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at Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church,  
Pleasant View, Tennessee, on Wednesday and  
Thursday before the third Sunday  
in October 1956.

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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. Bayless McDonald, Rev. William Hill, Rev. H. W. Davis.  
 Home for Children—W. E. Coville, Alton Felts, Rev. Luther Reed.  
 Foreign Missions—Mrs. J. B. Parsons, Rev. E. A. Craft, Rev. Henry Van Kluyve.  
 Home Missions—A. G. Caldwell (1960), Elmer Felts (1959), Rev. Robert Hill (1958), Rev. C. F. Bowen (1957), Rev. J. L. McIntosh (1956).  
 Superannuation—Miles Gower, J. B. Reding, Rev. Charles Jennette, Rev. W. A. Hales.  
 Youth Camp—Rev. William Hill (1956), Rev. Paul Inbody (1957), Rev. Robert King (1958).

### TREASURERS TO WHOM FUNDS ARE TO BE SENT

Education—Rev. Bayless McDonald, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.  
 Home for Children—Rev. E. M. French, Route 1, 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. W. Boyte  
 C. L. Burroughs  
 W. R. Carroll  
 C. A. Craft  
 E. A. Craft  
 H. W. Davis  
 Odes Faries  
 W. T. Hagewood  
 W. A. Hales  
 D. A. Hatcher  
 Shelvie Henry

Sidney Henry  
 William Hill  
 L. C. Johnson  
 Robert King  
 Charles Jennette  
 John Lindsley  
 E. B. McDonald  
 J. L. McIntosh  
 Charles R. Miller  
 W. S. Mooneyham  
 B. A. Moore

|                  |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| J. B. Parsons    | Henry Van Kluyve    |
| Robert Picirilli | Billy Walker        |
| Luther Reed      | Boyce Wallace       |
| J. S. Ricketts   | J. L. Welch         |
| Gordon Sebastian | Sammy Wilkinson     |
| Robert Shockey*  | Carl Young          |
| James V. Smith   | *Visiting Ministers |
| K. V. Shutes*    |                     |

## DEACONS

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| W. A. Binkley   | Herman Hudgens |
| W. W. Burgess   | H. V. Perdue   |
| Charles Clemont | J. B. Reding   |
| George Collins  | Ed Sinks       |
| Elmer Felts     | A. A. Stewart  |
| Fred Howell     | Johnny Tummins |

## DELEGATES

*Ashland City*—Mrs. Agnes Frazier  
*Barren Plains*—Mrs. Hazel Felts  
*Bethlehem*—Mrs. Lula Chandler  
*Brandons Chapel*—Thelma Melton  
*Carlisle*—Forrest Reynolds  
*Cofer's Chapel*—Mrs. J. W. Boyte  
*Columbia First*—Mrs. John H. Sneed  
*Dickson*—Walter Hill  
*Donelson*—Elzie Miller  
*Dunbar Chapel*—Mrs. Alex Webb  
*East Nashville*—Mrs. J. E. Simpson  
*Friendship*—Mrs. Moss Rose  
*Good Springs*—Mrs. Lillian Binkley  
*Gorman*—Mrs. Norma Bullington  
*Head's*—Mrs. Esterlene Barnett  
*Hurricane Chapel*—Johnny Tummins  
*Madison*—Mrs. W. E. Carver  
*Loyal Chapel*—G. C. Bloss  
*Miller's Chapel*—Mrs. Leon Walton  
*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. Marvis Ellis  
*New Hope*—D. E. Teasley  
*New Macedonia*—A. C. McCaleb  
*Oak Grove*—Mrs. Ella Garrett  
*Oakland*—Mrs. Cassie Felts  
*Oaklawn*—Troy Holt

*Oak Wood*—Mrs. Luther Reed  
*Olivet*—Alvin Moore, Jr.  
*Pleasant Hill*—Mrs. Mildred Wallace  
*Pleasant Ridge*—Ed Sinks  
*Grace (Portland)*—Mrs. Odell Perdue  
*Rock Springs*—Mrs. Harley Christy  
*Scotts Chapel*—Glen Clements  
*Shady Grove*—Mrs. George Morris  
*Stony Point*—Mrs. Lizzie Averitte  
*Sylvan Park*—Manfred Pugh  
*Trinity*—Mrs. Fannie Brannom  
*Union Hill*—Wallace Howell  
*West Nashville*—Albert Pruitt  
*Woodbine*—Mrs. Lillian Swearns

# PROCEEDINGS

*Wednesday Morning, October 12, 1955*

The One Hundred Twelfth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee met October 12 at Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, McEwen, Tennessee, at 10 o'clock A.M.

Church letters and minute funds were turned in to the registration committee at the door.

Ray Turnage led the congregation in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" with Mrs. J. E. Frazier at the piano.

Rev. H. W. Davis led the assembly in prayer followed by the singing of "Jesus Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Rev. E. A. Craft, moderator, opened the service by calling for devotions by Rev. C. A. Craft, who welcomed the delegates and visitors. He read the one hundred thirty-third Psalm for the Scripture reading.

Rev. J. L. Welch gave the response for the Association, expressing gratitude for the privilege of meeting at Pleasant Ridge Church.

The following Finance Committee was appointed by the moderator: W. A. Binkley, chairman; Mrs. Luther Reed and Rev. John Boyte.

The Committee on Committees was appointed: Rev. J. L. Welch, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, and Elmer Felts.

The church delegates were called upon to stand along with the ministers and deacons of the Association. The moderator charged them with the business of the Association.

Visiting ministers were recognized: Charles Miller, Sammy Wilkinson, W. A. Hales, K. V. Shutes, Carl Young, Robert Shockey, and Jimmy Jones.

The moderator was empowered to appoint someone to take the place of the assistant moderator. Rev. Bob King was appointed.

The Bible College report was called for and given by E. B. McDonald, College treasurer. He reported \$2,840.38 in regular gifts and \$1,000 in a special loan fund gift from Cofer's Chapel Church. Student enrollment for the past year was reported to be 185 and the present enrollment to be 169.

The moderator next introduced the King's Messengers quartet. They had charge of the morning worship service and conducted a program of gospel music and songs. Quartet members were Bill Gardner, Blant Ferguson, Randy Cox, and Joe Creech, College students.

Randy Cox brought the morning message based on the text in Phil. 3:10 "That I may know Him." An invitation was extended during the singing of "Just as I Am."

An appeal to support the Bible College resulted in a cash offering of \$31.29 and pledges of \$132.00.

The moderator dismissed the congregation for lunch. The people of Pleasant Ridge Church served lunch on tables beside the church.

### *Wednesday Afternoon*

The Wednesday afternoon service began with Brother Turnage leading the congregation in singing "He's a Wonderful Saviour to Me," and "'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus."

The annual moderator's message was brought by Rev. E. A. Craft, reading Psalm 133 and urging greater effort in the Lord's work.

The Committee on Committees gave its report, which was adopted as read.

The Western Quarterly Meeting Report was given by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. This report was approved.

The report of the 1954 meeting of the State Association was given by J. B. Reding. Motion passed to accept this report.

Motion carried that the raising of dues to the State Association of \$100 each year to be passed to the Resolutions Committee.

The Youth Encampment Report was given by Rev. William Hill. Motion passed to make this report a part of the Minutes.

The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Mrs. J. E. Simpson verbally with a written report to come in later. Motion passed to receive this report to become a part of the Minutes.

Rev. K. V. Shutes, promotional secretary of the National Superannuation Board, was called upon to substitute for the proposed Sunday School message by William Mishler. Brother Shutes told of the work of his board to enlarge its program of operation, which included the setting up of an office at the headquarters building in Nashville and the employment of a full-time promotional worker. He reported the board could now place insurance on church property and that half the premium would be returned to the Superannuation treasury from the insurance company as a contribution. He further stated that endowment insurance from \$1000 to \$2000 was open for ministers and full-time Christian workers, ages 21-52 inclusive, with retirement at 70, half the premium being paid by the National Superannuation Board. He reported his board was endeavoring to get state superannuation boards to send 25% of their receipts to support the national work, leaving 75% in their treasuries to support ministers who cannot qualify for endowment insurance.

The meeting was opened for discussion and questions relative to insuring ministers and the work of the board.

An offering of \$27.81 was taken for Superannuation work.

The moderator called the session to stand to be recessed until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. Luther Reed dismissed the assembly with prayer.

### *Thursday Morning, October 13, 1955*

The Thursday morning service opened with a singing led by Ray Turnage. Rev. J. L. McIntosh led in prayer and read Eph. 5:1-7, speaking on "Followers of the Lord."

The Minutes of Wednesday were read and approved. The business session was then adjourned to go into the ordination service of the Presbytery.



Brother Paul Inbody and Brother James Bell, candidates for ordination, were set forth to be ordained by the Presbytery.

Rev. W. A. Hales read 1 Tim. 6: 1-12 for the Scripture reading.

Rev. J. L. Welch brought the charge, reminding the candidates the Lord had placed His hand upon them and that they had received the highest of all callings. He charged them to be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ.

The Bible was presented by Rev. E. A. Craft, and Rev. H. W. Davis led in prayer of consecration while the ordained members of the Presbytery laid on hands.

The new ministers joining the Presbytery were called forth, and a handshake was made for them and those ordained at this service.

The ordination service was declared closed by the moderator.

Following this service, the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham spoke for the National Association of Free Will Baptists, reporting on the last session held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in July of 1955. He explained the methods of supporting the denominational program and appealed for the people in whatever way they chose to give, to give enough.

He announced the next session of the National Association would be held in Huntington, West Virginia, in July of 1956.

The congregation sang "Tell It to Jesus Alone," followed by the morning message brought by Rev. K. V. Shutes on the text: "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126).

Following this well-delivered message, the host church again entertained the Associational delegation with luncheon.

### *Thursday Afternoon*

The Thursday afternoon service began with the singing of "Isn't He Wonderful?" led by Robert Picirilli with Ray Turnage at the piano.

The report of the Children's Home was called for. No report was available.

The treasurer's report of the Home Mission Board was read and approved.

The Superannuation report was given by J. B. Reding and approved.

There was no report for Foreign Missions.

The Board of Education and Literature had no report.

The Obituary Committee reported that there had been no decreases among the officers of the Association during the past year; therefore, no report was forthcoming.

The report of the Petitions and Requests Committee was given by Rev. H. W. Davis. Motion carried to accept this report and seat the delegates of the new churches coming in covered by the report.

The report of the Western Quarterly Meeting was read by Rev. James Smith. This report was accepted.

The Temperance Committee report was given by Mrs. Esterlene Barnett and approved.

The Finance Committee report was given by W. A. Binkley. Motion passed to accept this report.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. Motion passed to adopt the report and take up the election of officers individually and the election of delegates to the State Association as a body.

Rev. H. W. Davis was elected to Education and Literature Board.

Rev. Luther Reed was elected to the Home for Children Board.

Rev. Henry Van Kluyve was elected to the Foreign Missions Board.

A. G. Caldwell was elected to succeed himself on the Home Missions Board.

Rev. W. A. Hales was elected to the Superannuation Board.

Rev. Robert King and Paul Inbody were elected to the Youth Camp Board.

Motion passed to elect as delegates to the State Association the nominations made by the Nominating Committee.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. C. A. Craft.

This report was approved.

The congregation stood in expressing its appreciation for the hospitality of the host church, Pleasant Ridge, in caring for the needs of the delegates during this Association.

Motion passed to pay \$185 this year to the State Association.

Motion made to request each church to pay a minimum of \$10 to the Cumberland Association each year.

An appeal was made to pay the extra \$100 the State Association requested. Churches pledged and paid in cash enough to meet this amount.

Motion passed to pay \$185 each year to the State Association.

Good Springs Church was elected as the place of next year's meeting of the Cumberland Association.

The report of the Associational treasurer was read and approved.

The Registration Committee gave its report: 41 churches reporting, thirty listed delegates, 30 ministers, 10 deacons, and 102 visitors.

Motion passed for the clerk to have printed each year 1,000 Minutes and for the clerk to be paid \$35 each year.

Motion made and seconded that the Cumberland Association authorize the clerk in the form of a letter, request the Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church, in order to maintain sound fellowship with the other churches of the association, do all in its power to get a qualified pastor within 90 days.

Motion was amended for a council of five to take this letter and counsel with the church.

The motion as amended carried. The following were appointed on this council: E. B. McDonald, J. L. Welch, Luther Reed, C. A. Craft, and Billy Walker.

With no further business forthcoming, a motion to adjourn carried.

The one hundred twelfth session of the Cumberland Association adjourned to meet with the Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church at Pleasant View, Tennessee, on the Wednesday and Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1956.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

#### **Obituary**

Rev. Luther Reed, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Mrs. Marvis Ellis.

#### **Petitions and Requests**

Rev. H. W. Davis, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Rev. John Lindsley.

#### **Resolutions**

Rev. C. A. Craft, Rev. Sidney Henry, A. A. Stewart.

#### **Temperance**

Mrs. Lillian Binkley, Mrs. Harley Christy, Mrs. Esterlene Barnett.

#### **Nominating**

Rev. Robert King, Rev. Shelvie Henry, Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

### **REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

The work of the Obituary Committee is to list those officers and workers of the Cumberland Association who have deceased during the associational year. Since none were reported to have died during the year, the Obituary Committee had no report.

### **REPORT OF PETITIONS AND REQUESTS**

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

We have received petitions from the following new churches for admission into the Cumberland Association:

The Carlisle Free Will Baptist Church.

Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Portland, Tennessee.

Palmer Memorial Free Will Baptist Church.

Madison Free Will Baptist Church.

Donelson Free Will Baptist Church.

Stone Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Lebanon, Tennessee.

After careful and due consideration we wish to recommend that these churches be received as members of the Cumberland Association and their delegates seated.

REV. H. W. DAVIS  
REV. JOHN LINDSLEY  
MRS. J. E. SIMPSON

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee wish to make the following report:

That we give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to this fine church and people for their fine hospitality and for their cooperation given to this Association.

REV. C. A. CRAFT

A. A. STEWART

REV. SIDNEY HENRY

## REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

That we laymen urgently use our influence against strong drink, ever opposing any advertisement of liquor around or near our churches, further, withdraw our patronage from grocery stores selling alcoholics.

Recommend that leaders and delegates to this association make every possible sacrifice to promote spiritual influence over all forms of intemperance and each pastor place special emphasis on social intemperance among young people.

We commend everyone, and especially broadcasting stations, that refrain from taking part in advertising the sale of alcoholics.

MRS. LILLIAN BINKLEY

MRS. ESTERLENE BARNETT

MRS. HARLEY CHRISTY

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Nominations wish to submit the following nominees for 1956 associational Board membership and delegates to the State Association:

Education and Literature Board—Rev. H. W. Davis.

Home for Children—Rev. Luther Reed.

Foreign Missions—Rev. Henry Van Kluyve.

Home Missions—A. G. Caldwell.

Superannuation—Rev. W. A. Hales (Replaces Rev. Darnell Williams).

Youth Camp—Rev. Robert King (1958) and Rev. Paul Inbody (1957).

*Delegates to State Association from District Association*—Miss Mary Patton, Mrs. Esterlene Barnett, C. E. Deaver, Nathan Staggs, Mrs. Fannie Polston, Moss Rose, Alton Felts, Mrs. J. E. Simpson, Elmer Felts, Mrs. W. H. Williams, H. R. Moss, Mrs. Louise Felts, Forrest Reynolds, Mrs. Ira Burgess, Mrs. Dewey Herron, Manfred Pugh, Mrs. Robert Waynick, June Anderson, Mrs. Riley Albright.

*Delegates from the District Woman's Auxiliary*—Mrs. Robert King, Mrs. J. W. Maxey, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Mrs. Smith Crockerell.

*Delegates from the Sunday School*—Mrs. Helen Bathrop, David Hicks, Mrs. J. O. Brown, Jr., Miss Jackie Lucas, Mrs. Lula Chandler.

*Delegates from the Free Will Baptist League—Doyle Moore, Rebecca Stewart, Mrs. Lawrence Davis, Mrs. Troy Holt, Mrs. Luther Reed.*

REV. ROBERT KING

MRS. J. E. FRAZIER

REV. SHELVE HENRY

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Finance Committee submit the following report: 40 Churches Reporting \$299.25, 4 churches did not report.

W. A. BINKLEY

MRS. LUTHER REED

REV. J. W. BOYTE

## REPORT OF BOARDS

### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Report of the Superannuation Board from October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955.

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand, October 1, 1954 ..... | \$1,555.11 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|

#### Receipts:

|                             |          |            |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Bethlehem .....             | \$ 32.50 |            |
| Cofer's Chapel .....        | 100.00   |            |
| Heads Church .....          | 24.00    |            |
| Mt. Pleasant Church .....   | 2.00     |            |
| Oak Grove Church .....      | 5.00     |            |
| Oakwood Church .....        | 7.00     |            |
| Olivet Church .....         | 15.00    |            |
| West Nashville Church ..... | 30.00    | 215.50     |
| Total .....                 |          | \$1,770.61 |

#### Expenditures:

|                                          |          |            |
|------------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| National Superannuation Board .....      | \$ 53.87 |            |
| Rev. W. T. Hagewood .....                | 180.00   |            |
| Rev. W. B. Davenport .....               | 20.00    | 253.87     |
| Balance on hand September 30, 1955 ..... |          | \$1,516.74 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. REDING, *Secretary-Treasurer*

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD****October 11, 1954 to October 10, 1955**

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| On Hand October 11, 1954 ..... | \$ 19.94   |
| Total receipts .....           | 1,008.82   |
| Total .....                    | \$1,028.76 |
| Total Disbursements .....      | 734.15     |
| Balance October 10, 1955 ..... | \$ 294.61  |

*A. G. CALDWELL, Treasurer***REPORT OF THE EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING**

Report of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists, which convenes with Pleasant Ridge Church, October 12-13, 1955.

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting met four times this year.

|                                               |     |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of churches in Quarterly Meeting ..... | 29  |
| Average number of churches reporting .....    | 21  |
| Average number of ministers reporting .....   | 17  |
| Average attendance for year .....             | 128 |

Churches reporting:

|                                              |             |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Number of members received during year ..... | 241         |
| Average church membership .....              | 4,043       |
| Average prayer meeting attendance .....      | 470         |
| Sunday School enrollment .....               | 2,239       |
| Average Sunday School attendance .....       | 1,704       |
| League membership .....                      | 932         |
| Average League attendance .....              | 705         |
| Woman's Auxiliary membership .....           | 303         |
| Average Woman's Auxiliary attendance .....   | 188         |
| Amount paid pastors .....                    | \$38,507.01 |
| Amount paid for evangelistic work .....      | 3,839.12    |
| Amount paid to Home Missions .....           | 2,173.32    |
| Amount paid to Foreign Missions .....        | 4,665.10    |
| Amount paid for Superannuation .....         | 208.75      |
| Amount paid to Children's Home .....         | 1,379.23    |
| Amount paid for Christian Education .....    | 2,104.80    |

The January session paid \$54.10 to the National Sunday School Board. The April session paid \$52.35 to Cumberland Youth Camp Fund. The July session paid \$86.21 to the Cumberland Youth Camp Fund. The October session paid \$30.30 to the Oaklawn Church Building Fund.

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

Moderator, Rev. Robert King; Assistant Moderator, Rev. H. W. Davis; Secretary, Mrs. Geneva Walker; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Helen Inbody; Treasurer, Rev. Billy Walker.

REV. ROBERT KING, *Moderator*  
MRS. GENEVA WALKER, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF THE WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Report of the Western Quarterly Meeting of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, October 12-13, 1955.

The Western Quarterly Meeting met four times this year.

|                                                     |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----|
| Total number of churches in Quarterly Meeting ..... | 15 |
| Average number reporting .....                      | 7  |
| Average number of ministers attending .....         | 6  |

Officers for the ensuing year are: Moderator, Rev. Sidney Henry; Clerk, Mrs. Mary Alyce Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. James V. Smith.

The sitting of the Western Quarterly Meeting has been changed from 10:30 A.M. on the Saturday before the second Sunday in each quarter to 6:00 P.M. on the same date. The change in time was made for the purpose of trying to stimulate a better attendance of churches and ministers.

Faithfully submitted,

REV. JAMES V. SMITH, *Acting Moderator*  
MRS. MARY ALYCE WILLIAMS, *Clerk*

## REPORT OF STATE ASSOCIATION

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists was held with the East Sparta Church, Sparta, Tennessee, on October 20-21, 1954.

Theme: "Bear Witness"; Scripture: John 18:27.

There were 22 ministers and 12 delegates present. The singing was led by I. L. Stanley. All of the speakers gave well-prepared messages. The officials conducted the Association in an efficient and business-like manner.

The Youth Encampment Board did not find a suitable place to conduct a state-wide camp. They then decided to hold two separate camps, one in the Union Association and one in the Cumberland Association. Some complications kept the Union from having a camp. The Cumberland Camp was very successful.

The Executive Committee of the Children's Home voted to lease to the Union Association a plot of ground to be developed into an assembly ground and a youth camp.

A Home Mission Board of five members was elected. They hope to get some other associations interested in joining the State Association. Some weak churches need encouragement and assistance. The local and National Home Mission Boards have a wonderful opportunity to carry the Gospel to people that are not being reached with any religious training.

The Cooperative Program of the National Association was discussed. It was decided that no action should be taken until another year in order to give everyone an opportunity to study the plan.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley and six children from the Children's Home presented an inspirational program. Mr. Stanley told how the Lord had wonderfully blessed the Home since its beginning in May 1939. The children are well provided for physically, mentally, and spiritually. The dairy herd is

## CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION S

| CHURCH                | CLERK AND ADDRESS                               | Members Received | Members Dismissed | Present Membership | Deacons | Value of Church Property | Association Dues |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Ashland City          | Mrs. Clarence Owen, Rt. 3, Ashland City         | 6                |                   | 121                | 4       | \$ 12,000                | \$ 10.00         |
| Barren Plains         | Mrs. Hazel Felts, Pleasant View                 | 7                | 2                 | 27                 | 2       | 4,000                    | 3.00             |
| Bethel                | J. W. Austin, Rt. 1, Chappmansboro              | 3                | 12                | 326                | 4       | 8,000                    | 10.00            |
| Bethlehem             | Mrs. C. F. Reed, Rt. 1, Ashland City            | 15               | 10                | 278                | 6       | 10,000                   | 15.00            |
| Brandon's Chapel      | Mrs. Thelma Melton, Rt. 1, Big Rock             | 7                |                   | 100                | 2       | 3,800                    |                  |
| Carlisle              | Mary H. Lemons, Dover, Tenn.                    | 9                |                   | 18                 | 3       | 7,000                    | 1.50             |
| Cofer's Chapel        | Mary E. Griffith, 1918 Holly St., Nashville     | 18               | 5                 | 358                | 7       | 34,000                   | 15.00            |
| Columbia, First       | S. C. Witherspoon, Westover Park, Columbia      | 15               |                   | 71                 | 4       | 5,000                    | 5.00             |
| Dickson, First        | Ollie Mai Hogue, 103 McKenzie, Dickson          | 10               |                   | 37                 | 5       | 7,500                    | 8.00             |
| Donelson              | Mrs. Herbert Peppers, 3130 McGavock, Nashville  | 37               |                   | 37                 | 5       |                          |                  |
| Dunbar Chapel         | Mrs. Acree Norfleet, Rt. 2, Indian Mound        | 3                |                   | 41                 | 2       | 3,000                    | 3.00             |
| East Nashville        | W. B. Harris, 1730 Arthur Ave., Nashville       | 19               | 58                | 389                | 11      | 60,000                   | (Cooper)         |
| Friendship            | Jean Harris, Rt. 2, Ashland City                | 12               |                   | 187                | 2       | 3,000                    | 4.00             |
| Good Springs          | Mrs. Lillian Binkley, Rt. 2, Joelton            | 13               | 8                 | 193                | 4       | 35,000                   | 10.00            |
| Gorman                | Mrs. Alice Harrison, Rt. 3, McEwen              |                  | 4                 | 101                | 4       |                          | 6.50             |
| Grace (Portland)      | Mrs. John Lindsley, Mitchellville               | 25               |                   | 25                 | 1       | 500                      |                  |
| Head's                | Mrs. Mavis Walker, Rt. 2, Cedar Hill            | 20               | 12                | 239                | 5       | 20,000                   | 15.00            |
| Hurricane Chapel      | Mrs. Johnnie Tummins, Rt. 3, McEwen             | 11               |                   | 30                 | 2       | 2,000                    | 5.00             |
| Loyal Chapel          | Mrs. H. B. Sloan, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville | 40               | 4                 | 211                | 4       | 58,000                   | 10.00            |
| Madison               | Mrs. J. L. McIntosh, 525 E. Maple St., Madison  | 11               |                   | 11                 | 2       |                          | 5.00             |
| Miller's Chapel       | Mrs. Virgil Bowker, Rt. 3, Neptune              | 1                | 2                 | 34                 | 2       | 3,000                    | 3.00             |
| Mt. Pleasant          | Mrs. Margaret Williams, Rt. 1, Joelton          | 31               | 2                 | 153                | 3       | 6,000                    | 5.00             |
| Mt. Zion              | Mrs. Eula Perry, Rt. 2, Joelton                 | 8                | 2                 | 190                | 5       | 12,000                   | 5.00             |
| New Hope              | Mrs. Marvin Walker, Rt. 2, Joelton              | 3                | 9                 | 333                | 5       | 10,000                   | 10.00            |
| New Macedonia         | Mrs. W. A. Davis, Rt. 2, Columbia               | 4                | 10                | 38                 | 3       | 6,000                    | 4.00             |
| Oak Grove             | Mrs. Ruby Anderson, Rt. 2, Charlotte            | 4                | 8                 | 131                | 4       | 3,500                    | 8.00             |
| Oakland               | Mrs. Arthur Farley, Rt. 1, White's Creek        | 4                |                   | 60                 | 5       | 7,500                    | 5.00             |
| Oaklawn               | Mrs. R. A. Shores, Pleasant View                | 2                | 3                 | 208                | 5       |                          | 5.00             |
| Oak Wood              | Edgar Seay, Rt. 2, Cedar Hill                   | 14               | 4                 | 69                 | 2       | 2,500                    | 6.50             |
| Olivet                | J. B. Reding, Rt. 2, Adams                      | 4                | 3                 | 156                | 5       | 10,000                   | 15.50            |
| Pleasant Hill         | Brigham Wallace, Dover, Tenn.                   |                  |                   | 29                 | 1       | 1,500                    | 1.55             |
| Pleasant Ridge        | Mrs. Christine Wallace, Rt. 1, McEwen           | 4                | 3                 | 86                 | 3       | 5,500                    | 8.00             |
| Rock Springs          | Mrs. Jim Smith, Neptune                         | 20               | 4                 | 256                | 5       | 10,000                   | 15.00            |
| Scott's Chapel        | Ethel Holmes, Cumberland City                   |                  | 1                 | 68                 | 5       | 3,000                    | 2.00             |
| Shady Grove           | Mrs. Virgil Albright, Rt. 7, Clarksville        | 10               |                   | 147                | 7       | 12,000                   | 10.00            |
| Springfield, First    | Mrs. Sue Mantlo, Rt. 6, Springfield             | 6                |                   | 61                 |         | 3,000                    | 3.00             |
| Stony Point           | Mary A. Williams, Rt. 1, Box 218, Van Leer      | 4                | 1                 | 64                 | 5       | 4,500                    | 2.00             |
| Sylvan Park           | Mrs. F. W. Wall, 123 Bowling, Nashville         | 25               | 1                 | 160                | 7       | 30,000                   | 10.00            |
| Trinity               | Mrs. Bailey Lee, 837 Seymour, Nashville         | 16               | 11                | 180                | 4       | 50,000                   | 10.00            |
| Union Hill            | Mrs. Lucy Howell, Bumpus Mills                  |                  |                   | 50                 | 3       | 2,000                    |                  |
| West Nashville        | L. P. Erwin, 6301 1/2 Pa. Ave., Nashville       | 19               | 5                 | 160                | 6       | 10,000                   | 20.00            |
| West Side (Owensboro) | Eva Moore, Rt. 3, Philpot, Ky.                  |                  |                   | 33                 |         |                          | 2.00             |
| Woodbine              | Olivia Prince, 427 Veritas, Nashville           | 14               | 5                 | 34                 | 1       | 6,000                    |                  |
| Totals                |                                                 | 474              | 189               | 5,500              | 165     | \$470,800                | \$ 276.55        |



## CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS FOR 1954-55

|     | Association Dues                 | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Bible College | Superannuation | Home for Children | Benevolence | Paid Pastor | Paid Evangelist | Other Expenses | Woman's Auxiliary Membership | Sunday School Enrollment | League Enrollment | Prayer Meeting Attendance |
|-----|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 000 | \$ 10.00                         | \$ 42.61      | \$ 75.00         | \$ 148.57     | \$ .....       | \$ 100.00         | \$ .....    | \$ 2,595.00 | \$ 70.00        | \$ 1,388.20    | 14                           | 82                       | 35                | 30                        |
| 000 | 3.00                             | 24.00         | 24.00            | 24.00         | .....          | 24.00             | 45.00       | 1,200.00    | 100.00          | 293.99         | .....                        | 31                       | 20                | 25                        |
| 000 | 10.00                            | 20.00         | 20.00            | 30.00         | .....          | 30.00             | .....       | 1,300.00    | 220.00          | 629.05         | .....                        | 82                       | 40                | .....                     |
| 000 | 15.00                            | 102.00        | 138.00           | 102.00        | 30.00          | 114.00            | 170.06      | 2,600.00    | 180.00          | 2,588.30       | 35                           | 150                      | 46                | 25                        |
| 000 | .....                            | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | 20.00             | .....       | 502.00      | 145.00          | 799.97         | .....                        | .....                    | .....             | .....                     |
| 000 | 1.50                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | .....       | 112.00          | .....          | .....                        | 20                       | .....             | .....                     |
| 000 | 15.00                            | 227.42        | 1,280.56         | 1,652.00      | 100.00         | 276.78            | 753.16      | 3,150.00    | .....           | 6,903.98       | 30                           | 210                      | 67                | 45                        |
| 000 | 5.00                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | 1,612.50    | 50.00           | .....          | 33                           | 156                      | 50                | 35                        |
| 000 | 8.00                             | .....         | 26.54            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | 723.25      | 118.27          | 6,935.70       | .....                        | 32                       | 21                | 20                        |
| 000 | .....                            | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | 375.00      | 130.00          | 15.58          | .....                        | 35                       | 32                | 20                        |
| 000 | 3.00                             | 3.00          | 5.00             | 4.00          | 8.50           | 15.00             | 3.00        | 190.02      | 69.88           | 142.55         | .....                        | 30                       | 25                | .....                     |
| 000 | (Cooperative Program \$1,650.00) | 39.69         | 12.39            | 12.36         | .....          | 275.00            | 332.69      | 3,965.00    | 324.71          | 9,134.07       | 25                           | 158                      | 63                | 55                        |
| 000 | 4.00                             | 67.66         | 100.00           | 120.16        | .....          | 60.00             | 62.55       | 1,025.00    | 100.00          | 318.57         | 17                           | 147                      | 80                | 25                        |
| 000 | 10.00                            | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | 8.00              | 40.54       | 2,340.00    | 200.00          | 1,259.80       | 30                           | 122                      | 65                | 30                        |
| 000 | 6.50                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | 490.00      | .....           | 151.31         | .....                        | 65                       | 32                | 15                        |
| 000 | .....                            | .....         | 5.00             | 17.00         | .....          | 2.00              | .....       | 576.61      | 30.00           | 287.72         | 6                            | 41                       | 28                | 17                        |
| 000 | 15.00                            | 40.39         | 123.04           | 77.65         | 24.00          | 48.00             | 191.51      | 2,285.00    | 165.00          | 2,917.78       | 21                           | 157                      | 35                | 16                        |
| 000 | 5.00                             | .....         | 25.00            | .....         | .....          | 25.00             | .....       | 365.00      | 52.20           | 75.00          | .....                        | 40                       | .....             | 14                        |
| 000 | 10.00                            | 223.19        | 17.29            | .....         | .....          | 26.39             | 22.20       | 3,315.00    | 200.00          | 1,238.48       | 25                           | 211                      | 70                | 45                        |
| 000 | 5.00                             | .....         | 11.25            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | 130.00      | 80.00           | 53.81          | .....                        | 25                       | .....             | 20                        |
| 000 | 3.00                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | 7.00              | .....       | 125.00      | 135.00          | 78.00          | .....                        | 40                       | .....             | 25                        |
| 000 | 5.00                             | 5.00          | .....            | .....         | 2.00           | 5.00              | .....       | 1,100.00    | .....           | 203.54         | .....                        | 62                       | .....             | 40                        |
| 000 | 5.00                             | 82.05         | 82.05            | 78.92         | .....          | 67.35             | .....       | 1,790.00    | 147.25          | 796.14         | .....                        | 90                       | 88                | 45                        |
| 000 | 10.00                            | 83.70         | 190.00           | 205.00        | .....          | 96.00             | 162.00      | 2,600.00    | 100.00          | 4,569.84       | 34                           | 202                      | 96                | 40                        |
| 000 | 4.00                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | 242.10      | 40.00           | 450.19         | .....                        | 37                       | 33                | 15                        |
| 000 | 8.00                             | 15.82         | 15.53            | 43.00         | 5.00           | 25.00             | .....       | 1,051.82    | 140.00          | 1,359.63       | 12                           | 50                       | 35                | 30                        |
| 000 | 5.00                             | 18.00         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | 77.67       | 1,169.55    | 50.00           | 376.24         | .....                        | 81                       | 30                | 30                        |
| 000 | 5.00                             | 73.00         | 360.50           | 65.25         | .....          | 42.25             | 30.10       | 1,878.00    | 170.96          | 485.99         | 16                           | 107                      | 31                | 20                        |
| 000 | 6.50                             | 17.50         | 17.50            | 17.50         | 7.00           | 17.50             | 50.00       | 765.34      | 111.50          | .....          | 20                           | 56                       | 51                | 25                        |
| 000 | 15.50                            | 100.00        | 1,315.00         | 486.76        | 30.00          | 225.00            | 100.00      | 2,095.00    | 100.00          | 1,635.52       | 19                           | 92                       | 74                | 14                        |
| 000 | 1.55                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | 5.75              | .....       | 246.83      | .....           | .....          | .....                        | 30                       | .....             | .....                     |
| 000 | 8.00                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | 60.00       | 287.03      | 145.16          | 705.77         | .....                        | 40                       | .....             | 20                        |
| 000 | 15.00                            | 1.50          | 1.50             | 1.00          | .....          | 24.17             | .....       | 1,498.90    | 202.00          | 620.74         | .....                        | 126                      | .....             | .....                     |
| 000 | 2.00                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | 433.00      | .....           | 436.36         | .....                        | 46                       | .....             | .....                     |
| 000 | 10.00                            | 60.00         | 120.00           | 19.17         | .....          | 120.00            | 531.66      | 2,195.83    | 196.90          | 603.57         | 17                           | 115                      | 30                | 28                        |
| 000 | 3.00                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | 35.00       | 160.00      | 100.00          | 455.07         | .....                        | 48                       | .....             | 15                        |
| 000 | 2.00                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | 80.50             | .....       | 445.24      | 64.53           | 219.76         | .....                        | 50                       | 35                | .....                     |
| 000 | 10.00                            | .....         | 132.00           | .....         | .....          | 230.00            | 193.30      | 4,050.00    | 260.00          | 3,278.75       | 37                           | 135                      | 62                | 48                        |
| 000 | 10.00                            | 230.00        | 350.00           | 350.00        | .....          | 10.00             | .....       | 3,655.00    | 357.00          | 6,640.94       | 17                           | 165                      | 101               | 50                        |
| 000 | .....                            | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | 656.42      | 83.36           | 210.80         | .....                        | 30                       | .....             | 35                        |
| 000 | 20.00                            | 25.00         | 25.00            | 200.00        | 30.00          | 190.68            | 17.50       | 1,560.00    | 50.00           | 2,236.45       | 28                           | 200                      | 60                | 60                        |
| 000 | 2.00                             | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | .....       | .....           | .....          | 8                            | 40                       | 18                | 19                        |
| 000 | .....                            | .....         | .....            | .....         | .....          | .....             | .....       | .....       | .....           | .....          | .....                        | .....                    | .....             | .....                     |
| 800 | \$ 276.55                        | \$ 1,501.23   | \$ 4,472.15      | \$ 3,654.34   | \$ 236.50      | \$ 2,170.37       | \$ 2,877.94 | \$56,744.44 | \$ 4,800.72     | \$60,547.16    | 444                          | 40.96                    | 1,421             | 1,016                     |

one of the best in Greene County. The school moved into a new and modern building in January. The Woolsey Cottage should be completed in the near future.

One of the greatest needs of the State Association is for more delegates and ministers to attend the meetings and cooperate in the program. Each association is asked to give an additional \$100 to the treasury of the State Association.

The next session is to be held with Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, October 19-20, beginning at 1:00 o'clock P.M.

### YOUTH CAMP REPORT

There were 97 enrolled in Camp. This was the best year in numbers attending, spirituality, and number of conversions and consecrations.

Four courses were taught: Evangelism, Missions, Music, and Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

A wonderful spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation prevailed among the pupils, teachers, parents, and pastors. All are eagerly looking forward to the Youth Camp in 1956.

The facilities this year were splendid: plenty of dormitory room, dining space, and outside recreational facilities. The week's camp was held July 4-9 at Beverly Hills Camp Ground on Highway 70 west of Nashville.

REV. WILLIAM HILL, *Member*  
*Youth Camp Board*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1954 to September 30, 1955

#### *Associational Fund*

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance in Bank, October 1, 1954 ..... | \$ 84.42        |
| Received from Finance Committee .....  | 312.61          |
| Received from Presbytery .....         | 25.00           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                     | <b>\$422.03</b> |

#### *Expenses:*

|                                          |        |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| State and National Dues .....            | 85.00  |
| Programs and church reports (1953) ..... | 21.15  |
| Printing Minutes .....                   | 160.00 |
| Transcribing Minutes .....               | 35.00  |
| Postage on Minutes .....                 | 8.17   |
| To Children's Home .....                 | 10.00  |
| National Headquarters Fund .....         | 50.00  |

**Total Expenses .....** **\$369.32**

|                                            |                 |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance in Bank, September 30, 1955 .....  | \$ 52.71        |
| Offering for Children's Home .....         | \$ 90.00        |
| From Associational Fund .....              | 10.00           |
| <b>Total sent to Children's Home .....</b> | <b>\$100.00</b> |

J. B. REDING, *Treasurer*

# MINUTES

*of the*

## CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY

*Annual Meeting of the Cumberland Association Presbytery.*

The Presbytery met at its annual meeting at Pleasant Ridge Free Will Baptist Church, McEwen, Tennessee, on Wednesday afternoon, 3:05 o'clock, October 12.

Rev. C. A. Craft called the meeting to order and the clerk read the minutes for the presbytery meetings and examining committee's meetings during the preceding year.

Motion by W. B. Binkley and seconded that these minutes and their measures of recommendation be adopted. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted.

Motion passed to pay the associational treasurer \$25 to help in the printing of minutes.

Motion passed to pay clerk \$15 for his services for the year.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Rev. C. A. Craft, moderator

Rev. W. A. Hales, assistant moderator

Rev. E. B. McDonald, secretary and treasurer

Motion carried to ratify the credentials of Rev. K. V. Shutes to become effective upon placing his membership with a local church.

Motion made and seconded (Parsons, Craft) that the annulling of the ratifying Ben Barrus' and Boyce Wallace's credentials be reported by the Presbytery clerk to the *Free Will Baptist* paper and *Contact* and the Tidewater Presbytery for Barrus and the Presbytery of Boyce Wallace.

Motion carried (Van Kluyve) that the clerk write these brethren requesting their credentials and stating the regrets of this Presbytery to lose them and praying God's blessings upon them in their work.

Motion made and carried that the clerk of the Presbytery write a letter to the clerk of Shady Grove Church advising them of the action of this Presbytery in Brother Wallace's case including that part of the by-laws and constitution relative to his case.

Recommendation carried (Van Kluyve) that the clerk of the association in the form of a letter request that the Shady Grove Church, in order to maintain sound fellowship with the Cumberland Association churches, do all in its power to get a qualified pastor within 90 days.

Motion passed that J. L. (Jack) Parsons be placed on the list of licensed ministers to be ordained at a future date.

Motion passed to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. J. L. Welch.

REV. C. A. CRAFT, Moderator

REV. BAYLESS McDONALD, Clerk

## REPORT OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY FOR THE YEAR 1954-55

**Meeting at Cofer's Chapel Church, April 22, 7:30 P.M.**

The Cumberland Association Presbytery met at a called meeting on Friday evening, April 22, at 7:30 o'clock in the Cofer's Chapel Church.

Rev. J. L. Welch, host pastor, welcomed the ministers, and Rev. Carlos Craft, moderator, called the meeting to order. Tommy Willey led the assembly in prayer. The following ministers were present: Luther Reed, Bayless McDonald, J. L. Welch, Billy Walker, Henry Oliver, J. O. Brown, Jr., Bobby Jones, Carlos Craft, Earnest Craft, Ben Barrus, Lonnie DaVout, John Lindsley, and Tommy Willey.

Rev. J. L. Welch, chairman of the examining committee, called to serve on his committee: Luther Reed, Henry Oliver, Earnest Craft, and Bayless McDonald, who served as secretary.

The following met with the committee:

- (1) Rev. John Lindsley, seeking ratification of his credentials.
- (2) Tommy Willey, Jr., seeking ordination.
- (3) Ruby Jennings and Porter Ray Jennings, seeking ordination.

After questioning these applicants, the committee made the following recommendations to the Presbytery:

1. Recommend the ratification of Rev. John Lindsley's credentials effective immediately upon the reception of the Portland Church into the Cumberland Association, and recommend the church's being received into the association. His credentials would become ratified immediately upon his becoming a member of any Free Will Baptist Church in the Cumberland Association. Brother Lindsley be approved to pastor his church and carry on his work under his present credentials until the Association convenes.
2. Recommend that Tommy Willey's application for ordination be approved.
3. Recommend that Ruby Jennings and Porter Ray Jennings' ordination be deferred with the understanding that they apply again after additional preparation and experience. They are to be encouraged to continue their work as licensed ministers in the gospel ministry.

After much discussion on recommendation No. 1, the motion passed as read.

Recommendation No. 2 passed.

Recommendation No. 3 passed after a brief discussion.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Brother J. L. Welch to meet at the call of the moderator.

REV. CARLOS CRAFT, *Moderator*  
E. BAYLESS McDONALD, *Clerk*

**Meeting at Free Will Baptist Bible College Auditorium, May 30, 9:45 A.M.**

The Presbytery of the Cumberland Association met at the Bible College Auditorium on Monday morning, May 30, at 9:45 A.M. for the purpose of ordaining Tommy Willey, Jr. to the work of the Gospel Ministry.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, College President, presented Rev. J. L. Welch, who stated the purpose of the meeting and called for the clerk to read the minutes of the April 22 meeting which qualified the candidate for ordination.

Rev. Tom Willey, Sr., missionary from Cuba and father of the candidate, read the Scripture and gave the charge to his son, Tom Willey, Jr. Following the charge, Rev. Bayless McDonald lead in the consecration prayer accompanied by the laying on of hands by the Presbytery.

E. BAYLESS McDONALD, *Clerk*

#### Meeting at Cofer's Chapel Church, June 15, 1955

At the Cofer's Chapel regular Wednesday night prayer service, June 15, at 7:45 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Welch, pastor, welcomed the congregation. After a brief service of prayer requests and announcements, he introduced Rev. Henry Oliver, who gave two very appropriate numbers in song. Brother Oliver then introduced Rev. John Lindsley of Franklin, Kentucky, who was to have charge of the service.

Brother Lindsley used Psalms 57 as his Scripture reading and preached his sermon from verse 7, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed." Following the message Brother Welch presented Mr. Lindsley as one desiring to become a member of Cofer's Chapel Church so he could become a member of the Cumberland Association Presbytery.

A show of hands indicated a unanimous vote to accept Brother Lindsley into the church. A Card of Standing in the Cumberland Association Presbytery was given him, after which the congregation came forward to shake hands and pledge Brother Lindsley their prayers. The service was dismissed by Rev. Henry Oliver.

E. BAYLESS McDONALD, *Clerk*

#### Meeting at West Nashville Church, August 19, 1955

The Cumberland Association Presbytery of Free Will Baptists met at a called meeting on Friday night, August 19, 1955 at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. C. A. Craft, moderator, called the meeting to order, and Rev. L. C. Johnson led in the opening prayer.

Ministers present were: E. A. Craft, Roger Reeds, J. O. Brown, Jr., Brother J. W. Boyte, Boyce Wallace, Ben Barrus, J. J. Abernathy, J. L. Welch, O. W. Davis, L. C. Johnson, Odell Harris, C. H. Burton, Jr., William Hill, Henry Van Kluyve, Robert King, Raymond Mayo, Luther Reed, C. A. Craft, E. B. McDonald, and J. B. Parsons. Twenty-four deacons were present.

Brother Craft stated the call of the meeting as concerning a doctrinal question and appealed, "Let us be brethren."

Brother J. L. Welch was called upon to lead in the meeting. He stated the purpose of the meeting was to try to arrive at an understanding since some questions of doctrine had come up among them.

Brother Welch gave a brief history of the doctrinal statement of Free Will Baptists. He showed that the present doctrinal statement is like the one published in 1848, 107 years ago. He pointed out that if we remain together as a denomination, we will have to uphold the doctrinal statement.

"It has been questioned among our brethren about some who have changed their doctrinal views on the Perseverance of the Saints," he explained.

Rev. Ben Barrus and Rev. Boyce Wallace were asked if they had changed their doctrinal position since they had become members of the Presbytery.

Brother Barrus pointed out that Free Will Baptists are not in agreement on the state of the backslider, but admitted he believed "The regenerate will persevere eternally" and that he had changed his position on this point since becoming a member of the Cumberland Presbytery.

Brother Wallace stated that after much study of the Bible and prayer he sincerely believed according to the word of God that once a person is saved he is eternally saved. He also stated he had changed his position on the Perseverance of the Saints since he had become a member of the Presbytery.

Brother Welch stated that these should be given a chance to conform to our doctrine of faith; otherwise it will be voted upon at our annual meeting. "If they cannot conform to our position, it would be to their advantage to find a group that believe their doctrinal position," Brother Welch said.

Brother Wallace stated to the Presbytery he had told Shady Grove Church what he believed before they had elected him as pastor for another year.

Brother Barrus testified that he had never preached eternal security in his church.

Brother Wallace stated when answering a question from one minister present, "I see no reason to change my mind," and that he did not think a time of consideration would be necessary.

Brother Welch instructed the two ministers that since their stand was in open conflict with Free Will Baptist doctrine there were two solutions:

- (1) Modify their views to agree with Free Will Baptist statement of faith and this would only be wanted if done with a clear conscience.
- (2) Withdraw from the denomination.

He stated furthermore that if the two ministers continued their present position, the Presbytery would have to deal with them at its annual meeting.

Brother Welch moved that the Presbytery be adjourned until the annual meeting. Motion passed, and Rev. Roger C. Reeds dismissed the assembly with prayer.

REV. CARLOS CRAFT, *Moderator*

E. BAYLESS McDONALD, *Clerk*

*Presbytery Meeting, Sylvan Park Church, October 10, 1955.*

The Cumberland Association Presbytery met at a called meeting at Sylvan Park Church on October 10, Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Carlos Craft, moderator, called upon Sammy Wilkinson to open the service with prayer.

An emergency examining committee was chosen by the moderator, consisting of E. A. Craft, chairman, E. B. McDonald, J. B. Parsons, Henry Van Kluyve, and W. T. Hagewood.

This committee made the following recommendations to the Presbytery.

1. Recommend the ratification of the following credentials:

W. A. Hales, Robert Owen, Gordon Sebastian, Robert E. Picirilli, Sammy Wilkinson, Cecil Sanders upon joining a local church, and Carl Young.

2. Recommend the ordination of the following:

Paul Inbody and James Bell.

Following the work of the examining committee, a motion to adjourn carried. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

REV. C. A. CRAFT, *Moderator*

E. BAYLESS McDONALD, *Clerk*

*Examining meeting at Pleasant Ridge Church, October 12, 1955.*

The Examining Committee met on the above date and was composed of the following: J. L. Welch, chairman, Sidney Henry, E. A. Craft, J. B. Parsons, Billy Walker, and Henry Van Kluyve. E. B. McDonald served as clerk.

The following recommendations were passed upon to be presented to the presbytery.

1. Recommend that the application of Jimmy Jones for ordination be deferred pending further preparation for the ministry.
2. Recommend that the credentials of Charles R. Miller be ratified.
3. Recommend that the Presbytery annul the ratification of the credentials of Rev. Ben Barrus and Rev. Boyce Wallace, because of the change of their views on the doctrine of eternal security.

REV. J. L. WELCH, *Chairman*

E. BAYLESS McDONALD, *Clerk*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

|                                                             |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance forward from October 12, 1954 .....                 | \$ .15   |
| Contributions from ministers for 1953-54 reports .....      | 43.00    |
| Refund from associational treasurer for programs, etc. .... | 29.32    |
|                                                             | <hr/>    |
| Total received and on hand .....                            | \$ 72.47 |

#### Disbursements:

|                                                                                                              |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| For Minutes .....                                                                                            | \$ 25.00 |
| Clerk's fee .....                                                                                            | 15.00    |
| Bank service charges .....                                                                                   | 3.00     |
| Sending minutes and notices .....                                                                            | 21.30    |
|                                                                                                              | <hr/>    |
| Total Disbursements .....                                                                                    | \$ 64.30 |
|                                                                                                              | <hr/>    |
| Balance in Bank October 6, 1955 .....                                                                        | \$ 8.17  |
| Due from Cumberland Association treasurer for mailing state<br>minutes and church letters and programs ..... | \$ 4.78  |

E. BAYLESS McDONALD,  
Secretary and Treasurer

### LICENSED MINISTERS

J. L. Parsons, D. L. Sharp, Jimmy Jones, Ruby Jennings, and Porter Ray Jennings.



## MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

|                    |                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Abernathy, J. J.   | Route 1, Joelton               |
| Bell, James N.     | Nashville                      |
| Bloss, J. B.       | 311 West 15th St., Columbia    |
| Bowen, C. F.       | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville  |
| Boyte, J. W.       | 3141 Holman St., Nashville     |
| Brown, J. O., Jr.  | 543 Croley Drive, Nashville    |
| Burroughs, C. L.   | 108 E. 9th St., Columbia       |
| Carroll, W. R.     | Bumpus Mills                   |
| Castile, W. M.     | Route 1, Bumpus Mills          |
| Craft, C. A.       | 6301 Pa. Ave., Nashville       |
| Craft, E. A.       | 4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville  |
| Davenport, W. B.   | Ashland City                   |
| Davis, H. W.       | Route 3, Ashland City          |
| Davis, Oscar W.    | 1024 17th Ave., So., Nashville |
| DaVoult, Lonnie E. | Holdenville, Oklahoma          |
| Dodd, Damon C.     | 433 East Bend Drive, Nashville |
| Faries, Odes       | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville  |
| Hagewood, W. T.    | Route 5, Clarksville           |
| Hales, W. A.       | 810 W. Douglas, Nashville      |
| Hall, E. L.        | Route 3, Lewisport, Kentucky   |
| Harris, Odell      | Route 2, Ashland City          |
| Hatcher, D. A.     | Route 3, McEwen                |
| Henry, Shelvie     | McEwen                         |
| Henry, Sidney      | Route 1, McEwen                |
| Hill, Robert C.    | Route 1, Joelton               |
| Hill, William J.   | 616 Russell St., Nashville     |
| Inbody, Paul W.    | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville  |
| Jennette, Charles  | Route 7, Clarksville           |
| Johnson, L. C.     | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville  |
| King, Robert L.    | Route 3, Cedar Hill            |
| Lee, Marvis        | Route 3, Cookeville            |
| Lindsley, John     | Mitchellville                  |
| Marshall, W. E.    | 310 Osceola Ave., Nashville    |
| Mayo, R. E.        | Springfield                    |
| McDonald, Bayless  | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville  |
| Miller, Charles R. | Columbia                       |
| McIntosh, J. L.    | 525 E. Maple St., Madison      |
| Mooneyham, W. S.   | 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville  |
| Moore, B. A.       | 771 Oakdale Drive, Madison     |
| Oliver, Wm. Henry  | 116 South 12th St., Nashville  |
| Owen, Robert       | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville  |
| Parsons, J. B.     | Route 2, Joelton               |

|                        |                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Paul, Wallace          | 321½ E. 15th St., Columbia                  |
| Picirilli, Robert      | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville               |
| Reed, Luther           | Route 1, Ashland City                       |
| Ricketts, J. S.        | 507 White St., Columbia                     |
| Sebastian, Gordon      | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville               |
| Smith, James V.        | Route 1, McEwen                             |
| Troutman, A. B.        | P. O. Box 109, Owensboro, Kentucky          |
| Van Kluyve, Henry J.   | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville               |
| Walker, Billy          | 3912 Murphy Road, Nashville                 |
| Welch, J. L.           | 1604 10th Ave. N., Nashville                |
| Wilkinson, Sammy       | 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville               |
| Willey, Thomas H., Jr. | 1701 Richland St., Columbia, South Carolina |
| Williams, Darnell      | Joelton                                     |
| Young, Carl            | 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville               |

### MINISTERS' STATISTICAL REPORT 1954-1955

| NAMES OF<br>MINISTERS | Sermons<br>Preached | Prayer<br>Meetings Held | Funerals<br>Conducted | Marriages<br>Solemnized | Special<br>Services | Revivals<br>Conducted | Revivals<br>Assisted In | Conversions<br>Witnessed | Received Into<br>Church | Baptized | Homes<br>Visited | Miles<br>Traveled | Money<br>Received |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| J. J. Abernathy       | 118                 | 40                      | 8                     | 7                       | 3                   | 1                     | .....                   | 36                       | 31                      | 18       | 75               | 10,000            | \$ 1,230.38       |
| J. B. Bloss           | 178                 | 65                      | 21                    | 4                       | 2                   | 8                     | 1                       | 92                       | 56                      | 38       | 475              | 6,434             | 3,380.00          |
| C. F. Bowen           | 89                  | 40                      | 4                     | 1                       | 3                   | 5                     | 1                       | 128                      | 16                      | 14       | 53               | 10,000            | 2,340.00          |
| J. W. Boyte           | 10                  | 6                       | .....                 | .....                   | .....               | .....                 | .....                   | .....                    | .....                   | .....    | .....            | .....             | .....             |
| James O. Brown, Jr.   | 80                  | .....                   | .....                 | .....                   | .....               | .....                 | 2                       | 14                       | 10                      | 10       | 200              | 5,250             | 5.00              |
| C. L. Burroughs       | 23                  | 10                      | .....                 | 1                       | .....               | .....                 | .....                   | 1                        | .....                   | .....    | 25               | 5,000             | 25.00             |
| W. R. Carroll         | 75                  | .....                   | 14                    | 3                       | .....               | 3                     | .....                   | 2                        | 5                       | 4        | .....            | 5,000             | 1,277.65          |
| C. A. Craft           | 112                 | 41                      | 6                     | 4                       | 7                   | .....                 | 2                       | 18                       | 14                      | 9        | 80               | 7,000             | 1,650.00          |
| E. A. Craft           | 105                 | 35                      | 20                    | 4                       | .....               | 2                     | 2                       | 17                       | 25                      | 12       | .....            | 12,000            | 3,900.00          |
| H. W. Davis           | 119                 | 50                      | .....                 | .....                   | 11                  | 2                     | .....                   | 7                        | 5                       | 3        | 81               | 13,000            | 2,500.00          |
| Damon C. Dodd         | 250                 | .....                   | .....                 | .....                   | 36                  | 6                     | .....                   | 250                      | .....                   | .....    | .....            | 50,000            | 5,600.00          |
| E. L. Hall            | 217                 | 55                      | 6                     | 1                       | 2                   | 6                     | 1                       | 133                      | 20                      | 13       | .....            | 2,400             | 4,718.00          |
| Odell Harris          | 161                 | 52                      | 2                     | 1                       | .....               | 3                     | 2                       | 25                       | 8                       | 5        | 545              | 15,000            | 2,300.00          |
| D. A. Hatcher         | 75                  | 10                      | 1                     | 1                       | .....               | 2                     | .....                   | .....                    | .....                   | .....    | 30               | 1,000             | 490.00            |
| Shelvie Henry         | 156                 | 25                      | .....                 | .....                   | 2                   | .....                 | 2                       | 7                        | 11                      | 8        | 35               | 1,800             | 365.00            |
| Sidney Henry          | 200                 | 40                      | 7                     | 2                       | 6                   | 6                     | 2                       | 56                       | 20                      | 14       | 75               | 20,000            | 1,489.95          |
| Robert C. Hill        | 127                 | 50                      | 6                     | 3                       | 3                   | 4                     | 1                       | 136                      | 17                      | 9        | 63               | 20,000            | 3,150.00          |
| William J. Hill       | 115                 | 50                      | .....                 | 2                       | 8                   | 2                     | 1                       | 134                      | 5                       | 4        | 110              | 15,000            | 2,140.00          |
| Charles Jennette      | 72                  | 2                       | .....                 | .....                   | .....               | 1                     | .....                   | 4                        | .....                   | .....    | 30               | 4,825             | 530.78            |
| Robert King           | 118                 | 45                      | 4                     | .....                   | 1                   | .....                 | 1                       | 50                       | 17                      | 13       | 45               | 3,000             | 2,465.00          |
| Marvis Lee            | 289                 | 19                      | 3                     | .....                   | 31                  | 18                    | 1                       | 102                      | 14                      | 9        | 683              | 17,880            | 1,910.00          |
| John Lindsay          | 61                  | 28                      | 1                     | 1                       | .....               | .....                 | 1                       | .....                    | 24                      | .....    | 55               | 540               | 576.61            |
| R. E. Mayo            | 153                 | 15                      | 1                     | .....                   | 7                   | 1                     | .....                   | 5                        | 4                       | 1        | 150              | 2,150             | 38.65             |
| J. L. McIntosh        | 25                  | 8                       | .....                 | .....                   | 1                   | .....                 | 1                       | .....                    | 10                      | 2        | 30               | 500               | 123.00            |
| W. S. Mooneyham       | 154                 | .....                   | .....                 | .....                   | .....               | 6                     | .....                   | 68                       | .....                   | .....    | .....            | 35,000            | 4,300.00          |
| Wm. Henry Oliver      | 16                  | .....                   | 2                     | 3                       | .....               | .....                 | .....                   | .....                    | .....                   | 1        | 75               | 2,000             | 145.00            |
| J. B. Parsons         | 103                 | 8                       | 5                     | 1                       | 3                   | .....                 | 1                       | 5                        | 11                      | 4        | 54               | 4,547             | 1,205.00          |
| Wallace Paul          | 109                 | 24                      | 5                     | 2                       | 6                   | 1                     | .....                   | 17                       | 12                      | 9        | 24               | 5,300             | 872.74            |
| Luther Reed           | 110                 | 16                      | 5                     | .....                   | 7                   | 2                     | 1                       | 16                       | 14                      | 8        | 24               | 13,000            | 802.25            |
| J. S. Ricketts        | 43                  | 12                      | 1                     | .....                   | 2                   | .....                 | .....                   | 1                        | .....                   | .....    | 37               | 1,217             | 128.50            |
| James V. Smith        | 96                  | 12                      | 1                     | .....                   | 2                   | .....                 | 3                       | 5                        | 4                       | 30       | 105              | 4,500             | 492.10            |
| A. B. Troutman        | 256                 | 42                      | 3                     | .....                   | 15                  | 2                     | 4                       | 69                       | 35                      | .....    | 240              | 10,000            | 1,500.00          |
| Henry Van Kluyve      | 95                  | 52                      | 2                     | .....                   | 1                   | 1                     | 1                       | 38                       | 8                       | 8        | 90               | 17,000            | 2,010.00          |
| Billy Walker          | 37                  | 3                       | .....                 | .....                   | 1                   | .....                 | .....                   | 1                        | .....                   | .....    | 50               | 5,000             | 50.00             |
| Boyce Wallace         | 120                 | 5                       | .....                 | .....                   | 10                  | .....                 | 2                       | 15                       | 10                      | 8        | 250              | 16,000            | 2,250.00          |
| J. L. Welch           | 109                 | .....                   | .....                 | .....                   | .....               | 1                     | .....                   | 23                       | 21                      | .....    | 400              | 4,356             | 3,150.00          |
| Thomas H. Willey, Jr. | 27                  | 46                      | 10                    | .....                   | .....               | 1                     | .....                   | 20                       | 14                      | 13       | .....            | 8,000             | 450.00            |
| Darnell Williams      | 102                 | 51                      | 1                     | 1                       | .....               | 1                     | .....                   | 4                        | 5                       | .....    | 56               | 3,192             | 1,221.00          |

**CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS**

| <b>Church</b>    | <b>Pastor for 1954-55</b> | <b>Pastor for 1955-56</b> |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ashland City     | H. W. Davis               | H. W. Davis               |
| Barren Plains    | J. B. Parsons             | Floyd Arnold              |
| Bethel           | Odes Faries               | John W. Vick              |
| Bethlehem        | Roger Reeds               | Robert Shockey            |
| Brandon's Chapel | W. R. Carroll             | W. R. Carroll             |
| Carlisle         |                           | Sidney Henry              |
| Cofer's Chapel   | J. L. Welch               | J. L. Welch               |
| Columbia First   | Arlo Peppers              | Wallace Paul              |
| Dickson          | Sidney Henry              | Carl Young                |
| Donelson         |                           | Robert Owen               |
| Dunbar Chapel    | W. R. Carroll             | Charles Jennette          |
| East Nashville   | Ben Barrus                | William Hill              |
| Friendship       | Jessie White              | Jessie White              |
| Good Springs     | C. F. Bowen               | Paul Inbody               |
| Gorman           | D. A. Hatcher             | D. A. Hatcher             |
| Grace            |                           | John Lindsley             |
| Head's           | Robert King               | Robert King               |
| Hurricane Chapel | Shelvie Henry             | Shelvie Henry             |
| Loyal Chapel     | J. B. Bloss               | J. B. Bloss               |
| Madison          |                           | J. L. McIntosh            |
| Miller's Chapel  | Jimmy Jones               | Jimmy Jones               |
| Mt. Pleasant     | J. J. Abernathy           | J. J. Abernathy           |
| Mt. Zion         | Odell Harris              | Odell Harris              |
| New Hope         | Robert C. Hill            | Robert C. Hill            |
| New Macedonia    | J. S. Ricketts            | Bayless McDonald          |
| Oak Grove        | C. H. Burton, Jr.         | Gordon Sebastian          |
| Oakland          | Darnell Williams          | J. E. Blanton             |
| Oaklawn          | William Hill              | Don Hill                  |
| Oak Wood         | Luther Reed               | Luther Reed               |
| Olivet           | Henry Van Kluyve          | Henry Van Kluyve          |
| Owensboro, First | E. L. Hall                | E. L. Hall                |
| Palmer Memorial  |                           | Sammy Wilkinson           |
| Pleasant Hill    | W. R. Carroll             | W. R. Carroll             |
| Pleasant Ridge   | G. P. Givens              | G. P. Givens              |
| Rock Springs     | Paul Sitton               | Paul Sitton               |

|                      |                  |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Scott's Chapel       | Sidney Henry     | Sidney Henry     |
| Shady Grove          | Boyce Wallace    | Kenneth Walker   |
| Springfield, First   | R. E. Mayo       | Cecil Sanders    |
| Stone Chapel         |                  | James N. Bell    |
| Stony Point          | James V. Smith   | James V. Smith   |
| Sylvan Park          | E. A. Craft      | E. A. Craft      |
| Trinity              | Lonnie DaVoult   | W. A. Hales      |
| Union Hill           | Charles Jennette | Charles Jennette |
| West Nashville       | C. A. Craft      | C. A. Craft      |
| West Side, Owensboro | Wilbur Kerrick   |                  |
| Woodbine             | J. O. Brown, Jr. | Paul Lee         |

