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DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. E. A. Craft, 4609 Illinois Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
 Assistant Moderator—Rev. Sidney Henry, McEwen, Tennessee.
 Clerk—Rev. Bayless McDonald, 3509 McAdoo Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
 Treasurer—Mr. J. B. Reding, Route 2, Adams, Tennessee.

BOARDS

Education and Literature—Rev. Bayless McDonald, Mr. J. B. Reding, Rev. J. L. Welch.
 F. W. B. Home for Children—Mr. W. E. Coville, Rev. Sidney Henry, Mr. Alton Felts.
 Foreign Missions—Mr. G. W. Hunt, Rev. Marvis Lee, Mr. Howard Walker.
 Home Missions—Mr. Elmer Felts, Rev. C. F. Bowen, Mr. Garner Caldwell, Rev. J. W. Boyte, Rev. Robert Hill.
 Superannuation—Rev. W. B. Davenport, Rev. C. A. Craft, Mr. Miles Gower, Mr. J. B. Reding, Rev. Charles Jennett.

Treasurers to Whom Funds Are To Be Sent

Education—Rev. Bayless McDonald, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
 Foreign Missions—Rev. Raymond Riggs, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.
 Superannuation—Mr. J. B. Reding, Route 2, Adams, Tennessee.
 F. W. B. Home for Children—Mr. I. L. Stanley, Route 9, Greeneville, Tennessee.
 Home Missions—Mr. Garner Caldwell, Route 1, Joelton, Tennessee.

ASSOCIATIONAL ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS

Barrus, Ben*	Hill, William*
Beasley, Wilburn*	Johnson, L. C.
Bloss, J. B.*	Lawrence, Rev.*
Bowen, C. F.	McDonald, Bayless
Calvery, Wesley	McIntosh, J. L.
Carroll, W. R.	Parsons, J. B.
Clearman, W. C.	Reeds, Roger
Craft, C. A.	Ricketts, J. S.*
Craft, E. A.	Smith, N. R., Jr.*
Davis, H. W.*	Smith, Virgil
Davoult, Lonnie*	Stilley, Willis*
Gow, Ira*	Williams, Darnell
Hagewood, W. T.	Wallace, Columbus C.
Hatcher, D. A.	Watkins, Carey, Jr.
Henry, Sidney	Welch, J. L.
Hill, Robert*	Wilfong, Robert

*Visiting ministers

DEACONS

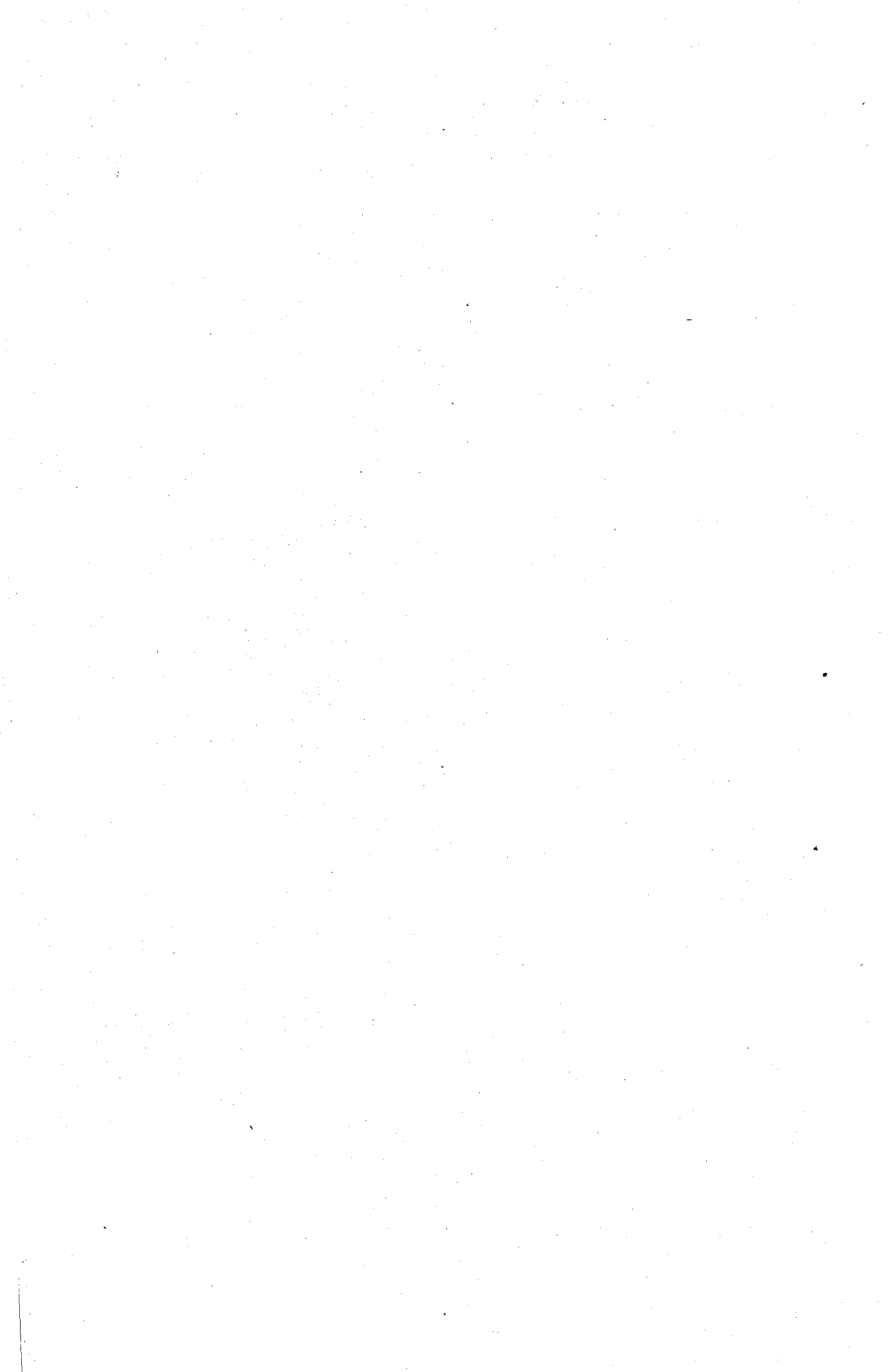
Binkley, W. A.
Bracey, Turner
Cain, J. B.
Coville, W. E.
Craft, G. P.
Felts, Elmer
Gower, Miles
Hollis, P.
Hudgens, H. H.

Hunter, C. T.
Jennett, Charles
Philpo, Claude
Reding, J. B.
Reed, Luther
Sinks, Edward
Stewart, A. A.
Teasley, Dempsey

DELEGATES

Albright, Mrs. Mae
Belford, Mrs. W. E.
Binkley, Mrs. Margaret
Binkley, Mrs. Waydell
Bracey, Miss Maxine
Bracey, W. D.
Browning, Mrs. Clyde
Burgess, Mrs. Henrietta
Chandler, Mrs. W. M.
Clifton, Mrs. Isaac
Curtiss, L. B.
Davoult, Mrs. Lonnie
Farmer, Mrs. John
Filpole, Mrs. Bertie
Fisher, Mrs. Annie
Frazier, Mrs. J. E.
Haynes, Thomas

Howell, Wallace
Johnson, H. J.
Lee, Mrs. Turner
Milton, Mrs. Thelma
Minor, Mrs. Evylee
Perry, Mrs. Cecil
Perry, Mrs. John
Polston, Mrs. Fannie
Proctor, Mrs. Betty
Pugh, Manfred
Reagan, Mrs. H. W.
Reding, Mrs. J. W.
Reynolds, Forrest
Sinks, Edward
Sublette, Mrs. Charles
Wallace, Mrs. Mildred



PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Morning

The One Hundred and Tenth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in Tennessee was called to order by the moderator, Rev. E. A. Craft, at the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday morning, October 14, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock.

Rev. Roger Reeds led the assembly in the singing of "Love Lifted Me" and "Blessed Assurance."

Rev. Charles Jennett brought devotional thoughts, using the 121st Psalm with the theme of "Looking up to Christ."

The host pastor, Rev. W. C. Clearman, gave a sincere welcome to the delegates and congregation, and Rev. E. A. Craft expressed words of appreciation to Brother Clearman and the Shady Grove Church.

At the moderator's request, the congregation stood and sang "Amazing Grace." Following this a warm testimony meeting was witnessed as many spoke of their experience with and hope in Christ.

The first item of business was the approving of the printed program as the order of business for the meeting of the association.

Registration revealed the presence of ten ministers, nine deacons, twenty-seven delegates, and ten visiting ministers.

The moderator was authorized to appoint a Finance Committee. The members of this committee are as follows: Mr. Will Binkley, Mr. J. B. Reding, and Mr. John Harris.

The Committee on Committees was appointed and approved as follows: Rev. W. R. Carroll, Rev. W. C. Clearman, and Rev. J. L. Welch.

Letters from each church were turned in and minute money received. Associational funds were given to Mr. J. B. Reding.

The meeting was recessed to go into the morning worship service. Rev. Roger Reeds led the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Next the chorus "Everyday with Jesus" was sung followed by "When We All Get to Heaven."

Rev. J. B. Bloss led the assembly in prayer, after which the hymn "In the Old Time Way" was sung.

The moderator presented Rev. H. W. Davis, who brought the morning message. He used Luke 5:4 as the basis of his theme "Launch out into the deep." From this well prepared and ably presented sermon, the assembly was charged to launch out more in the program of God in fulfilling His commission of winning people to Jesus.

Rev. W. C. Clearman invited all the people to partake of the lunch prepared by the church. Benediction was given by Brother Luther Reed.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session started as Brother Reeds led the congregation in the hymn "Footsteps of Jesus."

Rev. Robert Hill used 2 Kings 3-5 as a background for his devotional thoughts, pointing out that preparation must precede the Lord's blessings.

The annual report was given of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting and adopted.

Mr. J. B. Reding gave a report of the meeting of the State Association, October 22-23, 1952, at Good Springs Church. He stated that reports revealed there had been an increase in all phases of the church work. The officers of the State Association had requested a better attendance for the forthcoming meeting. One of the endeavors of the assembly is the building of a Youth Camp for the Free Will Baptists of Tennessee. This report was approved.

Rev. W. R. Carroll, chairman, gave the report of Committee on Committees. This report was adopted.

Rev. E. A. Craft gave the moderator's message to the association. Using Acts 1:8 as his Scriptural text, he emphasized giving proper attention to the Jerusalem ministry since the Judean, Samaritan, and Galilean ministry depends upon an effective home front.

The report of the District Woman's Auxiliary work was made by Mrs. Charles Sublette. The report was adopted.

Report of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children was presented by Mr. I. L. Stanley, director of the home. Facts and figures were given on the work of the home for the year. Cumberland Association churches gave \$2,280.79 during the year. Total receipts for October 1, 1952 through September 30, 1953 were \$36,590.00; of this amount farm income was \$8,986.97. The association adopted the report.

Motion to adjourn until Thursday carried, and Rev. W. R. Carroll prayed the benedictory prayer.

Thursday Morning

The session was opened at 10:00 o'clock with the singing of the hymn "He Keeps Me Singing," led by Rev. Wesley Calvery.

Rev. Robert Wilfong used Rev. 3:7-4:1 for the Scriptural text, presenting devotional thoughts on the "Open Door."

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The report of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by the college president, Dr. L. C. Johnson. He expressed appreciation for the people who had made the college work possible. Its growth during the past eleven years was described. Receipts from the Cumberland Association during the year amounted to approximately \$5,000. An offering of more than \$65.00 was taken for the Bible College.

Rev. Wesley Calvery led the congregation in singing "Make Me a Channel of Blessing." Rev. L. C. Johnson led in the prayer of thanks to God for the offering.

The yearly report of the Western Quarterly Meeting was read and adopted.

The association approved the donation of \$50 to the Free Will Baptist Home for Children to cover Mr. Stanley's expenses to the association.

The association recessed for the ordination service of the Presbytery.

Following this service, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, executive secretary of the

National Association, brought the morning message on the subject "What is a Christian?" The speaker's message was enthusiastically received.

The benediction was made by Rev. Lonnie Davoult.

Thursday Afternoon

Brother Garner Caldwell led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Rev. J. L. McIntosh led in prayer.

Rev. J. B. Bloss spoke in the absence of Rev. E. L. Hall, bringing devotional thoughts and reporting on the National Home Mission work.

The report on Education and Literature was given by Rev. J. L. Welch. In it he emphasized the campaign of the Bible College to raise \$40,000 to pay off the entire indebtedness of all College properties. Brother Welch challenged the Cumberland Association to raise \$2,000 by Bible Conference time, April 1, 1954; the rest of Tennessee to raise \$1,000 to make a total of \$3,000 from Tennessee. Pledges totaling \$1,324 were made with \$134 being paid in cash.

The association approved the recording of this report as information.

The Foreign Missions Board had no report.

The report of the Home Missions Board was presented by Rev. C. F. Bowen and Brother Garner Caldwell. The treasurer's report was read. The Home Missions report was adopted.

The treasurer's report of the Superannuation Board was given by Mr. Elmer Felts. The report was adopted.

The Finance Report was given by Mr. W. A. Binkley and adopted by the body.

The Obituary Report was given by Rev. Roger C. Reeds, which was adopted.

The report for the Petitions and Requests Committee was given by Mr. Elmer Felts. It covered the application into the Cumberland Association of the three following churches:

Loyal Chapel Church, Columbia, Tennessee

Mt. Pleasant Church, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee

Dickson Church, Dickson, Tennessee

The report was approved and the churches were received into full membership of the association.

The petition of the Craigfield Church for a letter of dismissal from the Cumberland Association to go into the New Middle Tennessee Association, was denied.

Rev. C. F. Bowen moved that the moderator appoint a committee to investigate the Craigfield Church matter. Motion was passed.

The members of this committee are: Rev. Sidney Henry, Rev. C. A. Craft, and Rev. J. L. Welch.

The association adopted the petition of the Oaklawn Church to entertain the 1954 session of the association.

The report of the Temperance Committee was presented by Mr. Manfred Pugh. The report was adopted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was submitted by Brother Luther Reed. Motion passed to table this report until the report of the Resolutions Committee.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by J. B. Reding. The following resolutions were presented for consideration:

1. That this association give a rising vote of thanks to the Shady Grove Church and community for their splendid hospitality.

Motion was passed and the congregation stood to acknowledge its appreciation and thanks.

2. That the Presbytery hold its business sessions at a time separate and apart from the annual association or any regular district meeting.

Motion was passed.

3. That a copy of the constitution and by-laws governing this body be printed in the minutes of this and future associations. Also that the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith be printed.

Motion was lost.

4. That an assistant clerk be elected to serve as chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Motion was passed. Rev. W. C. Clearman was elected as assistant clerk.

5. That the report of the Credentials Committee shall contain names of churches, membership, delegates, etc.

Motion was lost.

6. That each church send 20 cents per member for associational dues.

Motion was lost.

7. That a Missions Board of five members be set up to regulate and supervise all mission work in this association.

Motion was passed to table.

8. That this association accept for its mission budget for 1953-54 the following:

National Home Missions	\$2,000.00
National Foreign Missions	3,750.00
District use	3,000.00
Total	<u>\$8,750.00</u>

Motion passed.

Motion passed to remove the report of the Nominating Committee from the table. The report not being adequate, nominations were made from the floor.

Rev. C. F. Bowen and Rev. Robert Hill were nominated and elected to be members of the Home Missions Board.

Rev. Charles Jennett was elected to the Superannuation Board.

Mr. Howard Walker was elected to succeed himself on the Foreign Missions Board.

Mr. Alton Felts was elected as the new member of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children Board.

Rev. J. L. Welch was elected to succeed himself on the Education and Literature Board.

Motion passed that five hundred copies of the association's constitution and by-laws be printed and copies be sent with each yearly church letter and the balance be held for the associational meetings.

Rev. W. C. Clearman was authorized to appoint two members with him to compose the Credentials Committee.

Motion passed that the chair appoint delegates to the state association. Those appointed were: Mrs. N. V. Williams, Mrs. C. F. Bowen, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. Manfred Pugh, and Mrs. Fannie Polston.

The treasurer's report of the Cumberland Association was read by J. B. Reding and adopted.

Motion passed that 1,000 copies of the minutes be printed.

Motion passed that \$35 be paid to the clerk for his services.

Motion passed to adjourn.

Rev. W. C. Clearman led in the closing prayer.

The meeting was dismissed and adjourned to meet on Wednesday and Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1954.

REV. E. A. CRAFT, Moderator

REV. E. BAYLESS McDONALD, Clerk

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Obituary

Rev. Roger Reeds, Mrs. Mae Albright, Rev. W. T. Hagewood.

Petitions and Requests

Mr. Elmer Felts, Mrs. Turner Lee, Mrs. John Perry.

Resolutions

Mr. J. B. Reding, Mr. W. A. Binkley, Mrs. Isaac Clifton.

Temperance

Mr. Miles Gower, Mr. W. D. Bracey, Mr. Manfred Pugh.

Nominating

Mr. Luther Reed, Rev. W. C. Clearman, Mrs. W. M. Chandler.

REV. W. R. CARROLL

REV. J. L. WELCH

REV. W. C. CLEARMAN

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION STATE

CHURCH	CLERK AND ADDRESSES	Received by Experience	Received by Letter	Received by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Active Membership	Inactive Membership	Total Membership	Deacons	Value of Church Property	Contributions to This Association	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Bible College	Supernatural
Ashland City....	Mary Patton, Ashland City.....	2	1					50	56	106	4	\$ 12,000	\$10.00	\$ 57.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Bethel.....	Irby Jarrell, Neptune.....				16		5	223	104	327	4	8,000	10.00	48.00	78.75	50.00	100.00
Bethlehem.....	Mrs. C. F. Reed, R. 1, Ashland Cy.....	7	2	2			2	232	42	274	5	8,000	15.00	89.00	143.10	116.36	80.00
Brandons Chapel.....	Mrs. Thelma Milton, Dover.....	3	2	2						100	28	3,000	5.00				
Claude's Chapel.....	Claude Philpo, R. 3, McEwen.....		6					10	18	28	2						
Cofer's Chapel.....	Mary Griffith, 1918 Holly, Nash.....	8	4	14			3	260	69	329	6	34,000	16.00	202.00	441.50	432.00	107.00
Columbia, First.....	S. C. Witherspoon, R. 1, Columbia.....	6						60	35	95	1	7,500	5.00	2.50	2.50		
Craigfield.....	W. E. Belford, R. 3, Bon Aqua.....					1				40		1,500	2.00				
Dickson, First.....	Ollie May Houge, Dickson.....	3	9					17		17	2		8.00				
Dunbar's Chapel.....	Mrs. Alex Webb, R. 1, Indian Md.....									44		6,500	5.00			6.00	
East Nashville.....	W. B. Harris, 1730 Arthur, Nash.....	17	21	11			2	300	88	388	10	60,000	10.00	100.00	1,289.00	1,200.00	500.00
Friendship.....	Jean F. Harris, R. 2, Ashland City.....	21	6	7	2		2	100	81	181	3	2,000	4.00		30.00	30.00	
Good Springs.....	Mrs. Lillian Binkley, R. 2, Joelton.....	9		1			2	130	60	190	5	35,000	17.50	24.00	60.00	60.00	
Gorman.....	Mrs. Alice Harrison, R. 3, McEwen.....	6	1					79	23	102	4		2.00				
Head's.....	Mrs. Mavis Walker, R. 2, Cedar H.....	6		8			3	108	124	232	3	7,500	15.00	54.30	97.00	80.25	24.00
Hurricane Chapel.....	Nettie Tummins, McEwen.....							10	20	30	2		8.00				
Loyal Chapel.....	Mrs. McBroom, Bx. 207, Columbia.....	6	8	4			1	120	81	201	6	50,000	10.00	25.00	25.76		
Mt. Pleasant.....	Mrs. Margaret Williams, Joelton.....	10	2					46	50	96	2	5,000	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. Eula Perry, R. 2, Joelton.....	4	7	5			2	90	90	180	4	10,000	5.00	21.25		117.00	
New Hope.....	Mrs. Marvin Walker, R. 1, Joelton.....	5	1	5			1	185	155	340	6	10,000	10.00	78.19	439.67	96.05	8.00
Oak Grove.....	Mrs. R. Anderson, R. 2, Charlotte.....	1				1		66	51	117	3	1,500	8.00				
Oakland.....	Mrs. A. Farley, R. 1, Whites Creek.....	7	1				1	51	5	56	2	7,000	5.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Oaklawn.....	Mrs. R. A. Shores, Pleasant View.....		10		3		2	98	96	194	5	6,000	5.00	43.00	383.00	28.50	50.00
Oak Wood.....	Mrs. B. Clinard, R. 2, Cedar Hill.....									52		2,500	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
Olivet.....	J. B. Reding, R. 2, Adams.....	14	6				1	90	62	152	5	10,000	13.20	322.14	536.46	322.00	30.00
Owensboro, First.....	Wilda Davis, 2408 Eback, Owensb.....	19						64	60	124		10,000	10.00	42.69	190.00		
Pleasant Hill.....	Brigham Wallace, R. 3, Dover.....						1	29		29	1	1,500	2.00				
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. C. Wallace, R. 1, McEwen.....	6		5	3			42	45	87	4	1,750	8.00		12.50		
Rock Springs.....	Mrs. L. M. Proctor, Neptune.....	1					2	140	96	236	4	10,000	15.00	16.04	31.45	57.37	10.00
Scott's Chapel.....	Mrs. P. Reynolds, Tenn. Ridge.....	5	1	1			2	35	35	70	4	2,000	3.00				
Shady Grove.....	Mrs. Virgil Albright, Hickory Point.....	3	1							129	8	12,000	10.00	35.00	160.82	60.00	
Stony Point.....	Mrs. E. Williams, R. 2, Van Leer.....	1		1			2	44	17	61	5	4,000	2.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	3.00
Sylvan Park.....	Mrs. F. Wall, 123 Bowling, Nash.....	10	15	6			1	81	12	93	6	20,000	8.00		60.00		
Trinity.....	Evelyn Fettes, 1049 W. Sharpe, Na.....	11	5	3						167	4	10,000	10.00	85.00	263.62	170.00	
Union Hill.....	F. D. Rose, R. 3, Cadiz, Ky.....	4						30	25	55	3	1,500	2.00	25.20	17.00		
West Nashville.....	L. P. Erwin, 6301 1/2 Pa., Nashville.....	32					3	160	75	235	6	10,000	20.00	10.00	20.00	100.00	10.00
Totals.....		227	103	7	95	5	38	2950	1675	5157	131	369,750	288.70	1,309.31	4,461.13	3,051.53	354.00

ION STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1952-53

	Bible Colleagues	Superannuation	Home for Children	Benevolences	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Other Expenses	Total Receipts	Amount in Treasury	Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	Auxiliary Offering	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Offering	League Enrollment	League Offering	Prayer Meeting Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment
00	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 64.06	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,830.94	\$ 4,602.00	\$ 360.00	16	\$ 570.10	67	\$ 730.41	30	\$ 80.46	20	...
75	50.00	10.00	86.50	251.50	1,200.00	192.00	644.66	2,490.57	158.66	13	190.46	97	...	36	...	...	...
10	116.36	30.00	114.00	...	1,820.00	122.00	1,904.67	4,203.84	...	32	126.64	117	730.41	40	146.38	30	67
...	...	...	5.00	...	549.98	125.00	...	647.98	...	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	25
...	...	...	...	...	85.00	25.00	...	110.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	432.00	107.50	396.00	566.71	2,700.00	...	7,861.72	11,709.16	1,608.46	26	263.00	185	2,993.76	50	196.64	40	125
50	...	...	...	...	470.00	76.18	156.27	720.67	18.22	...	...	85	568.86	...	...	25	...
...	...	...	8.20	...	65.77	37.52	26.77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6.00	...	15.00	...	135.00	...	83.15	360.16	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	165.22	...	...	197.02	5.80	...	...	...	34.78	...	...	...	...
00	1,200.00	50.00	612.00	91.00	4,160.00	...	8,496.08	17,016.59	1,173.96	22	251.02	205	1,045.01	78	252.16	40	63
00	30.00	...	...	...	1,040.00	200.00	150.00	1,454.00	200.00	...	...	120	...	90	...	20	...
00	60.00	...	60.00	...	1,200.00	150.00	2,316.36	4,639.76	344.34	24	161.69	153	701.92	130	189.33	30	...
...	...	...	10.00	121.92	391.75	108.00	141.35	762.92	...	...	...	75	283.90	...	...	25	...
00	80.25	24.00	48.00	24.00	1,440.00	85.00	2,431.19	4,622.60	524.80	13	78.50	115	306.80	34	176.80	20	32
...	...	...	...	...	240.00	32.00	200.00	472.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
76	...	...	120.00	167.18	3,760.00	234.00	6,564.61	10,041.42	...	20	352.68	200	1,194.35	100	152.38	40	...
00	1.00	1.00	1.00	...	308.00	...	75.00	383.00	30.00	...	...	66	300.00	...	...	40	...
...	117.00	...	...	...	1,427.28	115.00	1,150.88	2,851.52	73.47	...	...	90	331.33	35	46.16	35	...
67	96.05	8.00	291.75	247.94	2,050.00	100.00	4,352.40	5,958.71	407.32	30	149.40	201	1,274.00	85	223.05	35	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
00	20.00	20.00	64.25	...	387.00	126.90	98.68	684.85	...	...	...	60	107.48	30	...	...	...
00	28.50	50.50	108.27	44.97	1,040.00	133.50	94.18	1,587.13	103.59	...	...	75	466.59	24	104.43	20	...
00	...	...	...	...	1,818.29	67.00	1,514.67	3,750.84	296.11	14	136.50	65	...	30	146.73	20	47
00	...	...	1.00	11.00	208.77	225.36	...	549.37	...	...	...	29	...	25	...	...	...
46	321.00	30.00	256.54	...	1,820.00	290.00	1,907.50	5,743.58	255.94	19	218.86	78	776.27	46	136.25	...	35
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62	170.00	...	85.00	100.00	2,620.00	125.00	2,173.11	5,458.29	1,734.80	15	80.00	143	3,464.36	70	192.11	25	35
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00	100.00	10.00	55.00	...	960.00	160.00	...	3,021.75	...	20	368.29	200	1,118.54	48	...	41	63
13	3,051.53	354.00	2,668.83	1,949.36	43,560.44	3,256.62	54,417.42	116,693.21	8,652.83	308	3,092.39	3052	19,034.92	1126	2,290.18	626	614

OBITUARY

During the past associational year one of the ministers and one of the deacons of this association departed to their reward. They were:

Rev. George Steppe
Mr. Marion Read

We hereby recognize their years of faithful service and extend to their many friends and loved ones our deepest sympathy and earnest prayers.

REV. ROGER C. REEDS
MRS. MAE ALBRIGHT
REV. W. T. HAGEWOOD

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

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

That the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Columbia, Tennessee, together with their letter of recommendation from the Progressive Association of Alabama, be accepted into the Cumberland Association at this time.

That the Mt. Pleasant Free Will Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, together with their letter of recommendation from the Progressive Association of Alabama, be accepted into the Cumberland Association at this time.

That the Free Will Baptist Church of Dickson, Tennessee, be accepted into the Cumberland Association.

That the association select the church with which to hold its next year's session from the following which have extended invitations: Oaklawn Church, Bethel Church, and Pleasant Ridge Church.

ELMER FELTS
MRS. TURNER LEE
MRS. JOHN PERRY

RESOLUTIONS

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

1. Resolved, That we express our appreciation with a rising vote of thanks to Shady Grove Church and community for their splendid hospitality during this sitting of the association.

2. Resolved, That the Presbytery of this association hold its business sessions at a time separate and apart from the annual association or any other regular set meeting held within our district, and thereby have its report completed and ready for presentation to the body.

3. Resolved, That a copy of the constitution and by-laws governing this body be printed in our minutes of this and future associations. Also that the Church Covenant and Articles of Faith be printed.

4. Resolved, That an assistant clerk be elected, whose duty shall be to serve as chairman of a Credentials Committee that is hereby instructed to receive all annual church letters (reports) and all associational funds and to make a report of same along with the registration as heretofore handled by the clerk, before any business is transacted.

5. Resolved, That the Credentials Committee report shall contain the following: Names of all churches, total membership as reported by each church, the delegate each sent, and the amount of associational funds sent by each.

That the registration report shall include the following: Names of ministers, deacons, delegates with the name of the church they represent, and all visiting ministers in attendance during the session.

6. Resolved, That each church holding membership in this association be requested to send at least 20 cents per member on roll for the annual associational dues.

7. Resolved, That the missionary work of this association be placed under the direction of one board which shall be composed of five members whose duties shall be to regulate and supervise all mission work under the control of this association. It shall cooperate with the mission program of the National Association. It shall endeavor to raise money for missions and build sentiment favorable to mission work.

8. Resolved, That this association accept for its proposed anticipated mission budget for 1953-54 the following:

National Home Missions	\$2,000.00
National Foreign Missions	3,750.00
For District Use	3,000.00
Total	\$8,750.00

And, that the Mission Board meet early in November and proportion this total proposed mission budget on a percentage basis to the various churches holding membership in this body and that the board member designated as Mission Director of this district be urged to visit each of these churches, present the budget, their proportionate share with an urgent appeal of immediate and regular support. All mission funds are to be sent from the church to the associational treasurer who is instructed to disburse these funds monthly.

J. B. REDING
W. A. BINKLEY
MRS. ISAAC CLIFTON

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

First, we hereby recommend that the leaders and members of the churches composing this association put forth a greater effort to get our churches to the highest type of spirituality in order that we may have greater influence over all forms of intemperance. Also we want to show as a delegated body that we favor each pastor to hold at least one service during the associational year on intemperance.

Second, that we laymen use our influence against strong drink and also oppose any advertisement of liquor around or near our churches.

MILES GOWER
MANFRED PUGH
W. D. BRACEY

FINANCE

We, your committee on Finance, respectfully submit the following report: Received from associational dues and minute fund—\$293.20.

W. A. BINKLEY
J. B. REDING
JOHNNY HARRIS

REPORT OF BOARDS

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Report of the Superannuation Board of the Cumberland Association is as follows:

Balance on hand, October 13, 1952\$1,244.43

Receipts:

Head's Church	\$22.00
Bethlehem Church	30.00
Mt. Pleasant Church	4.00
Cofer's Chapel	50.00
Rock Springs Church	8.01
Dunbar's Chapel	5.00
Oakland Church	20.00
Springfield Church	2.25
West Nashville Church	10.00
Bethel Church	10.00

Total receipts 161.26

Grand Total \$1,405.69

Expenses:

National Superannuation Board	\$87.54
Post Office	3.00
Total expenses	90.54
Balance	1,315.15
Less 3 checks returned	6.00
Balance on hand October 13, 1953	\$1,309.15
On deposit with Third Nat'l Bank	\$1,297.15
Check not deposited	10.00
Cash not deposited	2.00
Balance on hand, October 13, 1953	\$1,309.15

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. FELTS, Secretary-Treasurer

HOME MISSION BOARD

Report of Treasurer of Home Mission Board of Cumberland Association, from October 16, 1952 through October 16, 1953.

Balance on hand, October 16, 1952 \$ 272.34

Receipts:

Cofer's Chapel	\$ 150.00
Bethlehem Church	94.86
Dunbar's Chapel	5.00
Rock Springs Church	21.30
Head's Church	54.30
Olivet Church	133.07
Trinity Church	80.00
Oakland Church	29.20
Shady Grove Church	35.00
Good Springs Church	21.35
Oaklawn Church	43.00
Oaklawn League	6.00
Mt. Zion Church	21.25
Bethel Church	48.00
Gorman Church	5.25
New Hope Church	26.65
Springfield Church	31.00
East Nashville Church	50.00
West Nashville Church	10.00
Cheatham County Singing Convention	7.20
Cofer's Chapel Ladies' Auxiliary	25.00
Borrowed from West Nashville First American National Bank	1,800.00
Barren Plains Church	420.03
Total Receipts	\$3,390.80
Paid Out	3,235.60
Balance on Hand, October 16, 1953	\$ 154.20

Respectfully submitted,

GARNER CALDWELL, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Report of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists convening with Shady Grove Church, October 14-15, 1953.

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting met four times this year.

Churches reporting:

Members received during year	158
Total membership	2044
Sunday School enrollment	1299
Average attendance	1032
Prayer Meeting attendance	222
League membership	582
Average attendance	504
Woman's Auxiliary membership	165
Average attendance	98
Value of Church Property	\$100,350.00
Amount paid pastors	21,665.49
Amount paid for evangelistic work	4,852.15
Amount for building and repairs	8,244.30
Amount for Home Missions	968.29
Amount for Foreign Missions	2,272.41
Amount for Education	1,189.81
Amount for Superannuation	111.70
Amount for Unified Program	81.00
Amount for Children's Home	1,099.10
Amount for publications	887.46
Amount for benevolences	1,891.48
Amount for janitor salaries	889.50
Amount for dues	135.00
Amount for incidentals and miscellaneous expenses	4,848.87
Total amount received for year	43,663.66
Total amount paid out	41,954.95

REV. W. C. CLEARMAN, Moderator

MRS. GENEVA WALKER, Clerk

REPORT OF THE WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Report of the Western Quarterly Meeting to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists convening with Shady Grove Church, October 14-15, 1953.

The Western Quarterly Meeting came together four times this year.

There was a total of seventeen churches reporting.

Total received for the year	\$88.23
Total paid out	54.07
Total in treasury	\$34.16

REV. SIDNEY HENRY, Moderator

REV. JAMES V. SMITH, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1952-September 30, 1953

Associational Fund

Balance in Bank, October 1, 1952	\$ 53.67
Received from Finance Committee	272.40
Sunday School Convention	50.00
Presbytery	15.00
Total receipts	\$391.07

Expenses:

State and National dues	\$ 85.00
Postage on state minutes	3.80
Printing of Minutes	168.00
Postage on Minutes	4.37
Transcribing Minutes	35.00
Total expenses	\$296.07
Balance in Associational Fund September 30, 1953	\$ 94.90

Home Missions**Receipts:**

Rock Springs Church	\$ 21.30
Dunbar's Chapel	5.00
Bethlehem Church	1.00
Trinity Church	35.00
Other	100.00
Total receipts	\$162.30
Expenses—Garner Caldwell	\$162.30

Superannuation**Receipts:**

Rock Springs Church	\$ 8.01
Dunbar's Chapel	5.00
Cofer's Chapel	50.00
Total receipts	\$ 63.01
Expense—R. E. Felts	\$ 63.01

Bible College**Receipts:**

Offering at Cumberland Association	\$140.54
Dunbar's Chapel	5.00
Rock Springs Church	10.30
Total receipts	\$155.84
Expense—Ralph Lightsey	\$155.84

Foreign Missions**Receipts:**

Rock Springs Church	\$ 36.95
Dunbar's Chapel	12.00
Bethlehem Church	2.00
Olivet Church	100.00
Total receipts	\$150.95
Expense—Rev. Raymond Riggs	\$150.95

Home for Children**Receipts:**

Rock Springs Church	\$ 16.56
Pleasant Hill Church	18.00
Dunbar's Chapel	5.00
Union Hill	10.00
Brandon's Chapel	28.25
Total receipts	\$ 77.81
Expenses—Mrs. Mary F. Stanley	\$ 77.81
Total receipts—All sources	\$1000.98
Total Expense	\$ 906.08
Balance in Associational Fund	\$ 94.90

MINUTES

of the

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY

The Cumberland Association Presbytery met at its annual session on October 15, 1953, at the 110th sitting of the Cumberland Association at the Shady Grove Church. Rev. C. A. Craft, moderator, was in charge.

The reports of the Examining Committee were read and adopted. An ordination service was held for the candidates approved: Billy Walker, Cary Watkins, Charles Jennett, Shelby Henry and Bobby Jones. The Scripture was read by Rev. E. A. Craft. Rev. J. L. Welch called the candidates for ordination forward and with them those whose credentials were ratified in this association. He charged them with Paul's admonition to Timothy "that you might know how to behave yourself in the house of God," and "to preach the word." Rev. J. B. Parsons presented the Bible, and Rev. C. F. Bowen called for the laying on of hands as he offered the prayer.

The meeting was recessed to meet in the afternoon service.

At the call of the moderator, the Presbytery met in the afternoon service, October 15, 1953.

Motion passed to send letters of recommendation to Rev. Ronald Creech, Rev. Ernest Light, and Rev. Eddie Corn.

Motion passed to place Rev. Wesley Calvery on list of ordained ministers.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Moderator—Rev. W. C. Clearman

Assistant—Rev. C. A. Craft

Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Bayless McDonald

The financial report was read and approved.

Motion passed to send \$25 to treasurer of Cumberland Association for the minute fund.

Motion passed that the meeting of the next annual session of the Presbytery is to be on Wednesday afternoon and evening at the next sitting of the Cumberland Association, to meet at the call of the moderator.

Motion carried to adjourn. The session was closed by prayer.

REV. C. A. CRAFT, Moderator

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD, Secretary

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

Session at Mt. Zion Church, October 3, 1953

A special meeting of the Examining Committee of the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists was held at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, October 3, 1953.

The opening prayer was given by Rev. Henry Oliver. In addition to him those present were Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. Sidney Henry, Rev. E. A. Craft, and Rev. J. L. Welch. Rev. Bayless McDonald served as secretary.

The following recommendations were passed upon by the Examining Committee:

1. That Billy Walker, Carey Watkins, Charles Jennett, and Shelby Henry be ordained to the full gospel ministry.
2. That the credentials of Rev. E. L. Hall, Lonnie Davoult, Robert Hill, William Hill, and Ben Barrus be ratified.
3. That Rev. H. W. Davis have his church grant him a letter of license and that his ordination be considered at a later time.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Chairman

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD, Secretary

Session at Shady Grove Church, October 15, 1953

The Examining Committee of the Cumberland Association Presbytery met at Shady Grove Church on October 15, 1953, at 10:00 o'clock A.M.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Rev. J. L. Welch. Rev. J. B. Parsons offered the opening prayer.

An application was brought before the committee from Rev. H. W. Davis. The committee decided, after some discussion, to defer ratification of his credentials one year.

Brother Paul Sitton and Brother Clarence Burton applied for acknowledgment in this Presbytery until their ordinations so that they might pastor churches in this association. They were acknowledged and the clerk was authorized to write them letters to this effect.

Brother Bobby Jones was examined for ordination. The committee recommended his ordination.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Rev. Wilburn Beasley, Rev. J. B. Bloss, and Rev. J. S. Ricketts came before the committee for ratification of their credentials. Their credentials were ratified.

Brother Lawrence came before the committee for ordination. He was deferred one year.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Chairman

REV. W. C. CLEARMAN, Secretary

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Abernathy, J. J.	Route 1, Joelton, Tennessee
Barrus, Ben	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Beasley, Wilburn	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Bloss, J. B.	311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tennessee
Bowen, C. F.	518 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee
Boyte, J. W.	3141 Holman St., Nashville, Tennessee
Calvery, Wesley	Ashland City, Tennessee
Carroll, W. R.	Bumpus Mills, Tennessee
Castile, W. M.	Route 1, Bumpus Mills, Tennessee
Clearman, W. C.	Route 2, Clarksville, Tennessee
Craft, C. A.	6301 Pennsylvania Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Craft, E. A.	4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Davenport, W. B.	Route 1, Ashland City, Tennessee
Davis, Oscar W.	1024 17th Ave., S., Nashville, Tennessee
Davoult, Lonnie E.	3509 McAdoo Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Dodd, Damon C.	433 East Bend Drive, Nashville, Tennessee
Hagewood, W. T.	Route 5, Clarksville, Tennessee
Hatcher, D. A.	Route 3, McEwen, Tennessee
Hall, E. L.	P. O. Box 77, Owensboro, Kentucky
Henry, Shelby	McEwen, Tennessee
Henry, Sidney	McEwen, Tennessee
Hill, Robert C.	Joelton, Tennessee
Hill, William	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Jennett, Charles	Route 2, Clarksville, Tennessee

Johnson, L. C.	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Jones, Bobby	Kirksville, Missouri
Lee, Marvis	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Ludwig, George	815 Powers Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Marshall, W. E.	310 Oceola Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Mayo, R. E.	Route 1, Springfield, Tennessee
McDonald, E. Bayless	3509 McAdoo Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
McIntosh, J. L.	525 E. Maple St., Madison, Tennessee
Mooneyham, W. S.	3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Oliver, Wm. Henry	116 South 12th St., Nashville, Tennessee
Parsons, J. B.	Route 2, Joelton, Tennessee
Paul, Wallace	321½ East 15th St., Columbia, Tennessee
Ricketts, J. S.	Columbia, Tennessee
Stringer, W. H.	Route 2, Box 286, Dickson, Tennessee
Walker, Billy	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Wallace, Columbus C.	Route 1, Box 4, Fort Henry, Tennessee
Watkins, Carey, Jr.	3412 Theresa Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
Watts, Shellie C.	2006 24th Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee
Welch, J. L.	1604 10th Ave., N., Nashville, Tennessee
Wilfong, Robert L.	Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tennessee
Williams, Darnell	501 Vertias, Nashville, Tennessee

MINISTERS' STATISTICAL REPORT

1952-53

NAMES OF MINISTERS	Sermons Preached	Prayer Meetings Held	Funerals Conducted	Marriages Solemnized	Special Services	Revivals Conducted	Revivals Assisted In	Conversions Witnessed	Received Into Church	Baptized	Homes Visited	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Abernathy, J. J., Sr.	118	28	14	4	8	1	1	19	11	9	150	2,950	\$ 638.75
Beasley, Wilburn	122	46	1	1			1	9	11	6	29	4,000	1,140.00
Bowen, C. F.	144	42	6	5	4	4		64	38	17	374	15,000	5,160.00
Carroll, W. R.	100	17	2			3		4	5	4		5,000	1,166.02
Clearman, W. C.	104	10	1	2	7		1	3	3	4	300	4,200	3,233.73
Craft, C. A.	110	44	6	3			1	23	32	16	200		960.00
Craft, E. A.	100	40	20	5				10	25	10			2,450.00
Dodd, Damon C.	275				90	8		350					4,500.00
Hatcher, D. A.	60	1	6	1				5	6		20	1,700	466.00
Henry, Sidney	150	40	2	2		6	2	45	16	6	50	8,000	1,181.96
Mayo, R. E.	110	23	1			1		12	1	6	9	1,000	165.64
McDonald, E. Bayless	91	40			10		1	15	17	10	380	5,633	2,825.00
McIntosh, J. L.	9	2	1		1		1				5	290	18.50
Parsons, J. B.	60	8	6	2	53	1	2	11	11	9	223	3,480	1,275.00
Paul, Wallace	97	11	6	4	8		2	13	26	14	21	5,134	615.00
Reeds, Roger C.	120	50	1			1	3	11	9	6	60	12,000	2,060.00
Sapp, Charles	171	35	2			6		61	25	13			2,475.00
Smith, James V.	90	15				4		30		21	105	8,000	496.25
Wallace, Columbus C.	7										15	175	
Watts, Shellie C.	25	8			5	1	2	5			20	3,500	65.00
Welch, J. L.	93	46	14	6			1	12	14	29	276	1,701	2,700.00
Wilfong, Robert L.	104	50	1	4	3	1	1	22	5	5	100	5,000	2,045.00
Williams, Darnell	15	3				1		1				2,000	200.00
Totals	2,275	542	105	42	189	39	19	725	255	185	2,337	88,763	\$35,836.85

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Church

Ashland City
Bethel
Bethlehem
Brandon's Chapel
Claudes Chapel
Cofer's Chapel
Columbia First Church
Craigfield
Dickson First Church
Dunbar's Chapel
East Nashville
Friendship
Good Springs
Gorman
Head's
Hurricane Chapel
Loyal Chapel
Mt. Pleasant
Mt. Zion
New Hope
Oak Grove
Oakland
Oaklawn
Oak Wood
Olivet
Owensboro First Church
Pleasant Hill
Pleasant Ridge
Rock Springs
Scott's Chapel
Shady Grove
Springfield
Stony Point
Sylvan Park
Trinity
Union Hill
West Nashville

Pastor for 1952-53

C. B. Dowdney
Daniel J. Merkh
Roger C. Reeds
W. R. Carroll
W. H. Stringer
J. L. Welch
Arlo Peppers
W. H. Stringer
Sidney Henry
W. R. Carroll
C. F. Bowen
Harold Dunlap
J. B. Parsons
D. A. Hatcher
Robert L. Wilfong
James V. Smith
J. B. Bloss
J. J. Abernathy, Sr.
Carey Watkins, Jr.
James C. Lynn
Sidney Henry
Wilburn Beasley
N. R. Smith, Jr.
Don Ellis
Charles Sapp
E. L. Hall
W. R. Carroll
Sidney Henry
T. L. Burch
James V. Smith
W. C. Clearman
Marvis Lee
E. M. Grubbs
E. A. Craft
E. Bayless McDonald
Don Ellis
C. A. Craft

Pastor for 1953-54

Wesley Calvery
Robert L. Edwards
Roger C. Reeds
W. R. Carroll
W. H. Stringer
J. L. Welch
Jimmy Davis
W. H. Stringer
Sidney Henry
W. R. Carroll
C. F. Bowen
Harold Dunlap
J. B. Parsons
D. A. Hatcher
Robert L. Wilfong
Shelby Henry
J. B. Bloss
J. J. Abernathy, Sr.
Carey Watkins, Jr.
Robert C. Hill
C. H. Burton, Jr.
Wilburn Beasley
William Hill
Billy Walker
Ben Barrus
E. L. Hall
W. R. Carroll
G. P. Givens
Paul Sittin
James V. Smith
W. C. Clearman
R. E. Mayo
James V. Smith
E. A. Craft
Lonnie E. Davoult
Sidney Henry
C. A. Craft

