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The next annual session of this Association will be held at the Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday and Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1952.

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. E. A. Craft, 4609 Illinois Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee
Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Route #1, Ashland City, Tennessee
Acting Clerk, Mrs. Byron Ross, Ashland City, Tennessee
Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Reding, Route #2, Adams, Tennessee
Program Committee, J. L. Welch, E. A. Craft, C. F. Bowen

BOARDS

Education and Literature—Rev. J. L. Welch; Rev. Bayless McDonald; Mr. J. B. Reding
F.W.B. Home for Children—Mr. Marion Read, Mr. W. E. Coville, Rev. Sidney Henry
Foreign Missions—Mr. Howard Walker, Mr. G. W. Hunt, Rev. Wesley Calvary
Home Missions—Mr. Russell Lee, Mr. Elmer Harris, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Mr. Garner Caldwell, Rev. J. W. Boyte
Superannuation—Mr. Elmer Felts, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. C. A. Craft, Mr. Miles Gower, Mr. J. B. Reding

Treasurers to Whom Funds Are To Be Sent

Education—Rev. Henry Melvin, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee
Foreign Missions—Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri
Superannuation—Mr. Elmer Felts, Pleasant View, Tennessee
F.W.B. Home for Children—Mr. I. L. Stanley, Route #9, Greenville, Tennessee
Home Missions—Mr. Garner Caldwell, Joelton, Tennessee

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS

Abernathy, J. J.
Boyte, J. W.
Burroughs, C. L.
Calvary, Wesley
Carroll, W. R.
Clearman, W. C.
Corn, E. H.
Craft, C. A.
Craft, E. A.
Davenport, W. B.
Davis, Oscar
Deming, E. W.
Hagewood, W. T.
Henry, Sidney

Jinnett, Charles
Lynn, James C.
McIntosh, J. L.
Mayo, Raymond
McDonald, Bayless
Parsons, J. B.
Prewitt, G. M.
Sapp, Charles
Smith, James V.
Smith, N. R.
Thompson, C. B.
Wallace, C. C.
Welch, J. I.

DEACONS

Binkley, W. A.
Clark, J. M.
Clinard, R. B.
Stewart, Arthur
Read, M. J.
Bracey, Turner
Lee, Russell
Teasley, D. E.
Culwell, J. W.

Craft, G. P.
Reding, J. B.
Gower, Miles
Felts, A. J.
Proctor, L. M.
Caldwell, A. G.
Howell, Fred
Dowlen, Theodore

DELEGATES

Rose, F. D.
Dickson, Omar
Sessler, Mrs. Gladys
Summers, Mrs. Leon
Belford, Mrs. W. E.
Harris, Bertha
Eatherly, Mrs. Nellye
Burgess, Henrietta
Morris, Mrs. George
Clinard, R. B.
Walker, Mrs. Mavis
Bracey, Turner
Wallace, C. C.
Hampton, Mrs. Guy
Bracey, Mrs. Annie
Jarrell, Irby C.
Wall, Mrs. F. W.
Bennett, Mrs. Joe
Davis, Mrs. Roy
Coates, Mrs. Floyd
Reynolds, Mrs. Pauling

Smith, James
Taylor, Eddie
Elrod, Mrs. Blanche
Felts, Mrs. A. J.
Fisher, Annie
Perry, Mrs. J. L.
Watts, Mrs. Burgess
Farmer, Mrs. John
Elliott, Mrs. W. E.
Walker, Billy
Polston, Mrs. Fannie
Lynn, James C.
Boyte, J. W.
Maxey, Mrs. J. W.
Perry, J. R.
Darrow, Mrs. Eva
Elliott, Mrs. Henry
Minor, Mrs. Cleo
Frazier, Mrs. J. E.
Hayes, Thomas
Albright, Mrs. Lorene

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Eighth Annual Regular Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Goodsprings Church on Wednesday morning October 17, 1951, at 10:15.

The meeting was very reverently called to order by the Moderator, Rev. E. A. Craft.

The meeting opened with congregations singing "A Soul Winner for Jesus" and "Lord Send Me" led by Rev. Wesley Calvary with Mrs. J. B. Parsons at the piano. Rev. G. M. Prewitt led in prayer.

A very inspirational Testimonial service was conducted by Rev. E. A. Craft, after which Rev. Calvary led in singing "Amazing Grace."

Rev. James C. Lynn gave a very inspiring devotional using Hebrews 10:30 as his text, admonishing us that we "can't afford to relax on the glories of our past success."

Rev. J. B. Parsons, Pastor of the Host church gave a very cordial welcome to all who attended this sitting of the Association. Rev. W. C. Clearman responded.

The registration of 20 ministers, 12 deacons and 31 delegates was made. Five visitors were registered.

By a motion by Rev. C. A. Craft, the Moderator appointed the committee on committees as follows: Rev. J. B. Parsons, Rev. C. A. Craft and Rev. W. R. Carroll.

Reports from individual churches were received. The association recessed until 1:15 P.M. for the worship service.

For the worship service, Rev. Wesley Calvary conducted the song service using "When we all get to Heaven," "Rescue the Perishing" and "Stand Up for Jesus." Rev. W. B. Davenport led in prayer.

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Pastor of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, was presented and he delivered a most inspiring and searching message. Dismissed with prayer led by Rev. J. W. Boyte.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened at 1:15 with the congregations singing "Blessed Assurance" and "Near the Cross," led by Rev. Wesley Calvary, with Mrs. J. B. Parsons at the organ.

Rev. J. L. McIntosh gave the devotions for the afternoon using Psalms 40:1-10 as his scripture text.

Rev. J. J. Abernathy, Minister, was registered at this time.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The report of the Committee on Committees as given by Rev. J. B. Parsons was adopted.

Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Bible College gave a brief report of the present facilities of the school. He also presented a plea for assistance in a financial way. An opportunity was extended to all who so desired to present a cash gift to the college. The cash gifts amounted to \$181.06.

The report of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting was read by Rev. James C. Lynn, Delegate. By motion this report was adopted.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was read and by motion the report was adopted, granting the requests contained therein.

A very brief report of the State Association was given by Bro. J. B. Reding.

Mrs. Fannie Polston gave a brief discussion concerning the Free Will Baptist Home for Children.

The Report of the Obituary Committee as read was adopted.

At this time the congregation sang "Showers of Blessing." Rev. Wesley Calvary rendered a solo entitled "Face to Face."

Rev. J. W. Boyte discussed a radio program which might be possible for Free Will Baptists over WMAK radio station in Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. J. B. Parsons gave a brief report of the success of the radio program which Goodsprings Church is presenting each week over Station WDBL in Springfield, Tennessee. Rev. Oscar Davis dismissed the group with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Thursday morning session opened at 10:15. Rev. Bayless McDonald, Pastor of the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, presented the Devotions, using Psalms 37:1-9.

Bro. I. L. Stanley led the congregation in singing "I'll Fly Away." Mrs. J. B. Parsons accompanied at the Piano.

The following four ministers were registered: Rev. Bayless McDonald, Rev. James V. Smith, Rev. Sidney Henry, Rev. Charles Jinnett.

Deacons registered at this time were: Russell Lee, Fred Howell, Theodore Dowlen, J. W. Culwell and D. E. Teasley.

Ten delegates were registered.

The Report of the Superannuation Board as given by Bro. J. B. Reding was adopted.

The report of the Western Quarterly meeting was given by Rev. James V. Smith. By motion this report was adopted.

The Association recessed in order for the Presbytery to have its ordination service. Rev. W. C. Clearman led the prayer of dismissal.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley and thirteen of the children from the Free Will Baptist Home for Children in Greenville, Tennessee, came forward. Mr. Stanley presented a vivid picture of the situation of

the institution. The children presented a very inspiring and reverent musical program. Mrs. Stanley accompanied them at the piano. An opportunity was given to all who so desired to present a cash gift to the Home. The cash gifts amounted to \$140.50.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. R. Carroll.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with congregational singing, using the hymn "I Will Pass Over You."

Rev. G. M. Prewitt gave the Devotions.

The report of the Temperance Committee as given by Mrs. Fannie Polston, was adopted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Rev. J. L. McIntosh. By motion this report was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was given. By motion the report was adopted.

The report of the Cumberland District Auxiliary Convention was given. By motion this report was adopted.

The report of the Home Mission Board was given by Russell Lee, was adopted.

The report of the Petitions and Requests Committee was given and voted on item by item. Each Item was adopted. The body voted to hold the next session of the Association at the Rock Springs Church.

A motion was sustained that the Moderator appoint the delegates to the State Association. Those appointed were: Russell Lee, D. E. Teasley, A. G. Caldwell, W. A. Binkley, J. B. Reding.

The motion was properly sustained that the Clerk and Moderator write a letter to Rev. J. E. Hudgens, retired Minister, expressing love and appreciation for services rendered the Association.

Motion sustained that the Clerk be paid the amount of \$35.00 for the transcribing and distributing of minutes. Also the expense of the publishing of the minutes be defrayed.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given. By motion this report was adopted, duly electing the persons nominated.

The report of the Treasurer was given by Mr. J. B. Reding. By motion this report was adopted.

Rev. J. W. Boyte presented further information concerning the possibility of the radio program to be presented over Station WNAH.

A rising vote of thanks was extended the Goodsprings Church for the hospitality shown during the sitting of this association.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. J. L. Welch, and adjourned to meet on Wednesday and Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1952.

REV. E. A. CRAFT, Moderator
MRS. BYRON ROSS, Clerk

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Obituary

Rev. W. T. Hagewood, Mr. Miles Gower, Mr. C. C. Wallace

Petitions and Requests

Mr. Garner Caldwell, Mrs. Guy Hampton, Mrs. Bertha Harris

Resolutions

Rev. C. B. Thompson, Mrs. Henrietta Burgess, Rev. J. L. McIntosh

Temperance

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mr. L. M. Proctor, Mrs. J. B. Parsons

Finance

Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Rev. J. W. Boyte, Mr. Fred Wall

Nominating

Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. W. R. Carroll, Rev. C. A. Craft

OBITUARY

Since God has called away two of our Deacons from East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, we extend our respect and sympathy to the bereaved ones of the laity which have passed on to reward; of which there is quite a number. May God's blessings continue to rest upon us.

Rev. W. T. Hagewood

Rev. Miles Gower

Mr. C. C. Wallace

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We, as Petition and Request Committee, have heard the report from Columbia First Free Will Baptist Church at Columbia, Tennessee, and we make the following recommendations to the sitting of this Association that the church be accepted into the Association provided they stay in fellowship and report quarterly and continue to support each phase of the national work.

Mrs. Bertha Harris

Mrs. Guy Hampton

Rev. Sidney Henry

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee on Resolutions wish to make the following report:

1. Since our work is becoming unified throughout the nation for the purpose of promoting our work, we recommend that we go on record as supporting this program in every way possible.
2. That we express our appreciation to the people of Goodsprings Church and community for their splendid hospitality with a rising vote of thanks.
3. That we also extend our thanks to the officers of the Association for the fine manner in which the business of the body has been carried out.

Rev. C. B. Thompson

Mrs. Henrietta Burgess

Rev. J. L. McIntosh

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, report the following: We have received from 32 churches \$315.17.

Mrs. J. W. Maxey

Mrs. F. N. Wall

Rev. J. W. Boyte

TEMPERANCE

Seeing the moral decay of our day, we your Temperance Committee, make these recommendations:

1. That we pledge ourselves to adhere strictly to paragraph two of our Church Covenant which reads as follows: "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 provide all things honest in the sight of all men."
2. That we use our influence and votes against the election of representatives and senators to our state and national legislative bodies and any other public officials who advocate the use or sale of strong drink, also that this body go on record as favoring National Prohibition.

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Chairman

Mrs. J. B. Parsons

NOMINATING

We, your Nominating Committee submit the following report:

1. Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. B. Davenport
2. Education and Literature Board, Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman; Rev. Bayless McDonald, Mr. J. B. Reding
3. Home for Children Board, Mr. M. J. Read, Chairman; Mr. W. E. Coville, Rev. Sidney Henry
4. Foreign Missions Board, Mr. Howard Walker, Chairman; Mr. G. W. Hunt, Rev. Wesley Calvary
5. Home Missions Board, Mr. Russell Lee, Mr. Elmer Harris, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Mr. Garner Caldwell, Rev. J. W. Boyte
6. Superannuation Board, Mr. Elmer Felts, Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. C. A. Craft, Mr. Miles Gower, J. B. Reding

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. J. L. Welch, Chairman

Rev. W. R. Carroll

Rev. C. A. Craft

REPORTS OF BOARDS

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

A report of the Superannuation Board of the Cumberland Association as follows:

Received from W. E. Marshal October 1951.....\$1,115.76

Receipts

West Nashville	\$ 5.00	
Mt. Pleasant	2.00	
Rock Springs	8.52	
Cofer's Chapel	44.00	
Heads	24.00	
East Nashville	100.00	
Oakland	15.00	
Olivet	30.00	
Shady Grove	5.00	
Bethlehem	15.00	
Bethel	19.00	
Total	\$267.52	
Total Receipts		\$1,383.28

Expenses

Rev. W. M. Castile	\$ 90.00	
Mrs. Ida Horner	120.00	
Rev. J. O. Forte, National Treasurer	112.27	
R. E. Felts, Stationery & Postage	8.00	
Total Expenses	<u>\$330.27</u>	
Balance on hand		\$1,053.01

Respectfully Submitted,

R. E. Felts, Secretary-Treasurer

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Treasurer's Report of Home Mission Board of Cumberland Association for year 1950-51.

Balance brought forward from 1949-50 \$ 355.01

Amount received this year:

East Nashville	\$100.00
Olivet	75.00
Cofer's Chapel	44.00
Bethlehem	36.00
Oakland	20.00
Bethel	18.75
Head's Church	24.00
Head's League	10.00
Dunbar's Chapel	14.00
Pleasant Ridge	10.00
Oaklawn	7.50
Starkey's Chapel	5.00
Rock Springs	4.50
Stony Point	6.00
Hurricane's Chapel	3.00
Mt. Zion	12.25
Oak Grove	8.25
Western Quarterly Meeting	54.16
Eastern Quarterly Meeting	110.75
Mr. Garrett of Springfield, Tenn.	5.00
Total received plus balance brought forward ..	<u>\$923.17</u>

Amount Paid Out

J. L. McIntosh (travel)	\$ 10.00	
Adam Scott (travel)	7.90	
Raymond Mayo (work)	73.50	
William Mischler (Building Exp.)	117.35	
Greenbrier Lumber Company	38.24	
Carter Lumber Company	71.56	
Better Block Company	100.00	
William Mishler	40.00	
Raymond Mayo (Labor)	15.00	
Hicks, Brady and Henry (Bond)	6.25	
William Mishler (building)	77.50	
Whites Creek Bank	100.00	
Garner Caldwell	8.25	
Total paid out	<u>\$665.55</u>	
Balance in Treasury		\$ 257.62

Rev. Adam Scott, Treasurer

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Number Auxiliaries in Convention	12
Number Auxiliaries reporting	11
Number Girls' Auxiliaries	15
Number Young People's Auxiliaries	3
Number Members in Auxiliaries	216
Number Members in all Auxiliaries	286
Auxiliaries observing seasons of Prayer	9
(Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.)	
Study Classes Held	33
Total paid to all phases of work	\$955.92

REPORT OF WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Report of the Western Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists to the Cumberland Association when convened with Goodsprings Church October 17, 1951.

The Western Quarterly Meeting met four times this year.

Average Number of Churches reporting	5
Average Number of Ministers reporting	6
Average Number of Deacons reporting	5
Amount given to Home Missions	\$ 53.00
Amount given to Bible School	7.00
Amount given to Foreign Missions	20.00
Amount given to Children's Home	20.00
Total	<u>\$100.00</u>

Total Amount Received	\$119.00
Expenses of Quarterly Meeting	15.00
Amount in Treasury	4.00

We send James V. Smith as Delegate.

Rev. Sidney Henry, Moderator
Rev. James V. Smith, Clerk

REPORT OF THE EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Report of the Eastern Quarterly meeting to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists which convenes with the Goodsprings Church.

We send as delegates, Rev. James Lynn, Rev. Bayless McDonald as alternate.

The Eastern Quarterly meeting met four times.

Number of Churches in Quarterly Meeting	20
Average Number of Churches Reporting	11
Average Number of Ministers Reporting	10

Churches Reporting:

Number of Members received during year	127
Total Church Membership	7878
Average Prayer Meeting Attendance	954

Sunday School enrollment	4333
League Membership	1968
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	616
Average Attendance Auxiliary Meetings	355
Amount paid to Pastors	\$17,190.23
Amount paid to Evangelists	1,166.55
Amount paid to Home Missions	711.90
Amount paid to Foreign Missions	2,012.59
Amount paid to Education	1,790.92
Amount paid to Superannuation	150.00
Amount paid to Children's Home	1,191.23

Marjorie June Ellis, Clerk

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Report of the Sunday School Convention held with the Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday Evening, October 13, 1951.

The Convention sends Mr. Elmer Felts as delegate to the Cumberland Association.

Number of Sunday Schools reporting	8
Number of members enrolled	803
Number of new members during year	181
Average attendance for year	603
Average Number of Daily Bible Readers	62
Number Conversions from Sunday Schools	31
Total Number of Chapters read	37,158
Total offerings for year	\$5,855.48

All the Sunday Schools reporting, reported the condition as good or fair. The Convention selected Bro. Garner Caldwell as Field Worker again, to work under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Sunday School Convention for the purpose of promoting Sunday School work in general. The Convention requests of the Cumberland Association \$100.00 for the purpose of supplementing an amount appropriated by the Sunday School Convention to assist in paying the expenses of the Field Worker.

The Convention requests also, the privilege of having the minutes of the recent meeting published with the minutes of this Association with the Convention paying its proportional part of the expenses.

Submitted in the Name of Christ.

William L. Smith, President

Mrs. Byron Ross, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1950, to September 30, 1951

Associational Fund

Receipts:

Cash in bank October 1, 1950	\$ 160.50
Received from Financial Committee	337.95
Owensboro Church	5.00
Total Receipts	\$ 503.45

Expense:

Printing of programs	\$ 4.05
State Association dues	60.00
Sunday School Convention	100.00
Printing of Minutes	132.00
Total Expense	\$ 296.05
Balance in Treasury	\$ 207.40

CHILDREN'S HOME

Receipts:

Brandon's Chapel	\$ 9.25
Rock Springs	2.00
Union Hill	11.50
Oak Grove	16.03
Dunbar's Chapel	16.20
Starkey's Chapel	6.00
Scotts Chapel	10.00
Total Receipts	\$ 70.98

Expense:

To Mary F. Stanley	\$ 70.98
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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Receipts:

Western Quarterly Meeting	\$ 31.44
Dunbar's Chapel	2.00
Rock Springs	4.50
Starkey's Chapel	6.00
Olivet	100.00
Total Receipts	\$ 143.94

Expense:

To Raymond Riggs	\$ 143.94
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NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Receipts:

Cofer's Chapel	\$ 44.00
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Expense:

To J. B. Bloss	\$ 44.00
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HOME MISSIONS

Receipts:

Dunbar's Chapel	\$ 2.00
Rock Springs	4.50
Cofer's Chapel	44.00
Bethel	12.75
Total Receipts	\$ 63.25

Expense:

Adam Scott	\$ 50.50
Home Missions Board	12.75

BIBLE COLLEGE

Receipts:

Dunbar's Chapel	\$ 3.00
Rock Springs	11.38
Olivet	100.00
John Oliver (On note)	25.00
Henry Oliver (On note)	25.00
Total Receipts	\$ 164.38

Expense:

To Henry Melvin	\$ 164.38
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SUPERANNUATION

Receipts:

Rock Springs	\$ 8.52
Cofer's Chapel	44.00
Total Receipts	\$ 52.52

Expense:

To R. E. Felts	\$ 52.52
Total Receipts from all sources	\$1,042.52
Total Paid Out	835.12
Balance in Associational Fund	\$ 207.40

Respectfully Submitted

J. B. Reding, Treasurer

MINUTES
of the
CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY

Wednesday, October 17

The meeting of the Presbytery was opened with singing directed by Rev. Wesley Calvery. Rev. W. R. Carroll offered the opening prayer.

The registration showed that 15 ministers were present.

The following persons were appointed by the moderator to fill vacancies: Rev. W. R. Carroll, Assistant Moderator; Rev. W. C. Clearman, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. J. L. McIntock to serve on the examination committee.

Moved to adjourn the Presbytery until Thursday, October 18, 1951, at 9:00 a.m. The benediction was offered by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

Thursday, October 18, 9:00 a.m.

The meeting of the Presbytery was opened with singing directed by Rev. Sidney Henry. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. B. Thompson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

The report of the examining committee was read and adopted.

Election of officers: Moderator, Rev. C. A. Craft; Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. R. Carroll; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. W. C. Clearman.

Moved to empower the moderator and secretary to grant letters of transfer to any minister of this body in good and regular standing upon request for such letters.

The Presbytery was adjourned to meet again at 10:30 a.m. of the same day.

Thursday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.

The Presbytery met for the ordination of Brothers Donald Ellis and Virgil Smith. Rev. W. R. Carroll read the Scripture; Rev. J. L. Welch gave the charge; and Rev. E. A. Craft offered the prayer.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Session at East Nashville Church, September 29, 1:00 p.m.

The Examining Committee of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee met at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church, September 29, 1951, at 1:00 p.m., with the chairman, Rev. J. L. Welch, presiding. Others on the committee were: C. A. Craft, E. A. Craft, C. B. Thompson, and C. F. Bowen.

Motion to recommend the ordination of Billy Melvin, said ordination to take place on or after the date of the maturity of his license which is November 25, 1951.

Motion to ratify the credentials of N. R. Smith.

Motion to ratify the credentials of Wesley Calvery.

Motion to ratify the credentials of Charles Sapp.

Motion to recommend the ordination of Virgil Smith.

Motion to recommend the ordination of William Donald Ellis.

C. F. Bowen, secretary through
Billy Melvin's examination
E. A. Craft, secretary through
the rest of the examination

Session at Goodsprings Church, October 18

The Examining Committee of the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association met at Goodsprings church October 18, 1951, during the annual session of the Association to complete the unfinished business of a former meeting at East Nashville Church.

Moved to continue the license of W. E. Belford indefinitely.

Moved to ratify the credentials of Rev. L. C. Johnson.

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Abernathy, J. J.	Route 1, Joelton, Tennessee
Bowen, C. F.	616 Russell St., Nashville, Tenn.
Boyte, J. W.	3141 Holman Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Carroll, W. R.	Bumpus Mills, Tennessee
Castile, W. M.	Bumpus Mills, Tennessee
Calvary, Wesley	Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tennessee
Clearman, W. C.	5205 Louisiana Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Craft, C. A.	6301 Penna. Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Craft, E. A.	4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Creech, Ronald	3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Corn, Edward	3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Davenport, W. B.	Route 1, Ashland City, Tenn.
Demming, W. E.	148 41st Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.
Davis, O. W.	1024 17th Avenue, South, Nashville, Tenn.
Dodd, Damon C.	433 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tenn.
Ellis, Donald	3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Esther, K. J.	Route 2, Ashland City, Tenn.
Gower, G. E.	Route 2, Cedar Hill, Tennessee
Hagewood, W. T.	Clarksville, Tenn.
Hatcher, D. A.	Route 3, McEwen, Tenn.
Henry Sidney	McEwen, Tenn.
Hudgens, J. E.	Ashland City, Tenn.
Johnson, L. C.	3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Light, Earnest R.	407 42nd Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.
Ludwig, George	807 Powers Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Lynn, James C.	3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Marshall, W. E.	310 Ocoola Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Mayo, Raymond E.	Route 1, Springfield, Tenn.
McDonald, Bayless	3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
McIntosh, J. L.	Lyles, Tenn.
Moore, B. A.	Columbia, Tenn.
Oliver, W. H.	116 South 12th Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Parsons, J. B.	Route 2, Joelton, Tenn.
Paul, Wallace	321½ East 15th Street, Columbia, Tenn.
Pruitt, G. M.	5900 Mackey Street, Nashville, Tenn.
Sapp, Charles	390 Normandy Circle, Nashville, Tenn.
Smith, N. R.	3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Smith, Virgil	McEwen, Tenn.
Stringer, W. H.	Route 2, Dickson, Tenn.
Thigpin, Charles	3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.
Williams, Darnell	Columbia, Tenn.
Welch, J. L.	1409 10th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

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of the
TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
of the
CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held with the Bethlehem Church
On October 13, 1951

OFFICERS

President	Mr. William L. Smith, 118 Delway Drive, Nashville, Tenn.
Vice-President	Mr. J. B. Reding, Route 2, Adams, Tenn.
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. I. N. Clifton, Chapmansboro, Tenn.
Board of Directors	Mr. G. W. Hunt, Mr. Elmer Felts, Mr. I. N. Clifton, Rev. Wesley Calvary.
Field Representative	Mr. Garner Caldwell, Joelton, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS

The Twenty Fourth Annual Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptists met at the Bethlehem Church on Saturday evening, October 13, 1952, 8:00 o'clock.

The Convention opened with the congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "When I See the Blood," led by Bro. Garner Caldwell with Mrs. J. B. Parsons at the piano.

Bro. William L. Smith, President of the Convention, presided.

Rev. Leo Sharp was presented and he delivered a very inspiring devotional message.

The Southland Quartet rendered two numbers "He's a Saviour to be Proud of" and "It Cleanseth Thee." Miss Wava Ann Jarrell accompanied them at the piano.

The following Ministers were registered: Rev. Leo Sharp, Rev. J. B. Parsons, Rev. Wesley Calvary, and Rev. Donald Ellis.

Delegates registered were: Mrs. Mary Read, Mrs. Louise Evans, Miss Sylva Nicholson, Miss Marjorie Esterline Ellis, Mr. J. C. Mosier and Mr. Jack Nicholson.

Reports were received from the following churches: New Hope, Cofer's Chapel, Heads, Friendship, Mt. Zion, Trinity, Ashland City, Bethlehem, Bethel, Goodsprings, Olivet, Shady Grove, East Nashville and Springfield.

By motion these reports were received in a group to be printed in the minutes.

Bro. Smith appointed committees as follows: Petitions and Requests Committee—Mr. Jack Nicholson, Mr. Luther Reed and Mr. Carl Evans; Resolutions Committee—Mr. Henry Read, Chairman, J. B. Reding and J. B. Chandler; Program Committee—Miss Esterline Ellis, Chairman, Miss Rebecca Stewart and Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith.

Bro. Garner W. Caldwell, Sunday School Field Representative gave a very encouraging report on the progress of the many Sunday Schools he had visited.

The Southland Quartet rendered another number at this time entitled, "Just a Little While."

The report of the Petitions and Requests committee was given by Mr. Jack Nicholson. By motion this report was adopted. The report of the Resolutions Committee as given by Bro. Henry Read was adopted.

The Chairman appointed the following Delegates to meetings which are listed as follows: Cumberland Association—Mr. Elmer Felts; National Convention—Mr. A. G. Caldwell and Mr. W. L. Smith; State Sunday School Convention—A. G. Caldwell and Mr. William L. Smith.

The following officers were elected for 1951-52: President, Mr. William L. Smith; Vice-President, Mr. J. B. Reding; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. I. N. Clifton; Board of Directors, Mr. G. W. Hunt, Mr. I. N. Clifton, Mr. Elmer Felts and Rev. Wesley Calvary.

Bro. Garner Caldwell was selected again as the Field Representative for the Sunday School Convention, to work under the direction of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors are to agree on his financial assistance. The Convention voted to petition the Cumberland Association for \$100.00 to be used in paying the expenses of the Field Representative.

A motion that the minutes of the Sunday School Convention be printed with the minutes of the Cumberland Association minutes with the convention paying its proportional share of the expense, was carried.

The Convention adjourned to meet again on Saturday evening, between the first and second Sunday of October, 1952, the place to be designated by the Board of Directors.

William L. Smith, President

Betty B. Ross, Secretary-Treasurer

REPORTS

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that the Sunday School Convention place a field worker on the field again this year to carry out the work as set forth by the Board of Directors. We recommend Bro. Garner Caldwell for the position.
2. Be it resolved that each Sunday School's dues be raised to \$10.00 per year to help pay the Field Worker.
3. Be it resolved that we ask the Cumberland Association for \$100.00 to be paid the Field Worker.

Henry Read, Chairman

J. B. Reding

J. B. Chandler

REPORT OF PETITIONS AND REQUESTS COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Petitions and Requests, wish to report the following:

1. Since no one has invited the Sunday School Convention that the site of the convention be left up to the Board of Directors.

Jack Nicholson, Chairman

Luther Reed

Carl Evans

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount on Hand Beginning of Year	\$102.61
Received from Association	100.00
Total receipts	\$202.61
Paid to Field Worker	\$195.00
Postage, Stationary, etc.	7.61
Total Paid out	\$202.61

Betty B. Ross, Treasurer

COFER'S CHAPEL

Number on roll beginning of year	175
Number new pupils added to roll	15
Average Attendance	134
Number conversions from Sunday Schools	14
Average Number Daily Bible Readers	17
Total Number chapters read	8,256
Total amount of offerings	\$2,076.98
Amount spent for Literature	\$ 130.13

Condition of Sunday School	Very Good
Superintendent	William L. Smith
Secretary	Miss Katherine Keef
Pastor	Rev. J. L. Welch

NEW HOPE

Number on Roll beginning of year	174
Average attendance	108
Number conversions from Sunday Schools	3
Number Daily Bible Readers	675
Number of Chapters Read	5,620
Total offerings for year	\$ 988.11
Amount spent for literature	85.33
Amount sent for convention dues	5.00
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Superintendent	C. B. Turrentine
Secretary	Mrs. C. B. Turrentine
Pastor	Rev. E. A. Craft

FRIENDSHIP

Number on roll at beginning of year	100
Number new members during year	6
Average attendance for year	1,034
Number conversions from Sunday School	6
Average number of Daily Bible Readers	6
Total chapters read	5,913
Total offerings for year	\$ 255.33
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Superintendent	Moss Rose
Secretary	Mrs. Claude Allen
Pastor	Rev. George Ludwig

MT. ZION

Number on roll beginning of year	64
Number of new members during year	20
Average attendance for year	50
Total number of chapters read	9,610
Total offerings for year	\$ 184.88
Amount spent for literature	51.98
Amount for convention dues	5.00
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Superintendent	Earl Davult
Secretary	Max Perry
Pastor	Rev. Bayless McDonald

TRINITY

Number on roll beginning of year	133
Number of new members during year	14
Average attendance for year	76
Number of conversions	2

Total offerings for year	\$2,348.98
Amount spent for literature	58.76
Superintendent	Henry Elliott
Secretary	Miss Doris Matthews

HEAD'S

Number new members during year	15
Average attendance for year	81
Average number daily Bible readers	21
Total number of chapters	3,763
Total offerings for year	\$1,200.00
Amount spent for literature	120.00
Amount spent for convention dues	5.00
Condition of Sunday School	Very Good
Superintendent	Jimmy Watts
Secretary	Miss Esterline Ellis
Pastor	Rev. Wesley Calvary

ASHLAND CITY

Number on roll at beginning of year	67
Number new members during year	10
Average attendance for year	55
Number of conversions	5
Total offerings for year	\$ 416.00
Amount spent for literature	55.00
Amount sent for convention dues	5.00
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Superintendent	J. J. Poole
Secretary	Mrs. G. B. Van Hook

BETHLEHEM

Number on roll beginning of year	92
Average attendance for year	82
Total offerings for year	\$ 323.32
Amount spent for literature	80.21
Amount sent for convention dues	5.00
Condition of Sunday School	Fair
Superintendent	J. B. Chandler
Secretary	Mrs. Lucile Reed
Pastor	Rev. Joe Ange

BETHEL

Number on roll beginning of year	75
Number new members during year	63
Average attendance	44
Number daily Bible readers	21
Total number chapters read	8,719
Total offerings for year	\$ 212.05
Amount spent for literature	42.43
Amount sent for convention dues	5.00

Condition of Sunday School	Good
Superintendent	I. N. Clifton
Secretary	Mrs. Jack Nicholson

GOODSPRINGS

Number on roll beginning of year	107
Number new members during year	44
Average attendance for year	80
Number conversions from Sunday Schools	24
Average number daily Bible readers	20
Total number of chapters read	15,066
Total offerings for year	\$ 652.58
Amount spent for literature	107.37
Amount sent for convention dues	5.00
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Superintendent	J. C. Mosier
Secretary	Mrs. Blanche Bracey
Pastor	Rev. J. B. Parsons

OLIVET

Number on roll beginning of year	56
Number conversions from Sunday School	8
Average attendance for year	43
Total offerings for year	\$ 329.71
Amount spent for literature	65.00
Amount sent for convention dues	5.00
Condition of Sunday School	Fair
Superintendent	Doyle Moore
Secretary	Frank Murphy
Pastor	Rev. Charles Sapp

SHADY GROVE

Number on roll at beginning of year	82
Number of new members during year	
Average attendance for year	61
Number chapters read during year	1,865
Condition of Sunday School	Fair
Superintendent	Vernon Poole, Jr.
Secretary	Mrs. George Morris
Pastor	Rev. W. C. Clearman

EAST NASHVILLE

Number on roll beginning of year	171
Number new members during year	84
Average attendance for year	143
Number conversions from Sunday School	17
Total offerings for year	\$ 901.64
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Superintendent	Lloyd Binkley
Secretary	Mrs. H. E. Simpson
Pastor	Rev. C. F. Bowen

SPRINGFIELD

Number on roll beginning of year	33
Number new members during year	8
Average attendance for year	29
Number chapters read	4,724
Average number daily Bible readers	6
Total offering for year	\$ 567.02
Amount spent for literature	12.00
Amount sent for convention dues	5.00
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Superintendent	Russell Lee
Secretary	Ada Wilkerson
Pastor	Rev. Raymond Mayo

MINISTERS STATISTICAL REPORT

	Sermons Preached	Prayer Meetings Held	Funerals Conducted	Marriages Solemnized	Special Services Held	Revivals Conducted	Revivals Assisted In	Conversions Witnessed	Received into Church	Baptized	Homes Visited	Miles Traveled	Received for Services	Received from Other Source	Total Received
Abernathy, J.J.	128	30	5	3	6	2		4	7	3	100	2,400	\$ 452.18	\$ 50.00	\$ 502.18
Bowen, C. F.	121	45	6	4	3	1	1	20	58	17	187	12,000	3,975.00	190.00	4,165.00
Boyte, J.W.							3								
Carroll, W. R.	80	12	1		3	1		4	4	6		4,000	802.42	162.28	964.70
Clearman, W.C.	110	5	3			1		8	8	8	100	4,000	1,560.00	100.00	1,660.00
Craddock, C. B.	157	24	1		2	4		23	11	21	45	5,400	597.50	334.93	932.43
Craft, E. A.	150	25	20	9		1	1	8	4	4		7,000	2,080.00	150.00	2,230.00
Craft, C.A.	112	46	7	4	3		1	16	23	14			960.00		960.00
Corn, Edward	100	10	1		2		1	15	25	12	30	5,000	560.00	168.55	728.55
Davenport, W.B.	17	21	1								55	335			
Deming, E.W.	100	2	3		1	1		4	4	2	100	7,000	748.08		748.08
Davis, Oscar W.		2				2									
Dodd, Damon C.	275				50	6		376	137			30,000	3,120.00		3,120.00
Hatcher, D.A.	60		5	1	6	2	1	3	1		20	900	485.96	191.00	676.96
Henry, Sidney	130	40	8	1	3	2	5	7	11	12	30	10,000	881.40	165.00	1,046.40
Lynn, James C.	80	8			4			69	1	1	68	4,720	496.00		496.00
Light, Ernest R.	135				42	3	4	67	46	250	3,000	200.00			200.00
Ludwig, Geo.	100	28	4	1		2	12	10	10	50	15,000	1,200.00		100.00	1,300.00
Mayo, R. E.	97	13	1			3		24	8	7	85	3,448	204.54		204.54
McDonald, Bayless	87	2	1	1		2	5	1	2	139	7,240	1,435.47			1,435.47
McIntoch, J.L.	26					1	2				13	682	102.00	50.00	152.85
Oliver, Henry	12		3	8				5			50		65.00		65.00
Parson, J.B.	120	50	6	1	3	2	1	36	30	36	428	5,302	1,200.00	160.00	1,360.00
Paul, Wallace	69	10	5	3	6	1	1	38	3	3	35	3,285	260.88	73.25	334.13
Scott, Adam	100	40	3			1	1		1	200	15,000	1,820.00			1,820.00
Stringer, W.H.	16					2	3				25	600	25.00	30.00	55.00
Terry, T.O.	190	41	2		6	1		30	5	4	205	6,040	1,878.00		1,878.00
Thigpen, Chas.	75		1			1		40	51						
Thompson, C.B.	124	96	3	2	6	1			11	10		14,000	2,860.00	101.00	2,961.00
Welch, J.L.	116	39	11		13	1		18	20	16	230	4,086	2,675.00	255.00	2,930.00
Williams, Darnell	25	15											150.00		150.00

Cumberland Association Statistics

CHURCH	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec. by Experience	Rec. by Letter	Rec. by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Active Members	Inactive Members	Total Membership	Deacons	Value of Church Property	Contributions, this Association	Home Missions
Ashtand City	Miss Mary Patton, Ashtand City Tenn.	4	..	..	2	2	..	50	52	102	4	\$12,000.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 33.00
Bethel	Mrs. Edna Rust, Nephew, Tenn.	2	..	..	3	2	..	236	110	346	3	6,000.00	20.00	19.00
Bethlehem Chapel	Mrs. C. F. Ruder, Route #1, Ashtand City, Tenn.	1	..	..	..	..	..	206	44	250	4	5,000.00	16.00	36.00
Brandon	Mrs. Thelma Milton, Route #3, Dover, Tenn.	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	103	106	2	3,000.00	5.00	..
Claude's Chapel	Mrs. Dewey L. Proffitt, Route #3, McEwen, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	207	14	34	4	..	4.00	..
Coker's Chapel	Miss Mary Elizabeth Griffith, 1918 Holly St., Nashville, Tenn.	13	3	..	7	..	2	247	75	322	6	25,000.00	32.30	112.00
Craigfield	W. E. Belford, Route #3, Bon Aqua, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	25	41	3	1,500.00	5.00	..
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Alex Webb, Route #1, Indian Mound, Tenn.	11	..	..	..	..	..	49	49	98	1	2,000.00	3.00	16.00
East Nashville	W. B. Harris, 1710 Arthur Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	17	36	5	1	4	2	200	132	332	8	60,000.00	25.00	100.00
Friendship	Miss Imogene Newman, Route #2, Ashtand City, Tenn.	15	..	..	1	2	2	100	52	152	1	1,500.00	5.00	..
Goodsprings	Theodore Dowlen, Route #2, Ashtand City, Tenn.	24	6	1	..	2	..	125	50	175	6	30,000.00	10.00	24.00
Gorman	Mrs. Alice Harrison, Route #3, McEwen, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	23	94	4	2,000.00	2.00	..
Heads	Mrs. Mavis Walker, Route #2, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	9	6	..	5	..	3	124	110	234	3	7,500.00	15.00	24.00
Miller's Chapel	Mrs. Virgle Bowker	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	14	24	1	1,500.00	1.75	2.50
Mt. Pleasant	Mrs. Iva M. Bennett, Route #1, Joelton, Tenn.	..	..	1	1	..	..	51	35	86	2	2,000.00	10.00	..
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Ruth Perry, Route #2, Joelton, Tenn.	3	..	..	1	4	..	86	80	166	2	2,800.00	3.00	12.25
New Hope	Mrs. Marvin Walker, Pleasant View, Tenn.	3	5	..	10	3	4	180	167	347	7	2,500.00	20.00	19.00
Oak Grove	Mrs. Ruby Anderson, Route #2, Charlotte, Tenn.	3	..	..	..	..	1	84	36	120	2	1,500.00	8.00	..
Oakland	Mrs. Mary Carney, Route #3, Ashtand City, Tenn.	14	12	..	..	..	..	1	9	30	2	2,000.00	5.00	20.00
Oaklawn	Mrs. R. A. Shores, Chapmansboro, Tenn.	8	4	..	10	..	1	60	146	206	3	4,000.00	8.00	15.50
Oakwood	Mrs. Willie Clinard, Route #3, Cedar Hill, Tenn.	3	4	..	..	..	..	53	12	65	2	2,500.00	7.00	1.00
Pleasant Hill	Mr. J. B. Reding, Route #2, Adams, Tenn.	8	..	..	4	3	..	30	..	124	1	10,000.00	12.40	52.32
Pleasant Ridge	Brigham Wallace, Dover, Tenn.	2	..	..	..	..	1	40	48	88	5	1,500.00	8.00	10.00
Rock Springs	Mrs. Christine Wallace, McEwen, Tenn.	1	..	..	3	..	1	116	104	220	4	1,750.00	15.00	12.00
Scott's Chapel	Mrs. L. M. Proctor, Neptune, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10,000.00	8.00	..
Shady Grove	Mrs. Pauline Reynolds, Cumberland City, Tenn.	1	..	..	1	..	..	30	38	68	7	2,000.00	1.50	..
Springfield	Mrs. Virgil Albright, Hickory Point, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..	1	65	48	113	7	2,000.00	10.00	5.00
Stony Point	Bobby Mooneyhand, Route #6, Springfield, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	35	70	2	1,500.00	..	..
Sylvan Park	Mrs. Ernest Williams, Route #2, Van Leer, Tenn.	16	..	..	..	..	1	45	12	57	2	1,800.00	2.00	10.00
Trinity	Mrs. F. W. Wall, 5406 Louisiana Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	2	..	..	2	..	..	32	19	51	6	6,000.00	5.00	..
Union Hill	Miss Doris Matthews, 219 Cleveland, Nashville, Tenn.	10	..	..	..	..	..	96	49	145	7	8,000.00	18.00	..
West Nashville	J. W. Boren, Route #3, Cadiz, Kentucky	26	..	..	..	..	1	20	47	67	2	800.00	2.00	10.00
	L. P. Erwin, 6361 Penna. Ave., Nashville, Tenn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	160	40	200	4	8,000.00	..	..

Population Statistics for Year 1950-51

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