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9. Warren Salyer, Morristown First
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12. L. B. Winters, Westview
13. Jerome Daugherty, Keensburg

APPALACHIAN ASSOCIATION

DELEGATES:

Billy Patrick, First Free Will, Morrison City
Willard Patrick, Morrison City First
Ralph Prifot, Westview
Connie Brown, Keensburg
Mrs. James Rapier, Elizabethton First
Kim Milhorn, Grace
Barbara Milhorn, Grace
Betty Dykes, Westview
Mildred Sams, Temple
Ora Wagner, Temple
Mrs. Hartzel, Westview
Windy Grindstaff, Keensburg
Mrs. William McNabb, Marbleton, Unicoi, Tenn.
Deborah McNabb, Marbleton, Unicoi, Tenn.
Oscar Huffman, Faith Free Will, Johnson City
Michael Wright, Grace
Margaret Butler, Faith
Jackie Butler, Faith
Vance Crain, Southside
Gladys Bowers, Faith
Joyce Grindstaff, Keensburg
Harold Boone, East Side
Mrs. James Snavely, Keensburg
Mrs. Albert Ledford, Keensburg
Jessie Robinson, Elizabethton First
Emma Stout, Westview
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Jean Patterson, Marbleton
Janie Swartz, Westview
Mrs. Rome Bailey, First, Elizabethton
Trexie Laws, Piney Grove
Ronnie Mercer, Westview
Anna Miller, Southside
Mrs. Robett Crumley, Grace
Diana Estep, Southside
Eva Estep, Southside
Patricia Garland, Southside
Danny Huffman, Faith
G. L. Shepard, Westview
Carol Amos, Temple
Helen Crowe, Piney Grove
Norene Butler, Faith

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1. Mrs. Louise Kell, First Church of Morrison City
2. Billy Patrick, Morrison City

3. Willard Patrick, First Church of Morrison City
4. Ralph Profit, Westview
5. Connie Brown, Keensburg
6. Mrs. James Rapier, Elizabethton First
7. Kim Milhorn, Grace Free Will, Johnson City, Tenn.
8. Carol Miller, First Church of Mountain City, Tenn.
9. Iva Nave, Charity Hill Free Will, Elizabethton, Tenn.
10. Wallace Amos, Temple Free Will, Bristol, Tenn.
11. Ella Miller, First Free Will, Elizabethton, Tenn.
12. Terry Swartz, Westview Free Will, Johnson City, Tenn.
13. Mark Patterson
14. Mr. and Mrs. James Camel, Piney Grove Free Will
15. Cindy Winters, Westview, Johnson City, Tenn.
16. Anthony Amos, Piney Grove Free Will
17. Cora Payne, Central Free Will, Johnson City, Tenn.
18. Mrs. Carl Smith, Faith Free Will, Johnson City, Tenn.
19. Brenda Christian, First Free Will of Morrison City
20. Vaughn Miller, First Free Will
21. Elizabeth Andes, Keensburg, Elizabethton, Tenn.
22. Albert Joe Street, Westview, Johnson City, Tenn.
23. Leona Drain, Piney Flats, Piney Flats, Tenn.
24. Louise Grindstaff
25. Kay Foster, Grace Free Will, Johnson City, Tenn.
26. Mrs. Stanley Foster, Fifteen Mile Free Will
27. Mrs. Lafollett, Piney Grove Free Will, Johnson City, Tenn.
28. H. M. Ramsey, Piney Grove Free Will
29. Mrs. Mary Ramsey, Piney Grove
30. Sarah Smity, Piney Grove
31. Ida Smith, Piney Grove
32. Richard Smith, Piney Grove
33. Karen Smith, Piney Grove
34. Mrs. Oscar Huffman, Faith Free Will, Johnson City, Tenn.
35. Lathy Christian, First Free Will, Morrison City
36. Maude Christian, Morrison City First
37. Shirley Miller, First Free Will of Elizabethton
38. Angela Foster, Grace, Johnson City, Tenn.
39. Romania Drayne, Faith, Johnson City, Tenn.
40. Sandra Kay Butler, Faith, Johnson City, Tenn.
41. Daisy Gilton, Faith, Johnson City, Tenn.
42. Janet Tipton, Marbleton, Unicoi, Tenn.
43. Roy Cooper, Keystone Free Will, Johnson City
44. Lance Saylor, First Free Will
45. Dorothy Christian, First Free Will, Morrison City
46. Anna Lee Griffin, First Free Will, Morrison City
47. Willie Mae Patrick, First Free Will, Morrison City, Tenn.
48. Joel Treadway
49. R. H. McKinney
50. Sandra Kay Butler, Faith, Johnson City, Tenn.
51. Kay Mercers, Westview, Johnson City, Tenn.
52. Jay Butler, Faith, Johnson City, Tenn.
53. Fred Tipton, Marbleton, Unicoi, Tenn.
54. Tonya Ball, Westview, Johnson City, Tenn.
55. Branch McClain, First Free Will, Kingsport

VISITING MINISTERS:

Rev. W. L. Kell, Morrison City Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Paul Ketteinan, Horton Heights Free Will
Rev. George Higgins, Central Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Carl Nelson, First Free Will of Erwin
Rev. James Brown, Harris Memorial Free Will
Rev. Leonard Sheehan, Mountain City First Free Will
Rev. Frank Woods, Mountain City First Free Will
Rev. R. C. Christian, Morrison City First Free Will
Rev. Paul Woosley, Harris Memorial Free Will
Rev. Arthur Grindstaff, First Free Will of Johnson City
Rev. Stanley Parkey, Fifteen Mile Free Will Baptist Church

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY MORNING

The first annual session of the Appalachian Association of Free Will Baptists met Monday morning, July 28, 1969. Registration started at 9:00. The session opened at 10:00 at the Westview Free Will Baptist Church of Johnson City, Tennessee. Rev. Leonard Sheehan, pastor of the First Church of Mountain City, Tenn. brought the devotion. He read I John, verses 5-11 and offered prayer. The Association was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. David Patterson, pastor of Marbleton Free Will Baptist Church of Unicoi, Tenn. Motion carried to seat the registered visiting ministers, delegates, deacons as the voting power of the Association. The Assistant Moderator then presented the Moderator, Rev. John Townsend who gave each one a hearty welcome. The Moderator gave Rev. Talmadge Brown authority to state the following recommendation from the Executive Board and Ordination Council. It was moved unanimously that all officers of the Association be retained for another year because the Association is still in its organizational stages and officers are just becoming familiar with their duties. The Moderator then appointed the Committee on Committees and the nominations are: Rev. John Cansler, Rev. David Patterson, Rev. H. C. Price, Rev. Edgar Colman, and Rev. Paul Treadway.

Rev. Townsend introduced the keynote speaker, ~~Rev. Paul Kett-~~man, Director of Public Relations from the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn. He read from II Chapter of Genesis 1-9 verses, taking his text from the 4th verse. (**Go, let us build a city and tower whose top may reach unto Heaven and let us make us a name lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth**). The message was uplifting and a challenge to our hearts for all of us to live a more dedicated life for Christ. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies of the church in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. J. C. Howington prayed the prayer of thanks.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with a congregational song led by Talmadge Brown with Mrs. Joyce Grindstaff at the piano. Rev. Edgar Colman brought the devotion. He read Psalms Chapter 8, Verse 5. Rev. E. F. Drayne offered prayer. Rev. Clarence Phillips gave a brief report on the Ordination Council recommending Rev. James Earl Raper and Rev. W. L. Kell to the Association and recommended that Rev. Houston Blevins be excused from reporting to this Association by report. It was adopted. It was moved to adjourn for the Minister's Conference.

TUESDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS

The Moderator called the meeting to order and Rev. Talmadge Brown led the congregation in a hymn (Victory in Jesus) and Rev. W. L. Kell gave the devotion reading, Romans Chapter 5, verses 1-11. Rev. Paul Kettelman offered prayer.

Rev. James Brown gave the report for the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, and we were so sorry to hear of the death of one of our boys from the home who was killed in Vietnam, Arnold Jackson. It was moved to receive this report as information, and it was moved that the Clerk send flowers from the Appalachian Association, when the body arrives and funeral arrangements are made.

Wallace Amos gave the report of the Superannuation Board which he reports a balance of \$918.32 in the bank. Then he again presented the By-laws of the Board which reads: Ministers who wish to qualify for benefits through the Superannuation Program of the Appalachian Association must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have been a member of the Free Will Baptist Denomination for at least five (5) years.
2. Must have been a member of the Appalachian Free Will Baptist Association or the Union Association for at least five (5) years.
3. Pastor: a five-year ministerial service.
4. Evangelist: Defined as an ordained, licensed minister and member of the Appalachian Association Free Will Baptist Association —must hold as many as 10-week revival services in a one-year period.
5. Must be eligible for Social Security benefits.

Ministers may be dropped from the program for the following reasons:

1. If, at any time, for any reason, a Minister's credentials shall be taken, he is immediately dropped from the program, and all privileges and benefits of the Superannuation Program shall at once be discontinued.
2. Any time that a qualified member for Superannuation shall leave the Appalachian Association he is automatically dropped from the Superannuation Program.

Number 4, of the first part on Evangelist was amended to read: Must hold as many as (20) weeks of revival services, and No. 2, part of ministers was passed.

The report was adopted as read with the exception of the amendment of No. 4.

It was moved to adjourn for the morning message: Rev. Floyd Phillips brought the message. He took his text from Isiah 28, 16 verse ~~his text~~ (A sure Foundation). He brought a well prepared and challenging message.

It was moved to adjourn for lunch. The lunch was a very well prepared lunch and enjoyed by all. Rev. John Cansler prayed the prayer of thanks.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Tuesday afternoon session opened with a song by Rev. Brown (The Old Rugged Cross). Rev. James Earl Rapier brought the devotion from Romans, Chapter 12, 1-2 verses, "I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." Rev. Guy Foster offered prayer. Rev. Talmadge Brown gave the report of the Nominating Committee which was given earlier to retain the same officers for the coming year. It was adopted as read. Rev. Floyd Phillips gave the report for the Allocation Committee on Finance, which is in the Minutes of the Minister's Conference. The meeting was adjourned for the Minister's Conference.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 28, 1969, 7:30 P.M.

The Appalachian Association convened at the West View Free Will Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee. The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Townsend. Brother Bo Campbell, choir director, led the congregation in the singing of two hymns; "Standing on the Promises" and "Power in The Blood". The Moderator called for and altar of prayer, which was led by Bro. Edward Swartz. Offering was received for the expense of the Association in the amount of \$24.50. Bro. Campbell led the congregation in singing, "When We All Get to Heaven". The Moderator presented the speaker for the night session, Rev. David Patterson, who reading from 1st Thessalonians, 4th chapter, verses 13 through 18. He chose as his text: (The Greatest of All Days). Bro. Patterson brought an inspiring and heart warming message. Meeting adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. O. P. Stokes.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board of the Appalachian Association met Friday, October 26, 1968 at 3:30 at the East Side Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, to discuss plans for the new Association: Members present were Rev. John Townsend, Rev. Guy Foster, Rev. W. F. Phillips, Rev. Talmadge Brown and Rev. Elmer Carter. The Board voted to meet in November 29 at which time they met with most all of the Boards appointed. The Christian Board of Education set the first Sunday School Convention, Friday, Jan. 3, 1969 at 7:30 P.M. at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Johnson City, Tenn. and the C.T.S. Convention Jan. 10, 1969 at 7:30 also at the Piney Grove Church of Johnson City. Since this meeting it has been set back to Sunday afternoon, the first Sunday in October for the Sunday School Convention.

On Friday the Board met and voted to continue the Superannuation support for the ministers until something can be worked out by the Superannuation Board. The Board met and moved to continue the support of Rev. John Pierce, Rev. E. F. Drayne, Rev. J. C. Howington, Rev. C. Y. Elkins according to a report by the secretary of the Board, Mrs. Nell Knode.

The Executive Board met at the East Side Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tenn. to plan the program for the Association to be held the 28, and 29 of July. It was moved that the Association be held at the Southside Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tenn. Rev. L. C. Johnson, president of our Free Will Baptist Church Bible College was recommended to be the keynote speaker, but had other commitments and Rev. Paul Ketteman was contacted to be the speaker.

This report was adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

A report was given by the committee that the Appalachian Association be changed from Monday, and Tuesday, July 28 and 29, to Thursday, August 6, and 7, 1970, with Thursday night being the keynote message and ending Friday with the ordaining service.

RESOLUTION 1. Be it resolved that the Ordaining Council meet on Thursday before the Association convenes the sixth with the Minister and churches, so they will be able to sit in on the business at the Association.

RESOLUTION 2. Whereas the percentage of the Associational Fund now allotted for Associational expenses will not take care of the need in the future, be it resolved that this change be made. Superannuation 55%, Foreign Missions 5%, Home Missions 5%, Bible College 5%, and Associational Fund 30%.

RESOLUTION 3. Whereas the Liquor, Beer and its industries in our town and county are working hard to spread their destruction upon

and against the health and mind and virtue of our youth which will be the Church of tomorrow and let it go on record that the pastor, churches and members take a more viled stand against such weapons, and that the pastors discourage the youth of our churches against smoking which is a hazard to their health and well-being and that these youth will be the fathers and mothers of our churches of tomorrow.

Rev. Floyd Phillips, Chmn.
Rev. Paul Treadway
Rev. Houston Blevins

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

Number of Churches	25
Number of Pastors	25
Number of Ministers	45
New Ministers—Rev. J. D. Wilson, Rev. Herman Clark, Rev. R. C. Christian, Rev. Daniel Foster	

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to our mother Association, the Union Association and especially to the promotional secretary, Rev. Paul Woosley for helping to make this the Appalachian Association the success that it is today.

The report was adopted as read.

Respectfully submitted by
Rev. H. C. Price, Statistician

APPALACHIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Appalachian Association met Sunday, July 6, 1969 at 2:30 P.M. at the Westview Free Will Baptist Church of Johnson City, Tenn. for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School Convention.

The meeting was called to order by the president, John R. Campbell, and Rev. Talmadge Brown led the prayer. The Moderator called for nominations for officers for the Convention and the following were elected: John R. Campbell, president, Jerome Daugherty, assistant vice president, Mrs. Carolyn Pleasant, secretary, Daniel Foster, song director, Mrs. Carolyn Pleasant, pianist. Program Committee: Daniel Foster, Edward Swartz, R. B. Depew. By-laws and Constitution Committee: Talmadge Brown, Edgar Colman, Elmer Carter.

It was moved to the first Sunday in October which is the 5th of Oct. at the Keensburg Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton.

It was moved to adjourn and Edward Swartz dismissed in prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Treasury beginning of year	\$ 108.99
First Quarter Offerings	
Special Offering from Quarter Meeting	\$ 43.73
Received from Churches	\$ 458.18
Second Quarter Offerings	
Received from Churches	\$ 243.80
Third Quarter Offerings	
Received from Churches	\$ 732.50
Received from Quarter Meeting	\$ 30.50
Fourth Quarter Offerings	
Received from Churches	\$ 672.40
Received from Quarter Meeting	\$ 83.00
Total Money Received for Year	\$2373.10

DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR

Carden Office Supply	\$ 12.79
Postmaster	\$ 24.00
Clerk Fee	\$ 50.00
Piney Grove Church	\$ 35.50
Rev. Clarence Phillips	\$ 7.30
Rev. Guy Foster	\$ 11.00
Rev. E. F. Drayne	\$ 50.00
Rev. C. Y. Elkins	\$ 50.00
Rev. J. C. Howington	\$ 50.00
Rev. John Pierce	\$ 50.00
Superannuation	\$1222.04
Bible College	\$ 186.50
Foreign Mission	\$ 186.50
Home Mission	\$ 186.50
Ayden Press	\$ 15.45
Folsom Printing Co.	\$ 103.00
Religious Book Store	\$ 4.95
Total Paid Out	\$2245.53

Balance in Bank	\$ 127.57
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Elmer Carter,
Associational Treasurer

SUPERANNUATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented to the Appalachian Association July 29, 1969 at Westview Free Will Baptist Church of Johnson City, Tenn.

Received from the Treasurer Rev. Elmer Carter	\$727.60
Deposited in the First National Exchange Bank	\$727.60
April 30, 1969 paid Rev. John Pierce	\$ 25.00
April 30, 1969 paid Rev. E. F. Drayne	\$ 25.00
April 30, 1969 paid Rev. J. C. Howington	\$ 25.00
April 30, 1969 paid Rev. C. Y. Elkins	\$ 25.00
Balance in Treasury May 8, 1969	\$627.60
Bank Charged for Checks (200)	\$ 3.72
Balance in Bank May 16, 1969	\$623.88
May 31, 1969 paid Rev. John Pierce	\$ 25.00
May 31, 1969 paid Rev. E. F. Drayne	\$ 25.00
May 31, 1969 paid Rev. J. C. Howington	\$ 25.00
May 31, 1969 paid Rev. C. Y. Elkins	\$ 25.00
Balance June 5, 1969	\$523.88
June 30, 1969 paid Rev. John Pierce	\$ 25.00
June 30, 1969 paid Rev. E. F. Drayne	\$ 25.00
June 30, 1969 paid Rev. J. C. Howington	\$ 25.00
June 30, 1969 paid Rev. C. Y. Elkins	\$ 25.00
Balance July 9, 1969	\$423.88
Received from the Treasurer Rev. Elmer Carter	\$411.44
(Special Offering)	\$ 83.00
Balance in Treasury July 29, 1969	\$912.32

Report adopted as read.

Wallace C. Amos, Treasurer

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

PROCEEDINGS

Monday afternoon, July 28, 1969, 3:00 P.M. the Appalachian Ministers' Conference, convened at the West View Free Will Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. John Townsend, to elect officers: Motion was made and duly seconded to elect from the floor. The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Rev. John Cansler, President; Rev. Edgar Colman, Vice-President; Rev. H. C. Price, Clerk.

Motion was made and seconded that Rev. James Earl Rapier and Rev. W. L. Kell, serve as committee on resolutions, motion was carried unanimous.

Rev. Elmer Carter reported to the Conference the necessity of change in allocation of money received to defray the expense of the Association. After discussion this item was referred to the Allocation Committee.

Motion was made by Rev. Edward Swartz, that \$1.00 accompany each annual ministers report, and that this money be paid to the clerk for services rendered. Motion carried.

Motion was made to adjourn.

The service was dismissed in prayer by the president, Rev. John Cansler.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1969, 3:00 P.M.

The afternoon session of the Appalachian Ministers Conference convened, Rev. John Cansler, President, presiding. The conference was called to order by the President.

ITEM 1: Report of Resolution Committee. Nothing to report.

ITEM 2: Report of the Ordaining Council, by the Rev. Clarence Phillips, as follows:

We the Ordaining Council of the Appalachian Free Will Baptist Association, have examined the following ministers for a license to preach the Gospel, and recommend them to be ordained at this session of the Association.

1. Rev. J. D. Wilson
2. Rev. Paul Crowe
3. Rev. Regenal Christian

ITEM 3: We recommend Bro. Frank Woods to be placed under

the watch care of the Association for ninety days for a license to preach.

ITEM 4: We have examined the church and ministers report and recommend that they be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Orville Stokes, Chm.
Rev. Guy Foster
Rev. Edward Swartz
Rev. W. L. Gilton
Rev. Clarence Phillips

Motion was made that the report be adopted; it was duly seconded and passed.

Rev. Floyd Phillips, Chairman of the Allocation Committee made the following report, and moved that it be adopted, that the money received from the churches on the percentage plan be disbursed as follows:

- 55% to Superannuation
- 5% to Home Mission
- 5% to Foreign Mission
- 5% to College
- 25% to the General Fund

The motion carried unanimous.

Rev. Edward Swartz, made the motion that \$1.00 accompany each annual ministers report. Motion was seconded by Rev. Clarence Phillips, and passed unanimous.

Motion was made and seconded that the above money be paid to the clerk of the ministers conference for services rendered. Motion carried.

Adjournment, prayer by the President, Rev. John Cansler.

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1969, 7:30 P.M.

Presiding, Rev. John Townsend

Meeting called to order by Rev. Townsend, Bro. Bo Campbell led the congregation in two hymns, after which an offering was received for the General Fund in the amount of \$29.50. Rev. Townsend introduced Rev. Orville Stokes, Chairman of the Ordaining Council, who in turn introduced the speaker for the ordination service; Rev. W. L. Gilton, who opened by prayer and at the close of prayer stated his text, Glorifying in the cross of Jesus, the precious blood of Christ. Scripture reading, Galatians 6-14, and 1st Peter 1:18-19. Rev. Gilton delivered a soul stirring, and heart warming message, demonstrated by the Power of God, and was received with great rejoicing throughout the congregation.

Bro. Guy Foster and Bro. Clarence Phillips, introduced to the congregation:

Rev. Paul Crowe, Rev. Jay Dee Wilson, Rev. R. C. Christian, for ordination.

Rev. James Earl Rapier, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Rev. W. L. Kell, pastor of Morrison City, by affiliation.

Rev. Dan Foster to be licensed.

Rev. Edwin Bowers for renewal of licenses.

Rev. Frank Woods to be placed under the watch care of the Association, for three months.

Each minister's wife was introduced along with their husband.

Rev. Crowe, Rev. Wilson, and Rev. Christian, was called upon for a brief testimony relating to their calling to preach the Gospel. Each minister gave a convincing testimony, after which the 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy was read by Rev. W. L. Gilton. Charge was given by Rev. Edward Swartz, followed by the laying on of the hands of the Ordaining Council. Prayer offered by Rev. Guy Foster. All ministers and their wives were greeted by the congregation and ministers giving them the right hand of fellowship.

Certificates were presented to: Rev. J. D. Wilson, Rev. Paul Crowe, Rev. R. C. Christian, Rev. W. L. Kell, Rev. James Earl Rapier.

Benediction: Rev. Ermine Butler.

CHURCHES**CLERKS**

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2. East Fairview, Elizabethton, Tenn., Miss Margaret Estep, 804 Tipton St., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
3. East Side, Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. James Mains, 1010 Fairview, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
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5. Eastview of Johnson City, Mrs. Martha Hinkle, Rt. 6, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
6. Faith of Johnson City, Mr. John Kinnick, Rt. 6, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
7. Hillcrest, Mrs. Wendell Carr, Rt. 2, Bluff City, Tenn. 37618
8. Holly Springs, Mrs. Shelby Jean Campbell, Rt. 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
9. Horseshoe Chapel, Mrs. Frances Nave, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
10. Keensburg, Mrs. Florence Daugherty, Rt. 3, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
11. Locust Gap, Mrs. Kelly Mink, Neva, Tenn. 37685
12. Marbleton Community, Mr. Fred Tipton, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn. 37692
13. Moores Chapel, Mrs. Virgie Davis, Rt. 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
14. Mountain City First, Miss Carol Miller, Rt. 1, Mountain City, Tenn. 37683
15. New Liberty, Mrs. Juanita Lewis, Rt. 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
16. Nidiffers Chapel, Mrs. Dana Oliver, Rt. 2, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
17. Piney Flats, Miss Hazel Ruth Thompson, Rt. 2, Piney Flats, Tenn. 37686
18. Piney Grove, Mrs. Ruth Ramsey, 2304 Nave Dr., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
19. South Side, Miss Brenda Taylor, Rt. 6, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
20. Temple, Bristol, Mrs. Peggy Brewer, 102 Rex Road, Bristol, Tenn.
21. Watauga Valley, Mrs. Dora White, Rt. 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
22. Westview, Mrs. Ruth D. Street, 826 Hamilton St., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
23. Grace of Johnson City, Mr. Charles Bogart, 2905 Brown Mill Road, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
24. True Gospel of Johnson City, Mrs. Betty Bennett, Rt. 4, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
25. Morrison City, Mrs. Betty Stapleton, Rt. 10, Windmere Place, Kingsport, Tenn. 37661

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Rev. Edwin Bowers, 709 Hoover St., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
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CHURCH	PASTOR	JOINED THE CHURCH	DROPPED	DIED	PRESENT MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL	NUMBER IN C.T.S.	NUMBER IN AUXILIARY	NUMBER OF DEACONS	PAID TO HOME FOR CHILDREN	PAID TO DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM	PAID TO HOME MISSIONS	PAID TO FOREIGN MISSIONS
Chairty Hill	none elected	3	-	1	36	50	20	9	2	100.00	15.70	----	----
East Fairview	Rev. John H. Burton	4	-	-	90	70	25	-	4	75.00	15.00	----	90.00
East Side	Rev. Clarence Phillips	7	2	3	206	116	25	20	8	405.65	150.00	613.51	405.65
Elizabethton First	Rev. James Earl Rapier	19	7	2	571	254	75	-	10	260.00	276.40	----	1,879.30
Eastview	Rev. John Cansler	9	-	-	39	41	-	-	2	----	----	----	----
Faith of J. C.	Rev. Ermine Butler	1	-	-	47	54	15	20	2	21.75	20.00	----	----
Grace of J. C.	Rev. Guy Foster	12	-	-	72	81	-	17	3	----	164.49	32.55	----
Hillcrest	Unknown	NO REPORT											
Holly Springs	Rev. Darrell Dugger	-	1	-	147	61	-	12	3	40.00	60.00	----	----
Horse Shoe Chapel		-	1	-	58	37	-	-	4	----	----	----	----
Keenburg	Rev. Talmadge Brown	4	-	2	206	132	50	15	6	135.00	171.81	----	210.00
Locust Gap	Rev. H. C. Price	4	-	3	132	60	-	20	7	110.00	54.00	----	----
Marbleton Community	Rev. David Patterson	12	1	1	96	81	44	11	5	60.00	60.00	----	60.00
Moore's Chapel		3	1	-	276	-	-	-	-	40.00	19.22	----	----
Mountain City First	Rev. Leonard Sheehan	21	3	-	141	91	40	-	5	280.00	173.20	----	----
New Liberty	Rev. Herman Clark	2	-	-	130	50	-	10	3	120.00	73.84	----	40.00
Nidiffers Chapel	Unknown	-	-	-	73	35	-	-	3	----	24.00	----	----
Piney Flats	Rev. John Townsend	5	2	1	103	50	-	15	2	----	73.20	----	----
Piney Grove	Rev. Paul Crowe	23	2	1	87	120	-	12	5	620.50	----	----	----
Southside	Rev. Floyd Phillips	2	-	-	65	54	25	15	3	----	53.60	4.00	35.68
Temple of Bristol	Rev. O. P. Stokes	-	-	1	179	109	46	15	4	----	82.50	225.00	900.00
True Gospel	Rev. Charlie Bennett	13	-	-	13	33	-	-	-	----	----	----	----
Watauga Valley	Rev. D. C. Byrd	12	-	1	275	130	20	20	7	130.56	122.00	75.24	220.00
Westview	Rev. Edward Swartz	6	-	1	198	125	-	-	5	170.50	54.00	160.00	383.00
TOTAL		162	20	17	3,240	1,834	385	211	98	2,435.31	1,662.96	1,110.30	4,223.63

PAID TO BIBLE COLLEGE	PAID TO CHARITY	PAID FOR BUILDING AND REPAIR	RUNNING EXPENSE	PAID TO EVANGELIST	PAID TO VISITING MINISTERS	PAID MINISTER	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	ADDITIONAL PROPERTY
---	100.00	---	2,775.61	---	175.00	1,025.00	4,206.31	11,000.00	---
---	56.00	1,765.47	546.07	250.00	5.00	2,790.00	4,592.54	10,500.00	---
567.46	70.00	4,150.55	2,609.31	209.58	20.00	5,425.00	14,626.71	50,000.00	20,000.00
600.00	---	6,568.00	19,516.81	420.00	1,168.88	4,325.00	30,384.81	150,000.00	10,500.00
---	---	63.82	1,784.96	---	10.00	2,137.25	3,997.14	9,449.61	---
---	---	175.00	269.00	60.00	5.00	780.00	1,325.75	17,500.00	---
---	75.28	9,479.48	1,373.95	170.00	---	2,660.00	35,655.69	45,000.00	---
---	249.20	1,492.21	688.75	100.00	10.00	2,071.00	4,812.16	10,000.00	8,000.00
---	---	---	166.36	---	---	149.14	315.50	4,000.00	---
10.00	---	3,728.66	3,129.18	190.00	20.00	5,280.00	12,879.65	47,000.00	---
---	150.00	599.00	565.17	300.00	125.00	1,780.00	3,673.17	26,400.00	400.00
---	32.90	1,594.45	2,084.48	125.00	---	1,870.00	5,886.83	25,000.00	---
---	107.40	1,292.77	1,281.61	100.00	---	2,460.00	5,301.00	50,000.00	10,000.00
---	244.35	3,705.55	460.00	300.00	85.00	3,655.00	8,903.54	20,000.00	17,000.00
---	---	1,615.64	872.48	---	140.00	1,740.00	4,762.09	28,000.00	6,500.00
---	---	---	750.91	---	---	1,253.31	2,028.22	7,000.00	---
---	---	1,118.86	762.11	117.59	10.00	2,040.00	4,121.76	5,000.00	---
---	---	840.00	872.00	---	5.00	2,820.00	5,157.50	20,000.00	2,500.00
---	31.66	1,674.89	733.19	---	---	1,530.00	4,063.02	20,000.00	---
---	117.84	32.01	8,866.47	589.25	33.45	5,200.00	16,046.52	178,000.00	5,000.00
---	---	---	1,704.00	---	75.00	1,100.00	2,879.00	---	---
50.00	421.14	4,234.81	2,934.84	250.47	20.00	5,052.35	13,511.41	64,000.00	9,500.00
180.00	338.08	2,326.89	2,571.91	265.00	50.00	5,330.00	11,829.38	60,000.00	8,000.00
1,407.46	1,993.85	46,458.16	57,319.17	3,446.89	1,957.33	62,473.05	200,959.70	857,849.61	97,400.00

TOTAL ASSETS. \$955,249.61

There Always Will Be God

They cannot shell His temple,
Nor dynamite His throne;
They cannot bomb His city,
Nor rob Him of His own.

They cannot take Him captive,
Nor strike Him deaf and blind,
Nor starve Him to surrender,
Nor make Him change His mind.

They cannot cause Him panic,
Nor cut off his supplies;
They cannot take His kingdom,
Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Though all the world be shattered,
His truth remains the same,
His righteous laws still potent,
And "Father" still His name.

Though we face war and struggle
And feel their goad and rod,
We know above confusion
There always will be God.

