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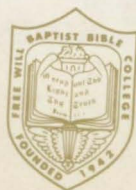
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ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE

August 6, 7, 1970



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415 "H" Street

Elizabethton, Tennessee

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Route 3

Elizabethton, Tennessee

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ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

Moderator _____ Rev. David Patterson
 2605 Heatherly Lane, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
 Assistant Moderator _____ Rev. John Townsend
 415 East H. St., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
 Secretary _____ Mrs. Talmadge Brown
 Route 3, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
 Treasurer _____ Rev. Talmadge Brown
 Route 3, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
 Statistician _____ Rev. H. C. Price
 401 Holly St., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. W. F. Phillips _____ Term Expires 1971
 Rev. W. L. Kell _____ Term Expires 1972
 Rev. Ermine Butler _____ Term Expires 1973
 Rev. David Patterson _____ Ex-Officio
 Rev. Talmadge Brown _____ Ex-Officio
 Mrs. Talmadge Brown _____ Ex-Officio

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. D. C. Byrd _____ Term Expires 1975
 Salmer Holder _____ Term Expires 1974
 Clyde Stout _____ Term Expires 1973
 Shade Estep _____ Term Expires 1972
 Shay Taylor _____ Term Expires 1971

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Wallace Amos, Chairman, Robert Crumley, Harry Hall, Mrs. Mable Snavelly, and Mrs. Nell Knode.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Carl Nelson _____ Term Expires 1975
 Rev. O. P. Stokes _____ Term Expires 1974
 Rev. Guy Foster _____ Term Expires 1973
 Rev. James E. Raper _____ Term Expires 1972
 Rev. Edward Swartz _____ Term Expires 1971

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

Rev. David Patterson, Rev. Dan Foster, Rev. Herman Clark.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

Rev. Talmadge Brown, Rev. J. D. Wilson

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. Paul Treadway, Route 3, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Clarence Phillips, 710 Siam Rd., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Edward Swartz, 2512 McKinley Rd., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. David Patterson, 2605 Heatherly Lane, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. H. C. Price, 401 Holly St., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. O. P. Stokes, 4119 Navaho Dr., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. C. B. Shoemaker, 1728 Euclid Ave., Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. John Townsend, 415 East "H" St., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. J. D. Wilson, P. O. Box 63, Piney Flats, Tenn. 37686
Rev. James Clark, 400 Highland St., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. Guy Foster, 1102 Ronald Lane, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. Dan Foster, Route 5, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. Gene Deaton, Route 1, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. Jack Ward, Piney Flats, Tenn. 37686
Rev. Ermine Butler, 1403 Merrywood Dr., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. Ivery Padgett, 3021½ Highland Ave., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. W. F. Phillips, 512 East "D" St., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Carl Nelson, Route 5, Box 321A, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Paul Crowe, 901 Barton St., Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. Edgar Coleman, P. O. Box 907, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Charlie Bennett, Route 4, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. Shay Taylor, Route 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. D. C. Byrd, Route 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Herman Clark, Route 2, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Darrell Dugger, 1010 Bishop Lane, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. John Cansler, Route 5, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
Rev. Clarence Wilson, Route 1, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Talmadge Brown, Route 3, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. James E. Raper, 702 First St., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
Rev. Houston Blevins, 210 S. Main St., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

L. E. Burgess, Mountain City First
Warren Salyer, Morrison City First
W. A. Owens, Faith
Gary Hodges, Boring Chapel
Jerome Daugherty, Keensburg
Bo Campbell, Elizabethton First
John Morgan, Elizabethton First
Bill Lewis, Elizabethton First

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

Tommy Maines, East Side
Bud Julian, East Side
Charlotte Julian, East Side
Ronnie Mercier, Westview
G. L. Shepard, Westview
Mabel Price, Locust Gap
Mrs. L. E. Burgess, Mountain City First
W. C. Amos, Temple
Louise Brewer, Temple
Margaret Barr, Temple
Lula Miller, Temple
Mildred J. Sams, Temple
Mrs. Ora Wagner, Temple
Mrs. Wallace Amos, Temple
Hazel Ruth Thompson, Piney Flats
Jo Penix, Piney Flats
Nancy Penix, Piney Flats
Carolyn Salyer, Morrison City First
Iona Salyer, Morrison City First
Ray E. Johnson, Morrison City First
Lorene Johnson, Morrison City First
Hargres Griffie, Morrison City First
Annie Lee Griffie, Morrison City First
Elva Alley, Morrison City First
Lynn R. Hawkins, Faith
Margaret Butler, Faith
Jackie Butler, Faith
Sandra Butler, Faith
Richard Hicks, Boring Chapel
Melvin Hicks, Boring Chapel
Bruce Hensley, Piney Grove
Mrs. Bruce Hensley, Piney Grove
Anna Oliver, Nidiffers Chapel
Sophia Bowers, Nidiffers Chapel
Carma Collins, Nidiffers Chapel
Ike Nidiffer, Nidiffers Chapel
Mrs. Herman Clark, New Liberty
Mrs. Howard Birchfield, Keensburg
Howard Birchfield, Keensburg
Joyce Grindstaff, Keensburg
Tom Austin, Keensburg
Mable Snaveley, Keensburg
Florence Daugherty, Keensburg
Viola Phillips, Elizabethton First

Clyde Phillips, Elizabethton First
Jesse L. Roberson, Elizabethton First
Mrs. Rome Bailey, Elizabethton First
Doris Raper, Elizabethton First

VISITING MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. Carl Johnson, Southside
Rev. Bill VanWinkle, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Rev. Paul Woolsey, Union Association
Rev. Jerry Presley, Union Association.

VISITORS WHO REGISTERED

Jean Patterson, Marbleton Community
Mark Patterson, Marbleton Community
Karen Brewer, Temple
Paul Andrew Thompson, Piney Flats
Wilma Hawkins, Faith
Carl Sneyd, Faith
Daisy Gilton, Faith
Lacy Gilton, Faith
Oscar Huffman, Faith
Mrs. Oscar Huffman, Faith
Mrs. Carl Smith, Faith
Stella Cross, Faith
Joe Cross, Faith
Bob Thomas, Piney Grove
Timothy Presley, Union Association
Sue Presley, Union Association
Linda Fay Davis, Keensburg
Katherine Davis, Keensburg
Diana Brown, Keensburg
Wendy Grindstaff, Keensburg
June Snavely, Keensburg
Clarence Perry, Keensburg
Norman Brown, Keensburg
Kyle Brown, Keensburg
Connie Brown, Keensburg
Ray Davis, Keensburg
Claude Davis, Keensburg
Terry McQueen, Elizabethton First
Kathy Raper, Elizabethton First
Sheila Raper, Elizabethton First
June Brown, Elizabethton First
Lois Brown, Elizabethton First
Cathy Campbell, Elizabethton First
Jo Ann Campbell, Elizabethton First

Carol Bowers, Elizabethton First
Janet Jamison, Elizabethton First
Norman Jamison, Elizabethton First
Diana Knierimen, Elizabethton First
Rome Bailey, Elizabethton First
F. D. Elliott, Elizabethton First
Mary Evelyn Taylor, Elizabethton First
Kathy Peters, Elizabethton First
Carolyn Tolley, Elizabethton First
Dalton Tolley, Elizabethton First
Mary Knode, Elizabethton First
Winfred Knode, Elizabethton First
Sue Hampton, Elizabethton First
Dick Hampton, Elizabethton First
Vada Street, Elizabethton First
Lewis White, Elizabethton First
Frances Burrow, Elizabethton First
Mrs. John Morgan, Elizabethton First
John I. Morgan, Elizabethton First
Ann Morgan, Elizabethton First
Rebecca Blevins, Elizabethton First

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING

The second annual session of the Appalachian Association of Free Will Baptist met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tennessee, Thursday evening, August 6, 1970. The session opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace" led by Tom Austin. The Association was called to order by the assistant moderator, Rev. David Patterson. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat the registered ministers, deacons, and delegates as the voting power of the Association. Visiting ministers, Rev. Paul Woolsey, Rev. Jerry Presley, and Rev. Bill VanWinkle were seated as advisory council. Rev. Patterson presented the moderator, Rev. John Townsend who gave a word of greeting and expressed his desire that the Holy Spirit would direct each meeting. The Committee on Committees appointed by the moderator are as follows: Rev. D. C. Byrd, Rev. Doyle Hoilman, Rev. Herman Clark, Rev. Carl Nelson, and Rev. Dan Foster. A partial report of the Ordaining Council was made by Rev. Clarence Phillips, recommending the Boring Chapel Church for membership in the Association. Motion made, seconded, and carried that they be received.

The worship service began with the congregation singing "I Would Not Be Denied" and "When We All Get To Heaven". The choir of the host church presented special singing. The moderator introduced the keynote speaker, Rev. James Earl Raper, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tenn. Rev. Raper read I Samuel 21:9 and St. John 9:4. He brought an inspiring message, challenging the ministers and churches to make haste in God's business for the night comes when no man can work. The right hand of fellowship was given to the Boring Chapel Church. Meeting was dismissed.

FRIDAY MORNING

The morning session opened with a congregational song, "Standing on the Promises". Rev. Jack Ward brought the devotion. He read Galatians 6:14 and used the subject "Glorying in the Cross of Christ", closing with prayer. The following reports were read and adopted: the General Board reported by Rev. Ermine Butler, the Statistician report by Rev. H. C. Price, the Treasury report by Rev. Talmadge Brown, and the report of the Committee on Committees by Rev. D. C. Byrd. Rev. O. P. Stokes gave a report on the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ordaining Council and Articles I through IV were adopted.

Recess was declared by moderator for five minutes.

The morning worship service opened with a congregational hymn, "How Great Thou Art". Rev. Paul Crowe, pastor of the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Johnson City, Tenn., brought the message, using the subject "The True Church". He read from Genesis 3:15, St.

John 12:24, Ephesians 5:23, and Colossians 1:18, 19. A fellowship followed the message and an offering was received for the Home for Children in the amount of \$29.38. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to meet for afternoon session at 1:00 o'clock instead of 1:30. Recess for lunch was declared with Rev. Edward Swartz offering thanks for the food.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Friday afternoon session opened with congregational singing. The Moderator introduced Rev. Bill VanWinkle, home missionary under appointment to Murfreesboro, Tenn. Rev. VanWinkle gave the devotion reading from Psalms 95. He also spoke briefly concerning his work in Murfreesboro, and requested the prayers of all the churches. The Sunday School Convention and C. T. S. Convention reports were given by Mrs. Dorothy Perry. They were adopted. The following reports were read and adopted: the Home Missions report by Rev. D. C. Byrd, report of the Committee on Christian Education and Literature by Rev. Carl Nelson, and the report from the Children's Home by the Superintendent, Rev. Don Ellis. The report of the Superannuation Board was given by Wallace Amos. The report was adopted. Mr. Amos also presented a retirement plan whereby the Superannuation Board would contribute a certain sum to any minister of the association who would join the Retirement Program of our National Association. This matter was delegated to the Resolutions Committee for further action. Rev. H. C. Price read the Nominations Committee report. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to wait until a future date to begin rotating Superannuation Board members. With this amendment it was moved to elect those nominated by acclamation. Motion carried. Rev. Orville Stokes gave the report of the Appreciation Committee. Report adopted. Article V through IX of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ordaining Council were read and adopted. The Resolutions Committee submitted the following recommendations for approval:

Item 1. Whereas the Ministers Retirement Program is not fully understood by all member ministers, and the financial stability and potential of the Superannuation Board over a long range period has not been established, we recommend that no action be taken at the present time concerning the Ministers Retirement Program.

Item 2. That the deceased ministers of our Association be honored by a written memorial in the annual minutes. Motion was made and seconded to adopt Item 1. Motion lost. Motion made, seconded, and carried to adopt Item 2. The motion was made that we go on record as empowering the Superannuation Board the authority to contribute a minimum of \$5.00 and a maximum of \$8.00 per month for one year to any member who will participated in the retirement program of our National Association. Motion was seconded.

After considerable discussion, a motion was made to table the motion in question and appoint a committee to study the matter and report to next Quarterly Meeting. Motion was seconded and adopted. The moderator appointed the following committee: Wallace Amos, Rev. James Raper, Rev. Edward Swartz, Rev. Talmadge Brown, and Mrs. Talmadge Brown.

Rev. Houston Blevins gave a personal testimony and sang a song, after which the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

FRIDAY EVENING

The evening meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. John Townsend. Tom Austin led the congregation in a hymn, and Rev. Dennis Hammer sang a song. The following report of the Ordaining Council was submitted for approval by Rev. Clarence Phillips:

- Item 1. We recommend Lynn Hawkins to be placed under the watch care of the association for 90 days, after which he will be given an examination for licenses to preach the Gospel.
- Item 2. We recommend Rodney Bailey to be placed under the watch care of the Association for 90 days, after which he will be given an examination for licenses to preach the Gospel.
- Item 3. We recommend Herman Clark for ordination at this session of the Association.
- Item 4. We recommend that the Churches and Ministers reports be adopted.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the report as read.

The choir of Elizabethton First Free Will Baptist Church sang two beautiful hymns and an offering was received for the general fund of the Association in the amount of \$40.15. Rev. Townsend introduced the speaker for the ordaining service, Rev. O. P. Stokes, pastor of Temple Free Will Baptist Church of Bristol. Reading from I Sam. 3:4, 21, Rev. Stokes delivered a soul stirring and challenging message from the subject, "The Call of God". He gave an invitation to those who would answer God's call, and two people came forward responding to God's call.

Rev. Guy Foster introduced to the congregation, Rev. Herman Clark for ordination. Rev. Clark gave a testimony of his personal salvation, and his call into the ministry. Rev. Edward Swartz read II Tim. 4, and Rev. James E. Raper gave the charge. Mrs. Clark joined her husband at the altar for a prayer of dedication, led by Rev. Clarence Phillips. A certificate of Ordination was presented to Rev. Clark and he was greeted by the congregation and ministers giving him the right hand of fellowship.

The gracious invitation from Rev. Guy Foster to meet with his church, Grace Free Will Baptist of Johnson City, Tenn., next year was accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn with benediction by Rev. John Townsend.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Appalachian Association of Free Will Baptist met February 21, 1970, at 6:00 P.M. at the East Side Free Will Baptist Church. The following members were present:

Rev. John Townsend

Rev. W. F. Phillips

Rev. Elmer Carter

Rev. Ermine Butler

Rev. Talmadge Brown

Mrs. Talmadge Brown

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Townsend and the plans for the Annual Association were made as follows:

(a) The Association will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tenn.

(b) The same program format will be used as in 1969.

(c) Speakers were selected for the devotional and worship services.

Another meeting of the Executive Board was called on May 23, 1970, to make necessary changes in the program plans. The following speakers were selected.

Keynote Message Thursday Night.....Rev. James E. Raper

Friday Morning Message.....Rev. W. L. Kell

Friday Night Message (Ordaining Service).....Rev. O. P. Stokes

Devotions Friday Morning.....Rev. Jack Ward

Friday evening devotional left open to be appointed by Moderator during meeting.

Upon being informed by Rev. Kell that he would not be able to attend, the board appointed Rev. Paul Crowe to speak Friday morning.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Resolution Committee: Rev. Houston Blevins, Rev. Jack Ward, and Rev. Paul Crowe.

Christian Education and Literature: Rev. David Patterson, Rev. Dan Foster, and Rev. Herman Clark.

Publicity Committee: Rev. Talmadge Brown, and Rev. J. D. Wilson

Nominating Committee: Rev. James E. Raper, Rev. Doyle Hoilman, and Rev. Carmi Price.

Appreciation: Rev. O. P. Stokes.

Submitted by:

Rev. D. C. Byrd

Rev. Doyle Hoilman

Rev. Herman Clark

Rev. Carl Nelson

Rev. Dan Foster

APPALACHIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Carolyn Pleasant resigned as Secretary and Treasurer to the Sunday School Convention and Dorothy Perry was elected to this office, in January, 1970. The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by the Convention in January meeting. The Convention did not elect officers at the July meeting. The nominating committee consisted of ministers who were attending the National Association on this date. The present officers were asked to serve until a report has been received from this committee.

The offerings received for the Home for Children were \$35.95. Balance in treasury at present is \$106.44.

Dorothy Perry, Secretary

APPALACHIAN C. T. S. CONVENTION

The Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by the Convention at the January meeting. A committee was appointed to recommend an award system. Their recommendation to the Convention is to purchase the Attendance Banner and the Junior Sword Drill Banner. They also recommended that pins be awarded to the first place winner in each Sword Drill Division, but at the present time money is not available to purchase them.

The officers elected to the C. T. S. Convention are as follows: President, Bob Sammons, Vice President, Donald White, Secretary and Treasurer, Dorothy Perry; Sword Drill Director; Sharon Roark, Song Director, Dan Foster, and Pianist, Diane Estep.

The Convention voted to cut the salary paid to secretary, from \$20.00 per quarter to \$15.00. The offering received for the Home for Children was \$23.49. Balance in treasury as of August 6, 1970 is \$15.76.

Dorothy Perry, Secretary

SUPERANNUATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented to the Appalachian Association August 7, 1970

Balance brought forward from report of July 29, 1969\$ 918.32
Received from Treasurer, Rev. Brown:

January 14, 1970 515.80
April 15, 1970 459.87

Total\$ 975.67

Paid out Superannuation benefits:

Rev. John Pierce 75.00
Rev. J. C. Howington 300.00
Rev. W. L. Gilton 150.00
Rev. E. F. Drayne 325.00
Rev. C. Y. Elkins 325.00

Total\$1,175.00

Balance as of July 29, 1970\$ 718.99

Respectfully submitted,

Wallace C. Amos, Treasurer

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

The Home Missions Board held it's last meeting in April, 1970.

We urge any minister who is not pastoring and desires a work, to contact any member of the Home Missions Board. A Board meeting will be called and plans made for a new Free Will Baptist work to begin.

There were no funds dispersed this past quarter. The balance in treasury August 6, 1970 is \$544.94.

D. C. Byrd, Chairman
Shay Taylor
Clyde Stout
Selmer Holder
Shade Estep

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

We the Committee on Christian Education and Literature submit the following report:

1. We urge all our churches to use our national literature and other publications.

2. We urge the people of our churches to use the Bible first and other fundamental literature in our homes.
3. We urge our churches and all it's peoples to support our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee and Moore, Oklahoma. Support by condition of prayer and money. Also that those seeking a higher education attend one of the before mentioned schools.
4. We urge that all pastors with complaints concerning any of our literature make these complaints known to the Committee on Christian Education and Literature. After these are pooled together, steps can be taken to have made the desired corrections.

Respectfully submitted,
 David Patterson, Chairman
 Herman Clark
 William McNabb
 Carl Nelson

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

Total Number of Churches	26
Number of Pastors	28
Number of Ministers	45

We remain as of August 6, 1970, with 45 ministers, who are in harmony and love with one another and with God.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1969-1970

Balance brought forward\$ 127.57

Receipts:

FIRST QUARTER:

Received from Churches\$ 609.20
Offering from Association 55.56

SECOND QUARTER:

Received from Churches 486.89
With Quarterly Reports 79.50
Love Offering for Rev. Gilton 60.00

THIRD QUARTER:

Received from Churches 766.63
With Quarterly Reports 69.50
Offering for Home for Children 34.76

FOURTH QUARTER:

Received from Churches 994.89
With Quarterly Reports 85.50
Earmarked Ministers' Retirement Fund 30.00

Total\$3,400.00

Disbursements:

Folsom Printing Co.\$ 238.00
Carden Office Supply 16.86
Postmaster 24.00
Rev. Paul Kettermann 25.00
Clerk Fee 150.00
Betsy Floral 10.00
Teilman Florist 10.40
Rev. W. L. Gilton 60.00
Tennessee State Association 60.00
Home Missions Board 142.72
F. W. B. Bible College 142.72
F. W. B. Foreign Missions 142.72
F. W. B. Home for Children 34.00
Superannuation Board 1,599.88

Total\$2,657.06

Balance as of August 1, 1970\$ 742.94

Talmadge Brown

Associational Treasurer

REPORT OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that this Association express our appreciation to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tennessee and its pastor, Rev. James E. Raper for their wonderful spirit of hospitality and the welcome that we have received from them in the true Spirit of the Lord. The ladies have gone far beyond the call of duty in preparing the wonderful lunch and dinner.

We also express our appreciation to the Moderator and Assistant Moderator who performed their duties in an understanding way, to our choir director, Tom Austin and the ladies who played the piano and organ, to Bo Campbell and the First Church Choir who added so much to our worship services.

Respectfully submitted,

O. P. Stokes

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL OF THE APPALACHIAN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I.

Any person called of God to preach the Gospel, shall not be considered by the Ordaining Council as a candidate for license in this Association until he has studied the Treatise, "Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists", and further, has been a member of the Free Will Baptist Denomination for a period of at least one year.

ARTICLE II.

The Ordaining Council shall not recommend to this Association any candidate, until his credit rating and character have been investigated by the Association and have been found to be good.

ARTICLE III.

Anyone recommended by the Ordaining Council for license or ordination to preach must first present to the Council a letter of recommendation signed by the Clerk and Pastor of the church of which he is a member; nor shall the Ordaining Council recommend anyone from

another association to the Conference as an ordained minister until he has presented to the Council a letter of recommendation from the association of which he is a member.

ARTICLE IV.

Before a candidate who has been licensed to preach for one (1) year may be ordained by the Ordaining Council, he must first be: (a) called to pastor a church; or, (b) a Christian Day School Teacher; or, (c) an evangelist who conducts a minimum of 20 weeks revival in one (1) year; or, (d) a full time Minister of Music and a minister of the Gospel; or, (e) a Home or Foreign Missionary. However, any minister having served under license for one (1) year is eligible to take the examination for ordination. Said examination to be given by the Ordaining Council in accordance with the conditions hereinabove set forth in this Article.

ARTICLE V.

Any candidate coming before the Ordaining Council for license or ordination, shall be required to take an oral examination and a written examination, must have studied the required books, and shall comply with such other conditions as the Ordaining Council, in its discretion shall deem pertinent to the examination of the candidate.

ARTICLE VI.

The Ordaining Council may ordain ministers who qualify, at a Quarterly, or Annual Association.

ARTICLE VII.

Acceptance of a candidate by the Ordaining Council shall not be contingent upon his theological premise; but shall be based upon his belief in sound Biblical doctrine, as evidenced by his full agreement with, and acceptance of, the Treatise, "Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists".

ARTICLE VIII.

The Ordaining Council will not consider any candidate who has been divorced and married again.

ARTICLE IX.

All licensed and ordained ministers are required to report in person and by letter to all Quarterly and Annual meetings unless providentially hindered. Failure to do so will mean he is to render his credentials which will be subject to being revoked.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Appalachian Ministers Conference convened Thursday evening at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tennessee. The conference was called to order by Rev. Clarence Phillips. Motion was made that brother Phillips serve as President for this session. Motion carried. The appointment of the Committee on Committees is as follows; Rev. Paul Treadway, and Rev. Edgar Coleman. Motion was made and carried to adjourn until next session.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session of the Appalachian Ministers Conference convened at 3:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Edgar Coleman. The following officers were elected: Rev. Edgar Coleman, President, Rev. Guy Foster, Vice-President, and Rev. Carl Nelson, Clerk.

Motion was made to adjourn.

CHURCHES

- Boring Chapel, Johnson City, Tenn., Mr. Kenneth Bourbon, Rt. 3, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
- Charity Hill, Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. Clyde Nave, Rt. 1, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
- East Fairview, Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. Pete Wilson, 437 Race St., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
- East Side, Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. James Mains, 1010 Fairview Ave., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
- Elizabethton First, Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. Lewis White, 1204 Huron Dr., Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
- Eastview, Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs. Paul Hinkle, Rt. 6, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
- Faith, Johnson City, Tenn., Mr. John Kinnick, Rt. 6, Johnson City, Tenn. 37601
- Grace, Johnson City, Tenn., Mrs. Roy Crussell, Rt. 4, Jonesboro, Tenn. 37659
- Hillcrest, Mrs. Wendell Carr, Rt. 2, Bluff City, Tenn. 37618
- Holly Springs, Mrs. Shelby Jean Campbell, Rt. 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
- Keensburg, Elizabethton, Tenn., Mrs. Florence Daugherty, Rt. 3, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
- Locust Gap, Mrs. Kelly Mink, Neva, Tenn. 37685
- Marbleton Community, Mr. Fred A. Tipton, Rt. 1, Unicoi, Tenn. 37692
- Moore's Chapel, Mrs. Virgie Davis, Rt. 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
- Morrison City First, Mrs. Betty Stapleton, Rt. 10, Windmere Place, Kingsport, Tenn. 37661
- Mountain City First, Mrs. John Brown, Rt. 1, Mountain City, Tenn. 37683
- New Horseshoe Chapel, Mrs. Frances Nave, Rt. 1, Box 286A, Elizabethton, Tenn. 37643
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Our brothers in the ministry who have gone on to their reward are missed keenly by those of us who are left to carry on the work of the Lord. We shall always appreciate our close association and warm personal friendships with these men of God who set an example for us, and their lives will continue to be an inspiration to us.

REV. J. C. HOWINGTON

Rev. J. C. Howington, a pioneer preacher, spent over half a century in the Free Will Baptist ministry. Thirty-five years of this were spent in dedicated service to two of our churches in Elizabethton, Tennessee. Brother Howington gave unselfishly of his time and efforts to the advancement of the Free Will Baptist Denomination and the Cause of Christ in this area.

REV. E. A. WAGNER

Rev. E. A. Wagner was a true soldier of the cross. His ministry lead him to service in churches in Virginia and Tennessee. Due to failing health, Rev. Wagner spent the last seven years of service to the Lord as honorary pastor of his home church, Temple Free Will Baptist. Here, he also acted as teacher of the Adult Bible Class. He was a man of God consecrated and dedicated to his work whether preaching His Word or instructing those in his Sunday school class.

REV. JOHN HARRIS

Rev. John Harris was deeply dedicated to his radio ministry, the Prayer Band Program, which he carried on for over twenty years. He also gave many years of his life to pastoral work in several of our churches in East Tennessee, winning many to the Lord both through his radio ministry and his church work.

REV. JOHN PIERCE

Rev. John Pierce loved the church, the Lord and the Free Will Baptist Denomination. Not only did he love the church, but he loved lost souls. He was a worthy ambassador leading many to accept Christ and live useful lives through his pastoral work.

REV. W. L. GILTON

As we linger here with memories and sadness,
Yet sad we should not be.
For our Brother has gone to be with
Jesus, through all eternity.

He often spake of Jesus, Sister,
Mother, and Dad.

They are greeting him now in heaven.
So why should we be sad.

His smile that brightened our lives,
His message that thrilled our soul.
Will comfort us on our journey to heaven,
Our eternal goal.

Many times in his message he would state,
If I am called to be with Jesus first,
I will be waiting for you at the gate.
So we refuse to question our master, to be sad or blue,
In just a little while Brother Willie, we will be with you.

— Rev. H. C. Price

REV. JOHN HARRIS

He radiated from his personality a charm and sweetness. As you go through this busy life, each striving selfishly to survive, it is remarkable to meet a personality like that of Reverend John Harris. I do not think there is any man who came in contact with him, who did not add to his own determination to be better and more sympathetic to his fellowman. His passing leaves an emptiness in our hearts and in the ministry that will be hard to fill. It is with the deepest sorrow and grief that we witness his passing.

— Rev. D. C. Byrd

~~REVEREND JOHN HARRIS~~

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13.

CHURCH	JOINED 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
Charity Hill	10	6	0	35	45	30	12	3	100.00	36.57	-----	-----
East Fairview	NO REPORT											
East Side	20	0	3	190	135	30	15	9	383.24	311.27	491.56	383.24
Elizabethhton First	10	5	8	575	240	75	0	12	327.00	446.89	300.00	900.00
East View	0	0	0	39	25	0	0	2	-----	64.22	-----	-----
Faith of J. C.	6	0	0	64	61	0	20	2	40.00	81.00	-----	-----
Grace of J. C.	17	4	1	84	74	20	17	2	134.00	274.00	260.00	260.00
Hillcrest	NO REPORT											
Holley Springs	12	4	0	154	61	0	12	3	50.00	125.00	-----	-----
Horse Shoe Chapel	0	0	0	59	10	0	0	4	-----	-----	-----	-----
Keensburg	13	5	1	213	135	49	17	7	150.00	209.19	41.76	330.00
Locust Gap	12	0	3	147	60	0	20	6	-----	73.00	-----	-----
Marbleton Community	9	0	0	96	76	40	14	4	60.00	60.00	-----	60.00
Moores Chapel	10	6	3	274	98	0	15	5	60.00	28.95	-----	-----
Mountain City, First	33	23	0	148	88	39	0	5	305.00	168.97	-----	30.00
Morrison City	31	0	3	196	190	0	15	6	120.00	66.00	163.00	150.00
New Liberty	10	0	0	137	45	0	10	3	110.00	99.79	-----	30.00
Nidiffers Chaple	2	0	0	65	35	0	0	4	-----	24.00	-----	-----
Piney Flats	18	0	1	113	65	40	20	2	-----	77.72	10.00	-----
Piney Grove	34	0	0	111	170	0	12	5	570.75	137.96	-----	40.00
South Side	0	0	0	65	52	20	15	3	-----	47.72	5.00	-----
Temple of Bristol	12	0	1	119	100	38	16	4	60.00	186.74	-----	900.00
True Gospel	2	0	0	15	40	0	0	0	-----	-----	-----	-----
Watauga Valley	12	4	2	279	141	16	18	7	125.00	240.00	95.45	240.00
West View	8	0	0	209	185	0	0	6	120.00	120.00	180.00	464.50
TOTAL	281	57	26	3,387	2,131	397	248	104	2,714.99	2,878.99	1,546.77	3,787.74

	PAID TO BIBLE COLLEGE	PAID TO CHARITY	PAID FOR BUILDING AND REPAIRS	RUNNING EXPENSE	PAID EVANGELIST	PAID TO VISITING MINISTER	PAID MINISTER	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	ADDITIONAL PROPERTY
	-----	100.00	698.50	893.90	100.00	25.00	1,290.00	3,243.97	11,000.00	-----
1,163.24	109.00	2,694.30	3,379.88	325.00	116.26	5,300.00	14,656.99	65,000.00	-----	
881.00	250.00	1,045.75	9,585.88	200.00	300.00	6,500.00	37,344.25	160,000.00	15,000.00	
	-----	-----	2,037.76	80.00	-----	2,125.00	4,306.98	9,449.61	-----	
	281.00	134.00	281.00	137.00	40.00	1,032.00	1,313.00	12,000.00	-----	
394.00	314.53	6,881.94	1,690.27	320.00	-----	4,845.00	15,465.24	45,000.00	-----	
	326.50	2,289.47	960.97	100.00	-----	2,600.00	6,451.94	12,000.00	8,000.00	
	6.00	-----	18.00	-----	-----	31.48	376.16	4,000.00	-----	
524.00	259.22	3,672.51	2,319.73	200.00	-----	5,200.00	13,115.60	47,000.00	-----	
	50.00	400.00	681.89	401.00	50.00	1,830.00	2,964.88	26,400.00	400.00	
	280.90	1,392.00	1,335.83	-----	-----	1,800.00	5,038.73	25,000.00	-----	
	75.00	1,406.09	1,452.98	200.00	380.00	2,320.00	5,923.02	40,000.00	10,000.00	
	78.00	3,243.45	699.25	400.00	310.75	4,090.30	9,325.72	20,000.00	17,000.00	
120.00	150.00	9,050.00	11,149.00	300.00	200.00	6,500.00	21,685.17	100,000.00	-----	
	-----	7,740.29	1,226.36	130.00	35.00	2,120.00	11,521.34	42,000.00	8,000.00	
	-----	-----	538.17	223.80	-----	983.76	1,770.06	5,000.00	-----	
	125.00	2,276.09	939.00	253.45	20.00	2,080.00	5,786.26	25,000.00	-----	
	-----	15,742.00	2,300.00	135.00	50.00	4,525.00	21,775.71	32,000.00	-----	
	50.00	1,200.83	718.25	70.00	35.00	1,530.00	3,656.80	20,000.00	-----	
220.00	84.44	9,805.83	840.00	540.03	130.00	5,200.00	16,047.06	178,000.00	5,000.00	
	50.00	-----	500.00	235.00	-----	1,040.00	1,825.00	RENTAL	RENTAL	
	393.61	6,040.32	3,257.19	201.47	20.00	5,280.00	15,893.04	64,000.00	95,000.00	
50.50	306.01	1,925.69	7,985.81	200.00	-----	6,065.00	16,953.01	60,000.00	12,000.00	
3,352.74	3,289.21	77,639.06	54,791.12	4,751.75	1,712.01	74,287.54	236,439.93	1,002,849.61	84,900.00	

TOTAL ASSETS - - - \$1,087,749.61

Thank God for a general improvement in almost all phases.

Respectfully Submitted by
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