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The next annual session of this Association will be held  
at the Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church,  
McEwen, Tennessee, on Wednesday and  
Thursday before the third Sunday  
in October 1955.

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## DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

### OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. E. A. Craft, 4609 Illinois Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.  
 Assistant Moderator—Rev. J. B. Bloss, 311 W. 15th St., Columbia, Tennessee.  
 Clerk—Rev. Bayless McDonald, 3509 McAdoo Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.  
 Treasurer—Mr. J. B. Reding, Route 2, Adams, Tennessee.

### BOARDS

Education and Literature—Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. Bayless McDonald, Rev. William Hill.  
 Home for Children—Rev. Sidney Henry, W. E. Coville, Alton Felts.  
 Foreign Missions—Rev. Roger Reeds, Mrs. J. B. Parsons, Rev. E. A. Craft.  
 Home Missions—Elmer Felts (1959), Rev. Robert Hill (1958), Rev. C. F. Bowen (1957), Rev. J. L. McIntosh (1956), A. G. Caldwell (1955).  
 Superannuation—Rev. C. A. Craft, Miles Gower, J. B. Reding, Rev. Charles Jennette.  
 Youth Camp—Rev. Roger Reeds, Rev. Lonnie DaVoult, Rev. William Hill.

### TREASURERS TO WHOM FUNDS ARE TO BE SENT

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

## ASSOCIATIONAL ENROLLMENT

### MINISTERS

J. J. Abernathy, Sr.  
 Ben Barrus  
 J. B. Bloss  
 J. W. Boyte  
 James O. Brown, Jr.  
 C. L. Burroughs  
 Clarence H. Burton, Jr.  
 W. R. Carroll  
 C. A. Craft  
 E. A. Craft  
 W. B. Davenport  
 H. W. Davis

O. W. Davis  
 Lonnie E. DaVoult  
 Damon C. Dodd  
 W. T. Hagewood  
 E. L. Hall  
 Shelby Henry  
 Sidney Henry  
 Robert C. Hill  
 William Hill  
 Charles C. Jennette  
 L. C. Johnson  
 Wilbur O. Kerrick

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Bob King         | A. B. Troutman      |
| Bayless McDonald | Henry J. Van Kluyve |
| J. L. McIntosh   | Billy Walker        |
| J. B. Parsons    | Boyce Wallace       |
| Luther Reed      | Columbus C. Wallace |
| Roger Reeds      | J. L. Welch         |
| J. S. Ricketts   | Darnell Williams    |
| Leo Sharpe       |                     |

### DEACONS

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| W. A. Binkley   | Thomas Hayes  |
| A. G. Caldwell  | J. W. Mason   |
| Theodore Dowlen | A. R. Moore   |
| Elmer Felts     | R. A. Shores  |
| Miles Gower     | John H. Sneed |
| C. W. Hagewood  | A. A. Stewart |

### DELEGATES

*Ashland City Church*—Mrs. Nelleye Eatherly  
*Barren Plains Church*—Mrs. A. G. Caldwell  
*Bethlehem Church*—Mrs. Lula Chandler, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Mrs. Mary Reed, Mrs. H. C. Harris  
*Brandons Chapel*—George Morgan  
*Claudes Chapel*—Claude Philpo  
*Cofer's Chapel*—C. E. Dever  
*Columbia First Church*—Nathan Staggs  
*Dickson First Church*—Leo Sharpe  
*Dunbar Chapel*—Mrs. Acree Norflect  
*East Nashville Church*—Mrs. Fannie Polston  
*Friendship Church*—Moss Rose, Mrs. Moss Rose, Mrs. W. F. Harris  
*Good Springs Church*—Alton Felts, Mrs. Buford Tomlin, Mrs. Esther Felts  
*Gorman Church*—J. P. Tinnell  
*Head's Church*—Mrs. Clyde Browning, Mrs. Burgess Gower, Nancy Ellis  
*Hurricane Chapel*—Caldwell Lucas  
*Loyal Chapel*—H. B. Sloan  
*Mt. Pleasant Church*—H. R. Moss  
*Mt. Zion Church*—Mrs. Louise Felts  
*New Hope Church*—Mrs. Turner Bracey  
*New Macedonia Church*—Mrs. John H. Sneed  
*Oak Grove Church*—Thomas Hayes  
*Oakland Church*—Mrs. Cassie Felts, Mrs. Ernest Felts, Mrs. J. L. Perry  
*Oaklawn Church*—Mrs. Geneva Walker, Mrs. Dewey Herron, Lucille Jinnette

*Oak Wood Church*—C. T. Hunter  
*Olivet Church*—Mrs. T. H. Welch  
*Owensboro First Church*—Mrs. A. B. Troutman  
*Pleasant Hill Church*—Mrs. Edwin Coats  
*Pleasant Ridge Church*—Ed Sinks  
*Rock Springs Church*—Mrs. Paul Sitton, Mrs. Harley Christy  
*Shady Grove Church*—Mrs. Riley Albright, Mrs. Charles Jennette  
*Springfield First Church*—Louis R. Surerus  
*Stony Point Church*—Mrs. Bethel Cooksey, Mrs. Robert Waynick  
*Sylvan Park Church*—Manfred Pugh  
*Trinity Church*—Mrs. G. W. Hunt, Mrs. W. E. Elliott, Mrs. C. B. Lee  
*Union Hill Church*—Wallace Howell  
*West Nashville Church*—Mrs. Ira Burgess  
*West Side Church (Owensboro)*—Porter Remole, Mrs. Wilbur Kerrick  
*Woodbine Church*—Mrs. Lillian Surearus  
*Eastern Quarterly Meeting*—Mrs. Roger C. Reeds

#### VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Joseph Cohen, Nashville, Tennessee  
Patrick Lawrence, Columbia, Tennessee  
Rev. Harold A. Pitts, Winfield, Alabama  
Rev. Floyd W. Reynolds, Springfield, Tennessee  
Rev. Malcolm Rodgers, Baxter, Tennessee

# PROCEEDINGS

*Wednesday Morning, October 13, 1954*

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in Tennessee was opened by the moderator, Rev. E. A. Craft, at the Oaklawn Free Will Baptist Church on Wednesday morning, October 13, 1954, at 10 o'clock, with probably the largest attendances in years.

The assembly sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Glory to His Name," Garner Caldwell leading the service. Prayer followed.

Registration of delegates, deacons, and ministers was held at the door by the Credentials Committee of Manfred Pugh and J. B. Reding. Church letters were turned in to this Committee and funds were turned over to Mr. Reding.

Rev. J. B. Bloss read from Joshua, chapter 1, for the devotional reading and brought a challenge for Free Will Baptists to "be strong" as God commanded Joshua.

Rev. William Hill, Oaklawn Church pastor, gave greetings and welcome to the associational delegates and visitors. The moderator responded with appreciation of meeting with Oaklawn Church again, stating it had been a number of years since the association had met at the host church.

The moderator declared the 111th annual session of the Cumberland Association to be in session and ready for business. The prepared program was accepted as the order of the day with necessary alterations, followed by the reading of the Rules and Decorum before the assembly.

The following were appointed as Finance Committee: Will Binkley, Mattie Maxey, and J. B. Reding.

The Committee on Committees was appointed to be: W. R. Carroll, C. A. Craft, and J. B. Parsons.

Delegates, ministers, and deacons were called upon to stand and were charged by the moderator to handle the business of this association.

Visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed into the services.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, promotional secretary for the National Home Mission Board, spoke in behalf of his work. He gave a glowing report on the organization of new Free Will Baptist churches and the prospects for many more.

The business session was adjourned to enter into the morning worship service with Brother Caldwell leading the assembly in singing "To the Work." Rev. W. B. Davenport led in prayer followed by the singing of "Amazing Grace" and "Blessed Assurance."

The guest speaker for the morning was introduced by the moderator, Rev. Harold Pitts of Winfield, Alabama, who used 2 Cor. 8:1-24 as a basis for his sermon on "Proving the sincerity of your love." The service was dismissed with prayer.

The host church extended an invitation for all to enjoy the meal prepared by the church.

### *Wednesday Afternoon*

Following the lunch time, the afternoon service began with the singing of "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Tell it to Jesus."

Rev. E. A. Craft read from Nehemiah 4:1-2 for the afternoon devotions, and Rev. J. L. McIntosh led in prayer.

The report of Committee on Committees was called for and adopted.

Being time for the moderator's message, Brother Craft spoke briefly to the association and then turned his remaining time over to Rev. Joseph Cohen, Jewish evangelist, who used 2 Tim. 3:16, 17 in bringing a message on the Bible especially in its relation to the Jewish people.

The Rev. L. C. Johnson, Bible College president, was recognized and was called upon to give his greetings to the association. He gave a report on the gifts from Tennessee during the past year to the College. Gifts to the Building Fund from the Cumberland Association exceeded \$4,000 in addition to the regular gifts to the General Fund. He pointed out the value of a Christian, Christ-centered, Bible-centered institution in the church, and stated the Bible College had contributed greatly to the progress of the denomination during the past twelve years.

A partial report was given by the Petitions and Requests Committee as follows: That the West Side Free Will Baptist Church of Owensboro, Kentucky, be received into the Cumberland Association. This report was adopted and the church was received into the association.

Mrs. Geneva Walker gave the report of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting. Report was adopted.

Rev. Roger Reeds gave a report on youth encampment as set up under the Tennessee State Association Youth Encampment Board which included Brother Reeds and Rev. Lonnie DaVoult as members. An encampment was held during August at Dogwood Camp near Nashville with more than twenty young people attending. The encampment was declared a success, and a recommendation was made for a five-member board to set up a yearly youth encampment.

Motion passed to receive this report and that a rising vote of thanks be given Brother Reeds and Brother DaVoult for their work.

Brother J. B. Reding gave a report on the Tennessee State Association held with the Cookeville Free Will Baptist Church on October 21-22, 1953. The next session is to meet at the Sparta Free Will Baptist Church on October 20-21, 1954. Motion passed to receive this report.

Mrs. Avis Sublette gave a report on the District Woman's Auxiliary for the past year with a noticeable increase in membership, tithers, and study courses taught. Motion passed to receive this report.

Rev. LaVerne Miley, scheduled to speak on Sunday School work, sent regrets for his absence due to illness.

No other reports being ready, the business of the day was declared complete and adjournment was in order.

Rev. W. T. Hagewood prayed the closing prayer.

### *Thursday Morning, October 14, 1954*

The Thursday morning service opened at 10 o'clock with Brother Garner Caldwell leading the group in singing "Send the Light." Prayer followed led by Rev. W. R. Carroll. Again there was a large attendance.

Rev. Lonnie DaVoult read from Ephesians in conducting the morning devotional period, with an address on "The Christian's Walk," followed by prayer.

The minutes for Wednesday were read by the clerk and approved.

Visiting ministers were recognized. Also Mr. I. L. Stanley from Greeneville, Tennessee, was recognized.

The business session was adjourned to go into the Presbytery's ordination service.

To be ordained were C. L. Burroughs, Wilbur Kerrick, A. B. Troutman, Leo Sharpe, and Luther Reed.

Rev. W. R. Carroll read the Scripture, using 1 Tim. 3:1-7. Rev. J. L. Welch called for the candidates to stand and called for their wives to come and stand beside their husbands for the charge. He related the responsibilities the ministers were to have as being endorsed by the people of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists and charged them to make full proof of their ministry.

Rev. E. A. Craft presented the Bible as the one book to preach and that it is the only book pointing out the way of salvation, it being the Word of God.

The candidates and wives knelt at the altar as the ordained members of the Presbytery gathered around to lay on hands. Rev. Sidney Henry prayed the ordaining prayer.

New ministers coming into the Presbytery, Rev. Bob King and Rev. H. W. Davis, were welcomed into the association.

An enjoyable handshake was held as each person came around to greet the new ministers and newly ordained ministers.

Brother Caldwell led the congregation in singing preceding the morning message brought by Rev. Sidney Henry, who used Gal. 6 in speaking on "Sowing and Reaping."

The assembly sang "Rescue the Perishing" to close out the morning service. Rev. Bob King prayed the benedictory prayer.

The Oaklawn Church ladies served a bountiful dinner on the church grounds.

### *Thursday Afternoon*

The session re-convened at one o'clock with I. L. Stanley in charge of the song service. Rev. E. L. Hall led in the devotional service, using the thought of "herein shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love one to another."

The report of the Education and Literature Board was given by Rev. J. L. Welch, which was identical with the report of the Bible College given previously.

There was no report on Foreign Missions.

Elmer Felts gave the report on Home Missions, and motion passed to receive the report and consider the items singularly.

Item 1, concerning the Home Mission budget of \$3,600. Passed.

Item 2, concerning Garner Caldwell to be treasurer of all home mission funds. Passed.

Item 3, concerning all three mission boards to approve any new church. Motion lost.

Motion passed to give the Home Mission Board a rising vote of thanks, which was immediately carried out.

J. B. Reding read the report on Superannuation, which was received.

There was no report for the Children's Home. I. L. Stanley, F. W. B. Home for Children superintendent, gave a report on his work at the Home. Sixty-two children were cared for during the 1953-54 year. The farm showed a good profit in spite of the dry weather. Farm sales were \$9,290.87. Gifts from the Cumberland Association from October 1 through September 30 were \$2,752.87. Tennessee gave \$12,120.81. Total income was \$36,335.94; total disbursements were \$36,275.48. An offering of \$90 was taken for the Children's Home.

The Petitions and Requests report was read by J. L. Welch. This report was received.

Motion passed to accept the invitation of Pleasant Ridge Church for the sitting of next year's association.

W. A. Binkley read the Finance Committee's report, which was received.

The Obituary Committee gave its report and it was received.

The Resolutions report was read by Elmer Felts. This report was adopted.

Resolution 1. That a rising vote of thanks be extended to Oaklawn Church for their hospitality and entertaining of the association. The audience stood in appreciation.

Resolution 2. That a youth camp board be set up with appropriate constitutional changes. Motion passed.

Resolution 3. That the Home Mission Board fill vacancies temporarily until the next meeting of the association. Motion passed.

The Temperance Committee report was read by Mrs. Fannie Polston. Motion passed to adopt this report.

The Nominating Committee gave its report through W. R. Carroll, who stated the officers were to be elected for a period of two years. This report was received. Motion passed to accept the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer as in the report.

Luther Reed was elected assistant clerk and will serve as chairman of the Credentials Committee.

The Literature Board was elected as per Nominating Committee's report.

F. W. B. Home for Children Board was elected as per report.

Foreign Mission Board members were elected as per report.

Motion passed to elect members of Home Mission Board as per report with the substitution of Elmer Felts for E. W. Harris.

Superannuation Board members were elected as per report.

Youth Camp Board members were elected as per report.

Delegates were appointed for the State Association: J. B. Reding, Mrs. Marvin Walker, Mrs. Myrtle Reeds, and W. E. Coville

The Associational treasurer's report was read by J. B. Reding and accepted. This report showed a total of 42 churches reporting.

Motion passed to send a letter in good standing to Cragfield Church.

Motion passed to print 1,000 Minutes for distribution among the churches.

Motion passed to pay the clerk \$35 for transcribing minutes.

Motion passed to give Children's Home additional \$10 to make a total offering from this association to be \$100.

The Home Mission Board treasurer's report was read and received.

The one hundred and eleventh session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists was adjourned to meet at Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church near McEwen, Tennessee, in 1955.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

#### Obituary

Rev. J. S. Ricketts, Rev. W. T. Hagewood, Rev. C. C. Wallace.

#### Petitions and Requests

Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. J. B. Bloss.

#### Resolutions

Brother Elmer Felts, Mrs. Tommie Binkley, Rev. Roger Reeds.

#### Temperance

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Miles Gower, Marvin Walker.

#### Nominating

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

REV. W. R. CARROLL

REV. C. A. CRAFT

REV. J. B. PARSONS

### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

During the past associational year the members of our different churches who have departed to their reward, beyond this veil of tears, were:

Sister Missaria Staynes, Brandon's Chapel

Sister Nellie Morgan, Brandon's Chapel

Brother George Wilson, West Nashville

Sister Fannie Murphy, Oakwood

Sister Tula Cooksey, Oakwood

Brother Lewis T. Jackson, Olivet

Sister Mamie Taylor, Union Hill

Brother George T. Hunt, Goodsprings  
Brother George Stacks, Head's  
Sister Oleo Murphy, Head's  
Sister M. Doty, Sylvan Park  
Sister C. E. Dever, Cofer's Chapel  
Brother J. B. Smith, Bethlehem  
Sister Sam Parker, Loyal Chapel  
Brother Cooper Gupton, Ashland City  
Mrs. Albert Murphy, Rock Springs  
Mrs. E. D. Parker, East Nashville

And to others if there were any not reported.

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

REV. J. S. RICKETTS  
REV. COLUMBUS C. WALLACE  
REV. W. T. HAGEWOOD

### PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We your committee on Petitions and Requests recommend that we receive the following churches into full fellowship in this association.

1. West Side Church, Owensboro, Kentucky.
2. Barren Plains Church, Barren Plains, Tennessee.
3. New Macedonia Church, Columbia, Tennessee, Route 2.
4. Woodbine Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

REV. J. L. WELCH  
REV. C. A. CRAFT  
REV. J. B. BLOSS

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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

1. That we express our appreciation to the people of Oaklawn Church with a rising vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality during this sitting of the association.
2. That a Youth Camp Board be set up. This Board shall consist of three men elected on a three, two, and one year periods. Since this calls for a change in the constitution in the section one under boards, the only change necessary is that a comma be placed after Orphanage Board and the words "Youth Camp Board" be inserted.
3. That in case of the death or resignation of a member of the Home Mission Board the remaining members be allowed to select someone to fill the vacancy until the next session of the association at which time the association shall fill the vacancy.

BROTHER ELMER FELTS  
MRS. TOMMIE BINKLEY  
REV. ROGER C. REEDS

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Temperance Committee, submit the following:

That an understanding of self-denial and resistance to temptation require the inclusion of total abstinence teaching for our young people. Further, we implore churches to examine their educational program in order that a consistent and periodic emphasis be placed upon total abstinence.

And whereas statistics show the total expenditures for alcoholic beverages in the United States in 1953 were in excess of \$10,873,000,000, the highest figure for alcoholic beverage in the history of America, we advocate protest to grocery stores selling beer and that patronage be withdrawn from same.

We feel no church can ask for the blessings of God if it keeps silent while hundreds and thousands of girls are transformed into bar maids and so many children are neglected by drunken parents and homes for dependent children and reformatories are filled to capacity with delinquents.

O Church of the Living God! This is a time for urgency, not resignation.

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON  
MILES GOWER  
MARVIN WALKER

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee beg leave to submit the following:

1. We nominate Rev. E. A. Craft for moderator. We nominate Rev. J. B. Bloss for assistant moderator.
2. We nominate Rev. Bayless McDonald for clerk.
3. We nominate J. B. Reding for treasurer.

## BOARDS

Education and Literature: Rev. J. L. Welch, Bayless McDonald, and William Hill.

Home for Children: Rev. Sidney Henry, W. E. Coville, and Alton Felts.

Foreign Missions: Rev. Roger Reeds, Mrs. J. B. Parsons, Rev. E. A. Craft.

Home Missions: Rev. C. F. Bowen, Garner Caldwell, J. L. McIntosh, Robert Hill, and E. W. Harris.

Superannuation: Rev. C. A. Craft, Miles Gower, J. B. Reding, Charles Jenette, and Darnell Williams.

Youth Camp Board: Rev. Roger C. Reeds, Lonnie DeVault, and William Hill.

REV. W. R. CARROLL  
REV. C. A. CRAFT  
REV. J. L. MCINTOSH

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee on Finance respectfully submit the following: Received from 42 churches as dues and minute funds—\$312.61.

W. A. BINKLEY  
J. B. REDING  
MRS. J. W. MAXEY

## REPORT OF BOARDS

### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Report of Superannuation Board of the Cumberland Association for the year October 1, 1953 to September 30, 1954.

Balance in bank October 1, 1953 ..... \$1,309.15

#### Receipts:

|                           |          |                   |
|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Bethlehem .....           | \$ 27.50 |                   |
| Head's Church .....       | 22.00    |                   |
| Oakland Church .....      | 5.00     |                   |
| Rock Springs Church ..... | 10.00    |                   |
| Cofer's Chapel .....      | 100.00   | 164.50            |
| <b>Total</b> .....        |          | <b>\$1,473.65</b> |

#### Expenditures:

|                                     |          |       |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| National Superannuation Board ..... | \$ 40.34 |       |
| National Superannuation Board ..... | 41.12    | 81.46 |

Balance on hand September 30, 1954 ..... \$1,392.19

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. REDING, Chairman

### HOME MISSION BOARD

Your Home Mission Board has made rapid progress this past year in their work at Barren Plains and in the investigation of other possibilities. However, we have been handicapped for lack of funds. Some few churches have given systematically while others have not given at all. A field representative has been selected to represent our board in the various churches of the Association, in the person of Mr. Louis Hart, layman from Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. We look forward to a greater year in the field of Home Missions of this Association. Many populated places are beckoning for the organization of a Free Will Baptist Church. Realizing this tremendous task before us we recommend the following to this conference:

1. That the National Home Mission Board, the State Home Mission Board, and the Local Home Mission Board work jointly in a combined Budget of \$3,600.00 from the Cumberland Association churches for the three boards.
2. That all Home Mission funds be sent directly to the Local Home Mission Board treasurer, Mr. Garner Caldwell, Joelton, Tennessee; and that he allocate the funds monthly by the following percentages: National Home Missions, 25%; State Home Mission Board, 12% and the Local Home Mission Board, 63%; but, all funds now pledged and earmarked for National Home Missions continue to go to them until pledge is fulfilled.
3. That all three boards approve any new organization of Free Will Baptist churches if the church expects to receive any financial help from the boards.

4. That pastors in the Cumberland Association cooperate with the Field Representative of the Local Home Mission Board in arranging Home Mission services in the local churches.

Note: These proposals were discussed and recommended by all three boards in a joint meeting September 11, 1954, in the National Headquarters Building, Nashville, Tennessee.

ELMER FELTS, Secretary

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Financial Condition, October 11, 1954

|                                                                  |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance on hand, Financial Statement, October 16, 1953 .....     | \$ 154.20         |
| Received from Barren Plains Church .....                         | 1,102.09          |
| Received from other churches .....                               | 539.12            |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                               | <b>\$1,795.31</b> |
| Disbursements from October 16, 1953 to October 11, 1954 .....    | 1,775.37          |
| <b>Balance (\$10.02 Bank Balance; \$9.92 Cash on Hand) .....</b> | <b>\$ 19.94</b>   |

A. G. CALDWELL, Treasurer  
Home Mission Board of  
Cumberland Association

### REPORT OF THE EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Report of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, which convenes with Oaklawn Free Will Baptist Church, October 13-14, 1954.

The Eastern Quarterly meeting met four times this year.

|                                               |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of churches in Quarterly Meeting ..... | 25 |
| Average number of churches reporting .....    | 18 |
| Average number of ministers reporting .....   | 15 |

Churches reporting:

|                                              |             |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Number of members received during year ..... | 249         |
| Average church membership .....              | 3,251       |
| Average prayer meeting attendance .....      | 420         |
| Sunday School enrollment .....               | 2,117       |
| Average Sunday School attendance .....       | 1,502       |
| League membership .....                      | 795         |
| Average League attendance .....              | 623         |
| Woman's Auxiliary membership .....           | 305         |
| Average attendance .....                     | 176         |
| Amount paid pastors .....                    | \$31,345.66 |
| Amount paid for evangelistic work .....      | 2,062.79    |
| Amount paid to Home Missions .....           | 1,519.02    |
| Amount paid to Foreign Missions .....        | 4,378.21    |
| Amount paid for Christian Education .....    | 3,581.22    |
| Amount paid for Superannuation .....         | 257.00      |
| Amount paid to Children's Home .....         | 1,681.27    |

## CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION STAFF

| CHURCH             | CLERK AND ADDRESS                                 | Members Received | Members Dismissed | Present Membership | Deacons | Value of Church Property | Association Dues | Home Missions |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Ashland City       | Mary Patton, Ashland City                         | 14               | 5                 | 115                | 4       | \$12,000.00              | \$10.00          | \$15.00       |
| Barren Plains      | Mrs. Hazel Felts, Pleasant View                   | 14               |                   | 14                 |         | 4,000.00                 | 3.00             | 6.00          |
| Bethel             | Irby Jarrell, Neptune                             | 12               | 4                 | 335                | 4       | 8,000.00                 | 10.00            | 25.00         |
| Bethlehem          | Mrs. C. F. Reed, R. 1, Ashland City               | 9                | 1                 | 280                | 5       | 9,000.00                 | 15.00            | 129.00        |
| Brandon's Chapel   | Mrs. Thelma Melton, R. 3, Dover                   |                  | 1                 | 99                 | 2       | 3,000.00                 | 3.00             | 3.00          |
| 1 Claude's Chapel  | Mrs. J. B. King, R. 3, McEwen                     |                  |                   | 28                 | 2       | 2,500.00                 | 2.00             |               |
| Cofer's Chapel     | Mary E. Griffith, 1918 Holly St., Nashville       | 23               | 8                 | 345                | 7       | 34,000.00                | 1500             | 158.00        |
| Dickson First      | Ollie Mai Hogue, 103 McKenzie St., Dickson        | 13               | 2                 | 26                 |         | 1,674.97                 | 8.00             |               |
| Dunbar's Chapel    | Mrs. Alex Webb, Indian Mound                      |                  | 1                 | 43                 |         | 3,000.00                 |                  | 4.00          |
| 2 East Nashville   | W. B. Harris, 1730 Arthur Ave., Nashville         | 31               | 6                 | 435                | 10      | 60,000.00                | 10.00            | 220.10        |
| Friendship         | Jean Harris, R. 2, Ashland City                   | 7                | 1                 | 174                | 3       | 3,000.00                 | 4.00             | 25.00         |
| Good Springs       | Mrs. Lillian Binkley, R. 2, Joelton               | 2                | 3                 | 189                | 4       | 35,000.00                | 17.50            | 24.00         |
| Gorman             | Mrs. Alice Harrison, R. 3, McEwen                 | 8                | 5                 | 105                | 4       |                          | 5.00             |               |
| Head's             | Mrs. Mavis Walker, R. 2, Cedar Hill               | 6                | 5                 | 227                | 3       | 7,500.00                 | 15.00            | 49.49         |
| Hurricane Chapel   | Mrs. Johnny Tummins, McEwen                       | 11               |                   | 25                 | 2       | 2,000.00                 |                  |               |
| Loyal Chapel       | Mrs. Charles E. McBroom, Box 207, Columbia        | 24               | 9                 | 191                | 4       | 45,000.00                | 10.00            | 406.06        |
| Miller's Chapel    | Mrs. Willie Mae Bowker, Neptune                   | 9                |                   | 30                 |         | 2,500.00                 | 5.00             |               |
| Mt. Pleasant       | Mrs. Margaret Williams, R. 1, Joelton             | 45               | 1                 | 122                | 3       | 6,000.00                 | 5.00             |               |
| Mt. Zion           | Mrs. Eula Perry, R. 2, Joelton                    | 12               | 1                 | 191                | 5       | 12,000.00                | 5.00             | 28.75         |
| New Hope           | Mrs. Marvin Walker, R. 2, Joelton                 | 16               | 4                 | 348                | 5       | 10,000.00                | 10.00            | 70.80         |
| New Macedonia      | Mrs. Albert Davis, R. 2, Columbia                 | 4                | 7                 | 38                 | 2       | 6,000.00                 | 4.40             |               |
| Oak Grove          | Mrs. Ruby Anderson, R. 2, Charlotte               | 6                | 1                 | 123                | 4       | 2,000.00                 | 8.00             |               |
| Oakland            | Mrs. Arthur Farley, R. 1, Whites Creek            | 4                | 4                 | 57                 | 5       | 7,500.00                 | 5.00             | 15.00         |
| Oaklawn            | Mrs. R. A. Shores, Pleasant View                  | 11               | 1                 | 206                | 5       | 6,000.00                 | 5.00             | 20.00         |
| Oak Wood           | Mrs. Burton Clinard, R. 2, Cedar Hill             | 2                | 3                 | 52                 | 1       | 2,500.00                 | 7.00             | 5.00          |
| Olivet             | J. B. Reding, R. 2, Adams                         | 8                | 5                 | 155                | 5       | 10,000.00                | 15.50            | 123.91        |
| Owensboro, First   | Wilda Davis, 2408 Eback, Owensboro, Ky.           | 24               | 61                | 89                 |         | 10,000.00                | 6.00             | 104.64        |
| Pleasant Hill      | Brigham Wallace, Dover                            | 1                | 1                 | 29                 | 1       | 1,500.00                 | 2.10             |               |
| Pleasant Ridge     | Mrs. Christine Wallace, R. 1, McEwen              | 8                | 6                 | 85                 |         | 3,550.00                 | 8.00             |               |
| Rock Springs       | L. M. Proctor, Neptune                            | 31               | 4                 | 245                | 5       | 10,000.00                | 10.00            | 7.88          |
| Scott's Chapel     | Mrs. Ethel Holmes, Cumberland City                | 1                | 6                 | 67                 | 4       | 2,000.00                 | 5.00             |               |
| Shady Grove        | Mrs. Virgil Albright, Hickory Point               | 18               | 7                 | 138                | 7       | 12,000.00                | 10.00            | 55.40         |
| Springfield, First | Mrs. Hazel Mayo, R. 2, Greenbriar                 | 11               | 10                | 58                 |         | 3,000.00                 | 3.00             |               |
| Stony Point        | Mrs. Ernest Williams, R. 1, Van Leer              |                  | 1                 | 61                 |         | 4,500.00                 | 2.00             |               |
| Stony Park         | Mrs. Fred Wall, 123 Bowling, Nashville            | 54               | 3                 | 137                | 5       | 30,000.00                | 10.00            | 9.50          |
| 4 Trinity          | Mrs. C. B. Lee, 837 Seymour, Nashville            | 23               | 1                 | 188                | 5       | 25,000.00                | 10.00            | 120.00        |
| 5 Union Hill       | Mrs. Lucy Howell, Bumpus Mills                    | 1                | 4                 | 50                 | 2       | 2,000.00                 | 2.00             |               |
| West Nashville     | L. P. Erwin, 6301 1/2 Pa., Nashville              | 26               | 11                | 205                | 6       | 10,000.00                | 20.00            | 70.00         |
| West Side          | Mrs. Carlin Moore, 2110 W. Second, Owensboro, Ky. | 36               | 2                 | 34                 |         | 15,000.00                | 3.00             |               |
| Woodbine           | Helen Swearns, 427 Veritas St., Nashville         | 21               |                   | 21                 | 2       | 3,000.00                 | 10.00            | 20.00         |
| Totals             |                                                   | 545              | 195               | 5,360              | 131     | 425,724.97               | 298.50           | 1,713.53      |

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## FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1953-54

| Home Missions                               | Foreign Missions                       | Bible College                      | Superannuation                   | Home for Children                      | Benevolence                        | Paid Pastor                                             | Paid Evangelist                                 | Other Expenses                                       | Total Receipts                                            | Balance on Hand                              | Women Auxiliary Membership          | Women Auxiliary Offering                   | S. S. Enrollment              | League Enrollment             | Prayer Meeting Attendance     |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$ 15.00<br>6.00<br>25.00<br>129.00<br>3.00 | \$ 152.75<br>75.00<br>135.35<br>279.19 | \$ 226.10<br>75.00<br>279.19       | \$ .....<br>30.00                | \$ 368.00<br>122.00<br>114.00<br>14.75 | \$ .....<br>243.00                 | \$ 2,150.00<br>930.00<br>1,200.00<br>1,820.00<br>535.45 | \$ 140.00<br>70.50<br>250.00<br>120.00<br>90.00 | \$ 2,218.02<br>194.68<br>564.86<br>1,554.76<br>..... | \$ 5,278.57<br>1,246.83<br>2,321.86<br>5,107.83<br>646.10 | \$ 422.18<br>.....<br>667.53                 | 16<br>12<br>34                      | \$ 297.80<br>87.16<br>142.69               | 78<br>29<br>92<br>150         | 30<br>.....<br>50             | 25<br>.....<br>25             |
| 158.00<br>4.00<br>220.10                    | 975.02<br>3.00<br>1,218.65             | 1,412.00<br>3.00<br>1,407.00       | 100.00<br>.....<br>.....         | 249.00<br>15.00<br>550.00              | 738.56<br>.....<br>178.86          | 44.85<br>336.50<br>225.00<br>3,220.00                   | 100.00<br>95.15<br>.....<br>150.19              | 5,761.75<br>1,495.41<br>80.00<br>12,035.70           | 13,121.28<br>1,927.06<br>.....<br>17,904.65               | 2,596.22<br>30.00<br>.....<br>35.85          | 30<br>.....<br>29                   | 210.20<br>.....<br>248.43                  | 30<br>195<br>15<br>60<br>212  | .....<br>50<br>18<br>69       | 20<br>40<br>10<br>65          |
| 25.00<br>24.00<br>49.49<br>.....            | 60.00<br>.....<br>139.82<br>14.00      | 160.00<br>10.00<br>165.00<br>..... | 12.00<br>.....<br>24.00<br>..... | 60.00<br>.....<br>48.00<br>15.00       | .....<br>73.84<br>10.00<br>.....   | 1,025.00<br>1,200.00<br>327.75<br>2,340.00<br>398.15    | 100.00<br>300.00<br>100.00<br>126.86<br>68.00   | 200.00<br>957.95<br>60.00<br>3,247.73<br>95.00       | 1,274.04<br>2,791.45<br>.....<br>6,339.60<br>582.15       | 147.50<br>369.70<br>.....<br>145.63          | 17<br>29<br>.....<br>13             | 2.00<br>149.65<br>.....<br>85.62           | 147<br>123<br>70<br>120<br>40 | 78<br>89<br>30<br>30<br>..... | 25<br>.....<br>15<br>10<br>20 |
| 406.06<br>.....<br>28.75<br>70.80           | 5.00<br>.....<br>10.00<br>115.00       | 155.35<br>.....<br>10.00<br>118.00 | .....<br>.....<br>.....<br>..... | 45.00<br>.....<br>40.58<br>109.00      | 116.15<br>.....<br>.....<br>130.02 | 3,320.00<br>150.00<br>800.00<br>1,765.00<br>2,080.00    | 225.00<br>37.00<br>.....<br>154.43<br>120.00    | 4,108.59<br>.....<br>883.97<br>628.63<br>2,120.23    | 8,385.75<br>303.75<br>1,683.97<br>2,778.24<br>5,689.29    | 570.85<br>63.17<br>.....<br>142.85<br>826.24 | 25<br>18<br>.....<br>.....<br>36    | 140.35<br>7.00<br>.....<br>.....<br>144.00 | 275<br>30<br>70<br>90<br>181  | 45<br>.....<br>60<br>50<br>96 | 36<br>15<br>60<br>40          |
| .....<br>15.00<br>20.00<br>5.00             | .....<br>15.00<br>414.78<br>.....      | 125.00<br>10.00<br>122.83<br>..... | .....<br>5.00<br>.....<br>.....  | 35.25<br>15.00<br>41.00<br>121.00      | .....<br>86.75<br>12.55<br>5.00    | 555.97<br>724.14<br>1,040.00<br>1,823.16<br>319.57      | 25.23<br>112.46<br>100.00<br>107.00<br>57.82    | 344.48<br>802.39<br>474.16<br>796.36<br>.....        | 908.27<br>.....<br>1,536.74<br>3,349.68<br>406.16         | 48.56<br>57.00<br>54.00<br>49.56<br>54.57    | .....<br>12<br>.....<br>20<br>..... | .....<br>.....<br>233.34<br>.....          | 30<br>61<br>70<br>118<br>41   | 41<br>.....<br>30<br>66<br>39 | 15<br>.....<br>30<br>25       |
| 123.91<br>104.64<br>.....<br>7.85           | 1,611.94<br>104.65<br>.....<br>12.32   | 330.00<br>.....<br>34.85           | 30.00<br>.....<br>7.00           | 235.15<br>8.52<br>18.65                | 137.00<br>.....<br>.....           | 1,910.00<br>3,900.00<br>188.55<br>200.00<br>1,407.89    | 150.00<br>213.00<br>41.20<br>159.00             | 1,370.56<br>513.21<br>1,322.07<br>592.94             | 5,898.56<br>4,841.50<br>.....<br>2,221.03                 | .....<br>11.76<br>.....<br>162.16            | 19<br>.....<br>.....<br>.....       | 253.25<br>.....<br>.....<br>.....          | 78<br>103<br>.....<br>120     | 52<br>.....<br>.....<br>..... | .....<br>30                   |
| 55.40<br>.....<br>9.50                      | 140.14<br>.....<br>105.00              | 55.00<br>.....<br>125.00           | .....<br>.....<br>.....          | 127.00<br>8.00<br>75.00                | 36.35<br>38.86<br>.....            | 422.68<br>2,084.65<br>406.57<br>262.33<br>2,825.00      | 68.00<br>103.29<br>.....<br>147.39<br>75.00     | 916.76<br>935.81<br>736.34<br>2,710.11               | 3,604.36<br>949.81<br>736.34<br>6,142.95                  | 167.42<br>14.00<br>.....<br>218.34           | 15<br>.....<br>30<br>.....          | 135.60<br>.....<br>161.85                  | 103<br>49<br>60<br>135        | .....<br>35<br>35<br>45       | 20<br>15<br>40                |
| 120.00<br>70.00<br>20.00                    | 300.00<br>100.00<br>65.27<br>38.38     | 340.00<br>200.00<br>.....<br>6.10  | .....<br>.....<br>.....          | 120.00<br>10.00<br>107.00<br>6.10      | 150.00<br>.....<br>.....<br>6.12   | 2,810.00<br>272.02<br>960.00<br>.....                   | 95.00<br>83.36<br>125.00<br>280.00              | 6,280.89<br>203.20<br>1,795.49<br>201.85<br>619.15   | 9,301.93<br>629.90<br>3,377.49<br>.....<br>633.45         | .....<br>70.51<br>614.95<br>.....<br>318.74  | 12<br>25<br>.....<br>11             | 102.27<br>97.98<br>.....<br>.....          | 151<br>200<br>56<br>36        | 67<br>40<br>.....<br>24       | 50<br>25<br>40<br>15          |
| 1,713.53                                    | 5,811.07                               | 5,369.42                           | 208.00                           | 2,678.00                               | 1,963.06                           | 48,680.23                                               | 4,188.88                                        | 56,086.71                                            | 122,019.78                                                | 7,859.29                                     | 403                                 | 2,499.19                                   | 3,493                         | 1,079                         | 780                           |

The January session paid \$48.59 to State Youth Camp Fund.

The April session retained \$35.00 for Quarterly Meeting Expense.

The July session paid \$43.00 to local Youth Encampment.

The October session paid \$59.10 to local Home Mission Board.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting:

Moderator, Rev. Lonnie DeVoult; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Bill Hill; Secretary, Mrs. Geneva Walker; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Julia Hill; Treasurer, Rev. Billy Walker.

REV. LONNIE DeVOULT, Moderator  
MRS. GENEVA WALKER, Clerk

## REPORT OF STATE ASSOCIATION

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists was held with the Cookeville Free Will Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tennessee, October 21-22, 1953.

Theme: "Magnify the Master"

Scripture: Psalms 34:3

There were sixteen delegates and thirty-three ministers present.

The officials conducted the association in a very capable and efficient manner. All the speakers gave well-prepared messages that were interesting and inspirational. The financial reports show that we are beginning to realize that giving is a very vital part of worship.

A youth encampment committee of five was elected to make plans for a youth camp.

On motion each church in the State Association is asked to pay \$5 each year to the State Association treasury.

Total receipts for the Children's Home were \$36,590.79. Seventy-three children were cared for during the year. The Lord has wonderfully blessed our Home for Children. The children have been well cared for physically, mentally, and spiritually. Much progress has been made. The needs of the Home are many and offer us a challenge to do greater things in the future.

The 1953 session of the State Association was definitely marked by a harmonious spirit of cooperation. Nine hundred and forty-three new members were added to our churches.

One of the greatest needs of our denomination is for all of our people to work together in supporting all of our denominational work. Individuals and churches who do not support denominational enterprises are missing many blessings and the joy and peace that comes to those who do the Master's will.

The greatest contribution each of us can make toward a better state association is to live a consecrated Christian life.

The next session of the State Association is to meet with the Sparta Free Will Baptist Church, Sparta, Tennessee, October 20-21, 1954, beginning at 1:00 p.m., Central Standard Time. Theme: "Bear Witness"—Scripture: John 18:27.

J. B. REDING

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

October 1, 1953 to September 30, 1954

**Associational Fund**

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance in Bank, October 1, 1953 .....     | \$ 94.90 |
| From Finance Committee .....               | 293.20   |
| First FWB Church of Columbia .....         | 8.00     |
| Springfield Church .....                   | 3.00     |
| Presbytery of Cumberland Association ..... | 25.00    |

|             |                 |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Total ..... | <b>\$424.10</b> |
|-------------|-----------------|

**Expenses:**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| State and National Dues ..... | \$ 95.00 |
| Printing of Minutes .....     | 154.40   |
| Postage on Minutes .....      | 5.28     |
| Transcribing of Minutes ..... | 35.00    |
| Home for Children .....       | 50.00    |

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| Total Expenses ..... | <b>\$339.68</b> |
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| Balance in Associational Fund ..... | <b>\$ 84.42</b> |
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**Home Missions****Receipts:**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Rock Springs .....       | \$ 7.88 |
| Oakwood Church .....     | 2.00    |
| Cash Contributions ..... | 20.00   |

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Total Receipts ..... | <b>\$ 29.88</b> |
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| Paid to Home Mission Board ..... | <b>\$ 29.88</b> |
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**Superannuation****Receipts:**

|                      |          |
|----------------------|----------|
| Rock Springs .....   | \$ 10.00 |
| Bethlehem .....      | 17.50    |
| Cofer's Chapel ..... | 100.00   |
| Cash .....           | 2.50     |

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Total Receipts ..... | <b>\$130.00</b> |
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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid to Superannuation Board ..... | <b>\$130.00</b> |
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**Foreign Missions****Receipts:**

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Rock Springs .....       | \$ 12.32 |
| Oakwood .....            | 2.00     |
| Cash Contributions ..... | 30.00    |

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| Total Receipts ..... | <b>\$ 44.32</b> |
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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Paid to Foreign Mission Office ..... | <b>\$ 44.32</b> |
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**Bible College****Receipts:**

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Dunbar's Chapel .....           | \$ 6.00 |
| Oakwood .....                   | 2.00    |
| Cash Contributions .....        | 30.00   |
| From Oliver Henry on loan ..... | 25.00   |

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|----------------------|----------|
| Total Receipts ..... | \$ 63.00 |
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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Paid to Bible College ..... | \$ 63.00 |
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**Children's Home****Receipts:**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Oakwood Church .....     | \$ 1.00 |
| Rock Springs .....       | 13.05   |
| Union Hill .....         | 10.00   |
| Brandon's Chapel .....   | 5.00    |
| Dunbar's Chapel .....    | 15.00   |
| Cash Contributions ..... | 30.00   |

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|----------------------|----------|
| Total Receipts ..... | \$ 74.05 |
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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Paid to Children's Home ..... | \$ 74.05 |
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J. B. REDING, Treasurer

# MINUTES

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## CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY

The Cumberland Association Presbytery met at its annual session on Wednesday, October 13, 1954, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the 111th sitting of the Cumberland Association held at the Oaklawn Free Will Baptist Church.

The Rev. C. A. Craft, moderator, called the meeting to order. Candidates for ordination were instructed to meet with the Examining Committee before it made its report to the body.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Examining Committee were read and approved. Motion passed to adopt the measures contained therein.

The treasury report was made by the clerk and adopted.

Motion passed to go into election of officers.

Rev. C. A. Craft was re-elected moderator. Rev. J. B. Parsons was elected assistant moderator. Bayless McDonald was re-elected as clerk and treasurer.

Motion made and passed to give clerk of Presbytery \$15 for his work.

An ordination service for ministerial candidates was approved for the next day's service: Rev. J. L. Welch to give the charge; Rev. W. R. Carroll to read the Scripture; Rev. Sidney Henry to pray the consecration prayer, and Rev. E. A. Craft to present the Bible.

The meeting was adjourned to meet next year. Rev. J. O. Brown, Jr., dismissed the service with prayer.

REV. C. A. CRAFT, Moderator

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD, Clerk

## REPORT OF PRESBYTERY MEETING AT WEST NASHVILLE CHURCH

The called meeting of the Cumberland Association Presbytery met at the West Nashville Free Will Baptist Church on Friday, March 26, 1954, at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. C. A. Craft, acting moderator, called the meeting to order with Rev. J. B. Bloss leading in the opening prayer. Ministers present were: C. A. Craft, J. L. Welch, E. A. Craft, L. C. Johnson, J. B. Bloss, J. B. Parsons, J. S. Ricketts, Lonnie DaVoult, Billy Walker, and Bayless McDonald.

Rev. J. L. Welch stated the purpose of the meeting as a consideration of Rev. Rufus Coffey, a member of the Southern Methodist Church and pastor of the First Southern Methodist Church in Nashville, as wishing to join the Free Will Baptist Church since he had received a call to a Free Will Baptist Church as pastor. His case was to be considered as well as any others who might wish to come before the Presbytery.

After examination as to doctrine and belief, L. C. Johnson moved that the Presbytery ratify Brother Coffey's credentials contingent upon his being baptized and joining a Free Will Baptist Church. The motion was seconded and passed. The clerk was authorized to note upon his credentials that they have been ratified by the Cumberland Association Presbytery.

Brother Coffey gave his testimony as to how God had opened an opportunity for him to work with Free Will Baptists.

J. O. Brown, Jr., was presented as a candidate for ordination. Lonnie Davoult moved that he be ordained, which met with second and was duly passed. J. L. Welch moved that this service be held at the next quarterly meeting. Motion passed.

J. L. Welch presented the request of Sylvester Crawford for ordination. His ordination was deferred until a later date by vote of the body.

Motion passed to grant Rev. W. C. Clearman a letter of transfer in good standing to the Union Association.

Motion to adjourn passed.

REV. C. A. CRAFT, Moderator

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD, Clerk

(Clerk's note: Rufus Coffey was duly baptized and joined Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. His credentials were examined, and he was given a card of standing.)

## REPORT OF PRESBYTERY MEETING AT FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

The Cumberland Association Presbytery met at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, April 10, 1954, to hold an ordination service for J. O. Brown, Jr.

The service became a part of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting Program and was held at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Rev. J. L. Welch served as moderator of the Presbytery and conducted the service. Rev. Bayless McDonald read the Scripture and gave the charge. Brother Brown, his wife, and his parents knelt at the altar while the members of the Presbytery laid on hands. Rev. J. B. Bloss led in the consecration prayer. A hand shake by all present closed the ordination service.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Acting Moderator

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD, Clerk

## REPORT OF PRESBYTERY MEETING AT SYLVAN PARK CHURCH

The Cumberland Association Presbytery met at a called meeting on Friday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m., at the Sylvan Park Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. C. A. Craft called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting was to examine ministers who wished to be ordained at the next annual meeting of the Cumberland Association and to consider new ministers seeking membership in the Presbytery.

An Examining Committee was appointed composing the following ministers: C. A. Craft, J. B. Parsons, E. A. Craft, Billy Walker, and Bayless McDonald. The following is a report of the Examining Committee:

1. To recommend the ordination of A. B. Troutman of Owensboro, Kentucky, and Luther Reed of Ashland City.

2. To defer request of Leo Sharpe of Dickson for ordination until re-examination at yearly meeting of the Presbytery.

3. To recommend ratification of credentials of: Odell Harris of Sylacauga, Alabama; Odes Faries, Savana, Oklahoma; and Robert King, Monticello, Arkansas.

4. To recommend the granting of a letter of transfer in good standing to Wilburn Beasley.

REV. C. A. CRAFT, Moderator

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD, Clerk

### REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE AT OAKLAWN CHURCH

The Examining Committee of the Cumberland Association Presbytery met on Wednesday afternoon, October 13, at Oaklawn Free Will Baptist Church. The committee was composed of the following ministers: J. L. Welch, J. B. Parsons, W. R. Carroll, Billy Walker, and E. A. Craft.

Rev. J. L. Welch, chairman, called for candidates for ordination and after examination of each, the following recommendations were approved to go before the Presbytery meeting.

1. To receive Rev. W. H. Davis of Cumberland City, Tennessee, into the Presbytery after he has surrendered his credentials. He in turn will be issued credentials from this Presbytery.

2. To ratify the credentials of C. H. Burton, Jr., Henry Van Kluyve, and Boyce Wallace.

3. To ordain Leo Sharpe, Wilbur Kerrick, and C. L. Burroughs.

REV. J. L. WELCH, Chairman

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD, Clerk

### TREASURER'S REPORT OF CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY

|                                                                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance on hand, May 31, 1953 .....                                                                  | \$ 43.84 |
| (Turned in by T. L. Burch, former treasurer)                                                         |          |
| Received from ministers for 1952-53 reports .....                                                    | 34.00    |
| Total received and on hand .....                                                                     | \$ 77.84 |
| Disbursements for year:                                                                              |          |
| For Minutes .....                                                                                    | \$ 25.00 |
| Stationery .....                                                                                     | 19.25    |
| Secretarial help, mimeographing, paper, stamps, bank charges, etc. ...                               | 33.44    |
| Total Disbursements .....                                                                            | \$ 77.69 |
| Balance in treasury October 12, 1954 .....                                                           | \$ .15   |
| Due from Cumberland Association treasurer for mailing, printing<br>and preparing programs, etc. .... | \$ 21.15 |

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD,  
Secretary and Treasurer

## MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

|                       |                                           |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Abernathy, J. J.      | Route 1, Joelton, Tennessee               |
| Barrus, Ben           | 616 Russell St., Nashville, Tennessee     |
| Bloss, J. B.          | 311 West 15th St., Columbia, Tennessee    |
| Bowen, C. F.          | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Boyte, J. W.          | 3141 Holman St., Nashville, Tennessee     |
| Brown, J. O., Jr.     | 543 Croley Drive, Nashville, Tennessee    |
| Burroughs, C. L.      | Columbia, Tennessee                       |
| Burton, C. H., Jr.    | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Calvery, Wesley       | Ashland City, Tennessee                   |
| Carroll, W. R.        | Bumpus Mills, Tennessee                   |
| Castile, W. M.        | Route 1, Bumpus Mills, Tennessee          |
| Coffey, Rufus         | Darlington, South Carolina                |
| Craft, C. A.          | 6301 Pa. Ave., Nashville, Tennessee       |
| Craft, E. A.          | 4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Davenport, W. B.      | Route 1, Ashland City, Tennessee          |
| Davis, H. W.          | Cumberland City, Tennessee                |
| Davis, Oscar W.       | 1024 17th Ave., S., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| DaVoult, Lonnie E.    | 810 W. Douglas, Nashville, Tennessee      |
| Dodd, Damon C.        | 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Faries, Odes          | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Hagewood, W. T.       | Route 5, Clarksville, Tennessee           |
| Hall, E. L.           | P. O. Box 77, Owensboro, Kentucky         |
| Harris, Odell         | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Hatcher, D. A.        | Route 3, McEwen, Tennessee                |
| Henry, Shelby         | McEwen, Tennessee                         |
| Henry, Sidney         | McEwen, Tennessee                         |
| Hill, Robert C.       | Route 1, Joelton, Tennessee               |
| Hill, William         | 390 Normandy Circle, Nashville, Tennessee |
| Jennette, Charles     | Route 2, Clarksville, Tennessee           |
| Johnson, L. C.        | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Jones, Bobby          | 507 Sycamore Rd., Nashville, Tennessee    |
| Kerrick, Wilbur       | Route 3, Owensboro, Kentucky              |
| King, Robert          | Route 3, Cedar Hill, Tennessee            |
| Lee, Marvis           | 439 Croley Drive, Nashville, Tennessee    |
| Ludwig, George        | 815 Powers Ave., Nashville, Tennessee     |
| Marshall, W. E.       | 310 Osceola Ave., Nashville, Tennessee    |
| Mayo, R. E.           | Route 1, Springfield, Tennessee           |
| McDonald, Bayless     | 3509 McAdoo Ave., Nashville, Tennessee    |
| McIntosh, J. L.       | 525 E. Maple St., Madison, Tennessee      |
| Mooneyham, W. S.      | 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Oliver, William Henry | 116 South 12th St., Nashville, Tennessee  |
| Parsons, J. B.        | Route 2, Joelton, Tennessee               |

|                      |                                          |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Paul, Wallace        | 321½ E. 15th St., Columbia, Tennessee    |
| Reed, Luther         | Route 1, Ashland City, Tennessee         |
| Reeds, Roger C.      | Route 1, Ashland City, Tennessee         |
| Ricketts, J. S.      | 507 White St. Columbia, Tennessee        |
| Sharpe, Leo          | 424 High St., Dickson, Tennessee         |
| Smith, James V.      | Route 1, McEwen, Tennessee               |
| Stringer, W. H.      | Route 2, Dickson, Tennessee              |
| Troutman, A. B.      | 908 McLean St., Owensboro, Kentucky      |
| Van Kluyve, Henry    | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee |
| Walker, Billy        | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee |
| Wallace, Boyce       | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee |
| Wallace, Columbus C. | Route 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      | 211 W. Frances Ave., Tampa, 2, Florida   |
| Williams, Darnell    | 4609½ La. Ave., Nashville, Tennessee     |

## MINISTERS' STATISTICAL REPORT 1953-54

| NAMES OF<br>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 |
|-----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| J. J. Abernathy       | 114              | 23                   | 16                 | 1                    | 7                | 1                  |                      | 35                    | 27                   | 17       | 200           | 2,500          | \$ 1,000.00    |
| Ben M. Barrus         | 108              | 21                   | 1                  | 3                    |                  |                    |                      | 6                     | 16                   | 7        | 170           | 9,150          | 2,265.00       |
| J. B. Bloss           | 214              | 43                   | 18                 |                      | 6                | 8                  | 1                    | 186                   | 29                   | 22       | 845           | 5,431          | 3,343.00       |
| C. F. Bowen           | 168              | 18                   | 3                  | 3                    | 5                | 4                  | 1                    | 24                    | 36                   | 13       | 145           | 12,400         | 2,800.00       |
| James O. Brown, Jr.   | 54               | 30                   |                    |                      | 1                |                    |                      |                       | 6                    |          | 350           | 5,500          |                |
| W. R. Carroll         |                  | 90                   | 24                 |                      |                  | 2                  |                      | 1                     | 1                    | 1        |               | 5,000          | 1,219.55       |
| C. A. Craft           | 104              | 50                   | 4                  | 3                    | 2                |                    | 2                    | 23                    | 26                   | 18       |               |                | 1,000.00       |
| E. A. Craft           | 100              | 40                   | 22                 | 9                    | 1                | 1                  | 1                    | 16                    | 54                   | 26       |               |                | 3,000.00       |
| Lonnie DeVault        | 151              | 46                   |                    | 1                    | 2                | 4                  | 1                    | 37                    | 23                   | 11       |               | 13,000         | 2,812.00       |
| Damon C. Dodd         | 175              |                      |                    |                      | 60               | 2                  |                      | 90                    |                      |          |               | 50,000         | 5,600.00       |
| W. T. Hagewood        | 25               | 20                   | 8                  | 12                   |                  | 3                  | 5                    | 28                    | 7                    | 15       |               |                |                |
| D. A. Hatcher         | 75               | 2                    | 2                  | 2                    |                  | 1                  | 2                    | 7                     | 7                    | 7        |               | 925            | 367.75         |
| Shelby Henry          | 142              | 26                   |                    |                      | 2                |                    | 2                    | 21                    | 10                   | 13       | 17            | 2,500          | 398.15         |
| Sidney Henry          | 150              | 30                   | 5                  | 1                    | 3                | 6                  | 2                    | 46                    | 10                   | 14       | 50            | 12,000         | 889.40         |
| Robert C. Hill        | 129              | 46                   | 3                  |                      | 6                | 4                  | 1                    | 61                    | 18                   | 14       | 68            | 20,000         | 2,580.00       |
| William J. Hill       | 110              | 48                   | 1                  | 1                    |                  | 3                  | 1                    | 19                    | 11                   | 5        | 100           | 15,000         | 2,370.00       |
| Charles C. Jennette   | 26               | 10                   |                    |                      | 2                | 1                  |                      | 1                     |                      | 2        | 50            | 1,200          | 98.40          |
| Bobby L. Jones        | 63               | 15                   |                    |                      | 2                |                    | 3                    | 3                     | 2                    |          | 25            | 9,000          | 572.00         |
| Marvis Lee            | 169              | 10                   |                    |                      | 32               | 12                 |                      | 148                   | 57                   | 1        | 187           | 11,200         | 865.00         |
| R. E. Mayo            | 172              | 15                   | 2                  |                      |                  | 1                  | 1                    | 10                    | 10                   | 5        | 50            | 2,000          | 4.50           |
| W. S. Mooneyham       | 150              |                      |                    |                      | 30               | 10                 |                      | 41                    |                      |          | 40,000        | 5,800.00       |                |
| J. B. Parsons         | 114              | 34                   | 4                  | 3                    | 52               | 1                  | 3                    | 5                     | 3                    | 3        | 42            | 2,324          | 1,242.00       |
| Wallace Paul          | 105              | 8                    | 4                  | 1                    | 2                | 1                  |                      | 16                    | 10                   | 10       | 54            | 4,764          | 817.00         |
| Roger Reeds           | 104              | 52                   | 2                  | 1                    |                  |                    |                      | 8                     | 9                    | 10       | 33            | 25,000         | 1,820.00       |
| J. S. Ricketts        | 19               | 10                   |                    |                      | 2                |                    |                      |                       |                      |          | 10            | 507            | 6.69           |
| James V. Smith        | 96               | 25                   | 4                  | 1                    |                  |                    | 3                    | 5                     | 1                    | 3        | 125           | 8,000          | 623.00         |
| W. H. Stringer        | 70               |                      |                    | 1                    |                  | 3                  |                      | 1                     | 1                    | 1        | 100           | 3,880          | 213.40         |
| Billy Walker          | 56               |                      |                    |                      |                  |                    |                      | 6                     | 2                    | 2        | 50            | 2,500          | 319.57         |
| Boyce Wallace         | 55               | 4                    |                    |                      |                  | 1                  | 1                    | 17                    | 19                   | 17       | 75            | 1,200          | 1,150.00       |
| Shellie C. Watts      | 20               | 6                    |                    |                      | 2                |                    | 2                    | 2                     | 2                    |          | 25            | 2,000          | 75.00          |
| J. L. Welch           | 90               | 43                   | 17                 | 2                    |                  |                    | 1                    | 30                    | 27                   | 15       | 300           | 2,198          | 2,700.00       |
| Robert Wilfong        | 106              | 50                   | 2                  | 2                    | 8                |                    | 1                    | 3                     | 3                    | 1        | 150           | 4,000          | 2,080.00       |
| Darnell Williams      | 20               | 8                    |                    | 1                    | 1                |                    |                      | 1                     |                      |          | 200           |                | 65.00          |
| Totals                | 3,254            | 823                  | 142                | 53                   | 225              | 70                 | 35                   | 897                   | 425                  | 253      | 3,221         | 273379         | \$48,096.41    |

**CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS**

| <b>Church</b>            | <b>Pastor for 1953-54</b> | <b>Pastor for 1954-55</b> |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ashland City             | Wesley Calvery            | H. W. Davis               |
| Barren Plains            | Olin Phillips             | J. B. Parsons             |
| Bethel                   | Robert Edwards            | Odes Faries               |
| Bethlehem                | Roger Reeds               | Roger Reeds               |
| Brandon's Chapel         | W. R. Carroll             | W. R. Carroll             |
| Claude's Chapel          | W. H. Stringer            | W. H. Stringer            |
| Cofer's Chapel           | J. L. Welch               | J. L. Welch               |
| Columbia First Church    | Jimmy Davis               | Arlo Peppers              |
| Dickson First Church     | Sidney Henry              | Sidney Henry              |
| Dunbar's Chapel          | W. R. Carroll             | W. R. Carroll             |
| East Nashville           | C. F. Bowen               | Ben Barrus                |
| Friendship               | Harold Dunlap             | Jessie White              |
| Good Springs             | J. B. Parsons             | C. F. Bowen               |
| Gorman                   | D. A. Hatcher             | D. A. Hatcher             |
| Head's                   | Robert Wilfong            | Bob King                  |
| Hurricane Chapel         | Shelby Henry              | Shelby Henry              |
| Loyal Chapel             | J. B. Bloss               | J. B. Bloss               |
| Miller's Chapel          | Jimmy Jones               | Jimmy Jones               |
| Mt. Pleasant             | J. J. Abernathy           | J. J. Abernathy           |
| Mt. Zion                 | Carey Watkins, Jr.        | Odell Harris              |
| New Hope                 | Robert C. Hill            | Robert C. Hill            |
| New Macedonia            | Johnnie Floyd             | J. S. Ricketts            |
| Oak Grove                | C. H. Burton, Jr.         | C. H. Burton, Jr.         |
| Oakland                  | Wilburn Beasley           | Darnell Williams          |
| Oaklawn                  | William Hill              | William Hill              |
| Oak Wood                 | Billy Walker              | Luther Reed               |
| Olivet                   | Ben Barrus                | Henry Van Kluyve          |
| Owensboro First Church   | E. L. Hall                | E. L. Hall                |
| Pleasant Hill            | W. R. Carroll             | W. R. Carroll             |
| Pleasant Ridge           | G. P. Givens              | G. P. Stevens             |
| Rock Springs             | Paul Sitton               | Paul Sitton               |
| Scott's Chapel           | James V. Smith            | H. W. Davis               |
| Shady Grove              | W. C. Clearman            | Boyce Wallace             |
| Springfield First Church | R. E. Mayo                | R. E. Mayo                |
| Stony Point              | James V. Smith            | James V. Smith            |
| Sylvan Park              | E. A. Craft               | E. A. Craft               |
| Trinity                  | Lonnie DaVoult            | Lonnie DaVoult            |
| Union Hill               | Sidney Henry              | Charles Jennette          |
| West Nashville           | C. A. Craft               | C. A. Craft               |
| West Side                | Wilbur Kerrick            | Wilbur Kerrick            |
| Woodbine                 | James O. Brown, Jr.       | James O. Brown, Jr.       |

