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DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. Luther Reed, Route 5, Ashland City, Tennessee
 Assistant Moderator—Rev. Robert Hill, 124 Hart Lane, Nashville, Tennessee
 Clerk—Rev. E. B. McDonald, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
 Treasurer—Mr. J. B. Reding, Route 2, Adams, Tennessee

BOARDS

Education and Literature—Rev. Ellis Cravens, Rev. E. B. McDonald, Rev. John Edwards.
 Home for Children—Rev. J. O. Brown, Jr., Russell Lee, Rev. E. A. Craft.
 Foreign Missions—Rev. J. B. Fletcher, Rev. Jack Paramore, Rev. Bobby Poole.
 Home Missions—J. W. Love (1958), Elmer Felts (1959), A. G. Caldwell (1960), Rev. J. L. McIntosh (1961), Rev. Robert Shockey (1962).
 Superannuation—J. B. Reding, Rev. Charles Jennette, Rev. Kenneth Walker, Clyde Vann, John Perry, Miles Gower.
 Youth Camp—Rev. Arthur Billows (1958), Rev. William Hill (1959), Rev. Kenneth Walker (1960).

TREASURERS TO WHOM FUNDS ARE TO BE SENT

Education—Rev. E. B. McDonald, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
 Home for Children—H. C. Burgess, Route 9, Greeneville, Tennessee
 Foreign Missions—Rev. Raymond Riggs, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee
 Home Missions—A. G. Caldwell, Route 1, Joelton, Tennessee
 Superannuation—J. B. Reding, Route 2, Adams, Tennessee

ASSOCIATIONAL ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS

Gene Anderson*
 Arthur Billows
 J. O. Brown, Jr.
 W. R. Carroll
 C. A. Craft
 E. A. Craft
 Ellis Cravens
 Eunis Crowe
 Teddy Davis*
 John Edwards
 J. B. Fletcher
 E. M. French*

D. A. Hatcher
 Shelvie Henry
 Sidney Henry
 Harmon Herndon
 Joe Hurst
 Paul Inbody
 Don Jones
 L. C. Johnson
 Willie Justice
 E. B. McDonald
 J. L. McIntosh
 Charles R. Miller

W. S. Mooneyham
 Luther Morgan
 Mack Owens
 Jack Paramore
 J. B. Parsons
 J. L. Parsons
 Wallace Paul
 Marion Pettus
 Robert Picirilli
 Bobby Poole
 Luther Reed
 J. S. Ricketts
 Cecil Sanders

Gordon Sebastian
 Donald Sexton
 Robert Shockey
 D. L. Sharpe
 John H. Sneed
 Charles Thigpen*
 Roy Thomas
 John Vick
 Kenneth Walker
 Columbus C. Wallace
 J. L. Welch
 Homer Willis*

*Visiting Ministers

DEACONS

J. B. Burke
 A. G. Caldwell
 R. E. Felts
 Ken Gilliam
 J. W. Love
 J. L. Mallady
 Tom Pierce

Charles Poole
 J. B. Reding
 Henry Reed
 C. R. Richardson
 Ed Sinks
 A. A. Stewart
 J. W. Tummins

DELEGATES

Ashland City—Mrs. J. E. Frazier
Barren Plains—Mrs. Hazel Felts
Bethel—Rebecca Clifton
Bethlehem—Mrs. Mary Reed
Brandons Chapel—George Morgan
Carlisle—Forrest Reynolds
Cofers Chapel—Rev. J. L. Welch
Columbia First—Nathan Staggs
Dickson First—Robert Baggett
Donelson—Mrs. Frank Rudy
Dunbar Chapel—

Mrs. Fulton Edwards
East Nashville—Mrs. Fannie Polston
Friendship—Mrs. Dorothy Binkley
Good Springs—Mrs. Edith Moore
Gorman—Mrs. John Hows
Grace—James Ricketts
Greenwood—Hershel Wooden
Heads—Robbie Head
Hurricane Chapel—
 Johnny Tummins
Loyal Chapel—Rev. J. S. Ricketts
Madison—Mrs. John Blazer

Millers Chapel—Rev. O. S. Carroll
Mt. Zion—Marvis Ellis
New Hope—Mrs. Arthur Billows
Oak Grove—Melvin Hayes
Oakland—Mrs. Helen Perry
Oakwood—Mrs. Edgar Seay
Oak Wood (Woodlawn)—
 Waymon Minniehan
Olivet—A. R. Moore
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Lottie Lewis
Pleasant Ridge—Mrs. Odell Johnson
Richland—Ellen Faye Gilliam
Rock Springs—

Mrs. Lillie Mai Hagewood
Scotts Chapel—Glen Clements
Shady Grove—Edward Poole
Springfield—Mrs. Patricia Thomas
Stony Point—Mrs. Lorene Albright
Sylvan Park—Patrick Lawrence
Trinity—Mrs. Edwin Felts
Union Hill—Wallace Howell
West Nashville—Mrs. Percy Green
Woodbine—Mrs. Earnest Swearns

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Morning, October 16, 1957

The One Hundred Fourteenth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee met at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 16, at Gorman Free Will Baptist Church, McEwen, Tennessee.

The moderator, Rev. Luther Reed, opened the service by calling the meeting to order. Rev. J. B. Fletcher led the assembly in singing "Higher Ground," and "O Happy Day," followed by devotions conducted by Rev. Joe Hurst, who read from 2 Tim. 4:1-3 and led in prayer.

A registration committee at the door, headed by Rev. Gordon Sebastian, received church letters and registered delegates, ministers, deacons, and visitors.

Rev. D. A. Hatcher, host pastor, welcomed the congregation to Gorman Church, and Rev. Robert Shockey expressed thanks and appreciation for the privilege of meeting with Gorman Church and community.

The moderator called for a motion to accept the printed program and to follow it as much as possible during the association. A motion was made accordingly and passed.

The moderator called for the ministers, deacons, and delegates to stand, and he recognized them as the voting body of the association.

Visiting ministers were recognized and their names were recorded as a part of these minutes.

The moderator appointed the Finance Committee as follows: Rev. J. O. Brown, Robert Baggett, and Mrs. Mary Reed.

The following Committee on Committees was appointed: Rev. J. B. Fletcher, Rev. John Vick, and Rev. J. B. Parsons.

The moderator called for a report to be given by Brother H. C. Burgess, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Greeneville, Tennessee. Mr. Burgess reported \$2241.57 was given by the Cumberland Association to the home during the past year, a drop of more than \$200 from the previous year. Further information was given about the work and needs of the home.

The rules of decorum were read by the clerk and the moderator emphasized the importance of following these rules for a better working association.

Motion passed for the moderator to appoint an assistant moderator to serve during the association in the absence of the regular assistant. Rev. John Vick was appointed.

Following another talk by Brother Burgess on the Home for Children, a motion was passed to receive an offering during the morning worship service to go on the indebtedness of the home.

The moderator adjourned the morning session to go into the morning worship service. Rev. John Vick led the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Rev. E. A. Craft led in prayer.

A period of special music was given. The King's Messengers quartet sang

"I've a Saviour to be Proud Of" and "There's a Balm in Gilead." Rev. and Mrs. Roy Thomas sang "I'm Homesick for Heaven."

An offering was received for the Children's Home, amounting to \$80.

The moderator then called upon Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, to bring the morning message. Mr. Thigpen read for his text John 1:42 and preached on the "Recoverability of Sinners."

The moderator expressed his appreciation for the heart-warming message and the cooperation of the people in making possible a smooth service.

Brother Hatcher invited all the people to partake of the lunch provided by the church. The congregation stood to be dismissed from the service as Rev. E. M. French prayed the benediction and gave thanks to God for the meal.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session was called to order by the moderator. Brother Randy Cox led the congregation in singing "Standing on the Promises." Rev. Luther Morgan led in prayer followed by two songs by the King's Messengers, "On the Battlefield," and "Where No One Stands Alone."

The Examining Committee of the Presbytery was called to meet. Mrs. Helen Inbody recorded the minutes of the afternoon session.

The moderator, Rev. Luther Reed, read from 1 Cor. 1:17-31 and brought a message on "We Preach Christ Crucified."

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. J. B. Parsons. Motion passed to adopt this report.

The report of the revision committee was given by Rev. E. B. McDonald. Motion passed to consider this report item by item.

The following action was taken:

Article 1. Accepted.

Article 2. Accepted.

Article 3. To be deleted.

Article 5. Accepted.

Article 7. Motion made (Inbody) to amend to "new churches *shall* petition the quarterly meeting for membership," and deleting the last two sentences of this article. This amendment was seconded and passed.

Motion passed to accept Article 7 as amended.

Article 10. Accepted.

Article 11. Motion passed to amend by addition that "No person shall be ordained to the ministry nor shall the credentials of any minister be ratified". . . .

Motion passed to accept this Article 11 as amended.

Boards. Motion passed to amend the setup on boards by inserting "superannuation Board" following Home Mission Board and inserting "Superannuation Board" following Youth Camp Board in the standing board section. Motion carried to accept this article as amended.

Article 9. Motion passed that this article be restudied by the revision committee for clarification.

The report of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting was given by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. Motion passed to receive this report.

The report of the 1956 Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists was given by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. This report was accepted.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham gave a report of the National Association meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. Motion passed to receive this report.

A registration report was given by J. B. Reding, which was accepted.

A special report of the Master's Men was given by Brother H. A. Christian, petitioning the association for a committee of three to work with the Master's Men in planning and organizing the proposed youth camp property.

Motion passed that the association give its strongest endorsement to this project and that the Cumberland Youth Board serve as the committee.

The afternoon service was adjourned and Rev. J. L. Welch prayed the benediction.

Wednesday Night

A Wednesday night service was held at 7:30. Following a song service, Brother Dave Franks, missionary candidate to Brazil, brought a missionary message and gave information on the opportunities in Brazil for a Free Will Baptist work. An offering of \$11.06 was received.

Thursday Morning, October 17, 1957

The moderator called the meeting to order at 9:40, and Rev. John Vick led the congregation in singing "Bring Them In." Rev. Robert Shockey led in prayer, asking God's blessings upon the associational work for the day. The congregation then sang "Victory in Jesus."

Rev. Sidney Henry led in devotions and in prayer.

The moderator qualified the voting body by recognizing the ministers, deacons, and delegates.

Rev. John Vick took the chair and called for the reading of the previous day's minutes, which were approved as read.

The Education and Literature Board and Foreign Mission Board made no reports.

The Home Mission Board report was given by Rev. Robert Shockey and motion passed to accept this report. Motion passed to receive an offering in the morning worship service for the new church in Clarksville.

The Superannuation Report was given by J. B. Reding and was accepted.

No Youth Camp report was given.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of Free Will Baptist College, gave a report on education in the Free Will Baptist Church and a report from the Bible College. He read a statement of receipts for the past year. He told of the importance of the Bible College training in contributing to the overall work of the denomination in sending the gospel to the ends of the earth. He appealed to the pastors and churches to support the Bible College as a part of the ministry of their church. Motion passed to receive this report.

The business session was adjourned to go into the morning worship service. During the singing of "Amazing Grace" an offering of \$29.57 was received for the Home Mission project in Clarksville. Rev. Jack Paramore led in the singing of "When We All Get To Heaven."

Rev. Homer Willis was introduced as the speaker for the morning service. He reported first on the work of Home Missions on the national level. Brother Willis read his text from John 7:11 "Where is he?" and brought a message on the person of Christ.

Following the message the assembly was dismissed by prayer led by Rev. Willie Justice. Again the Gorman Church folk supplied the noon meal to all present.

Thursday Afternoon

The Thursday afternoon session opened with the singing of "Glory to His Name" followed by prayer led by Rev. Mack Owens.

The moderator called for the committee reports.

The Finance Committee report was given by Rev. J. O. Brown, which was accepted.

The Obituary report was given by Mrs. J. E. Frazier, and the congregation stood for a silent prayer in tribute to those who had passed away during the year. Rev. Luther Reed prayed for God's blessings upon the living and upon the memory of the deceased. Jack Paramore sang "When the Roll is Called up Yonder" in memory of those named on the Obituary report. Motion passed to receive this report.

The Petitions and Request report was given by Rev. Sidney Henry, and motion passed to receive the report for consideration.

Motion passed that Greenwood Church, Richland Church, and Oak Wood Church be received into the association.

Motion passed that the next association be held at Carlisle Free Will Baptist Church.

The Resolutions report was given by Rev. Luther Morgan and approved for consideration.

Motion passed that the resolution concerning the youth camp site be approved.

Resolution No. 2 was adopted.

Resolution No. 3 was adopted. The associational body stood in appreciation for the hospitality of Gorman Church in entertaining the association.

Resolution No. 4. Carried.

The Temperance report was given by Mrs. Fannie Polston, which was adopted.

Motion passed that a committee from this body go to the radio and TV stations to protest in person the alcoholic ads on programs. The following committee was elected: E. B. McDonald, Charles Miller, Luther Reed.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Rev. J. B. Fletcher. Motion passed to receive this report and consider it item by item.

Motion passed to elect Rev. Ellis Cravens and Rev. John Edwards to the Education and Literature Board.

Motion passed to elect Rev. E. A. Craft to the Home for Children Board.

Motion passed to elect Rev. J. B. Fletcher, Rev. Jack Paramore, and Rev. Bobby Poole to the Foreign Mission Board.

Motion passed for Rev. Robert Shockey to succeed himself on the Home Mission Board and for Brother J. W. Love to replace Rev. Robert Hill.

Motion passed to elect Brother J. B. Reding to the Superannuation Board.

Motion passed to elect Rev. Kenneth Walker and Rev. Arthur Billows to the Youth Camp Board, replacing Rev. Paul Inbody and Rev. Robert King.

Delegates to the state association were elected according to the Nominating Committee report.

Rev. E. A. Craft gave the revision committee report as follows:

Article 9. Strike out "deacons who shall come . . ." Motion carried to accept this report.

The report of the Western Quarterly Meeting was given by Rev. Virgil Smith. Motion passed to approve this report.

The report of the Woman's Auxiliary was given by Mrs. J. O. Brown, which was accepted.

The financial report of the Home Mission Board was given by Brother A. G. Caldwell. This report was accepted.

A brief report on the Presbytery was given by Rev. E. B. McDonald. Motion passed to approve this report. (See Minutes of Presbytery).

The treasurer's report of the association was given by J. B. Reding. Motion carried to receive this report.

The final registration report was given by J. B. Reding. Motion passed to receive this report as follows:

Churches reporting—	43
Ministers registered—	47
Deacons registered—	14
Delegates registered—	51
Visitors registered—	94

Total registered	206
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Motion passed that the treasurer send a check for the state fees to that body.

The clerk read letters from the two churches in Owensboro, Kentucky, requesting dismissal from the association. Motion passed to grant letters of dismissal to these churches.

No further business came before the association so a motion to adjourn carried. The association stood adjourned to meet at the Carlisle Free Will Baptist Church in Carlisle, Tennessee on the Wednesday and Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1958.

The Reverend Homer Willis dismissed the service with prayer.

REV. LUTHER REED, *Moderator*
REV. E. B. McDONALD, *Clerk*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

OBITUARY

Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. I. N. Clifton, Charles Poole

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Rev. Paul Inbody, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Mrs. Audry Felts

RESOLUTIONS

Rev. Robert Shockey, Rev. Gordon Sebastian, Mrs. J. E. Blanton

TEMPERANCE

Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. John Blazer, Rev. C. A. Craft

NOMINATING

Rev. Kenneth Walker, Rev. J. B. Fletcher, Rev. E. A. Craft

REV. J. B. FLETCHER

REV. JOHN VICK

REV. J. B. PARSONS

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Each year, reverently and sadly, we pause to pay tribute to those who have finished their earthly career and have entered into eternal life with our triumphant Lord. We know their places can never be filled, but their going is a challenge to those of us who remain to "fight the good fight" and to redeem the time most diligently.

Let us rise. With bowed heads we will stand in a minute of silent prayer in memoriam to these departed loved ones. Brother Luther Reed will close the prayer after which Brother Jack Paramore will sing "When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

Rev. W. T. Hagewood, Rock Springs Church; Mrs. Jesse Nelson, Greenwood Church; and Brother Vernon Davis, Sylvan Park Church, were the names given to this committee.

MRS. ISAAC CLIFTON

MRS. J. E. FRAZIER

CHARLES POOLE

REPORT OF PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

We, your committee on Petitions and Requests, submit the following churches to be accepted in this association:

1. Greenwood Church, Cross Plains, Tennessee
2. Richland Church, Nashville, Tennessee

3. Oak Wood Church, Woodlawn, Tennessee

Carlisle Church requested the Cumberland Association of 1958 to meet with them.

REV. SIDNEY HENRY
MRS. GEORGE MORRIS
MRS. EDWIN FELTS

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that each pastor and delegate go back to his or her church and enlist their full support for the purchasing and building of the youth camp which the Master's Men have taken as their project.

2. Be it resolved that all Home Mission offerings of the local church be sent to the Cumberland Home Mission Board treasurer.

3. Be it resolved that we offer this church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality shown to us during this association.

4. Be it resolved that the payments made on the Education Loan Fund which the Cumberland Association once had, be paid by the treasurer of this body to the Bible College Building Fund as they are received.

REV. LUTHER MORGAN
REV. WILLIE JUSTICE
REV. JACK PARAMORE

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Recognizing the increasing problem of liquor drinking among young people as well as adults, we recommend that we protest to radio and TV stations of the increasing trend to associate drinking of beer and wine with sports broadcasts, and the invasion of the same into our homes.

We urge all church members to set a worthy example by taking a stand for total abstinence from all alcoholic beverage.

MRS. FANNIE POLSTON
MRS. JOHN BLAZER

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We submit the following nominations for board members and delegates to the State Association:

Education and Literature—Ellis Cravens for Sammy Wilkinson; John Edwards

Home for Children—E. A. Craft

Foreign Missions—J. B. Fletcher; Jack Paramore; Bobby Poole

Home Missions—Robert Shockey; J. W. Love

Superannuation—J. B. Reding

Youth Camp—Kenneth Walker, Arthur Billows

Delegates to State Association from District—Mrs. Fannie Polston, Mrs. J. E. Frazier, Mrs. George Morris, Mrs. Haskel Felts, J. B. Reding, Mrs. J. O. Brown, Edward Poole, Pat Lawrence, Miss Mary Patton, Mrs. Hazel Felts, Herbert Pepper, Mrs. Edwin Felts, Fay Gilliam, Mrs. J. E. Blanton, Mrs. J. B. Fletcher, Mrs. Kenneth Walker, Mrs. Mat Maxey, Mrs. Wadell Binkley.

Delegates from the Sunday School—Mrs. J. B. Parsons, Mrs. William Hill, Mrs. Paul Inbody, Mrs. Sidney Henry, Mrs. A. L. Lamb.

Delegates from the League—Miss Rebecca Stewart, W. G. Boyd, Ray Turnage, Mrs. Betty Shockey, Mrs. Isaac Clifton.

REV. J. B. FLETCHER

REV. KENNETH WALKER

REV. E. A. CRAFT

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Finance, respectfully submit the following:

Received from 43 churches\$365.40

Offerings:

Children's Home 80.00

Foreign Missions 11.06

Home Missions for Clarksville 29.57

Total received\$486.03

J. O. BROWN, JR.

BOBBY BAGGETT

MRS. MARY REED

REPORTS OF BOARDS

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Report of the Superannuation Board from October 1, 1956 to September 30, 1957.

Cash on hand, October 1, 1956\$ 685.74

Receipts:

Bethel Church	1.00
Bethlehem Church	42.00
Brandon's Chapel	15.00
Cofer's Chapel	100.00
Donelson Church	17.50
Dunbar's Chapel	9.00
Eastern Quarterly Meeting	57.40
Friendship Church	20.00
Grace Church	1.34
Head's Church	6.00
Mt. Pleasant	2.00
Olivet Church	30.00
Shady Grove Church	30.00
Tennessee F. W. B. Woman's Auxiliary	19.00
Tenn. F. W. B. Woman's Aux. (For Brother Davenport)	5.00
West Nashville League	50.00

\$1,090.98

Expenses:

Rev. W. B. Davenport	\$605.00
Rev. W. T. Hagewood	350.00
Nat'l Superannuation Board	100.06
Balance in bank September 30, 1957	\$ 35.92

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. REDING, *Secretary-Treasurer*
Superannuation Board

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Report of the Home Mission Board, October 1956 to September 1957.

We are very proud to present this year's progress of the Cumberland Association Mission Board.

The progress at Madison has been very good. This year they have a building on their lot and a good report of services. They expect to build an auditorium and use the present building as an educational building.

Donelson Church is progressing very rapidly with a wonderful basement in completion which is being used for worship services. They hope to start their building program for the auditorium soon.

Palmer Memorial has purchased a lot and is now in the process of paying it off and hopes to build soon.

Cross Plains has been reorganized and is now on its feet with good expectation for continued progress.

Our largest endeavor this year has been the challenge of Clarksville. This work begun by Brother Paul Inbody has been steadily progressing with a wonderful response from the people of Clarksville as well as our own. We now have a lot debt free, given by Mr. Purdue of Clarksville, with property value of \$3000, and the best prospects of being a growing, prospering church in our association. Brother Paul Inbody and family are full-time missionaries supported by our own Cumberland Association and the National Association.

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

This past year each of the above churches received help from our Home Mission Board as follows:

Donelson	\$100.00
Palmer Memorial	100.00
Madison	100.00
Clarksville	200.00
Cross Plains	16.74

Our board members visited 18 churches with a film and made contact with most of the other churches with a challenge to do more, to pray more, and to give more for the cause of Christ.

Our hopes are high for continued progress this next year. We are praying that Clarksville will be self-supporting along with other works which we hope to help or get started. Some of our help will be directed toward the following churches this next year: Palmer Memorial; Richland; Franklin, Tenn.; Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and South Nashville.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. ROBERT SHOCKEY, *Board Member*

Financial Report of Home Mission Board:

Balance on hand, October 17, 1956\$ 543.82

Receipts:

West Nashville	\$45.00
Bethlehem	99.12
Good Springs	55.91
Olivet	66.95
Barren Plains	11.00
Oaklawn	30.48
New Hope	45.00
Donelson	34.25
Dunbar Chapel	3.00
Brandon's Chapel	10.00
Cofer's Chapel	50.00
Gorman Church	3.87
Loyal Chapel	17.36
Mt. Zion	8.14

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	CLERK AND ADDRESS	Church Membership	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Sunday School Enrollment	League Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliary Membership	Number of Deacons
Ashland City.....	Mrs. Russell Balthrop, Ashland City.....	135	16	2	105	44	25	7
Barren Plains.....	Mrs. Hazel Felts, Rt. 1, Pleasant View.....	33	9		42	28		2
Bethel.....	J. W. Austin, Rt. 5, Ashland City.....	350	21	2	145	74	25	
Bethlehem.....	Mrs. C. F. Reed, Rt. 5, Ashland City.....	268	16	1	175	88	38	6
Brandon's Chapel.....	Mrs. Thelma Melton, Rt. 1, Big Rock.....	100		3				2
Carlisle.....	Mary L. Warfield, Rt. 1, Dover.....	39	11	2	50			3
Columbia, First.....	Billy Poe, Rt. 6, Columbia.....	120	37		210	70	36	
Coker's Chapel.....	Mary E. Griffith, 1918 Holly St., Nashville.....	369	11	10	248	94	36	8
Dickson, First.....	Linda Gayle Hagewood, Rt. 3, Dickson.....	53	9	3	41	31		3
Donelson.....	Mrs. Elzie Miller, 2724 Pennington Bend Rd., Nash.....	48	8	7	82	30	9	5
Dunbar Chapel.....	Mrs. Acree Northfleet, Rt. 2, Indian Mound.....	49		2	40			1
East Nashville.....	W. B. Harris, 1730 Arthur Ave., Nashville.....	382	12	15	190	57	23	9
Friendship.....	Mrs. Lucille Morris, Rt. 1, Ashland City.....	210	17	1	167	80	17	2
Good Springs.....	Linda Gayle Hagewood, Rt. 3, Dickson.....	243	10	5	229	145	35	8
Gorman.....	Mrs. Mary Lou McCarsen, Rt. 1, McEwen.....	102	4		75			4
Grace.....	Mrs. Fred Grantham, 104 Portland Blvd., Portland..	21	4	5	37	23	7	
Greenwood.....	Jean Wooden.....	23	16	1	48			
Heads.....	Mrs. Mavis Walker, Rt. 2, Cedar Hill.....	253	23	5	177	60	20	5
Hurricane Chapel.....	Mrs. J. W. Tummins, McEwen.....	25		2	30			2
Loyal Chapel.....	Mrs. Grace Wiley, 1027 Maple Ash Ave., Columbia..	200	39	10	250	55	25	3
Madison.....	Mrs. J. L. McIntosh, 525 E. Maple St., Madison.....	32	17	4	50	30	14	1
Miller's Chapel.....	Mrs. Virgil Bowker, Rt. 1, Charlotte.....	34			25			
Mt. Pleasant.....	Mrs. Margaret Williams, Joelton.....	150	6	3	48			3
Mt. Zion.....	Mrs. Eula Perry, Rt. 2, Joelton.....	188	12	2	95	65		5
New Hope.....	Mrs. Marvin Walker, Rt. 2, Joelton.....	346	24	12	170	96	34	4
New Macedonia.....	Mrs. W. A. Davis, Rt. 2, Columbia.....	34	12		42	45		2
Oak Grove.....	Mrs. Ruby Anderson, Rt. 2, Charlotte.....	121	8	4	66	30		
Oakland.....	Mrs. Margaret Farley, Rt. 1, Whites Creek.....	88	16	2	81	40		5
Oaklawn.....	Mrs. Nathan Barnett, Chapmansboro.....	201	11	9	108	50	25	
Oakwood.....	Mrs. Edgar Seay, Rt. 2, Cedar Hill.....	78	8	5	43	38		3
Oak Wood.....	Mrs. Harold Foster, Woodlawn.....	30	30		92			
Olivet.....	J. B. Reding, Rt. 2, Adams.....	151		2	74	48	15	5
Palmer Memorial.....	Mrs. C. F. Bowen, 106 Cherokee Rd., Nashville.....	35	6	6	50	20	15	3
Pleasant Hill.....	Brigham Wallace, Dover.....	30	1					
Pleasant Ridge.....	Mrs. Christine Wallace, Rt. 1, McEwen.....	89	3	3	35			3
Richland.....	Ellen Faye Gilliam, Col. Ave., Nashville.....	26	30	4	40	30		
Rock Springs.....	Mrs. Virginia Smith, Rt. 1, Charlotte.....	247	19	9	126			
Scott's Chapel.....	Ethel Holmes, Cumberland City.....	65	3	4	45			
Shady Grove.....	Mrs. Virgil Albright, Rt. 7, Clarksville.....	151	4	2	112	54	14	
Springfield, First.....	Mrs. Louis Mantlo, Rt. 3, Springfield.....	77	7	1	55	30	8	
Stony Point.....	Mrs. Mary Williams, Rt. 1, Van Leer.....	68	5	1	65	35		4
Sylvan Park.....	Mrs. F. W. Wall, 123 Bowling Ave., Nashville.....	181	56	14	154	68	34	6
Trinity.....	Mrs. Bailey Lee, Rt. 1, Joelton.....	209	66	45	260	87	32	5
Union Hill.....	Mrs. Lucy Howell, Bumpus Mills.....	50	9		28			4
West Nashville.....	L. P. Erwin, 6301½ Pa. Ave., Nashville.....	260	33	22	110	42	17	
Woodbine.....	Mrs. Jean Gibbs, 2304 Foster Ave., Nashville.....	59		2	72	50	10	3
Totals.....		6,023	649	232	4,387	1,738	514	145

CONTRIBUTION STATISTICS FOR 1956-57

Number of Deacons	Local Expenditures	Cooperative Plan (or H. 2)	Association Dues	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Home for Children	Superannuation	Other	Value of Church Property
7	5,006.24	69.84	15.00	429.36	63.66	493.07	113.89	19.29	35.11	15,000.00
2	2,323.21		3.00	18.36	21.00	6.00	31.00		30.00	6,000.00
4	4,396.22		10.00	60.00	60.00	120.00	120.00			8,000.00
6	6,274.35		16.00	305.00	169.62	255.62	144.00	42.50	630.40	13,000.00
2	658.81		5.00				13.50			3,000.00
3	2,011.73		1.50	15.00	169.00		15.00			7,000.00
2	2,655.57		5.00	74.54	31.46					13,500.00
8	7,847.90		15.00	755.59	249.07	700.00	174.00	100.00	711.80	60,000.00
3	2,236.82		10.00	78.98	2.50	120.00				7,500.00
5	3,302.42		5.40	89.50	11.25	18.75		7.50	14.50	20,000.00
1	556.79		2.50	3.00	3.00	5.00	37.00	5.00		3,000.00
9	6,161.66	1,398.44		378.80	150.00	584.55	300.00		153.00	72,000.00
2	1,977.81		10.00	219.60	88.27	126.17		20.00		5,000.00
8	5,099.12		15.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	135.00		45.48	40,000.00
4	3,162.00									10,000.00
	1,904.43	32.49	10.00		7.50			135		1,690.00
	280.63		5.00							
5	4,626.22	429.85	15.00	171.25	22.59	72.94	48.00	24.00		20,000.00
2	700.00		8.00	25.00			25.00			2,000.00
3	7,727.54		10.00	97.82	188.37		83.54		27.65	55,000.00
1	3,160.00		5.00							5,500.00
	76.67		2.50		12.00		17.50			3,000.00
3	860.00		5.00	2.00	10.00		5.00	2.00		6,000.00
4	4,979.23	124.05	5.00	33.00	14.00					15,000.00
5	6,621.07	285.00	15.00	20.00	45.00		100.00		34.00	18,000.00
2	1,136.22				6.50					6,000.00
	1,576.87		8.00	143.43	23.39	11.12	30.00			4,500.00
5	3,487.80		10.00	86.00	51.74	49.00	42.00	37.74		7,500.00
	5,278.40	44.96	5.00	4.75	41.75	53.83				35,000.00
3	1,070.69		10.00	5.11	7.66	7.49	4.20	3.90	12.00	5,000.00
	110.75		10.00							2,500.00
5	3,358.85		15.50	1,260.00	66.95	200.00	434.48	30.00		15,000.00
3	7,084.82	622.36	5.00	52.35			50.00		15.66	6,500.00
	291.41		2.00				16.55			5,000.00
3	969.81		8.00							5,500.00
	1,256.02		5.00		5.00					3,000.00
5	1,827.56	39.52	15.00		26.07	114.60	24.84		41.00	10,000.00
	1,334.81		3.00				15.00			3,500.00
	4,112.22		15.00	304.62	93.07	71.12	120.00	30.00		12,000.00
	1,481.75		3.00							5,000.00
4	1,147.70						30.18			5,000.00
6	5,392.34		10.00	214.00	35.20	160.00				30,000.00
5	16,140.69	700.00	15.00	150.00						50,000.00
4	779.05		2.00				16.00	8.00		2,000.00
	4,667.08	180.00	20.00		60.00		115.00	60.00		10,000.00
3	3,000.53		5.00							10,000.00
145	\$ 150,111.81	\$ 3,926.51	\$ 360.40	\$ 5,047.06	\$ 1,760.62	\$ 3,194.26	\$ 2,310.68	\$ 391.28	\$ 1,750.60	\$ 642,190.00

Mt. Pleasant	10.00	
Shady Grove	17.73	
Head's Church	25.08	
Rock Springs Church	26.07	
Oakwood Church	7.66	
Oakland Church	34.74	
Friendship Church	11.76	
Miller's Chapel	12.10	
Trinity Church	10.00	868.84
Total receipts and balance on hand	\$	1,412.66
Expenditures		1,009.76
Balance on hand, October 1, 1957	\$	402.90

OTHER REPORTS

REPORT OF EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting met four times during the year.

Number of churches in Eastern Quarterly Meeting	31
Average number of churches reporting	20
Average number of ministers reporting	16
Average attendance	104

Churches reporting:

Number of members received during the year	411
Average church membership	3,296
Average prayer meeting attendance	635
Average Sunday School enrollment	2,541
Average Sunday School attendance	1,655
League membership	1,193
Average League attendance	858
Woman's Auxiliary membership	353
Average Woman's Auxiliary attendance	198
Amount paid pastors	\$40,615.37
Amount paid for evangelistic work	4,198.71
Amount paid for Home Missions	3,094.69
Amount paid for Foreign Missions	8,645.35
Amount paid to Superannuation	183.72
Amount paid to the Home for Children	1,518.92
Amount paid for Christian Education	2,096.63

The January session paid \$46.84 to the Bible College Library Fund.

The April session paid \$57.40 to the Superannuation Board.

The August session paid \$55.95 to the Youth Encampment.

The October session paid \$52.32 to Clarksville Pardue Memorial Church.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Walker; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Johnny Vick; Clerk, Jim Pentecost; Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Lillian Binkley; Treasurer, Clarence Hudgens.

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting convenes on the Saturday before the second Sunday in each quarter.

REV. KENNETH WALKER, *Moderator*
JIM PENTECOST, *Clerk*

REPORT OF WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

The Western Quarterly Meeting met four times during the past year.

Total number of churches in the Western Quarterly Meeting 16

Officers for the ensuing year are: Moderator, Rev. James V. Smith; Assistant Moderator, Rev. E. B. McDonald; Clerk, Mrs. Mary Alice Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. Wilton Williams. The Executive Committee consists of Edward Hogue, Rev. Ellis Cravens, and Rev. Sidney Henry.

The Western Quarterly Meeting convenes on Saturday before the second Sunday in each quarter at 10 a.m.

REPORT OF STATE ASSOCIATION

The 19th session of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Church Hill, Tennessee, October 24-25, 1956.

There were 22 ministers, 4 deacons, and 21 delegates representing two districts registered. The total registration was 220.

The theme of the session was "The Church Reaches Out." It was ably and challengingly developed by each speaker among whom were Rev. J. F. Miller, Rev. Randy Cox, Rev. Horace Teague, who served as moderator in the absence of Rev. C. F. Bowen.

The State Foreign Mission Board reporting \$7,879.95 paid to the National Foreign Mission Board, and that various churches in the state had been visited by all the missionaries home on furlough as well as by all who are preparing to go in the immediate future. Due to the increased Foreign Mission Budget each church is urged to make increased offerings this year.

The Board of Christian Education gave a very inspiring and challenging report on the needs and values of Christian training in the home, the church, and higher education. The College Improvement Program was presented and full cooperation solicited from every church. Total gifts received from Tennessee for Education was \$6,383.85.

The State Youth Camp Board reported two successful camps held this year with a total enrollment of 155 and 18 workers. They recommended a state youth camp consisting of two weeks—one week for youngsters 9-12 and one for youth ranging from 13-17 years.

Each district association was requested to accept \$185 as the annual representation fee to the state body.

The next session is to be held on Wednesday evening, October 23 and all day Thursday, October 24, 1957 at the Sylvan Park Church, Nashville.

MRS. J. E. FRAZIER

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's District Convention reports 21 auxiliaries with a membership of 436, an increase of 73 over last year with 17 active Y. P. S.s and 11 G. T. A.s.

The Auxiliary as a whole has adopted for its project this year the Student Loan Fund, the Bible College Improvement Program, and the Bon-Doo-Kue Mission Station in Africa.

Other projects in local churches this year are: Shady Grove supports an India Bible woman with \$12 each month; Ashland City sends money each month for an African baby milk fund. Sylvan Park has adopted Evelyn Hersey's boy (Phillip) to clothe for another year. There are other auxiliaries with projects that were not on this report.

The Y. P. A.s have adopted for their project to buy bicycles for our missionaries. The G. T. A.s are sending visual aid for the mission stations.

We celebrated our 50th anniversary at our last convention with two members present who were also present at Cofer's Chapel the day the Auxiliary was organized fifty years ago. These women were Mrs. Fannie Polston and Mrs. Mary Welch.

MRS. CHRISTINE BOYD, *President*

MRS. J. O. BROWN, JR.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Associational Fund

Balance in bank, October 1, 1956	\$ 77.76
Received from Finance Committee	347.38

Total	\$425.14
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Expenses:

State Association Dues	\$185.00	
Cumberland Asso. Minutes	160.00	
Transcribing Minutes	35.00	
Associational Report Forms	2.60	
Wrapping and Mailing 1955 State Minutes	2.84	
Mailing Church reports	1.32	
Programs for 1956 Association	2.47	
Mailing 1956 Minutes	6.56	
Stationery	5.00	400.79

Balance in bank, September 30, 1957	\$ 24.35
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J. B. REDING, *Treasurer*

Cumberland Association

MINUTES

of the

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY

For the Year 1956-57

*Meeting at Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church,
November 27, 1956*

The Cumberland Association Presbytery met at a special meeting at Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church at 7:45 p.m., November 27, 1956.

The Reverend Henry Van Kluyve, moderator, called the meeting to order. The opening prayer was prayed by Rev. Robert King. The following ministers and deacons were seated: Bob Shockey, Henry Van Kluyve, Robert Picirilli, Paul Inbody, C. F. Bowen, J. O. Brown, Jr., Luther Morgan, Luther Reed, Kenneth Walker, Robert King, William Hill, J. B. Parsons, J. L. Welch, Harvey Clements, Cliff Hagewood.

The meeting was called for the purpose of examining Rev. H. W. Davis.

Rev. H. W. Davis was present with several visitors (not members of the Presbytery).

The moderator called for Rev. Robert Picirilli to present the charges before the body, as follows:

1. Misrepresentation to the Presbytery Examining Committee of his former church affiliations.
2. Having more than one living wife, which is in direct conflict with the teaching of Scripture.
3. Guilty of causing strife among the membership of Ashland City Free Will Baptist Church.

Following the presentation of the charges, Brother Davis was given the floor to make his defense, which he proceeded to do at length with various documents of his first marriage and explanations of how he came into the Free Will Baptist church. He admitted that his first wife is still living and that he is now married again. He explained that it was his understanding that his first wife had been dead.

The moderator asked Brother Davis and the visitors to be dismissed from the room for discussion by the Presbytery.

Rev. J. O. Brown, Jr., moved that the Presbytery rescind the action of October 16, 1956 of annulling Brother H. W. Davis' credentials. Motion was seconded and passed.

Rev. Robert Picirilli moved that H. W. Davis be found guilty as charged and that his credentials be annulled on the basis of these charges and general conduct deemed unbecoming to the ministry. J. O. Brown, Jr., seconded. Motion passed, 15 for, none against.

Motion to adjourn carried. Rev. William Hill closed the session with prayer.

REV. HENRY VAN KLUYVE, *Moderator*
REV. E. B. McDONALD, *Clerk*

***Meeting at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church,
February 7, 1957***

The Cumberland Association Presbytery met at a called meeting at 7 o'clock, Thursday night, February 7, 1957 at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "When we all get to Heaven" led by Rev. Paul Inbody.

Those present were: Rev. C. F. Bowen, Rev. Henry Oliver, Rev. William Travis, Rev. Luther Reed, Rev. Kenneth Walker, Rev. Robert Owen, Rev. J. B. Parsons, Rev. J. L. McIntosh, Rev. Henry J. Van Kluyve, and E. B. McDonald, clerk.

Others coming in later were W. E. Carver, deacon, Rev. J. O. Brown, Jr., Rev. J. L. Welch, and Rev. William Hill.

The moderator, Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, welcomed the ministers and all Presbytery members present, as well as welcoming visitors present, about 15.

The moderator instructed the members as to their responsibilities. The clerk read the recommendations of the examining committee that Mack Owens, Bobby Poole, D. L. Sharp, and J. L. Parsons be ordained.

Motion was made (J. B. Parsons) and seconded (Kenneth Walker) that these persons recommended by the examining committee be ordained.

The Presbytery was given privilege to ask questions of the candidates.

Motion made and seconded that the motion be amended that they be examined by a closed session of the Presbytery. Motion carried.

The moderator instructed all visitors to wait in the vestibule until the closed session was over.

Questions were asked Bobby Poole and Mack C. Owens: (1) Do you believe a Christian who dies drunk will go to heaven? (2) Did you say a candidate can pledge his belief to the examining committee and then preach what he pleases?

Bobby Poole said he believed a man could be lost after being saved by losing faith in Jesus Christ, and a Christian would always be saved as long as he had faith in Christ.

Luther Reed, assistant moderator took the chair so Henry Van Kluyve could discuss the question. The vote was called for. Six voted for and four against. Motion was carried.

Motion made and seconded for a revote to be taken with the regular chairman taking the vote. Motion passed.

The vote was retaken. For the original motion—5; against—7. Motion was lost.

Motion was made (Oliver) and seconded that the vote be reconsidered by secret ballot after prayer, the men to be voted on individually. (A member of the previous majority vote requested this). Motion passed.

Following a period of prayer, the following vote was taken:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mack Owens	8	6

J. L. Parsons	14	0
Bobby Poole	7	7
D. L. Sharp	14	0

While the votes were being counted, the moderator discussed the work of the Presbytery and the need of larger financial support.

Motion was made (Parsons) and seconded that the annual donation be raised to \$5. No minister would have to pay, but would be requested to pay \$5. This new rate is to become effective with 1956-57 reports. Motion carried.

Motion that certificates of ratification of credentials be made up to present to ministers coming into this association was tabled.

Motion was made and seconded to ratify the credentials of Rev. Paul Sitton and Rev. J. B. Fletcher. Motion was amended that they be ratified subject to approval of the Examining Committee. Motion as amended passed.

Motion passed for Brother Walker to have privilege of changing his vote on the ordination of the four ministers. The final vote was:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mack Owens	7	7
J. L. Parsons	14	0
Bobby Poole	7	7
D. L. Sharp	14	0

Motion passed that the ordination of the four candidates be deferred and that Poole and Owens be re-examined on the questions of apostasy by the Examining Committee.

Motion to adjourn carried. The closing prayer was led by Rev. Henry Van Klyve.

REV. HENRY VAN KLUYVE, *Moderator*
REV. E. B. McDONALD, *Clerk*

***Meeting at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church,
March 28, 1957***

The Presbytery met at a called session at East Nashville Church on March 28, 1957 at 8:30 p.m.

Following the opening prayer by Rev. Kenneth Walker, the moderator, Rev. Henry Van Klyve, welcomed those present, as follows: Gordon Sebastian, Kenneth Walker, Luther Morgan, Robert Picirilli, Robert King, John Vick, William Hill, and E. B. McDonald. Rev. E. A. Craft was seated after the original roll call.

Recommendation was read from the Examining Committee that the credentials of Rev. J. B. Fletcher, Rev. Paul Sitton, and Rev. Leroy Forlines be ratified, and that Bobby Poole and Mack Owens be ordained. A statement of faith was read which was subscribed by Leroy Forlines, Bobby Poole, and Mack Owens, as follows:

"I believe that a person is saved by faith and kept by faith. Loss of salvation comes by a loss of faith. In the case of the person who makes shipwreck of faith, it is impossible to renew him to repentance.

"Though I believe in salvation by faith alone, at the same time

I believe that regeneration and the indwelling Holy Spirit are the work of God and will show evidence in a person's life by a changed life.

"In the case of the profession that does not give this evidence, that person is not a Christian because he does not show the result of having been regenerated. In the case of the person who is living in sin who has made a profession of Christ as Saviour and dies in that condition, I have no grounds of assurance that that person has gone to heaven.

"The entire matter of his standing before God is a matter that, in my opinion, must be left up to God because I can only be sure of people's salvation when they give evidence of it."

Motion carried that the recommendations of the Examining Committee be adopted.

The moderator appointed the following committee to review the Presbytery constitution and by-laws and make recommendations for changes to bring up to date: E. B. McDonald, John Vick, and William Hill.

The moderator explained the need for expanding the constitution to cover incoming ministers and other changing needs.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham spoke to the group about the case of Rev. H. W. Davis in threatening to sue "Contact" for publishing the article about the action taken against Davis by this Presbytery.

Following a motion to adjourn, Rev. William Hill led in the closing prayer.

REV. HENRY VAN KLUYVE, *Moderator*
REV. E. B. McDONALD, *Clerk*

Ordination Service, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, April 25, 1957

An ordination service was conducted by the Presbytery at Trinity Church, Nashville, at 7:30 p.m., April 25, 1957.

Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, moderator, was in charge of the service. Rev. Robert Hill led the congregation in the singing of "Higher Ground" and "My Redeemer," followed with prayer led by Rev. William Travis.

The candidates were Bobby Poole, Mack Owens, D. L. Sharp, and J. L. Parsons.

Rev. J. B. Parsons read 2 Tim. 2:15 as a charge to the four candidates and presented the Bible as the Word of God, which they were to preach.

Rev. Luther Reed gave the charge to the ministry to the candidates along with Mrs. D. L. Sharp and Mrs. J. L. Parsons. He read from 2 Tim. 4:1-4 and set before the young ministers their call, the responsibilities of the work, and the help God has pledged to be with them.

Following the charge, Brother Van Kluyve called for the ordained members of the Presbytery to pray with the candidates with the laying on of hands. The ordaining prayer was prayed by Rev. Charles Jennette. The moderator invited the congregation to shake hands with the ministers after which the service was dismissed with prayer by Rev. E. B. McDonald.

REV. HENRY VAN KLUYVE, *Moderator*
REV. E. B. McDONALD, *Clerk*

*Annual Meeting at Gorman Free Will Baptist Church,
October 16, 1957*

The annual meeting of the Cumberland Association Presbytery was held at the Gorman Church at 3:30 p.m., October 16, 1957.

Rev. Luther Reed called the meeting to order in the absence of Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, moderator. Brother Reed resigned as assistant moderator since he was also moderator of the Association.

Motion passed that the Presbytery accept Brother Reed's resignation and to elect a moderator and assistant moderator for this session.

Rev. J. B. Fletcher was elected moderator and Rev. J. O. Brown was elected assistant moderator. Rev. Bob Shockey led in prayer.

The report of the Examining Committee was given by Rev. Kenneth Walker with the following recommendations: (1) That the Presbytery ratify the credentials of Rev. Eunis Crowe pending his uniting with a church in the Cumberland Association; (2) That the Presbytery ordain John H. Sneed.

Motion passed to receive Rev. Eunis Crowe into the Cumberland Association Presbytery and to ratify his credentials.

Motion passed that we accept Brother John H. Sneed for ordination, and that he be ordained at this session following the business period.

The ministers sang "Amazing Grace" and gave Brother Crowe the right hand of fellowship.

The clerk read the minutes of the Presbytery meetings during the year. The minutes were approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Motion passed that the Presbytery abide strictly by the constitution that cards of standing be sent only to those ministers who bring or send annual reports.

The Presbytery conducted an ordination service for John H. Sneed. Rev. Johnny Vick gave the charge, reading from 2 Tim. 4:1-9 and charged Brother Sneed as to the responsibilities of the ministry. The Bible was presented as the Word of God. Rev. J. B. Fletcher called for the presbyters to pray with the candidate with the laying on of hands. Brother Fletcher prayed the ordaining prayer which was followed by a hand of fellowship extended to Brother Sneed.

The Examining Committee gave a further report in recommending the ratification of the credentials of the following ministers: Rev. Sterl Dixon Paramore, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Harmon Herndon, Rev. Willie Justice, Rev. Donald Sexton, Rev. Ellis Cravens, Rev. Arthur Billows, Rev. Don Jones, Rev. Roy Thomas, and Rev. Marion Pettus.

Motion passed to receive these ministers into the Presbytery.

Following a right hand of fellowship given to the new Presbytery members, a motion to adjourn carried. Rev. S. D. Paramore led in the dismissal prayer.

REV. J. B. FLETCHER, *Moderator*

REV. E. B. McDONALD, *Clerk*

Meeting at Gorman Church, October 17, 1957

The Presbytery continued its annual session at the Gorman Church on October 17, 1957 with the moderator, Rev. J. B. Fletcher, calling the meeting to order. Rev. J. L. Parsons led the group in prayer.

Motion passed that the clerk be paid \$15 for his services.

Motion passed that the Presbytery pay \$25 to the Associational treasurer to help print the Minutes.

Rev. J. B. Fletcher was elected moderator for the coming year. Rev. S. D. Paramore was elected assistant moderator. Rev. E. B. McDonald was elected clerk and treasurer.

Motion passed that Scott's Chapel be notified that the Presbytery goes on record that any church in the Association that accepts Brother H. W. Davis as a member will be dealt with by the Association.

Motion passed that the moderator appoint an Examining Committee to examine new ministers during the coming year. The following committee was appointed: Rev. Kenneth Walker, chairman, Rev. J. O. Brown, Rev. E. A. Craft, Rev. J. L. Welch, and Rev. Luther Reed.

Following a motion to adjourn, Brother J. W. Love dismissed the meeting with prayer.

REV. J. B. FLETCHER, *Moderator*

REV. E. B. McDONALD, *Clerk*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY

Balance on hand, October 17, 1956	\$ 3.84
Donations received with ministers' reports	31.00
Received from J. B. Reding, Asso. treasurer	18.19
Total received and on hand	\$53.03
Disbursements: Oct. 19, 1956-Sept. 21, 1957	
Postage and mailing	\$14.16
Telephone calls	1.21
Bank charge on checks	2.00
Stationery	15.00
Programs for Association	2.47
Clerk's fee	15.00
Total disbursements	\$49.84
Balance in bank, October 1, 1957	\$ 3.19

E. B. McDONALD, *Clerk and Treasurer*

Due from Cumberland Association

Mailing 1957 Church Reports	\$1.77
Telephone call	.55

\$2.32

Cost of programs for 1957 association\$3.00

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Abernathy, J. J.	Route 1, Joelton
Bell, James N.	4811 Ky. Ave., Nashville
Billows, Arthur	3609 Richland Ave., 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.	4611 Elkins Ave., Nashville
Burroughs, C. L.	3115 Piedmont Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Ga.
Carroll, W. R.	Route 1, Bumpus Mills
Castile, W. M.	Route 1, Bumpus Mills
Craft, C. A.	6301 Pa. Ave., Nashville
Craft, E. A.	4609 Illinois Ave., Nashville
Cravens, Ellis	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Crowe, Eunis	Woodlawn, Tennessee
Davenport, W. B.	Ashland City
Davis, Oscar W.	1024 17th Ave., S., Nashville
Edwards, John	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Fletcher, J. B.	Box 96, Ashland City
Forlines, Leroy	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Harrison, Harrold	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Hatcher, D. A.	Route 3, McEwen
Henry, Shelvie	Route 1, McEwen
Henry, Sidney	Route 1, McEwen
Herndon, Harmon	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Hill, Robert C.	124 Hart Lane, Nashville
Hill, William J.	616 Russell St., Nashville
Hurst, Joe	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Inbody, Paul W.	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Jennette, Charles	Route 7, Clarksville
Johnson, L. C.	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Jones, Don	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Justice, Willie	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Lindsley, John B.	513 Virginia St., Gallatin
Marshall, W. E.	310 Osceola Ave., Nashville
Mayo, R. E.	Springfield
McDonald, E. B.	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
McIntosh, J. L.	525 E. Maple St., Madison
Miller, Charles R.	Route 6, Columbia
Mooneyham, W. S.	3801 Richland Ave., Nashville
Morgan, Luther	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Moore, B. A.	771 Oakdale Drive, Madison
Oliver, Wm. Henry	116 S. 12th St., Nashville
Owens, Mack C.	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Paramore, Sterl Dixon	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Parsons, J. B.	Route 2, Joelton
Parsons, J. L.	216 Randy Road, Madison
Paul, Wallace	321½ E. 15th St., Columbia
Pettus, Marion	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Picirilli, Robert	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville

Poole, Bobby	Route 7, Clarksville
Reed, Luther	Route 5, Ashland City
Riggs, Raymond	3801 Richland Ave., Nashville
Ricketts, J. S.	507 White St., Columbia
Sanders, Cecil	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Sebastian, Gordon	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Sexton, Donald	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Sharp, D. L.	5914 Morrow Rd., Nashville
Shockey, Robert	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Sitton, Paul	Detroit, Michigan
Smith, James V.	Route 1, McEwen
Sneed, John H.	Route 3, Columbia
Thomas, Roy	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Travis, William	Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Troutman, A. B.	P. O. Box 109, Owensboro, Ky.
Vick, John W., Jr.	Route 5, Ashland City
Walker, Kenneth	3609 Richland Ave., Nashville
Welch, J. L.	1604 10th Ave. N., Nashville
Willey, Thomas H., Jr.	Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Williams, Darnell	Route 1, Joelton

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

<i>Church</i>	<i>Pastor for 1956-57</i>	<i>Pastor for 1957-58</i>
Ashland City	J. B. Fletcher	J. B. Fletcher
Barren Plains	Joe Hurst	Donald Sexton
Bethel	John Vick	John Vick
Bethlehem	Robert Shockey	Harrold Harrison
Brandon's Chapel	W. R. Carroll	W. R. Carroll
Carlisle	Sidney Henry	Guy Owens
Cofer's Chapel	J. L. Welch	J. L. Welch
Columbia, First	Wallace Paul	Wallace Paul
Dickson	E. B. McDonald	Sidney Henry
Donelson	Robert Owen	Robert Shockey
Dunbar's Chapel	Shelvie Henry	Shelvie Henry
East Nashville	William Hill	William Hill
Friendship	Luther Reed	Luther Reed
Good Springs	Paul Inbody	Gene Anderson
Gorman	D. A. Hatcher	D. A. Hatcher
Grace	Harrold Harrison	John B. Lindsley
Greenwood	J. L. Parsons	J. L. Parsons
Head's	Robert King	Kenneth Walker
Hurricane Chapel	Fred Connors	Fred Connors
Loyal Chapel	J. B. Bloss	J. B. Bloss
Madison	J. L. McIntosh	J. L. McIntosh
Miller's Chapel	O. S. Carroll	O. S. Carroll
Mt. Pleasant (Joelton)	J. J. Abernathy	J. J. Abernathy
Mt. Pleasant (Tenn.)	Doyle Wallace	—
Mt. Zion	Willie Justice	Willie Justice
New Hope	Carey Watkins	Arthur Billows
New Macedonia	Mack C. Owens	Gene McCulley
Oak Grove	Gordon Sebastian	Ellis Cravens
Oakland	J. E. Blanton	J. E. Blanton
Oaklawn	Joyce Gore	Joyce Gore
Oakwood (Cedar Hill)	Chesley Hill	Marion Pettus
Oakwood (Woodlawn)	Eunis Crowe	Eunis Crowe
Olivet	Marvis Lee	Marvis Lee
Palmer Memorial	Sammy Wilkinson	C. F. Bowen
Pleasant Hill	W. R. Carroll	W. R. Carroll
Pleasant Ridge	G. P. Givens	Shelvie Henry
Richland	D. L. Sharp	D. L. Sharp
Rock Springs	Paul Sitton	Don Jones
Scott's Chapel	Sidney Henry	Guy Owens
Shady Grove	Kenneth Walker	Sterl Dixon Paramore
Springfield, First	Cecil Sanders	Roy Thomas
Stone Chapel	Joe R. Dickens	—
Stony Point	James V. Smith	James V. Smith
Sylvan Park	E. A. Craft	E. A. Craft
Trinity	Robert Hill	Robert Hill
Union Hill	Luther Morgan	Luther Morgan
West Nashville	C. A. Craft	C. A. Craft
Woodbine	John Edwards	John Edwards

MINISTER'S STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1956-57

NAMES OF MINISTERS	Sermons Preached	Prayer Meetings Held	Funerals Conducted	Marriages Solemnized	Special Services	Revivals Conducted	Revivals Assisted In	Conversions Witnessed	Received Into Church	Baptized	Homes Visited	Miles Traveled	Money Received
J. J. Abernathy, Sr.	102	5	12	11	1	1	1	8	6	5	75	10,000	\$860.00
James N. Bell	30	6	1		2	1		5	6		18	600	40.00
C. F. Bowen	16	6	1		1	1		5			125	450	320.00
J. O. Brown, Jr.	36	5		1	1	2	1	26			20	6,250	21.00
C. L. Burroughs	25	10			15								
W. R. Carroll	63		14	3		2			1	1		3,500	979.72
C. A. Craft	109	31	12	4		32	2	32	23	16		6,000	2,400.00
E. A. Craft	95	40	14	5		12	1	34	34	20		3,825.00	3,825.00
J. B. Fletcher, Jr.	180	42	3	3	14	10	1	132	16	25	150	30,000	2,210.00
Leroy Fortines	7	3						1			1	130	26.00
D. A. Hatcher	60	2	3		2	1			4	4	15	1,000	535.00
Shelvie Henry	70	40	1	1	2	1	3	2			25	6,000	366.73
Sidney Henry	160	30	13	1	2	7	2	54	11	8	75	6,000	1,500.00
Robert C. Hill	122	48	3	2	6	1	1	96	83	60	312	20,000	4,000.00
William J. Hill	130	47	3	2				33	12	9	200	18,000	4,285.00
Joe T. Hurst	105	40	2					15	9	10	100	10,000	1,200.00
Paul W. Inbody	102	36		3		2	1	100	17	30		20,000	3,120.00
Charles C. Jennette	14	15			2			5			30	3,000	89.00
E. B. McDonald	92	48	3	2	1	1	1	2	9		100	5,000	1,020.00
J. L. McIntosh	70	30						4	17	5	75	1,500	537.73
Luther Morgan	100	4				1	2	30	9	7		12,000	750.00
Maek C. Owens	102	47				3	3	43	10	4	350	25,000	551.00
J. B. Parsons	23				20	2		9				1,250	60.00
J. L. Parsons	68	30				3		18	16	4		5,364	131.70
Wallace Paul	119	14	8	5	11	2		35	37	18	286	5,386	1,290.00
Bobby Poole	70	8	1			1		3			110	3,825	250.00
Luther Reed	132	50	11		3	2	1	50	17	12	156	23,000	1,465.00
Rayford Riggs	145			1	23	7		43			4	27,000	5,500.00
Cecil Sanders	77	45				1					250	8,000	733.00
Gordon Sebastian	134	30	1		4	2	1	45	6	5	100	16,000	1,200.00
D. L. Sharp	60	35		1				20		6	75		
James V. Smith	105		2	1		1	2	4		3	125	7,000	597.00
A. B. Troutman	228	25	10		10	6	1	45	8	5	150	16,000	2,500.00
John W. Vick, Jr.	110	45		1		1	1	16	21	15		2,300	2,600.00
Kenneth M. Walker	95	45	4		3	1	3	5	4	6		20,000	2,921.74
J. L. Welch	90	49	20		9	1	1	11	11	6	400	2,560	3,300.00

