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ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

1997-1998

Moderator - Phil Poston
Assistant Moderator - Curtis Hurt
Clerk - Mark Street
Treasurer - Aggie Lyons
Assistant Clerk - Kathy Street

GENERAL BOARD

Phil Poston (Ex-Officio)
Curtis Hurt (Ex-Officio)
Mark Street (Ex-Officio)
Aggie Lyons (Ex-Officio)
Sam Ferguson (2000)
Darrell Pickle (Ex-Officio)
Shane Brunner (2001)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Jerry Stout (1999)
Rev. Kenneth Grindstaff (2000)
Rev. Willie Justice (2001)
Rev. Darrell Pickle (2002)
Rev. Elmer Carter (2003)

YOUTH BOARD

Steve Cox (1999)
Noah Holbrook (2000)
Mark Simmons (2001)

REGISTRATION

ASSOCIATIONAL MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Rev. Glen Hoilman	Rev. Tommy Street
Rev. Nathan Johnson	Rev. Kevin Lewis
Rev. Frank Woods	Rev. Elmer Carter
Rev. Kenneth Grindstaff	Rev. Don Hobson
Rev. Carl Johnson	Rev. Willie Justice
Rev. Melvin Ferrell	Rev. North Hollbrook
Rev. Earl Austin	Rev. Earnest Holbrook
Rev. Johnny Richardson	Rev. Earnest Garland
Rev. Mark Street	Rev. Curtis Hurt
Rev. O.P. Stokes	Rev. Steve Burleson
Rev. W.C. Amos	Rev. Sam Ferguson
Rev. Leonard Bowers	

Total.....23

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Steve Head
James F. Branch
Paris Street
Tom Pleasant

Total.....4

DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

Minnie Johnson
Florence Daugherty
Beatris Estep
Elwanda Nave
Claude Nave
Carol Amos
Debra Broyles
Iva Lee Garland

Ima Mae Williams
Bill Frady
Lois Donnelby
Willie Mae Denton
Eola Nave
Melissa Greene
Scott Greene
Lee McNaly

Total.....16

VISITING MINISTERS AND GUESTS

Dr. James Kilgore
Rev. Talmadge Brown
Norman Taylor
Betty Taylor
Dr. Charles Thigpen
Rev. Jones Revis

Total.....6

Total Registration.....49

**APPALACHIAN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL
BAPTIST MEETING AT FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE**

April 16 and 17, 1999

Pastor: Phil Poston

Friday Night, April 16 PROCEEDINGS

The 31st Annual Session of the Appalachian Association convened at the first Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabethton, on April 16, 1999. Assistant Moderator Bro. Curtis Hurt opened with an alter of prayer. The seating of voting power was established. Moderator, Bro. Phil Poston appointed the committee on committees with the following members: O.P. Stokes, Chairman, Earnest Garland, and Carl Johnson. The First F.W.B. Church Quartet sang "The Wonderful Grace of Jesus". Prior to the opening of our meeting, the First F.W.B. Church Chorus blessed our hearts in song. Bro. Talmadge Brown was introduced by Moderator Phil Poston. Bro. Brown preached an anointed sermon entitled " Man's need for Salvation," from Ephesians 2:1-10.

I. God's Reason for Salvation

II. God's Method

III. God's Results

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The report of the Committee on Committees was given and adopted with the following individuals to serve on the respective Committees:

Necrology Committee

Shane Brunner
Johnny Richardson

Placement Committee

Kenneth Grindstaff
Elmer Carter
Sam Ferguson

Resolution Committee

Tommy Street
Frank Woods
Glen Hoilman

Finance Committee

Wallace Amos
Earnest Garland
Don Hobson

*Nomination Committee Appointed at Jan. Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The ordaining council met 7-9-98 members present:

Rev. Willie Justice- Rev. Jerry Stout- Rev. Darrell Pickle- Rev. Kenneth Grindstaff

Open in prayer by: Rev. Willie Justice

The ordaining council recommends the following:

1. That Rev. Elmer Carter receive a standing vote of thanks for his faithful service to the ordaining council.
2. We election Rev. Darrell Pickle as chairman.
3. Brett Jones be ordain.
4. Kelvin Lewis be licensed for one year.
5. Greg Loveless be license for one year.
6. Don Hobson be license for one year.

Closed prayer by: Rev. Darrell Pickle

The ordaining council met 10-15-98 members present:

Rev. Elmer Carter filled in for Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Jerry Stout , Rev. Darrell Pickle, Rev. Kenneth Grindstaff

Open in prayer by: Rev. Elmer Carter

The ordaining council recommends the following:

1. We voted to accept the resignation of Rev. Howard Messer from the ordaining council.
2. We recommend that Rev. Elmer Carted replace Howard Messer.
3. Steven Cox be license for one year.
4. Shane Walters be ordain.
5. Dewayne Johnson be placed under the watch care of the association.

Closed in prayer by: Rev. Jerry Stout.

The ordaining council met 1-14-99 members present:

Rev. Elmer Carter, Rev. Jerry Stout, Rev.. Kenneth Grindstaff,
Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Darrell Pickle

Open in prayer by: Rev. Kenneth Grindstaff

The ordaining council recommends the following:

1. Shane Brunner be ordain.
2. Nathan Johnson be relicense for one year.
3. Dewayne Johnson be license for one year.

Closed in prayer by: Rev. Kenneth Grindstaff.

The ordaining council met 4-15-99 members present:

Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Elmer Carter, Rev. Kenneth
Grindstaff, Jerry Stout,

Open in prayer by: Rev. Willie Justice

The ordaining council recommends the following:

1. Kieth Stockton be placed under watch care of the association for 90 days.

That Rev. Jerry Stout receive a standing vote of thanks for his faithful service.

Closed in prayer by: Rev. Elmer Carter

The Quartet sang " I Sing the Mighty Power of God". A special offering was received for the expenses of the session. The Church Quartet sang, " John the Revelator". Moderator Phil Poston introduced our second speaker, Bro. Phil Hoskins, who preached a sermon entitled, Jesus Passed By" from Luke 19:1-10. Jesus passed by First F.W.B. Church as Bro. Phil preached and there was rejoicing and shouting in God's blessed sanctuary. The Sweet Holy Ghost filled us and thrilled us. We praised God for the two outstanding messages we heard from his servants.

SATURDAY MORNING PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 17, 1999

The session was opened with prayer and a congregational hymn. Bro. Matthew Slemp sang: "I'll be back". Moderator Phil Poston introduced our first speaker, Bro. Lester MacKinnon, who preached from Psalm 46, "God is Our Source of Priceless Possession".

I. He is an Infallible refuge.

II. He is an Immovable Confidence.

III. He is an Infinite Supply.

IV. He is an unfailing comfort.

It was an encouraging message from God.

The following reports were handed out and approved by the voting body:

The motion was made and seconded that the proposed guidelines for the Appalachian Association of Free Will Baptist Retirement Fund be adopted (listed on page 13). It passed.

The report of the Ordaining Council was given and adopted.

State Promotional Director, Dr. Charles Thigpen extended greetings to us exhorting us to maintain our strong unity in Christ and to continue feeding his sheep. F.W.B. Family Ministries Executive Director, Dr. James Kilgore gave us greetings. He shared with us God's continued blessings on the Children's Home. F.W.B. Family ministries is becoming a crises intervention for our people. Dr. Kilgore said, "We're making a difference!" The Children's Home is hoping to expand to 80 by July.

PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR THE RETIREMENT FUND

1. This is a matching fund program, the association will match contributions by a participant up to \$50 per month. Each participant's contribution must be clearly marked with the period for which it covers.

2. All participants and/or churches must be members in good standing of the Appalachian Association of Free Will Baptist Retirement Board.

3. Participant's churches must contribute dues that at least equal the yearly contribution of the Association towards the participant's account. This is to be evaluated on a quarterly basis.

4. Individual evangelists, ministers, state or national personnel who are current members of the Appalachian Association may be enrolled in the Appalachian program with an exemption from rule #2 or rule #3, or a combination of the two by recommendation from the executive board and a 2/3 vote at any quarterly meeting with a one meeting notice. Likewise they may be removed by a 2/3 vote with a one meeting notice.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

March 1, 1999

The General Board of the Appalachian Association of Free Will Baptist met at the First F.W.B. Church, Elizabethton, March 1, 1999 at 6 p.m.. The program for the annual meeting was established with the following speakers.

Friday Evening:

Bro. Talmadge Brown - 1st Speaker

Bro. Phil Hoskins - 2nd Speaker

Saturday Morning

Bro. Lester MacKinnon - 1st Speaker

Bro. Randy Johnson - 2nd Speaker

Proposed guidelines for the Retirement Fund of the Association was discussed and reviewed. The Board unanimously agreed to recommend the guidelines be adopted by the Appalachian Association at our Annual meeting. We were dismissed in prayer.

Following members present were:

Phil Poston

Curtis Hurt

Mark Street

Aggie Lyons

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

APPALACHIAN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Period reported: April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999

Check No.

1756	Pinecrest S & S (Copies of Treasurer's Report)	\$25.17
1757	Rev. Ronnie Adkins	25.00
1758	Days Inn	39.63
1759	U.S. Postmaster (Stamps)	32.00
1760	Brumits Sport Shop (Plaque-Guy Foster)	25.00
1761	FWB Home for Childres (Special Offering)	76.00
1762	Cannon Printing (Misc.: Annual Meeting)	32.00
1763	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1764	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1765	Tenn State Association Of FWB. (State/Nat. dues)	930.00
1766	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1767	Retirement Fund (Appalachian FWB Association)	1145.92
1768	Appalachian Association Youth Board (Outside Causes) ...	286.48
1769	FWB Foreign Missions (Outside Causes)	71.62
1770	FWB Home Missions (Outside Causes)	71.62
1771	FWB Bible College (Outside Causes).....	71.62
1772	Tenn. State Promotional Office (Outside Causes)	71.62
1773	Mark Street (Clerk's Salary).....	60.00
1774	Harmony Baptist Church (Host Church).....	100.00
1775	Rev. Doyle Hoilman (Misc.)	50.00
1776	Rev. Fred Greene (Misc.)	50.00
1777	Pinecrest S & S (Copies of Treasurer's Report)	11.37
1778	U.S. Postmaster (PO Box) (Stamps).....	32.00
1780	Freewill Baptist Home for Children (Special Offering)	56.51
1781	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1779	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	100.00
1782	Pip Printing (Misc.: Annual Meeting)	415.00
1783	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1784	Juanita's Silk Flowers (Houston Blevins)	35.00
1785	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1786	Transfer Money (Appalanchian FWB Association)	1571.70
1787	Appalachian Association Youth (Outside Causes).....	392.92
1788	FWB Missions (Outside Causes)	98.23
1789	FWB Home Missions (Outside Causes)	98.23
1790	FWB Bible College (Outside Causes).....	98.23

1791	Tenn State Association Of FWB (Outside Causes)	98.23
1792	Mark Street (Clerk's Salary)	60.00
1793	Southside Baptist Church (Host Church)	100.00
1794	Rev. Doyle Hoilman (Misc.)	50.00
1795	Rev. Fred H. Greene (Misc.)	50.00
1796	Pinecrest S & S ((Copies of Treasurer's Report)	10.55
1797	U.S. Postmaster (Stamps)	32.00
1798	Focus On The Family (Outside Causes)	500.00
1799	FWB Home For Childres (Outside Causes: FWB Family...) ...	72.00
1800	Lakeway FWB Church	50.00
1801	David's Trophies (Misc.)	12.00
1802	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1803	U.S. Postmaster (PO Box / Postage)	31.00
1804	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1805	Mark Street (Clerk's Salary)	60.00
1806	Transfer Money (Appalachian FWB Association)	1,115.83
1807	Grace Free Will Baptist Church (Host Church)	100.00
1808	Appalachian Association Youth Board (Outside Causes) ...	278.96
1809	FWB Foreign Missions (Outside Causes)	69.74
1810	FWB Home Missions (Outside Causes)	69.74
1811	FWB Bible College (Outside Causes)	69.74
1812	Tenn State Promotional Office (Outside Causes)	69.74
1813	Rev. Doyle Hoilman (Misc.)	50.00
1814	Void	0.00
1815	Rev. Fred Greene (Misc.)	50.00
1816	Cannon Printing (Misc.: Membership Cards)	24.00
1817	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1818	U.S. Postmaster (Stamps)	33.00
1819	Freewill Baptist Home For Children (Special Offering)	111.00
1820	Mark Street (Clerk's Salary)	40.00
1821	U.S. Postmaster (Stamps)	33.00
1822	Rev. Sadie Young (Guest Speaker Qtr. Conf.)	100.00
1823	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00
1824	Mark Street (Assn. Labels)	33.29
1825	Transfer Money (Appalachian FWB Association)	697.67
1826	Lakeway FWB Church (Outside Causes)	50.00

Total Disbursements for the Year..... \$10,694.36

Balance on hand to date..... \$3,645.46

Total available to date \$3,645.46

Respectively Submitted,
Aggie Lyons, Treasurer

2% Dues Report

From Churches of the Appalachian Association of Free Will Baptist
Period Reported: March 31, 1998 through April 1, 1999

CALVARY	\$236.00
CANAH CHAPEL	1,675.01
CHARITY HILL	94.02
EASTSIDE	200.00
EASTVIEW FREEWILL	196.48
FIRST ELIXABETHTON	300.00
FIRST FWB BRISTOL	100.00
FIRST FWB JOHNSON CITY	2,703.40
GRACE	1,427.63
HARMONY	1,310.00
JOHNSON CITY FWB	500.00
KEENBURG	600.00
LAKEWAY	150.00
LIBERTY FELLOWSHIP	200.00
NIDIFFER'S CHAPEL	24.00
TEMPLE	325.00
TRINITY	200.00
TRUE GOSPEL	40.00
WATAUGA VALLEY	970.00
Y FREEWILL	470.94

TOTAL DUES RECEIVED \$11,722.48

Respectively Submitted:

Aggie Lyons, Treasurer

Appalachian Association

Sunday School Convention Report:

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Appalachian Association Sunday School Convention met April 5, 1999 at Keensburg Free Will Baptist Church @ Elizabethton. TN with Pastor Mark Street. The convention opened with song "God is so Good" led by Gene Flenor. Opening prayer by Noah Holbrook. Welcome by Sunday School Supt. Claude Nave. Response by Rev. Glen Hoilman. Hymn & Offering- Prayer by Covey Kiser. Offertory Hymn "Victory In Jesus" and offering received in the amount of \$103.97. Dues received with convention reports in the amount of \$77.00. Total offering and dues + \$180.97. (+\$2.11 Bal. 4-5-99= \$183.08-\$50. Award best increase in attendance for quarter Jan. 99 - Mar. = \$133.08 Total available funds.)

Preachers, Sunday School Supt./Ed. Dir. and Sunday School Teachers were recognized. Roll Call of the churches: 6
Total Attendance: 76 Reports received by mail: 5

Program: Introduction by Sunday School Supt., Claud Nave
Patricia Bradford: concern for our children - Col. 3:17 "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and Father by him." James 1:5 "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God." We need to have a burden for our children and teaching and working with our children is so important in every aspect of their needs and training. Patricia called for prayer around the altar for our children and teachers of our children.

Gene Flenor: Pro. 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it." Reach them- and teach them. We need to be a good influence and good example and enthusiastic about the children. We are in a warfare with Satan and the children's minds. The church vs. sports super stars, etc. on TV. Children have craving to learn- what they learn will stay with them for their lifetime. Some ways to teach children (keep it simple for

them to understand) - use tools: object lessons, puppets, etc. They will learn discipline, honesty, teamwork, responsibility. Teach God's love and care for them. We are all products of Sunday School and Prayer. Pray for children and teachers.

BUSINESS SESSION: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS: Preacher asked for postponement of election of officers until next meeting as some of the churches were out due to the funeral of Doyle Norris. Motion was made, motion was seconded and passed that we have election of officers at our July 12, 1999 meeting at Canah Chapel Church.

HOST CHURCHES FOR THE COMING YEAR: 1999, July - 2000 April

Summer Quarterly Meeting: July 12, 1999 - Canah Chapel Church at Irwin, TN

Fall Quarterly Meeting: Oct. 4, 1999 - First F.W.B.C. of Bristol, VA

Winter Quarterly Meeting: Jan. 3, 2000 - Johnson City FWB Church, Johnson City, TN

Spring Quarterly Meeting: April 3, 2000 - Keenbourg FWB Church, Elizabethton, TN

PRESENTATION OF BANNERS:

CATEGORY OF OVER 150: Attendance Banner most delegates - Keenbourg with 21 delegates.

CATEGORY OF UNDER 150: Attendance Banner most delegates - East View with 24 delegates.

INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE OVER 150: Canah Chapel Church with 6.25% increase.

INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE UNDER 150: East View Church with 6.25% increase.

\$50 Award for best increase in attendance in both categories: There was a tie between Canah Chapel Church and East View Church: \$25.00 given to each church.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION:

President: Preacher Darrell Pickle Vice-President: Rev. Mark Street Clerk: Wanna Sanders Song Leader: Tom Stokes Pianist: Deborah Broyles

Appalachian C.T.S. Convention

Justin Deaton, President

Johnny Holder, Vice President

Sandra Crow, Secretary and Treasurer

March 21, 1999

The March CTS Meeting was called to order by Justin Deaton. The Congregational Hymn "I've Heard An Old Story was lead by Justin. Prayer was by Curtis Hunt. Devotions by Kenneth Grindstaff came from Ps: 103. Bless the Lord with all your mind and soul in vs. 5. Eagle build their nest up high on the cliffs. They take care of their young and when it is time to learn to fly they take them to the edge of the cliff and push them over and then fly down to save them. The youth are the church of today not of tomorrow. A church that has a strong youth program, will pull above the clouds. We are so proud of our youth.

Roll and Count

Grace 70

1st Free Will of Johnson City 60

Eastside 10

Oak Hill (visiting) 3

Total Attendance 143

Offering and prayer by Justin Deaton. We were then dismissed into competition. The Secretary and Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Old Business:

none

New Business:

Since the National is in Anaheim, California in 2000, a motion was voted on to forego giving out any money till that time. This was 2nd and approved by all.

Officers for the coming year:

President: Justin Deaton, First Church of Johnson City

Vice President: Johnny Holder, East Side

Secretary and Treasurer: Sandra Crow, East Side

Memorization Leader: Justin Deaton, First Church of J.C.

Sword Drill Leader: Teresa Simmons, East Side

Tic Tac Toe Leader: Gary McCurry, First Church of J.C.

Bible Bowl Leader: Kevin Lewis

Winners From Competition:

Bible Memorization:

Grade 1- 1st Place- Matthew Burleson Grace

2nd Place- Haley Wilson

Grade 2- 1st Place- Allison McCurry First Church of Johnson City

Grade 3- 1st Place- Jessie Jacobs First Church of Johnson City

Sword Drill:

Grade 4- 1st Place- Brittany Grindstaff First Church of Johnson City

2nd Place- Tiffany Bardo First Church of Johnson City

Grade 5- 1st Place- Angel Ledford First Church of Johnson City

Grade 6- 1st Place- Matthew Slemp Grace

2nd Place- Ben McCurry First Church of Johnson City

Tic Tac Toe Grades

7-8-9 1st Place Grace

Amber Oakes

Kelly Oakes

Haley Burleson

Bible Bowl

Grades 10-11-12 None

The next meeting will be the 1st local meeting at East Side
Freewill Baptist Church on Sunday October 17th.

Appalachian Association of Free Will Baptist Youth Board

1: Youth Rally:

Our youth rallies this past year were very successful. Thank you Pastors and Youth Ministers for getting your youth out for these functions. God blessed us at each rally and three souls were saved at one rally. Our next youth rally will be hosted by the Free Will Baptist Church of Bristol on April 24, 1999. Flyers have been mailed to all of our churches. Pastor Brunner of Trinity will deliver God's message at this gathering. We appreciate your past support and ask for your continued support.

2: Summer Bible Camp:

We have visited four camps (Camp TA-PA-WIN-GO at Watagua, Oaks Ministry at Greeneville, Doe River Gorge Camp at Hampton, and Camp Jacob at Clintwood, Va. Prices range from \$55 for sleeping quarters only to \$315 for a deluxe campweek which includes all. Two of the four camps have no dress code for campers; and counselors may use whatever version of the Bible they choose. One of the four camps permit co-ed swimming for teens. We have discussed our requirements with other youth workers and pastors in our association and this youth board recommends that we use Camp Jacob. This camp is a year around ministry with a full-time director. Camp Jacob is well staffed and is qualified to minister to our youth. Cost is \$95 per camper of which we will pay \$10.

Camping Schedule:

Teens- June 20-25 and July 11-16

Juniors- July 4-9 and July 18-23

3: Funds

Available as of 16 April 1999: \$2401.78

Respectfully Submitted,
Noah Holbrook, Chairman

REPORT OF THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

July 10, 1999- First FWB Church of Mountain City

Oct. 16, 1999- First FWB Church of Johnson City

Jan. 15, 2000- Trinity FWB Church

April 7-8, 2000- Eastside FWB Church

Respectfully Submitted By:

Kenneth Grindstaff

Elmer Carter

Sam Ferguson

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Members of the Finance Committee have reviewed the books and have found everything to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Hobson

Brett N. Jones

REPORT OF MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference was called to order Friday, April 16, 1999, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, TN. The following officers were elected:

President Rev. Eddie Maupin

Vice-President..... Rev. Shane Bruner

SecretaryRev. Earl Austin

Submitted by: Rev. Earl Austin, Secretary

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

We the Necrology Committee report the death of the following members of churches of the Appalachian Association:

First Free Will of Johnson CityOscar Human

Lester Wilcox, Doyle Norris

KeensburgEd Johnson

Charity Hill R.J. Clemons, Bud Edmonson

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE 1999

WHERE AS:

The First FWB Church has been a very gracious host:

Be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful way they hosted the Association meeting.

We would like to recommend that we begin to pray for Old Time Camp Meeting in the not to distant future. Pray for a place, time, and speakers. Moderator select a committee to look into this and report back to the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Street

Frank Woods

Glen Hoilman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nomination Committee submit the following nominations:

Moderator	Rev. Curtis Hurt
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Howard Messer
Treasurer	Ms. Aggie Lyons
Clerk	Rev. Mark Street
Assistant Clerk and Treasurer	Rev. Don Hobson
Ordaining Council	Rev. Frank Woods
Youth Board	Rev. Gary Hodges
General Board	Rev. Phil Poston (2002)
General Board	Rev. Shane Brunne
	<i>to fill unexpired term ending in the year (2001)</i>
General Board	Rev. Sam Ferguson
	<i>to fill unexpired term ending in the year (2000)</i>
Statistician	Rev. Steven Cox

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Frank Woods

Rev. Shane Brunner

Rev. Kenneth Grindstaff

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 agree faithfully to discharge our obligation 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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the 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 unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to 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 principle 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 educational 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. GOD: We believe that there is only one true and living God who is personally the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus who gave Himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. (I Timothy 2:5)

2. THE HOLY SCRIPTURE: We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for the government of his church. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and instruction in righteousness.

3. ORIGINAL APOSTASY: We believe that Adam was created holy but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." (Genesis 3:6)

4. FREE GRACE: We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between Jews and Greeks: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." (Romans 10:12)

5. CHRISTIAN FAITH: We believe that Christian faith is the belief in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36)

6. REPENTANCE: We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly Repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin. "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but ye sorrowed to repentance; for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not be

repented of: But the sorrow of the world worketh death." (II Corinthians 7:9-10)

7. FREE WILL: We believe that the human will is free and that men have the ability to reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scripture. "He that shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8)

8. PERSEVERANCE: We do not believe under gospel dispensation, any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally. But that there is the possibility of apostasy in every man. (Hebrews 6:6)

9. GOOD WORKS: We believe that good works are the results of faith and not necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness while those who have not faith cannot do anything pleasant or acceptable to God. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7:19-20)

10. CHRISTIAN BAPTISM: We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost: That baptism cannot be Scripturally administered without faith in the Subject who receives it. :Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

11. THE LORD'S SUPPER: We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance, that it was instituted regardless of name or denomination. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." (I Corinthians 11:28-29)

12. FEET WASHING: We believe that washing the saint's feet was a command of our Savior and that His followers ought to practice the same. We urge the pastors of all churches to encourage the practical obedience of this command, especially among the members of our churches. "If I then, Your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)

13. THE GOSPEL: We believe it to be the duty of all churches to support the gospel. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel live of the gospel." (I Corinthians 9:14)

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1 A session of this association shall meet annually.

ARTICLE 2 This association shall be opened and closed with suitable devotions.

ARTICLE 3 There shall be no conversation by members, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

ARTICLE 4 Every person wishing to speak shall first arise and address the moderator, and be recognized before speaking.

ARTICLE 5 No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

ARTICLE 6 Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

ARTICLE 7 No member shall speak on any one subject more than twice, except by permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 8 Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

ARTICLE 9 A motion before the house must be acted upon before another motion can be made.

ARTICLE 10 On all motions acted upon, the majority vote shall prevail, except those conflicting with constitution.

ARTICLE 11 The moderator shall have the privilege to speak on any subject as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

ARTICLE 12 No member shall absent himself from the body without permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE 13 Any person transgressing these by-laws shall be admonished by the moderator.

ARTICLE 14 No less than nine (9) member churches shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 15 It shall be the duty of every Minister and Church belonging to this Association to bring a letter to each session, quarterly and annually, reporting in same an account of work and statistics.

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CHURCHES OF THE APPALACHIAN ASSOCIATION	Baptisms	Members Added	Members Lost	Present Membership	Average in Sunday School	Average in CTS	Women's Auxiliary	Value of Church Property	Full-Time Pastor	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Deacons	Total Tithes and Offerings
CALVARY			2	39	39		12	300,000.00	1	3	3	1	16,358.28
CANAH CHAPEL	3	0	0	215	102		13		1	1	0	5	
CHARITY HILL			2	156	35		24		1	2		2	17,732.73
EAST SIDE		26	5	368					1	2	0	12	
EAST VIEW	0	0	1	34				75,000.00	1	1	1	1	
FIRST BRISTOL	10	15	0	250	150	25	21	1,500,000.00	1	3		7	130,000.00
FIRST ELIZABETHTON	9	20	6	450	225	45		550,000.00	1	3	3	8	247,568.51
FIRST JOHNSON CITY	10	24	2	270	250	110	32	586,000.00	1	2	2	7	129,060.10
FIRST MOUNTAIN CITY	7	21	4	450	275	165	20	1,500,000.00	1	2	2	7	153,417.68
GRACE	21	11	0	350	200	150	20		1				
HARMONY									1				
JOHNSON CITY	8	0	2	73	85	15	12	400,000.00	1	1	1	2	48,187.30
KEENBURG	1	10	7	158	138		20	93,000.00	1	2		4	70,270.77
LAKEWAY					24				1	1			
LIBERTY FELLOWSHIP									1				
MARBLETON		4		107	115		15	500,000.00	1	2	2	5	60,000.00
MOORE'S CHAPEL									1				
NEW HORSESHOE									1				
NIDIFFER'S CHAPEL													
OLD HORSESHOE									1				
SOUTH SIDE									1				
TEMPLE	3	1	2				6	500,000.00	1	2	2	2	39,000.00
THE "Y"	4	8	4	52	60		16		1	4	4	4	23,108.28
TRINITY													
TRUE GOSPEL									1				
WATAUGA VALLEY	8	4	1		105	40	20		1	1	1	5	
TOTALS 17 CHURCHES REPORTING	84	144	37	2816	1803	550	231	6,004,000.00	26	32	20	73	934,703.65

MINISTERS	Name of Church you Pastor or Attend	Years in Ministry	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Conversions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Received Into Church	Couples Married	Funerals Conducted
Wallace Amos	Temple	27	1	79	1	4	1	0	0	0
Earl Austin	Calvary	51		16				0		2
Jerry Emerit	Charity Hill	20	3	34		2	0	0	0	3
Sam Ferguson	First Elizabethton	17		20	0					
Melvin Ferrell	Church of the Living Savior	5	2	344	1		20	29	5	3
Earnest Garland				6						2
Kenneth Grindstaff	First Johnson City	20	3	137	3	11	11	18	1	9
Glen Holiman	The "Y"	23	3	133	1	8	5	8	2	1
Carl Johnson	Calvary	40	1	34	0	4	0	0	0	2
Nathan Johnson	Grace	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	1	0
Willie Justice	Milligan	45	6	156	0	5	5	5	0	1
Eddie Maupin	Lakeway	25	7	102						
C.B. Shoemaker	Calvary		1	95		1			1	1
Charles Ray Slempp	Big Spring Baptist	32	3	34	0	2	1	0	0	1
Jerry Stout		14	2	61		3		2	2	4
Mark Street	Keenburb	16	2	127	4	4	1	10	6	5
Johnny Townsend	Keenburb	39	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

