



**Cumberland Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
TENNESSEE**

**Minutes and Annual Reports
1968-69**

**HEADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CEDAR HILL, TENNESSEE**

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DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Wallace Hayes, Waverly, Tenn. 37185
Assistant Moderator . . . Rev. George Ludwig, Route 5, Ashland City, Tenn. 37015
Clerk Rev. W.B. Hughes, 109 East 17th St., Columbia, Tenn. 38401
Treasurer Mr. Henry Read, Pleasant View, Tenn. 37146

BOARDS

Education and Literature

J.E. Frazier (1970), Milton Crowson (1971), Roger Reeds (1972).

Foreign Missions

Rev. James Parham (1970), Carol Poole (1971), Richard Cordell (1972).

Home for Children

Rev. Terry Boyd (1970), Rev. E.A. Craft (1971), Rev. Jesse Webb (1972).

Home Missions

A.G. Caldwell (1970), Rev. D.L. Sharp (1971), Rev. John Gibbs (1972) Rev. Harvey Hill (1973).

Superannuation

Rev. James V. Smith (1970), Rev. Carlos Craft (1971), Ernest Swearns (1972), Herbert Peppers (1973), Henry Morgan (1974).

Youth Camp

Rev. W.B. Hughes (1970), Sam Johnson (1971), Rev. Wallace Hayes (1972), B.H. Price (1973), Rev. George Ludwig (1974), Rev. Charles Thigpen (1975), Rev. Eugene Waddell (1976).

Delegates to State Association

Mr. J.B. Smith, Mrs. J.B. Smith, Mrs. Sue Boyd, Mrs. Richard Cordell, and Mrs. Earnest Swearns.

TREASURERS TO WHOM FUNDS ARE TO BE SENT

Education — Rev. E.B. McDonald, 3606 West End Ave. Nashville, Tenn. 37205
Church Training Service — Samuel Johnson, Box. 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202
Foreign Missions — Rev. Reford Wilson, Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202
Associational Home Missions — A.G. Caldwell, Routh 1, Joelton Tenn. 37080
National Home Missions — Rev. Homer Willis, Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202
Home for Children — Rev. Don Ellis, Route 9, Greeneville, Tenn. 37743
National Association of Free Will Baptists — Rev. Rufus Coffey, Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn.
Superannuation —

**GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION
CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

ARTICLE 1. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to one delegate for the first 50 members or fraction thereof, and an additional delegate for each additional 50 members or fraction thereof. Each delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote on all business transactions.

ARTICLE 2. Each member church of the Association shall send a letter to each annual meeting, giving members received during year, enrollment, members dismissed, name and address of pastor and other officers, and financial statement of receipts and disbursements, according to the form provided by the clerk of the Association.

ARTICLE 3. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper code of rules which they are authorized to establish for themselves.

ARTICLE 4. They may elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer from among themselves, and they may hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE 5. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by consent.

ARTICLE 6. New churches shall petition the quarterly meeting for membership. The quarterly meetings shall have power to receive new churches as members, and in turn shall recommend them to the annual Association.

ARTICLE 7. This Association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the amount of money sent by each church; in order to enable the Association to print their minutes it is expected that each church will send such sums of money as they think proper, and when the money is received, it shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the Association.

ARTICLE 8. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and for trying all ordained members for un-Christian conduct, there shall be a Presbytery, which shall convene at the close of the session on the first day of the Association and at any time during the associational year, if called by the Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery who deem it necessary to make such a call. The Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present, and they shall elect a Moderator and clerk from among themselves for the time being, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applications for ordination sent with recommendations from their churches composing this Association, and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by laying on of hands. The Presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for un-Christian conduct, and on testimony their decision shall be final.

ARTICLE 9. It shall be the duty of each minister who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same. It is his duty, also, to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs within his charge. It shall be the duty of each pastor to encourage the organization and support of the Sunday school in the church or churches where he

is pastor, as well as other organizations that may prove helpful to the work of the church.

ARTICLE 10. No person shall be ordained to the ministry nor shall the credentials of any minister be ratified until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of I Timothy. The term "the husband of one wife" means he shall not have more than one living wife (that is, he shall not be married to one wife at the present time and there be a wife still living from a previous marriage). This shall be tested by the Presbytery. The Presbytery shall have full power to propound such Spiritual questions as they consider necessary to determine his qualifications. All candidates for ordination shall be required to answer these questions satisfactorily.

ARTICLE 11. This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE 12. All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority vote, except exclusion of churches which shall require two-thirds majority.

ARTICLE 13. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

ARTICLE 14. The minutes of this Association shall be read before the body, corrected if need be, signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLE 15. This Association may adjourn to meet with any church that is a regular member of it at any time it deems proper.

ARTICLE 16. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing the Association, voting in behalf of the amendment.

ARTICLE 17. When this Association shall have convened, it is the privilege of all ordained members belonging to the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists to sit in council with us, and to propose resolutions coming before the body as though they were delegates from the church.

ARTICLE 18. This Association, having jurisdiction over all the churches within its bounds, shall discipline any church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Presbytery.

BOARDS

ARTICLE 1. All standing boards shall be composed of three members, except the Home Mission Board and Superannuation Board which shall be composed of five members, and the Executive Board and the Youth Camp Board which shall be composed of seven members.

The personnel of each of the foregoing boards, exclusive of the Executive, Home Mission, Superannuation and Youth Camp Board shall be elected as follows: the first named for a period of one year, the second named for a period of two years, and the third named for a period of three years. Succession of office thereafter shall be determined as order requires. The Home Mission Board, and Superannuation Board, shall be elected on a rotation basis with one member being elected each year for a five-year term. The Youth Camp Board shall be elected on a rotation basis with one member being elected each year for a seven-year term.

ARTICLE 2. The personnel of the Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and the moderators of each quarterly meeting.

ARTICLE 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the Cumberland Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of the Association.

ARTICLE 4. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operations in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the Association.

RULES AND DECORUM

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the Moderator, and the person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate. No speaker shall cast any personal reflection toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject without the permission of a majority of the Association.

The speaker shall not be interrupted during his speech by anyone except the Moderator unless he violates the rules of order.

No member shall absent himself without permission from the Association. Members shall use the word "Brother" or "Brethren" in all debates.

No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time without permission from the Moderator.

Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reported by the Moderator and shall be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in Council this Saturday before the first Lord's Day in October, 1867, as a standing decorum, though subject to revision by a majority of members voting for revision.

Constitution and Government revised October 17, 1957,
October 15, 1964, October 14, 1965,
October 16, 1968, October 16, 1969

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred twenty-sixth annual session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee convened at Heads Free Will Baptist Church, Cedar Hill, Tennessee on Wednesday morning October 13, at 9:30.

The Session was opened with the congregation singing "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" led by Rev. John Gibbs with Mrs. Cornelia Ellis at the Piano. Prayer by Rev. W.B. Huges.

Dr. James Davis brought the morning devotions. He read Acts 5:12-16 and made some remarks concerning the Scripture read. He then led in prayer.

Rev. Nedo Eaddy, Pastor of the host church, gave the welcome and Mr. J.B. Smith gave the response.

Rev. Nedo Eaddy, moderator, called the association to order and qualified the ministers, deacons, and associational delegates as the voting body. The following were appointed as the Committee on Committees: Rev. John Gibbs, Rev. Eddie Vincent and Mr. J.B. Smith. Visitors were welcomed to the session. Rev. John Sneed was recognized as a visitor from the Tennessee River Association of Alabama.

Rev. Gibbs led the congregation in singing "At the Cross" and Rev. Eaddy led in a time of testimonies after which Rev. George Ludwig led in prayer.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the program be adopted for this session.

Rev. Don Ellis gave a report from the Home for Children in Greeneville, Tenn. He expressed his appreciation for the prayers and support of this association. He reported that \$7,648.29 was received from churches of the Cumberland Association this year. In addition to the cash offerings other gifts included clothing, appliances, food and farm machinery. Rev. Ellis reported that the Lord had given an abundant harvest. There has been an increase in income from the dairy herd, the beef cattle and the hogs. The report also said that there has been a great spiritual harvest at the Home. Many of the children have been converted and Baptized. Motion made, seconded and carried to receive this report as information.

A fifteen minute recess was declared by the moderator.

Following the recess, the moderator call the meeting to order. Rev. Richard Cordell led in Prayer. The following reports were read and adopted: Board of Education and Literature, Rev. Harrold Harrison, Cumberland District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Miss Mary Ruth Wisheart, Western Quarterly Meeting, Mr. Fulton Edwards. A brief oral report was given by the moderator on the evangelism conference held in Arkansas. No action was taken on the report.

After the congregation had sung "Whosoever Meaneth Me" an offering of \$99.38 was received. Rev. Gibbs continued the service by leading the congregation in singing, "Surely Goodness and Mercy" after which the Preachers Trio sang "Show Me Thy Ways, Oh Lord." The congregation then sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

The moderator introduced Rev. Henry Melvin for the morning message. He read from Psalms 20 and exhorted the congregation to keep the Banner of Christ unfurled in these evil days.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read and adopted.

After announcements had been made concerning the noon meal, Rev. Wallace Hayes dismissed the morning service with prayer and gave thanks for the food.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable." Prayer by Bro. Jerry Pinkerton. The moderator read Zach. 4:6 and brought an inspiring message pointing out the needs of Free Will Baptists today. He closed the message with prayer.

Dr. James Davis gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee. Motion made, seconded and carried that the report be adopted. The following reports were read and adopted: Camp Board, Rev. Wallace Hayes, Temperance Committee, Rev. Richard Cordell. Petitions and Requests, Rev. F.R. Edwards.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the Cumberland Association send a delegation to the Stone Association when it convenes on October 16, 17 and 18, 1969. Rev. Harrold Harrison, Rev. Nedo Eaddy, Rev. Jerry Pinkerton and Mr. Elmer Felts volunteered as the delegation.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn until Thursday morning. Rev. Leroy Forlines dismissed in prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Thursday morning session was opened with the congregation singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Rev. Eugene Waddell. Devotion was led by Rev. Larry Hughes. He read Matthew 9:36-38 and spoke of the compassion of Jesus. He closed with prayer.

The moderator welcomed the delegation and recognized them as the voting body. A number of visitors were welcomed to the meeting.

The following reports were read and by motion adopted: Presbytery, Rev. George Ludwig, Superannuation, J.B. Reding, Northern Quarterly Meeting, Rev. Jesse Webb, Southern Quarterly Meeting, Rev. Elmer Turnbough, Bible College, Dr. L.C. Johnson, Home Missions Board, A.G. Caldwell.

The report of Obituary Committee was given by Mrs. J.B. Parsons. After a moment of meditation, Dr. James Davis led in prayer.

A partial report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. Earl Langley. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report item by item. (see reports)

After a congregational song, an offering of \$44.38 was received, followed by another congregational song. The moderator introduced Rev. Lonnie Skiles who brought the morning message. He read 1 Timothy 5:20 and preached on the subject, "Why I preach on Sin." He closed the message with prayer.

After announcements concerning the noon meal were made, Rev. Eugene Waddell led in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." The moderator introduced Rev. Richard Cordell, moderator of the Presbytery, who led in the ordination service for Brother Thomas Joel Street. Rev. Vernon Barker preached the ordination sermon. He read 1 Timothy 4:6 and spoke on the subject of being a good minister of Jesus Christ. Rev. Richard Cordell

presented the Bible, Rev. Nedo Eaddy presented the charge and Rev. Stanley Outlaw prayed the dedicatory prayer.

Following this service, Rev. Cordell appointed the following to serve on the examining committee of the presbytery: Terry Boyd, E.A. Craft, E.B. McDonald, Wallace Hayes, James Davis.

Dan Patrick made an announcement concerning the upcoming retreat at Camp (Na-co-me) NaCoMe, October 24-26, 1969.

Rev. Wallace Hayes gave a brief report of the State Home Missions work. Rev. Richard Cordell made an announcement concerning the state paper "The Echo." Rev. Eugene Waddell gave an oral report for the Board of Foreign Missions. All of these reports were received as information.

Rev. Eugene Waddell read the report of the Nominating Committee. It was pointed out that Dr. James Davis who had been nominated to serve on the Home Missions Board was employed by the Board. Rev. John Gibbs was nominated in his place. Those nominated were then elected by acclamation.

The following were nominated for general officers of the Association: Moderator, Rev. Wallace Hayes, Clerk, Rev. W.B. Hughes, Treasurer, Mr. Henry Read. Motion made, seconded and carried to elect by acclamation.

The final report of the Registration Committee was read by Mrs. Sue Boyd. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

Final report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. Earl Langley. Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt the report.

Motion made, seconded and carried to send \$100.00 to the Bobby Poole Account.

Motion made, seconded and carried that each church be asked to send \$5 more than they did this year for fees.

*Motion made, seconded and carried to amend article eight of the constitution by deleting the words "At the Opening" and adding "At the close of the session of the first day".

Delegates to the state association were appointed as following: Mr. J.B. Smith, Mrs. J.B. Smith, Mrs. Sue Boyd, Mrs. Richard Cordell and Mrs. Ernest Swearns.

It was announced that the newly elected moderator, Rev. Wallace Hayes would announce the place of meeting of the 1969-70 session.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Rev. Jack Stone prayed the benediction.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following to serve on these committees:

Obituary – Mrs. J.B. Parsons, Mrs. Jesse Poole, Mrs. Sally Wallace

Petitions and Requests – F.R. Edwards, J.R. Ellis, Henry Read

Resolutions – Earl Langley, J.B. Parsons, Terry Boyd

Temperance – Richard Cordell, Harvey Hill, George Lee

Nominations – Eugene Waddell, Don Dungan, George Ludwig
Registration-Finance – James Davis, Sue Boyd, Mrs. J.E. Simpson

John Gibbs
Eddie Vincent
J.B. Smith

REGISTRATION-FINANCE

We, your Registration-Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Churches with letters	47
Ministers	45
Deacons	14
Delegates	84
Visitors	<u>101</u>
Total	244

Offering Wednesday	\$ 99.38
Offering Thursday	<u>44.38</u>
Total	\$143.76

OBITUARY

We, Your Committee on Obituary, wish to make the following report. We have no information of any of our ministers having gone to be with our Lord; but we have information of several of our laymen and women from several of our churches who have deceased. These we have known for many years. They will be missed greatly by all who knew them. May we all be ready to join them when we are called to be with them and our Lord.

Mrs. J.B. Parsons
Mrs. Jesse Poole
Sallie Wallace

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

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

1. Whereas, the Claude's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church has become a member of the Western Quarterly Meeting, we recommend that said church be accepted into the Cumberland Association.
2. Whereas, the LaVergne Free Will Baptist Church has petitioned membership and

has been accepted into the Southern Quarterly Meeting, we recommend that said church be accepted into the Cumberland Association.

F.R. Edwards

J.R. Ellis

Henry Read

RESOLUTIONS

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

- I. Recommendation from the Southern Quarterly Meeting: Whereas the State Fair offers opportunity for Christian witness, and
Whereas, it is possible for the Cumberland Association to operate a booth there next year, therefore, we recommend, that the Cumberland Association sponsor a Gospel booth at the Tennessee State Fair in Nashville next year (1970). (Lost)
- II. Whereas, there are a number of towns in this area such as Brentwood, Murfreesboro, sections from Donelson to Lebanon and McEwen, that have no Free Will Baptist Churches, and
Whereas, the Home Missions Board needs funds to start churches in these towns and to assist small groups who wish to start churches; therefore be it Resolved, That "Project 13" be conducted yearly from July through September. Churches that feel another period of time would be more suitable should contact the chairman of the board. The Board will furnish pledge cards and some one to explain the program when a request is made by the local church.
- III. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given Head's Church for the splendid job of hosting this session of the Cumberland Association.

Earl Langley

J.B. Parsons

Terry Boyd

TEMPERANCE

We, the Temperance Committee, submit the following report:

I Corinthians 9:25a, "And every man that striveth in mastery in temperance in all things."

We recommend that we commit ourselves to temperance:

1. In Mental Activities

A. Obscene Literature—deploring the fact that many publications continue to depict crime and other sordid aspects of life, we urge cooperation with groups attempting to create public sentiment, as well as official censorship of indecent and harmful literature. We would urge upon Pastors, Sunday School Teachers, and Church Training Service works, and parents to assume more responsibility in the promotion of wholesome reading matter in church and in the home.

B. By guarding our thoughts, refraining from lust for position and material possessions and carefully selecting radio and television programs.

2. In Bodily Appetites

A. By being modest in dress, by normal consumption of food, by total abstinence from the use of all alcoholic beverages and the practicing of proper health habits.

3. In Social Activities

A. By refraining from participation in questionable amusements, by indulging only in wholesome and constructive conversation, and the refusing, as much as possible, to patronize places which sell alcoholic beverages.

B. Furthermore, since many of the youth trained in our churches of today have too little admonition as to the dangers of drinking alcoholic beverages and the total abstinence from the same, also the lack of self-respect, respect for the House of the Lord, and the laws of both the State and Nation, we urge the Ministers, Church officials, and parents of our churches to establish a mental, bodily, and social pattern for the youth of our churches and communities, and that these persons be responsible "under God" to be "living examples" and that they emphasize educational and training programs that will adequately inform the youth of our churches.

C. We urge our ministers and people in this time of political and social unrest to refrain from any participation in or with extremists who defy law and order and thereby create a state of more confusion and uncertainty in our society.

Richard Cordell
Harvey Hill
George Lee

NOMINATING

We, your Nominating Committee, wish to recommend the following officers and board members:

- Moderator Rev. Wallace Hayes
- Assistant Moderator Rev. George Ludwig
- Clerk Rev. W.B. Hughes
- Treasurer Mr. Henry Read
- Education and Literature—J.E. Fraizier to fill unexpired term of Jim Cox. (70) Rev. Roger Reeds 1972.
- Foreign Missions — Carol Poole to fill the unexpired term of Glenn Hood (1971) Richard Cordell 1972
- Home for Children Rev. Jesse Webb 1972
- Home Missions — Dr. James Davis to fill unexpired term of Jerry Newman (1972) Harvey Hill to fill unexpired term of Earl Langley (1973) Elmer Felts 1974
- Superannuation — Ernest Swearns to fill unexpired term of Jim Reding (1972) Henry Morgan, 1974
- Youth Camp Eugene Waddell 1976

REPORTS OF BOARDS

EDUCATION AND LITERATURE

The churches in the Cumberland Association are fortunate in having such ready access to the facilities and services of Free Will Baptist Bible College and the National Office Building. The tragedy is that many of the members of the churches affiliated with this association have never visited either location.

We would like to suggest that our pastors promote visitation excursions to the splendid facilities of both of the above mentioned places.

We would also recommend that the constituency of the Association take full advantage of the many services offered by the National Agencies.

In these days when college education is common place our young people should acquire at least some training at the Bible College.

The churches in this area should take ready advantage of the promotional ministries of the Home and Foreign Missions Departments.

The Sunday School and Church Training Service Departments are at your service and stand ready to assist you in any way possible.

Let us not neglect such ministries as the Master's Men, the Woman's Auxiliary, and the newly named Board of Retirement and Insurance.

Your local Board of Education and Literature stands ready to assist you in any way that we can.

Roger C. Reeds
James Cox
Milton Crowson

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

On January 5, 1969, the first service of the Franklin Free Will Baptist Mission was conducted in the home of Mr. & Mrs. Vernon L. Boucher. There were nineteen present—five were out of town visitors and fourteen enrolled in the Sunday School.

We continued to meet in the Boucher home until June 29 when we had our first service in the newly acquired property on Del Rio Pike just inside the Franklin city limits. There were twenty-six present at this service. Since the first of September attendance has been regularly in the thirties and forties. Approximately ten families are now attending the mission with a good degree of regularity. A total of eighteen families with Free Will Baptist background have been contacted in the Franklin area.

Property consisting of two acres and a large house has been purchased for \$21,000. The Home Mission Board has contributed \$1,806 to the purchase of this property.

Total offerings by Mission* \$2,830
Contributions from other sources 2,176

*through September

Balance (on hand) at White's Creek Bank, October 13, 1968 \$1008.31

Receipts:

Westernly Quarterly	\$ 69.07
Friendship	331.45
Richland	120.00
Bethlehem	30.00
Oakland	217.25
Mt. Zion	14.71
New Hope	51.46
Hill Top	22.05
Woodbine	43.00
Loyal Chapel	202.00
Coffers Chapel	78.00
Carlisle	98.00
Trinity	500.00
West End	230.00
Olivet	60.50
Good Springs	146.00
Southernly Quarterly	60.00
Harper Road	88.13
Pardue	93.45
Grace	40.00
Northernly Quarterly	114.17
Brandon Chapel	115.00
Pleasant Hill	39.00
Dunbar Chapel	20.15
Oak Grove	156.00
Rock Springs	312.86
Sylvan Park	136.00
Pleasant Ridge	58.00
Ray Turnage	13.00
Stack	<u>25.00</u>

Total Receipts	\$3484.25
	<u>\$4492.56</u>

Expenditures:

Jackson Work	\$ 320.00
National Home Missions	294.96
Les Carney	49.14
Franklin	1728.00
Lavergne	1011.24
Postage	11.00
Postage	6.60
Printed Checks	<u>2.16</u>

Total Expenditures	\$3423.10
	<u>\$1069.46</u>
	<u>136.00</u>

Balance on hand Whites' Creek Bank \$1205.46

October 13, 1969

SUPERANNUATION

Balance October 1, 1968 \$2559.56

Receipts:

Bethel	\$ 60.00
Bethlehem	60.00
Dunbar's Chapel	30.04
Friendship	24.00
Grace	65.00
Good Springs	100.00
Oakland	115.50
Oaklawn	80.56
Shady Grove	60.00
Sylvan Park	90.00
Trinity	90.00
Woman's Auxiliary	12.00
Designated, John L. Welch	<u>144.86</u>

931.96

Total to be accounted for \$3491.52

Disbursements:

Rev. E.A. Craft	\$280.00
Rev. John L. Welch	420.00
Designated-Rev. John L. Welch	<u>300.46</u>

1,000.46

Balance on Hand September 30, 1969 \$2,491.06

J. B. Reding, Treasurer

CUMBERLAND YOUTH CAMP

Part I. Property

We are happy to report that the final bond has been paid. There was \$70.00 added to the sinking fund to cover the last bond of which \$9.87 was returned after the final bond was paid.

Part II. The 1969 Camping Program

We feel that this year's camping program was even more successful than last year. We used Montgomery Bell State Park again this year, but we had three separate camps. Two of these camps (Junior and Junior High) were held the week of June 8 at different camp sites. In the Junior Camp, directed by Rev. Harvey Hill, we had 138 in attendance. This included 28 workers. In the Junior High Camp, directed by Rev. Jerry Pinkerton, we had 86 campers. The Senior Camp, directed by Rev. W.B. Hughes, was held the week of June 15. Forty campers were present. This gives a total of 236 campers.

All the directors reported significant accomplishments in spiritual matters. There were well over 100 decisions with many of these being first time, especially in the junior camp.

Our financial part of the camp was very well in line. The income was only \$9.92 more than the expenses. We were happy to give the campers benefit of all they paid.

Part III Financial report (Oct. 1, 1968 through Sept. 30, 1969)

To Be Accounted For

Balance in checking account	\$1,496.37
From Sinking fund	9.87
From Senior Camp	204.21
From Savings	1,000.00
Deposit returned	92.00
From Junior Camp	894.09
From Junior High Camp	<u>559.55</u>
Total	\$4,256.09

Expended

To savings Account	\$1,000.00
To Sinking Fund	70.00
Deposit for 1969 Camps	100.00
Camp Expenses	1,611.68
Miscellaneous	1.20
To Savings Account	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total	\$3,782.88

This leaves \$1,473.21 cash in the bank. The 1969 camp total receipts were \$3,903.88 while the expenses were \$3,893.96 leaving a surplus of \$9.92 as indicated above. A detailed accounting is available to any who would like to check with the secretary of the Board.

The board is planning a youth retreat October 24-26 at Camp Na-Co-Me near Centerville, Tennessee for all the teens in the Cumberland.

Wallace Hayes, Secretary

OTHER REPORTS

GIFTS TO FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE FROM CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

Ashland City	1,074.00
Bethel	235.20
Bethlehem	890.00
Brandons Chapel	86.81
Carlisle	30.00
Cofer's Chapel	3,875.88
Dickson First	196.87
Donelson	<u>337.25</u>

Dunbar Chapel	60.08
East Nashville	30.00
Friendship	332.30
Good Springs	250.00
Gorman (CTS)	5.00
Grace	93.00
Harper Road	118.53
Heads	71.39
Horton Heights	657.99
Loyal Chapel	148.00
Manchester	154.98
Mt. Pleasant	37.44
New Hope	169.00
Oak Grove	203.53
Oakland	112.20
Oaklawn	190.94
Oakwood	420.00
Olivet	375.00
Pardue Memorial	421.00
Pleasant Hill	40.00
Pleasant Ridge	80.00
Portland	100.00
Richland	52.50
Rocksprings	416.00
Shady Grove	1,130.00
Sylvan Park	837.00
Trinity	300.00
West Nashville	201.82
Woodbine	550.00
Individuals	6,210.21

Total\$20,334.78

NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Officers elected to serve for this year (1969-70) are as follows:
Moderator—Rev. Lonnie Skiles; Clerk—Rev. Jesse Webb; Treasurer—Mrs. Norman Richmond.

STATISTICAL REPORT BY CHURCHES

Church Membership	3,170
Sunday School Enrollment	2,328
Sunday School Average Attendance	1,688
C.T.S. Enrollment	909
C.T.S. Average Attendance	746
Prayer Meeting Average	666
Woman's Auxiliary Membership	216

Church Members Received	289
Value of Church Property	523,000
Value of Parsonage Property	135.00

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CHURCHES

Home Missions	4,026.29
Foreign Missions	10,025.13
Superannuation	752.93
Children's Home	4,441.61
Free Will Baptist College	6,292.07
Paid Pastors	46,600.50
Total Received	75,785.24
Total Paid Out	34,998.46
Quarterly Meeting Dues	394.00

SOUTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Officers elected to serve for the coming year are as follows: Moderator—Rev. Bob L. Jones; Assistant Moderator—Rev. J.W. Love; Clerk—Rev. Elmer Turnbough; Assistant Clerk—Allen Messer. To serve on the Executive Committee: Dr. James Davis, Allen Messer Rev. Carlos Craft.

STATISTICAL REPORT (13 Churches reporting)

Members	2,737
Sunday School Enrollment	2,539
C.T.S.	874
C.W.A.C.	157
M.M.	49
Members Received	174
Members Dismissed	76
Total Expenses of Churches	\$90,905.58

WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

We are pleased to report to you that we had four very successful and heart warming meetings during the year 1969 with an average of 12 out of our 15 churches reporting.

On October 11, 1969 we accepted the Claude's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church into our Quarterly Meeting. We request the Cumberland Association to accept it as a member.

Officers elected to serve for 1970 are as follows: Moderator—Rev. Virgil Smith; Assistant moderator—Rev. Carl Wilson; Clerk—Mrs. Virginia Smith; Treasurer—Mr. Fulton Edwards.

Church	Clerk and address	Church Membership	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Sunday School Enrollment	C.T.S. Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliary Membership	Master's Men Membership	Local Expenditures
Bethel	Isaac N. Clifton, Chapmansboro, 37085	258	14	0	114		13		7,988.62
Bethlehem	Mrs. Thelma Cannon, Rt. 1, Ashland City, 37051	279	36	14	185	93	24		9,073.94
Blue Springs	Mrs. Jean Chumley, Rt. 3, Culleoka, 38451	140	5	4	74	48	13	12	962.55
Brandon's Chapel	Mrs. Pauline Ross, Big Rock, 37023	103	12	1	59				318.22
Camp Grounds	No Report Received								
Calvary	No Report Received								
Carlisle	Mrs. A.W. Lamb, Rt. 1, Tenn. Ridge, 37178	84	3		96				4,356.50
Cofer's Chapel	Mary E. Griffith, 1415 Riverside Dr., Nashville, 37206	347	31	13	274	76	34		37,794.19
Donelson	Mrs. Wilma Jones, 2706 McKeize Ave. Nashville, 37214	272	44	2	230	100	20	14	17,351.00
Dunbar's Chapel	Mrs. Maxie Milligan, Indian Mound, 37079	87	10	2	69				4,046.66
East Nashville	Harold Baker, 3226 Healy Dr., Nashville, 37207	200	12	16	181	52	26	19	27,426.89
Faith (Columbia)	Mrs. Grace Wiley, R. 5, Columbia, 38401	44	6		48	30	12		1,990.00
Faith (Nashville)	No Report Received								
First (Ashland City)	Mrs. Dorothy King, Main St., Ashland City, 37015	207	36	1	108	45	20		19,324.97
First (Dickson)	Rev. R.L. Baggett, 112 Brook Dr., Dickson, 37055	107	1	1	73		11		6,465.52
First (Springfield)	Mrs. Stanley Crutcher, Rt. 1, Springfield, 37172	96	0	2	56	25	6		4,155.13
Friendship	Mrs. W.F. Harris, Rt. 1, Ashland City, 37015	240	6	1	124	60	12		5,335.10
Good Springs	Mrs. Lillian Binkley, Rt. 2, Joelton, 37080	264	9	6	135	70	20		18,002.48
Gorman	Mrs. Harry Nicholson, Rt. 3, McEwen, 37101	79	13	0	55	25	14		6,990.44
Grace	Mrs. Lester Erwin, 427 Wilclay Dr., Nashville, 37209	126	16	8	85	25	15		4,685.76
Greenwood	No Report Received								
Hagewood Chapel	No Report Received								
Harper Road	No Report Received								
Head's	Mrs. Joyce Whitworth, Rt. 2, Cedar Hill, 37032	268	2	6	162	56	9		10,482.19
Hendersonville	Roy Sisson, 177 Rebecca Dr., Hendersonville, 37075	42	10	0	50	21			6,571.72
Hill Top	Mrs. Wallace Howell, Bumpus Mills, 37028	30	1	1	44				1,164.22
Horton Heights	No Report Received								
Hurricane Chapel	Mrs. Lucille Lucas, Rt. 3, McEwen, 37101	96	4	0	125				3,980.82
Layne's Chapel	No Report Received								
Loyal Chapel	Mrs. Margie Boshers, 103 East 15th St., Columbia	176	14	1	147	55	15	10	18,529.35
Madison	Mrs. Glen Clark, Rt. 1, White's Creek, 37189	66	11	1	50	20			2,914.52
Manchester	Mrs. Mary Carter, 611 Oakdale St. Manchester, 37355	64	10	3	52				8,455.79
Miller's Chapel	Mrs. Virgil Bowker, Rt. 1, Charlotte, 37036	40	1	1	34				643.13
Mt. Pleasant	Sue Pemberton, 5634 Higdon Rd., Joelton, 37080	85	25	4	90	62			25,502.53
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Alton Talley, Rt. 1, Ashland City, 37015	224	22	5	121	68	18		10,657.35
New Hope	Mrs. Marvin Walker, Pleasant View, 37146	272	27	3	199	71	28	8	13,284.82
New Macedonia	Mrs. W.A. Davis, Rt. 2, Columbia, 38401	102	22	3	66	77			2,453.45
Oak Grove	Sallie Ann Hayes, Rt. 2 Charlotte, 37036	77	7	0	77	77	17		5,540.80
Oakland	Mrs. W.B. Carrington 3813 Cantarutti Rd. Joelton, 37080	154	10	3	88	63	13		5,209.05
Oaklawn	Mrs. Nathan Barnett, Chapmansboro, 37035	193	10	13	146	42	15		10,761.35
Oakwood (Woodlawn)	Mrs. Ward Howell, Jr. Rt. 1, Box 69, Woodlawn, 37191	198	4	0	149				12,076.47
Olivet	Daniel T. McGregor, Rt. 1, Guthrie, Ky. 42234	138	4	1	95	34	11		7,911.86
Pardue Memorial	Mrs. Betty Mutchler, 1872 Pardue Ct., Clarksville, 37040	111	22	1	85				3,259.50
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Fred Wallace, Rt. 3, Dover, 37058	118	7	0	70	20			3,688.28
Pleasant Ridge	Pam Holland, McEwen, 37101	65	0	0	60	40			4,903.79
Pleasant Valley	Mrs. J.B. Parsons, Rt. 2, Box 166, Joelton, 37080	27	0	0	27				1,289.82
Portland	Mrs. Haron V. White, 239 Reed Ave. Portland, 37148	51	0	0	60	30			4,298.74
Richland	Mrs. Leslie Andrews, 5605 Leslie Ave. Nashville, 37209	106	18	18	102	66	12	0	17,722.32
Rock Springs	Mrs. Virginia Smith, Rt. 2, Charlotte, 37036	210	19	2	126	70	49	0	5,466.53
Scott's Chapel	Mrs. H.D. Nolen, Cumberland City, 37050	89	2	2	46	40			3,596.09
Shady Grove	Mrs. Blondelle Poole, Rt. 7, Clarksville, 37040	181	19	2	104	65	12		6,307.89
Stoney Point	Mrs. Jean Halliburton, Vanleer, 37181	79	10	2	50				2,419.90
Sylvan Park	Mrs. Mack Wall, 410 American Rd., Nashville, 37209	113	13	9	135	52	16	10	14,536.76
Trinity	Mrs. Bailey Lee, 5300 Rawlings Rd., Joelton, 37080	148	10	9	153		24		14,613.00
West End (Springfield)	Mrs. Richard Douglas, 213 Meadow Brook Dr., Springfield	115	2	0	96	40	12	10	10,852.56
West Nashville	Bertie Pruitt, 6841 Old Charlotte Pk., Nashville	134	14	21	86	42		6	9,596.45
Woodbine	Joe Sarsfield, 3919 E. Ridge Dr. Nashville, 37211	345	83	4	325	180	28		21,680.79
Totals		7093	657	186	5186	1863	519	89	451,139.81

Master's Men Membership	Local Expenditures	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Home for Children	Superannuation	Other	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Associational Dues, Etc.
12	7,988.62 9,073.94 1,962.55 4,818.22		447.96 1,208.37 40.00 118.01	274.16 1,002.21 110.00 118.01	235.20 910.00 118.01	60.00 309.16 40.00 148.01	60.00 60.00	233.52 174.00	12,000.00 12,000.00 30,000.00 15,000.00	10,000.00 13,000.00 5,152.55 4,000.00	35.00 15.00 10.00 10.00
14	4,356.50 37,794.19 17,351.00 4,046.66		40.00 5,825.70 5,620.47 231.00	138.00 2,970.41 1,135.00 25.00	40.00 4,475.45 582.00	40.00 377.36 135.00 10.00	50.00	139.00 796.49 100.00	21,000.00 110,000.00 150,000.00 22,000.00	23,000.00 23,000.00	10.00 15.00 10.00 5.00
19	27,426.89 1,990.00		1,805.22 231.00	83.67 25.00	70.00	80.00 10.00		346.80	150,000.00 22,000.00	10,000.00	10.00 5.00
	19,324.97 6,465.52		925.00 249.36	306.00 179.70	1,025.00 196.00	115.00 176.00			75,000.00 15,000.00	12,500.00	15.00 10.00
	4,155.13 5,335.10 18,002.48 6,990.44 4,685.76	284.00	388.12 403.84 638.49 155.76 120.00	185.48 536.78 171.85 44.08	337.30 250.00	150.00 559.71 234.62 141.50	24.00 100.00 60.00	121.00 18.00 52.00	15,000.00 75,000.00 15,000.00 20,000.00	12,000.00 10,000.00 15,000.00 3,500.00	3.00 4.00 15.00 6.00 5.00
	10,482.19 6,571.72		488.56	318.24	341.03	48.00 52.00	24.00		25,000.00 30,000.00		15.00 5.00
	1,164.22			34.05		25.00			10,000.00		3.00
	3,980.82		50.00			119.00			5,000.00		8.00
10	18,529.35		424.24	393.18	202.00	166.87			70,000.00	10,000.00	10.00
	2,914.52 8,455.79 643.13 25,502.53 10,657.35	30.57	279.65 59.90 723.96	150.28 59.90 163.64	154.98 59.90	136.71 10.00 459.06 278.87	61.14 15.00	42.00 15.00	7,000.00 7,500.00 3,500.00 30,000.00 15,000.00	7,500.00	5.00 10.00 3.00 5.00 5.00
8	13,284.82 2,453.45 5,540.80 5,209.05 10,761.35		457.02 1,390.67 431.50 509.01	298.19 10.00 412.66 270.25 388.99	169.86 194.43 112.20 194.91	329.26 10.00 397.48 104.50 223.41	104.50 93.00	541.66 166.77	11,000.00 10,000.00 10,000.00 10,000.00 35,000.00	10,000.00 5,000.00	15.00 5.00 6.00 10.00 5.00
	12,076.47 7,911.86 3,259.50 5,688.28 4,903.79	550.00	187.82 461.00 350.61 111.00 280.00	225.00 60.50 51.70 40.00 120.00	420.00 421.00 40.00 120.00	134.00 275.00 113.40 120.00	150.00 10.00	121.04 70.00	10,000.00 25,000.00 20,000.00 20,000.00 11,500.00	12,200.00 12,500.00 9,000.00	10.00 15.50 5.00 9.33 8.00
	1,289.82 4,298.74 17,722.32		15.00 399.46 773.00 100.00	15.00 110.00 679.00 150.00	15.00 80.00 52.50 416.00	15.00 100.00 25.00 215.84 100.00			5,000.00 20,000.00 60,000.00 20,000.00 6,000.00	8,000.00	3.00 5.00 5.00 15.00 5.00
0 0	5,466.53 3,596.09	470.20						26.00 59.00	20,000.00 6,000.00		
10	6,307.89 2,419.90 14,536.76 14,613.00	15.00	1,547.43 473.18 992.00	215.00 684.93 250.00	130.00 872.00 600.00	195.00 261.00 325.00	65.00 105.00 150.00	354.54 600.00	20,000.00 7,500.00 40,000.00 85,000.00	10,000.00	16.00 5.00 10.00 10.00
10 6	10,852.56 9,596.45 21,680.79		645.80 38.44 2,546.40	281.00 838.80	760.00	12.82 168.00		945.00	52,000.00 30,000.00 90,000.00	2,000.00 8,000.00 8,500.00	5.00 8.00 5.00
89	451,139.81	1,349.77	32,183.95	13,485.65	13,807.77	6,706.58	1,116.64	4,921.82	1,560,000.00	267,352.55	432.83

Financial report:

Balance brought forward October 16, 1968	\$143.65
Offerings	\$161.54
Minute Fund	<u>150.00</u>
	311.54
Total to be accounted for	<u>\$455.19</u>

Disbursements:

Home Missions (Les Carney Account)	40.39
Home Missions (General)	30.00
Foreign Missions	70.43
Children's Home	70.34
Bible College	70.34
Clerk's Fee	26.10
CTS Printing (Program Sheets)	22.54
National Association—Executive Dept.	30.00
National C.T.S.	<u>30.00</u>

430.14

Balance on hand October 15, 1969	25.05
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Contributions made by Churches:

Foreign Missions	\$3,420.00
Home Missions	2,121.58
Free Will Baptist College	1,281.83
Children's Home	1,859.66
Cooperative Program	470.20
Total	<u>\$9,153.27</u>

Virgil Smith, Moderator
Fulton Edwards, Treasurer

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Last year we had 23 auxiliaries reporting to the Convention. This year we had 26 auxiliaries reporting; two of these were new auxiliaries. New auxiliaries joining us were Friendship and Woodbine. The enrollment last year was 392. The enrollment this year is 421.

PROJECTS

Study courses held	84
Auxiliaries participating in weeks of prayer	23
Family altars reported	167
Souls won	37
Families subscribing to Free Will Baptist papers	329
Tithers	298

GIFTS AND EXPENSES

Gifts and offerings given through channels	
other than the auxiliaries	\$6,916.66
Total disbursements	5,054.20
Among the offerings given for the year are the following:	
CDWA expense and dues	651.29
WNAC	211.95
Children's Home	411.68
Co-Laborer fund	610.23
Memorial Loan fund	190.76
Foreign Missions	2,168.91
Home Missions	505.20

Mary Ruth Wischart, President
Betty Jane Ross, Secretary

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1968 to September 30, 1969

Balance October 1, 1968 (Deficit)	\$15.75
Receipts	
Dues from 51 Churches	\$409.60
Offering Wednesday	94.20
Offering Thursday	53.11
Presbytery for minutes	<u>25.00</u>
	\$581.91
Total to be accounted for	\$566.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Report blanks	3.90
Postage	7.80
Programs	4.30
Telephone	2.38
Entertainment expense	75.00
State Association dues	124.00
Minutes	256.00
Clerk's fee	<u>35.00</u>
	\$508.38
	\$ 57.75

J.B. Reding, Treasurer

CHURCHES AND THEIR PASTORS

Bethel	Terry Forrest
Bethlehem	George Ludwig
Blue Springs	John H. Sneed
Brandon's Chapel	Eddie Vincent
Calvary	
Camp Grounds	
Carlisle	James V. Smith
Claud's Chapel	Paul Shelton
Cofer's Chapel	R. Eugene Waddell
Donelson	George C. Lee, Jr.
Dunbar's Chapel	Larry D. Hughes
East Nashville	Henry Melvin
Faith (Columbia)	Clyde Garrett
Faith (Nashville)	J. W. Love
First (Ashland City)	Terry Boyd
First (Dickson)	H. C. Beasley
First (Springfield)	Ken Upright
Friendship	Earl Langley
Good Springs	John Gibbs
Gorman	Wallace Hayes
Greenwood	
Grace	C. A. Craft
Hagwood's Chapel	
Harper Road	Willard McCarroll
Heads	Nedo Eaddy
Hendersonville	John B. Lindsley
Hill Top	Victor Neuenschwander
Horton Heights	
Hurricane Chapel	Sidney Henry
LaVergne	D. L. Sharp
Loyal Chapel	W. L. Hughes
Madison	Robert Trimble
Manchester	Jerry Pinkerton
Miller's Chapel	Paul Shelton
Mt. Pleasant	Frank Young
Mt. Zion	Vernon Barker
New Hope	Harvey Hill
New Macedonia	V. J. Crumley
Oak Grove	Tommy Street
Oakland	Jack Stone
Oaklawn	Wayne Wagner
Oakwood (Woodlawn)	Lonnie Skiles
Olivet	Jesse Webb
Pardue Memorial	Paul Stitton
Pleasant Hill	Carl Wilson
Pleasant Ridge	
Pleasant Valley	J. B. Parsons
Portland	Norman Richmond

Richland	Gene Helton
Rock Springs	Stanley Outlaw
Scott's Chapel	James D. Parham
Shady Grove	Jerry Williams
Stoney Point	Eugene Danials
Sylvan Park	Bob L. Jones
Trinity	Elmer Turnbough
West End (pringfield)	Don Dungan
West Nashville	Kenneth Stephens
Woodbine	Richard Cordell

PART II

THE PRESBYTERY

OF

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1968 - 69

MINUTES OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY
1968-1969

The Presbytery of the Cumberland Association met in a called session at Horton Heights Church at 7:30 P.M., December 13, 1968. The meeting opened with singing of hymns and prayer.

Brother William Mishler, Moderator, read excerpts from the FREE WILL BAPTIST TREATISE and a minister's ordination certificate, after which he then called for any items of business which were to be presented to the Presbytery.

Motion made that the minutes of this meeting of December 13, 1968, at which the above action was taken, not be printed in the Cumberland Association Presbytery annual minutes, but remain in the custody of the clerk of the Presbytery. The motion carried.

Motion to adjourn carried and the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Rev. William Mishler, Moderator

Rev. George Ludwig, Clerk

March 6, 1969 — at Grace Church, Nashville

The Presbytery met at the call of the Moderator March 6, 1969, 7:30 P.M., at Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville. The meeting opened with singing the hymn "Have Faith In God," after which Bro. Homer Willis led in prayer.

The Moderator called for the Examining Committee report. The report was read as follows. The Committee recommends:

1. For ratification, Rev. Robert Hesselmyer, from St. Louis, Mo., Quarterly Meeting.
2. Ordination deferred until a later date, Bro. M. P. Harris, Bro. Paul Shelton.
3. For ordination, Bro. Larry Hughes, Pastor of Dunbar's Chapel Church, Bro. Herbert Wilkerson, Pastor of Springfield First Church.

Motion carried to approve these recommendations, and the Presbytery proceeded to ordain Bros. Hughes and Wilkerson, with the service proceeding as follows: *Solo*, Rocky Craft. *Sermon*, Rev. C. A. Craft. *Presenting Bible*, Rev. Earl Sutton. *Prayer of Consecration*, Rev. George Ludwig. *The Charge and Presentation of Certificates*, Rev. William Mishler.

The hand of fellowship was given to Bros. Hughes and Wilkerson as the hymn, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," was sung. The Presbytery adjourned with prayer.

Rev. William Mishler, Moderator

Rev. George Ludwig, Clerk

May 31, 1969, Woodbine Church, Nashville

Responding to the call of the Moderator, the Presbytery met at the Woodbine Church, May 31, 1969, at 7:30 P.M. Bro. William Mishler, Moderator, called the meeting to order after singing a hymn and prayer. The report of the Examining Committee was given as follows. We recommend:

1. For ratification, Bro. Danny Patrick, from Cuyahoga Lorain County Conference of Free Will Baptist of Ohio. Bro. John Gibbs, from Tide Water Association of Virginia.

2. For ordination, Bro. Maurice Cousineau.

Bro. M. P. Harris appeared before the committee and after questioning him we recommend that his ordination be deferred until a future meeting with the Committee. These recommendations were approved by the Presbytery.

The ordination service for Bro. Cousineau was then held in the auditorium of the Woodbine Church with the service proceeding as follows: *Solo*, Rev. John Gibbs. *Sermon*, Rev. George Ludwig. *Presenting Bible*, Rev. Ernest Craft. *Prayer of Consecration*, Rev. Richard Cordell. *Charge and Presentation of Ordination Certificate*, Rev. William Mishler.

The service closed with prayer after the hand of fellowship was given to Bro. Cousineau and his family.

Rev. William Mishler, Moderator
Rev. George Ludwig, Clerk

October 15, 1969, Annual Meeting, Heads Church

The Moderator and his Assistant being absent, Bro. W. B. Hughes, chairman of the Examining Committee, opened the meeting by requesting Bro. Charles Thigpen to read the scripture and pray. This being done, the floor was declared open for nominations for a Moderator pro tem.

Bro. Charles Thigpen was nominated and elected by acclamation. Bro. Thigpen called for the reading of minutes of all called Presbytery meetings since the last annual meeting. They were read and approved. (See minutes above.)

The report of the Examining Committee was read with the following recommendations:

1. Ratification of Credentials:

Rev. Elmer O. Turnbough from the North Central Quarterly Meeting of Illinois Free Will Baptist.

Rev. Eddie Vincent on condition of a letter or recommendation from the Liberty Association of Missouri. Motion carried to adopt item one.

2. To Ordain:

Bro. Joel T. Street, with the time of his ordination being determined by the Presbytery. Motion carried to adopt item two. Motion that Bro. Street be ordained Thursday October 16, 1969, carried.

The Examining Committee has met with Bro. Gene Helton, as directed by the Presbytery, and on at least two of the meetings, two or three of the deacons in Richland church were present. Bro. Helton and the deacons gave a favourable report to the committee.

The Examining Committee had requested a meeting with Bro. John Ham for October 15, 1969, but due to a death, Bro. Ham had called the clerk and requested a later meeting with the committee.

Reports were given from the committee to study the Constitution and By-Laws and the committee on Guidelines for Licensed Ministers in the

Cumberland Association. (These documents were amended by the Presbytery and are printed, as adopted, elsewhere in these minutes.)

Motion carried that the Examining Committee study the matter of ministers who do not attend the annual meeting of the Presbytery with some idea of a corrective measure.

Motion carried to issue Rev. E. A. Craft a permanent Card of Standing. The Moderator asked for nominations for the election of officers for the year 1969-1970.

The following brethren were placed in nomination for their respective offices and elected by acclamation. Clerk; Rev. George Ludwig. Assistant Moderator; Rev. Wallace Hayes. Moderator; Rev. Richard Cordell.

Motion carried to adjourn and the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Rev. Charles Thigpen, Moderator
Rev. George Ludwig, Clerk

Letters of recommendation were given to the following brethren transferring out of the Cumberland Association.

Rev. Glen Hood, to the Central Florida Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. William Baird, to the Progressive Association of Alabama.

Rev. David Matthews, to the South Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. William Mishler, to the South Central Quarterly Meeting of Illinois Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Earl Langley, to the Kansas City Association of Free Will Baptists of Missouri.

Rev. Herbert Wilkerson, to the Northern Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists.

PRESBYTERY TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1968-1969

Balance brought forward, November 30, 1968, \$ 84.97

Receipts:

Received with Minister's Reports 150.00

Petty Cash 2.50

Total money to be accounted for \$237.22

Disbursements:

Postage for notices for four meetings 24.00

Phone calls 3.93

E. A. Lallemand & Son (rubber stamp) 2.81

Duplicating Works 2.80

CTS Printing Division, Letterheads, etc. 21.50

Curley Printing Company

(ordination certificates) 23.72

Clerk's Salary 25.00

Cumberland Association, (Presbytery minutes) . . . <u>25.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	<u>\$128.76</u>
Balance in Ashland City Bank, October 14, 1969	<u>\$108.46</u>

George Ludwig, Treasurer

MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Beasley, H.C.	446-2580	205 Central High	Dickson
Bell, James N.	297-5349	4811 Kentucky Ave.	Nashville
Boyd, Terry L.	746-5044		Ashland City
Boyle, Francis W.		1019 Patricia Drive	Nashville
Bunn, John F	746-5353	RFD-2	Cedar Hill
Burch, Tommy			Nashville
Coffey, Rufus		P.O. Box 1088	Nashville
Cordell, Richard R	254-9794	2204 Foster Ave.	Nashville
Craft, C.A.	356-0658	423 Willclay Drive	Nashville
Craft, Ernest A	269-5268	4609 Illinois Ave.	Nashville
Crowson, Milton	356-2090	524 Achievement Drive	Nashville
Crumley, V.J.	388-2181	RFD-6	Columbia
Daniel, Eugene		RFD-1	Cumberland City
Davis, James T.	794-6967	RFD-7 Meadow Green	Franklin
Dungan, Donald R.	384-5429	504 Oak Street	Springfield
Eaddy, Nedo	746-5565	RFD-2	Cedar Hill
Forlines, Leroy	292-8709	3801 Rolland Rd.	Nashville
Gann, Roy	232-7028	RFD-1	Dover
Garrett, Clyde H.	987-2515	RFD-3	Culleoka
Gibbs, John H.	746-3368	RFD-1	Pleasant View
Golding, Walter E		80 Samaritan Ave.	Ashland, Ohio
Hanvy, Bobby	794-3868	RFD 6,	Franklin
Harrison, Harold D.	889-9303	1617 Citation Drive	Nashville
Hatcher, D.A.	582-3136	RFD-3 Box 31	McEwen
Hayes, Wallace	296-4635	RFD-3	McEwen
Henry, Sidney	582-6237		McEwen
Hesselmeyer, Robert	292-6000	1802 Natchez Trace	Nashville
Helton, Gene	256-2368	527 Starliner Drive	Nashville
Hill, Harvey E.	746-5336	RFD-2 Box 215	Joelton
Hughes, Thomas A.	366-0248	19381 Andover	Detroit, Michigan
Hughes, Larry D.	269-5023	324 Normandy Circle	Nashville
Hughes, W.B.	388-8088	109 East 17 Street	Columbia
Johnson, L.C.			Nashville
Jones, Bob L.	352-4093	6330 Columbia Ave.	Nashville
Ketterman, Paul J.	356-1852	516 Achievement Drive	Nashville
Langley, Earl	792-4098	RFD-1	Ashland City
Lee, George C.	883-5392	2909 Knobdale Road	Nashville
Lima, Felix	MU6-0980	817 Tamardek	McAllen, Texas

Lindsley, John	452-5361	836 Peninsula Drive	Gallatin
Love, J.W.	292-0094	5103 Dakota Ave.	Nashville
Ludwig, George A.	792-4921	RFD-5	Ashland City
Mayo, R.E.	384-3001	RFD-1	Springfield
McCarroll, Willard	766-2477	RFD-1	Whites Creek
McDonald, E.B.	356-1473	631 Westboro Drive	Nashville
Melvin, Henry	256-8554	616 Russell Street	Nashville
Neuenschwander, Victor	297-7360	636 Freedom Place	Nashville
Oliver, Wm.H.	227-1748	1500 Eastland Ave.	Nashville
Outlaw, Stanley	352-7979	5706 Vine Ridge Drive	Nashville
Paramore, Jack	291-7909	3611 Central Ave.	Nashville
Parham, James	582-6933	RFD-1, Beasley Street	McEwen
Parsons, Harold W.	356-1055	528 Starliner Drive	Nashville
Parsons, J.B.		RFD-2	Joelton
Patrick, Danny J.	254-7886	2204 Foster Ave.	Nashville
Phillips, Donald	792-5253	RFD-5	Ashland City
Picirilli, Robert E.	297-0183	301 Greenway Ave.	Nashville
Pinkerton, Jerry	728-4753	721 South Spring Street	Manchester
Reeds, Roger C.	833-8851	501 Catalina Drive	Nashville
Richmond, Gerald	325-2050	RFD-2 Westmoreland Road	Portland
Sharp, D.L.	356-0867	6215 Henry Ford Drive	Nashville
Shelby, Glen E.	832-0254	5000 Edmondson Pike	Nashville
Sitton, Paul	645-2964	1212 Beverly Hills	Clarksville
Shockey, Robert L.	352-0190	6655 Upton Lane	Nashville
Stephens, Kenneth	292-6970	5813 Maxon Ave.	Nashville
Stone, Jack A.	766-2878	RFD-3 Box 5421	Ashland City
Sutton, Earl		4001 Westlawn Drive	Nashville
Skiles, Lonnie R.	648-4328	RFD-1 Box 85-A	Woodlawn
Thigpen, Charles A.	297-0327	3508 Murphy Road	Nashville
Thompson, Gustus M.	352-9698	7934 Charlotte Pike	Nashville
Troutman, A.B.	684-8538	906 McLean Street	Owensboro, Ky.
Turnbough, Elmer	865-2592	121 Hardaway Drive	Goodlettsville
Upright, Kenneth	297-7407	3508 Byron Ave.	Nashville
Van Kluyve, Henry	833-6462	514 Glenpark Drive	Nashville
Vincent, Eddie L.	833-8396	102 Oriel	Nashville
Waddell, Eugene	255-1942	3600 Kings Lane	Nashville
Webb, Jesse	358-2158	RFD-1	Guthrie, Ky.
Williams, Jerry	362-3240	RFD-7	Clarksville
Willis, H.E.	352-9362	1200 Davidson Rd	Nashville
Wilson, Carl	647-2816	P.O. Box 333	Clarksville
Wilson, Reford	833-5576	519 McDonald Drive	Nashville,
Welch, J.L.		4911 Ragwood Lane	Nashville
Young, Frank			

Missionaries

Bobby Poole: Brazil
Frank Cousineau: Africa
T.H. Willey, Jr.: Panama

CONSTITUTION

of the Presbytery

Of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this Presbytery shall be to examine and ordain ministers and to discipline its members. This Presbytery will ordain deacons at the request of the church in which they are to serve.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The membership of this Presbytery shall consist of all ordained ministers and deacons holding cards of standing in the Presbytery.

This Presbytery may invite visiting ministers and deacons to sit in council with it in any assembly thereof. Licensed ministers in good standing with a member church of this Association are associate members of the Presbytery with no voting privilege.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

The officers of this Presbytery shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be elected annually and shall serve until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of the moderator to appoint all committees for the purpose of examining all applicants for ordination to the ministry and to make investigations that may be deemed necessary to the body.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

This Presbytery shall hold annual sessions at the close of the first day's session of the Cumberland Association. Called sessions may be held at the call of

the moderator, his assistant, or any five members of said Presbytery who deem it necessary. Eleven regular members shall constitute a quorum, which shall be required in all assemblies for the transaction of legal business.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of Presbytery by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Ordination of ministers

This Presbytery shall have the power to examine and ordain applicants to the full work of the gospel ministry. Applicants must have carried a license for at least one year immediately preceeding their applications for ordination and have a call to pastor a church or be engaged in full-time Christian service of such nature as to merit ordination. Any exception for the requirements for carrying a license for one year must pass by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE II

Ratification of Credentials

Ministers who are transferring from other associations may have their credentials ratified upon examination by the examining committee and approval of the Presbytery. This approval will be subject to a favorable letter of recommendation from the applicant's former association or quarterly meeting or other ordaining bodies.

Ministers desiring to be received from other denominations will be required to take the same examination as new applicants.

ARTICLE III

Cards of Standing

This Presbytery shall issue annually cards of standing to ministers upon the presentation of a report in person (or in case of sickness or some other legitimate reason letters may be accepted). Annual cards of standing shall be issued to

deacons upon the presentation of a letter of recommendation from their local churches. A donation of \$2 is requested.

Any minister or deacon failing to hold a card of standing shall not have a voice in this Presbytery. Any minister having lost his standing may be reinstated in this Presbytery upon the presentation of his report, and who manifests a sincere interest in the work of the Lord.

Ministers who are retired or who have reached the age of retirement and have continued to manifest a sincere interest in the work of the Lord may be issued a lifetime card of standing which they may hold as long as they hold membership in this Presbytery or as long as their conduct is unquestionable.

Ministers who are members of churches in the Cumberland Association who do not have cards of standing do not have the approval of this body to present themselves in other Free Will Baptist meetings as a Free Will Baptist minister in good standing.

ARTICLE IV

Discipline and Withdrawal

This Presbytery shall have the power to try and withdraw fellowship from any member upon evidence of guilt of unchristian conduct; or, who is teaching or preaching heresy, or who has proved to be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as expressed in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, as held by the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee.

ARTICLE V

Donations

Each member of this Presbytery shall be asked to donate \$2 annually upon the presentation of his report. This fund is to be used for acquiring necessary equipment, the printing of such materials as cards of standing, certificates of ordination, constitution and by laws, stationery, minutes or meetings, and for defraying of necessary traveling and mailing expenses.

ARTICLE VI

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Presbytery by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

Amended October 15, 1969

GUIDELINES FOR LICENSED MINISTERS IN THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

I. RULES PERTAINING TO THE LICENSED MINISTER

A. Qualifications for the Licensee

1. He must be a member of a church which belongs to the Cumberland Association.
2. He must give evidence to his church that he is divinely called to preach, whereupon the local church is authorized to examine him for license. This examination should include the areas of the candidate's life, doctrine, reputation, and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. His present and prospective educational and professional qualifications should also be considered. Upon completion of such an examination, the local church shall determine whether or not to grant license. The ministerial license shall be valid for a period of one year but is renewable annually.
3. He must have his license renewed annually by said church and kept in force until ordination.

B. The Activities of the Licensee

1. According to the general practices of Free Will Baptists, a licensed minister is urged to afford himself of every opportunity to preach the Word. He is free to exercise all the privileges and responsibilities of an ordained minister with the exception of pastoring a church and officiating at the observances of the ordinances and weddings.
2. The licensee should consider the years between his receiving license and being ordained as years of study and training in preparation for his calling.

C. His Relationship to the Presbytery

1. The clerk of the church should report the names of licensed ministers to the clerk of the Presbytery who will forward a copy of these guidelines to each licensee.
2. Licensed ministers will be eligible to hold associate membership in the Presbytery.

II. SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION

A. Attend Free Will Baptist Bible College if possible

B. Seek the counsel of an experienced pastor or pastors.

C. Make as thorough a study as possible of the following:

1. The Holy Bible
2. Systematic Theology
3. Homiletics
4. Pastoral Theology and Church Administration
5. Evangelism
6. Church History (especially, F.W.B. history)

III. A SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF WORK LEADING TO ORDINATION

- A. As soon as licensee feels that he is qualified to become a candidate for ordination, he should request a list of study questions from the Examining Committee of the Presbytery. We would strongly encourage him to proceed with his examination before entertaining a call to a church.
- B. At least two months before the Examining Committee meets, he should secure the examination. He should make five copies of the completed examination (one for each member of the Committee), and send them to the Examining Committee no later than two weeks before its meeting.

(Alternate)

The Candidate will be given a written examination based on some of the study questions in the presence of one or more of the Committee members.

- C. The Candidate is required to pass an oral examination administered by the Committee.
- D. The Committee will report to the candidate on whether he passed or what areas he may need additional study in.
- E. When the approved candidate has passed the examination and has received a call to a church or is engaged in some other form of Christian service that would justify his being ordained, the Committee will recommend his ordination to the Presbytery. This recommendation will usually be made only after the candidate has been licensed for one full year.

Minister	Church or other Ministry	Sermons	Prayer Meetings	Funerals	Marriages	Special Services	Revivals Preached	Revivals Assisted	Received into Church	Baptisms	Visits	Conversions
Beasley, H.C.	Dickson	110	46	1	1	3	0	2	1	0		15
Bell, James N.		20										2
Boyd, Terry L.	Ashland City	99	49	10	8		1		36	16	3,000	20
Boyle, Francis W.	Church Bonds, Inc.	65				27					1,000	12
Bunn, John F.		13	2									
Coffey, Rufus	National Office	200		1			4					
Cordell, Richard R.	Woodbine	133	46	7	8	18	3	2	85	50		99
Craft, C.A.	Grace	97	50	7	5	1		1		2	64	8
Craft, Ernest A.		10		4	2							
Crowson, Milton	Bible College	15	3	1							40	3
Crumley, Van J.	New Macedonia	645	4	1	1	1	3	1	19	15	50	40
Daniel, Eugene	Stony Point		10	3	1	0	0	2	8	0	24	4
Davis, James T.	Franklin Mission	90	12	2	1	8	2	1			450	25
Dungan, Donald R.	West End Springfield	90	50	0	1				2	2	0	600
Eaddy, Nedo	Heads	160	47	6	4		1	2		8	1,040	55
Forlines, Leroy	Bible College	21	10	1							10	
Gann, Roy	Scotts Chapel	104	15	1	3		0	3	2			5
Garrett, Clyde H.	Blue Springs	89	35	4	2	4	0	3	7	5	65	6
Gibbs, John H.	Good Springs	80	42	4	3			2	5	11	150	15
Golding, Walter E.	Seminary Student	49	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	20	2
Harrison, Harold D.	Sunday School Dept.	20	2	0	0	248	1					5
Hatcher, D.A.					5							
Hayes, Wallace	Gorman	112	45	1	1	1	1	2	9	4	115	7
Henry, Sidney	Hurricane Chapel	156	45	10	2	2	8	1	4	4	55	68
Hesselmeyer, Robert	Student	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		6
Hill, Harvey E.	New Hope	133	48	5	2	8	1	2	27	18	946	53
Hughes, Larry	Dunbar's Chapel	98	0	4	1	00	0	1	11	9	300	9
Hughes, Thomas A.	Missionary Intern											
Hughes, W.B.	Loyal Chapel	157	48	5	3	10	2	1	14	9		12
Johnson, L.C.	Bible College											
Jones, Bob L.	Sylvan Park	108	26	1	1	7	1	2	32	6		9
Ketterman, Paul J.	Bible College	150	6	2	0		3	0	0	0		
Langley, Earl	Friendship	101	45			2	2	3	6	7	600	18
Lee, George C.	Donelson	65	40	0	1	1	0	0	44	5	410	11
Lima, Felix	Missionary	184	14			30	3	4			960	48
Lindsley, John	Hendersonville	88	46	0	1	9	0	1	11	0	193	4
Love, J.W.	Faith	85	42			6	3	11	6		94	5
Ludwig, George A.	Bethlehem	100	45	15	6	2	1	1	25	20	300	22
Mayo, R.E.	Madison	100		2	3				10	10	75	20
McCarroll, Willard	Harper Road	116	40	2	2	2	2	2	12	14	175	9
McDonald, E.B.	Bible College	6									100	
Melvin, Henry	East Nashville	104	50	5	3	6	0	1	13	4	200	4
Neuenschwander, Victor	Hill top	38	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	32	6
Outlaw, Stanley	Rock Springs	145	48	5	0	17	4	1	19	25	300	26
Paramore, Jack	Bible College	400				18						
Parham, James	Pleasant Ridge	80	49	0	2	2	1	2	5	10		9
Parsons, Harold Wayne		6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	1
Parsons, J.B.	Pleasant Valley	104	51					2			46	
Patrick, Danny J.	Asst. At Woodbine	15	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0		5
Phillips, Donald H.		18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3
Picirilli, Robert E.	Bible College	85	5	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	20	10
Pinkerton, Jerry	Manchester	100	49	0	2	2	0	2	8	7	670	8
Reeds, Roger	Sunday School Dept.	50	52	0	0		1	1				10
Richmond, Gerald N.	Portland	108	50	2	2		2			4		8
Sharp, D.L.	Laverne	70				10			21			
Shelby, Glen E.	Calvary	90	40	0	2	2	0	2	26	5	200	10
Sitton, Paul	Pardue Memorial	104	50	8	2	2	0	1	25	9	150	9
Shockey, Robert L.	Nat'l Home Missions	281	10	1		8						142
Stephens, Kenneth	West Nashville	95	50	2	1		1		8	11		11
Stone, Jack A.	Oakland	100	50	1	1				10	6	150	5
Skiles, Lonnie R.	Oakwood	89	48	2	1	2	1	1	5	4		3
Thigpen, Charles A.	Bible College											
Thompson, Gustus M.		25	25		1							2
Troutman, A.B.		108	14	5		2	2		3	1	280	8
Turnbough, Elmer O.	Trinity & 1st Moline	122	42	4	3	15	3	2	31	18	1,820	23
Upright, Kenneth	First Springfield (1-mo.)	15	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Vincent, Eddie L.	Brandon's Chapel	37		1	1			1	12	9	12	6
Van Kluyve, Henry	Nat'l Foreign Missions											
Waddell, Eugene	Cofer's Chapel	173	32	11	2	10	4	2	39	15	1,700	40
Webb, Jesse	Olivet	120	50	7			2		12			15
Williams, Jerry W.	Shady Grove	102	50	2	1	20	2	18	13		308	16
Willis, H.E.	Nat'l Home Missions											
Wilson, Carl	Pleasant Hill	161	46	7	1		1	2	13	12		21
Wilson, Reford	Nat'l Foreign Missions											

Note: Ministers not listed did not file an annual report by the time these minutes were printed. Ministers not reporting are not issued a card of standing.

