker College in Minnesota, Bates college, Lew-

Iston, Me., Storer College, Harpers’s Ferry,W. Va., the Rio

Grande College in South Eastern Ohio, the Kenka College in

N. Y., and the Woolsey College near Greenville, Tenn.

  Among the periodicals published by them may be mention-

ed The Morning Star, published at 457 Shawmut Ave., Bos-

ton, The Free Baptist at Minneapolis, Minn., The Freewill

Baptist Messanger at Baxter, Tenn., and a paper and SundaySchool literature at Ayden, N. C.

  The growth of the Freewill Baptist Church is due to an

enthusiastic missionary spirit, reaching out after such as have

no shepherd, and bidding God-speed to all organizations in

His name, not wishing to tear down or diminish their mem-

bers. However, the freedom of will taught by them has from

time to time drawn many from other denominations, as in

New York in 1841 when some thousands of the Free Comm-

nion Baptists voluntarily withdrew from their body and uni-

ted with the Freewill Baptists.

  May it spread in meekness and power till the whole world

shall accept Him and eud laand magnify His name.

CHURCH STATISTICS

**POST OFFICE -----Increase By--- ---Decrease By-- Total Paid Home Contr. Meeting**

**CHURCH AND COUNTY Prof Let Rec Res Let Exc Death Mem Pastor Missions For Min Days**

Allen’s Chapel, P. C. Baxter, Putnam 4 4 2 1 0 0 0 105 71.30 .81 1

Allen’s Chapel, O. C. Hilham, Overton 98 1

Board Valley Sparta R8, White 11 1 0 0 1 9 2 235 34.80 1.00 2

Baker’s X Roads Creston, Cumberl’d 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 51 60.00 1.00 2

Bear Cove Sparta, White 5 0 0 0 0 0 4 150 60.15 1.00 1

Cane Creek Cookeville, Putnam 3 0 1 0 0 6 2 274 52.52 1.05 4

Caney Fork Cookeville, Putnam 64 1 1 3 0 0 1 203 143.00 1.25 3

Dotson’s Branch Cookeville R8 “ 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 216 26.50 1.00 1

Derossett Derossett, White 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 37 13.26 1.00 2

Eastland Eastland, White 13 5 10 0 0 0 0 53 65.00 1.00 4

Flat Rock Erasmus, Cumberl’d 91 1.00 1

Free Union Bloomington Spg PC 0 0 0 0 4 0 0 65 50.35 1.00 2

Glade Creek Ravenscroft, Putnam 4 0 0 0 0 0 1 63 27.25 1.20 2

Highland Booz, Overton 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 42 6.60 7.50 .50 1

Hensley’s Chapel Sparta, White 83 4

Johnson’s Church Monterey, Putnam 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 75 39.60 .75 4

Johnson’s Chapel Silver Point,Putnam 3 0 0 1 2 0 1 21 73.50 .70 1

Jojhnson Stand Mayland, Cumberl’d 2 0 2 0 1 0 0 50 55.14 1.00 3

Laurel Creek Winesap, Cumberland 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 38 2.93 .35 1

Lone Oak Cookeville, Putnam 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 39 16.11 1.05 1

Laurel Springs

Lost Creek Green Tree, White 3 0 0 0 0 0 1 77 38.85 .50 4

Mt. Pleasant

Mt Union Monterey, Putnam 7 0 2 0 0 0 5 169 55.01 1.00 1

Macedonia Brotherton, Putnam 5 0 0 0 0 0 0 75 32.15 .75 2

Meridian Crab Orchard, Cumb 48 2

New Era Grapevine, Bledsoe 20 0 0 0 0 0 0 70 2.75 18.56 .75 2

New Harmony Dayton, Rhea 29 0 3 0 0 2 2 167 17.37 50.02 1.31 3

Ozion Silver Point, Putn’m 135 0 0 0 0 0 0 154 55.68 57.00 .50 3

Pleasant Ridge Sparta, White 25 0 0 0 0 14 2 185 8.00 1.05 3

Poplar Springs Cookeville, Putnam 113 3

Poplar Grove Cookeville R6 “ 14 0 0 0 0 1 3 47 35.95 .25 1

Post Oak Shade Cookeville R4 “ 2 0 0 2 4 0 2 114 31.53 1.00 3

Rocky Point Cookeville, R6 “ 7 0 0 0 0 3 0 131 34.85 .61 3

Shady Grove Monterey, Putnam 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 84 15.12 .50 4

Smith’s Chapel Pleasant Hill, Cumb 5 0 0 0 3 0 2 113 29.55 1.25 .80 1

Watson’s Chapel Sparta, White 19 4

Zion Hill Erasmus, Cumberl’d 1 0 1 0 3 0 0 27 30.65 .50 .70 3

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