
**MINUTES & ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
154TH SESSION
OF THE
CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

October 11, 1997
Dunbar's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church
Indian Mound, TN
Rev. Greg Tyson, Host Pastor

The 155th Session will meet
Saturday, October 10, 1998
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church
Nashville, TN

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BOARDS OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Randal Bracey (98)

Gladys Gragg (99)

Mitch Griffin (2000)

Bob Baggett (2001)

_____ (2002)

YOUTH CAMP

Clayton Hampton (98)

Randy Skaggs (98)

Tim Farris (98)

Bob Baggett (99)

Steve Swango (99)

Eric Hurst (99)

Barry Simpson (2000)

Bill Evans (2000)

Steve Faison (2000)

_____ (2001)

_____ (2001)

_____ (2001)

SUPERANNUATION

Herbert Hassell (98)

Joe Hurst (99)

Robert Crawford (2000)

Eddie Hopkins (2001)

Jay Ellis (2002)

_____ (2003)

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mary Ruth Wisehart (98)

Stanley Outlaw (99)

Darrell Holley (2000)

Robert Picirilli (2001)

Steve Hasty (2002)

_____ (2003)

TREASURERS TO WHOM FUNDS ARE SENT

Children's Home:	Dr. James Kilgore 90 Stanley Ln. Greeneville, TN 37743
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State Home Missions:	Rev. Wayne Wagner 3156 Heads Church Rd. Cedar Hill, TN 37032
Cumberland Youth Camp:	Rev. Marion Pettus 2193 Happy Hill Acres Rd. Woodlawn, TN 37191
Tennessee State Promotional Work:	Rev. E.B. McDonald P.O. Box 685 Ashland City, TN 37015
Superannuation:	Rev. Joe Hurst 1733 Riverhaven Dr. Adams, TN 37015
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CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION UNIFIED GIVING PLAN

The Unified Giving Plan. It is suggested that each church within the Cumberland give 10% of their undesignated offerings to their Quarterly or to the Cumberland Association for the support of the Cumberland programs. The giving is as follows:

Cumberland Foreign Missions Board	7 1/2%
Tennessee Home Missions Board	7 1/2%
Cumberland Association	10%
Cumberland Superannuation	15%
Cumberland Youth Camp	30%
TN State Association	<u>30%</u>
TOTAL:	100%

PROCEEDINGS

The 154th session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists met on October 11, 1997 at Dunbar's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Indian Mound, Tennessee. Rev. Greg Tyson was the host pastor.

The theme for the meeting was, "Christ in the Church." The Nominating Committee for the Presbytery was appointed.

MORNING WORSHIP - 9:00 A.M.

Our morning service began with Bro. Steve Parks leading us in "All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus" and "I Love You Lord". Sis. Marjorie Patton accompanied on the piano.

Bro. Greg Tyson read from Hosea 4:1 and gave us a warm welcome. Bro. Jon Justice gave the response and lead us in prayer.

The Committee on Committees report was given and vacancies were filled.

Bro. Randy Riggs, pastor of Harper Road Free Will Baptist Church in the Northern Quarterly, brought the morning devotion from Revelation 1. He shared that: Christ is to be worshipped; Christ is to be preeminent and; Christ is to be obeyed. We were challenged to make our walk with Christ the most important aspect of our lives. We closed in prayer.

MORNING BUSINESS - 9:30 A.M.

The 154th session was called to order by our moderator, Bro. Fred Hall. Ministers and deacons in good standing were recognized as standing delegates. The delegates from local churches and quarterlies were recognized. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve this group as the voting body.

The Executive Committee Report was given by Bro. Steve Lindsay. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive the report as read.

Reports were given from each quarterly. Bro. Wayne Wagner gave the Northern Quarterly report, Bro. Roger Reeds gave the Southern Quarterly report, Bro. Ronald Mashburn gave the South Central Quarterly report, and Bro. Greg Tyson gave the Western Quarterly report. All four reports were accepted by the body.

The Superannuation report was read by Bro. Fred Hall. The body requested that the Superannuation Board publish the criteria necessary to receive benefits from this ministry.

The Cumberland Foreign Missions report was given by Bro. Mike Gillock. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept these reports.

The Cumberland Camp report was given by Bro. Marion Pettus. Bro. Pettus added that the board had a special two day meeting in which they walked the entire camp property to help in vision and planning. He would very much like to see our camp become a year round ministry and thanked everyone for their prayers and support. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the report.

Bro. Wayne Wagner brought greetings from Tennessee Home Missions Board. He informed the body that: New Life Free Will Baptist Church is established and is becoming self-supporting; Bro. Gerald Fender is building a new building in Knoxville; Bro. Tim Osbourne is moving to Nashville to begin raising funds to go to Memphis as a home missionary and; the board is looking into the possibilities of starting a cross-cultural ministry to the latin people in Tennessee with Bro. Carlos Rubio.

Dr. Charles Thigpen brought greetings from the State Promotional Office. He thanked everyone for allowing him to work with the state work. He challenged each pastor to promote Sunday School and Sunday School Extensions. He asked that the body keep him updated on address changes and encouraged everyone to subscribe to *Contact*. He also asked that each church support the State Promotional Office.

Dr. James Kilgore brought greetings from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. He said Free Will Baptist Family Ministries is committed to making a difference and strengthening families. He asked those who do not receive a newsletter to sign up.

Delegates were elected to the State Association: Ollie May Baggett; JoAnn Hurst; Joyce Reese; Maxine Wagner; and Gloria Welsh. Motion was made, seconded, and carried to elect these and to allow Bro. Fred Hall to have the power to make any necessary replacements at the State Meeting.

A letter from the Media Commission of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was passed out. The letter was requesting the Cumberland churches to help fund a 30 second commercial titled "The Arrow" during the Easter season on the three major networks in Nashville.

Bro. Bill Evans brought greetings from the Board of Retirement and Insurance and the Free Will Baptist Foundation. The Board has set a goal of enrolling 100 new participants per year in the program. He encouraged everyone to be involved in the plan.

Bro. Fred Hall led in prayer and we adjourned for a brief recess.

MORNING WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

Bro. Steve Parks led us in singing "Victory In Jesus". Sis. Marjorie Patton accompanied on the piano. Sis. Joy Corn, Sis. Marjorie Patton, and Sis. Beverly Riggs sang "Carry The Light".

Bro. Ronald Mashburn, pastor of Crossroads Free Will Baptist Church in the South Central Quarterly, brought our morning message from Ephesians 4:14-21. The title of his sermon was "Don't Lose the Glory". He reminded us: that we need to put Christ first in everything we do; the Glory of God indwells believers through the person of the Holy Spirit; and every believer is the temple of God. He then asked, "Can the world see Christ in the average Christian today?". He urged us not to let our walk with Christ become routine or boring, but to keep the power of God in our life. Bro. Mashburn closed with six things to keep the glory of God in our lives and churches. They were as follows: build a fire in the pulpit; let the Lord build a fire in laymen; seek personal revival; stay true to the Bible; major in soul winning; and stay close to the Lord.

An offering of \$94.06 was received and we dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

1:00 P.M.

Bro. Steve Parks led in "This Is The Day", "I Will Sing Of the Mercies", and "Hallelujah". sis. Marjorie Patton accompanied on the piano. Bro. Randy Corn led in prayer. Bro. Larry Montgomery, pastor of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in the Southern Quarterly brought our afternoon devotion from Revelation 1:12-17. He asked the question, "How can we be sure Christ is in the Church?" He then answered the question: Christ promised He would be in the Church; the Church is His; the Church is His chosen method of saving people; Christ is in His people (who make up the Church). He closed by telling us Christ is in the Church to: receive worship and adoration; hear and answer prayers; refine and reprove His people; challenge and inspire His people to greater heights; and discipline and judge.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS

2:00 P.M.

Bro. Eugene Waddell brought greetings from the Foreign Missions Board. He commended the Cumberland on their giving to missions. 13 churches gave over \$5,000 and 7 gave over \$10,000 to missions in the last year. He asked Bro. Lloyd Plunkett to come and share that his wife and he are returning to the Institute in the Ivory Coast. We were asked to support by prayer and finances.

Bro. Bob Baggett shared an opportunity to financially support the Cumberland Youth Camp by purchasing one of a limited number of prints of the Civil War battle at Fort Donelson. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Camp's ministry.

Bro. Steve Swango shared concerning the establishment of the Charles McNeese Memorial Scholarship Fund and Free Will Baptist Bible College. He asked all who would to support this fund and to send checks to the College Financial Aid Department designated for this particular fund.

The Obituary Committee report was given by Bro. Roger Phenice. Bro. Ed Gragg led in a time of prayer thanking God for the faithfulness of those who were before us. Eddie Hodges gave the Petitions and Requests report. Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the report and recommendation. The Registration and Finance report was given by Bro. Randy Corn. Bro. Steve Lindsay read the Resolutions Committee report. Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the one item. The Nominating Committee report was given by Bro. Ed Gragg. Motion made, seconded, and carried to receive the report and vote office by office. Bro. E.B. McDonald gave the Treasurer's report. Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the report.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to send a letter to Bro. Henry Morgan for His faithful service as treasurer of the Superannuation Board of the Cumberland.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to place today's offering in the Charles McNeese Memorial Scholarship Fund and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to appoint a committee with members from each quarterly to encourage our churches to help raise the funds for the television commercial "The Arrow". The motion was ammended for this committee to be made up of the moderators of the quarterlies with Bro. Wayne Wagner of the Northern Quarterly to chair the committee. A second motion was made, seconded, and carried for Bro. Larry Montgomery to also serve on this committee.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to dismiss. The session was closed in prayer by Bro. Carlos Kelsey.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met on September 2, 1997 at East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of planning the 154th session of the Cumberland Association. The theme, "Christ in the Church" was chosen. The speakers for the session were chosen. The Committee on Committees was appointed. The committee (made up of the quarterly moderators) is:

Rev. Roger Reeds (SQ) -chairman
Rev. Tim Farris (WQ)
Rev. Ronald Mashburn (SCQ)
Rev. Wayne Wagner (NQ)

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Lindsay, Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

REGISTRATION AND FINANCE

E.B. McDonald
Randy Corn

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS

Eddie Hodges
Darell Holly
Eric Brown

OBITUARY

Roger Phenice
Terry Welsh

NOMINATING

Ed Gragg
Ronald Mashburn
Randy Riggs

RESOLUTIONS

Leroy Forlines
Carlos Kelsey
Robert Baggett

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Reeds; Wayne Wagner; Ronald Mashburn; Greg Tyson

NORTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT

The Northern Quarterly has twenty-four churches and is very active as a part of the Cumberland Association. We support the total program of our State Work by Unified Giving. We also give to the Youth Camp and to Pleasant View Christian School. We praise the Lord that we were able to finish in the black last year at our School. Too, we have 312 students enrolled in the school, plus our Day Care, which has approximately 85 who attend regularly.

We also had a Bible College Day the last Sunday Evening in February at the Pleasant View Christian School and raised approximately \$27,000.00 for the College. This year, we are helping fix the soil erosion at the new Bible College property where the road was built. Our churches will furnish 400 bales of straw, a truck and some equipment to help with the work.

We were involved in the Don Sexton Walk-a-thon again this year. The figures are not in at the present time.

Also, we had a Christmas fellowship dinner for our pastors and their wives at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Multipurpose Building. This is a highlight of our year and the fellowship is great. Too, we meet the first Monday of each month at Shoney's restaurant in Springfield for a fellowship breakfast.

Too, we met four times this year for our Quarterly meetings with approximately 100 at each meeting. Our meetings are always a joy to go to with good fellowship, a sweet Spirit, along with some very good preaching, and a delicious meal. I am very thankful for our Northern Quarterly.

Wayne Wagner, Moderator; Danny Thompson, Assistant Moderator
Barry Simpson, Treasurer; Mary Crutcher, Clerk

SOUTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT

The Southern Quarterly Meeting met four times this past year. The attendance has fluctuated between 60 to 120. Each host church provided abundant refreshments for the delegates and visitors. The programs varied from musical to messages. Our quarterly clerk/treasurer resigned to accept a church in Texas. We will miss Rick Futch. We have 21 churches.

Officers were elected during our October session at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. They are:

Roger Reeds - Moderator
Fred Hall - Assistant Moderator
Mary Frances Phenice - Clerk
Gladys Gragg - Treasurer

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Reeds, Moderator
Mary Frances Phenice, Clerk

SOUTH CENTRAL QUARTERLY REPORT

This year was a productive year for the South Central Quarterly. Having organized in April 1996, this was our first full year. We have spent the year trying to familiarize our member churches with the various ministries throughout the denomination, including the National, State, and Cumberland Association. In conjunction with that, we have invited various ministry representatives to speak at our quarterly business sessions. We have had representatives from the following ministries: Retirement Board; Free Will Baptist Bible College; Family Ministries; State Promotional Secretary; Cumberland Youth Camp; and Nashville Union Rescue Mission.

On September 13, a Foreign Mission Walk-a-thon was held with good participation from our member churches. Approximately \$2,000 has been raised thus far.

April 13 was designated by the South Central Quarterly as Bible College Day. Each church had a representative from the Bible College to speak at the Sunday morning service. Approximately \$2,400 was raised for the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

In May of this year, we cleaned and painted a Free Will Baptist Church outside of Waynesboro, Tennessee. A revival was held at the church June 2-7 by Rev. Ronald Mashburn. It was sponsored by the South Central Quarterly, with excellent attendance by all member churches. From this revival, a core group formed and services are now being held each Sunday morning and evening. A minister within the Quarterly, Rev. Robert Wells, is now serving as Interim Pastor. New Life Free Will Baptist Church in Lewisburg has now organized and will shortly move to self-supporting status. By God's grace, our vision is to start at least one Free Will Baptist Church in our part of the state this year.

In April, the South Central Quarterly held a "Camp Day" at Cumberland Youth Camp. There were 71 in attendance with five churches represented. The purpose was to

acquaint our churches with the camp facilities and various ministries. We also became a "Friend of Camp".

On July 3, 1997 we lost our moderator, Rev. Charles McNeese in tragic accident. In love of Christ and honor of our dear brother, we established "The Charles McNeese Memorial Scholarship Fund" at Free Will Baptist Bible College. There has been excellent response to this Scholarship Fund. At the time of this writing, there has been approximately \$5,000 given with an additional \$4,000 in pledges for the coming year. The scholarship is open ended and we anticipate additional offerings in the future.

This Quarterly has a wonderful spirit of cooperation and unity and by God's grace we hope to accomplish all that He desires from us in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Ronald Mashburn, Moderator

WESTERN QUARTERLY REPORT

The Western Quarterly met in session four times this year. All four meetings were very uplifting and encouraging. The highlight, in my opinion, being the July meeting, held at Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The Western Quarterly observed Deacon Appreciation Night. The Pastors and churches showed their love and appreciation for these men and the hard but wonderful job that they do. Certificates were presented to some for the length of service. Bro. Jim Dudley, Deacon of the United Free Will Baptist Church, brought our evening message, one that would make any Pastor proud.

Roll Call Sunday Report Comparison between 1996 to 1997:

1996 - 10 out of 17 reported	1997 - 13 out of 17 reported
796 present	1,416 present
4 saved	2 saved

We have one Christian School, United Christian Academy of Dickson, of which the Western Quarterly is very proud. United Christian Academy is presently in a building project and I am sure they desire your prayers.

The Western Quarterly supported financially: United Christian Academy; Free Will Baptist Family Ministries; Free Will Baptist Bible College; Cumberland Youth Camp; The State Promotional Office; Superannuation Fund; Walk-a-thon for Cumberland Camp; and Walk-a-thon for Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions.

Pray for all of our churches and leaders as we continue the most important work of all and may we see souls saved. God bless you!

Submitted by:
Rev. Tim Farris, Moderator
Rev. Greg Tyson, Assistant Moderator

CUMBERLAND FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

The Sexton Walk-a-thon has taken place in Tennessee with hopes of reaching the State goal of \$152,152.52. Our Quarterlies reported the following:

Northern Quarterly: Coordinator: Mike Gillock

5 churches participated - approximately 35 walkers

Southern Quarterly: Coordinator: Gladys Gragg

10 churches participated - approximately 50 walkers

\$3500 reported at this point

Western Quarterly: Coordinator: Bob Baggett

11 churches participated - May reach \$6000 raised

South Central Quarterly: Coordinator: Jody Sue Meade

5 churches participating - approximately 50 walkers

\$850 raised at this point

The following funds were used from the Foreign Mission account:

Mike Gillock - \$ 78

Gladys Gragg - \$100

Bob Baggett - \$100

Jody Meade - \$ 0

This leaves an ending balance of \$587.75 in the Foreign Missions account.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Mike Gillock; Gladys Gragg; Bob Baggett; Jody Sue Meade

PETITIONS AND REQUESTS REPORT

We recommend that we accept the invitation of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville of the Southern Quarterly to host the 155th Session of the Cumberland Association on October 10, 1998.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darrell Holly; Eric Brown; Eddie Hodges

REGISTRATION AND FINANCE

Ministers: 37 Delegates: 13 Visitors: 28 **Total: 78**

We also received an offering of \$93.06

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Corn; E.B. McDonald

ANNUAL REPORT SUPERANNUATION

Balance from October 1, 1996 \$2,725.31

RECEIPTS:

Bethlehem	\$ 480.00
Cofer's Chapel	50.00
Cross Timbers	192.50
Cumberland Association	1,316.31
Dickson First	289.00
East Nashville	120.00
Friendship	120.00
Good Springs	1,301.49
Grace	135.94
Heads	500.00
McEwen First Church	100.00
Northern Quarterly	200.00
Pleasant Ridge	120.00
Rock Springs	456.63
Shady Grove	120.00
Sylvan Park	550.00
Stoney Point	160.00
Trinity	428.53

Total Receipts of year Oct. 1, 1996 to Oct. 1, 1997 \$6,640.40

Total Funds Available \$9,365.71

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mrs. Lucille Reed	\$ 800.00
Mrs. Emma Craft	1,200.00
Mrs. Sidney Henry	1,200.00
Rev. Carl Wilson	1,200.00
Rev. H.C. Beasley	1,200.00
Hody's Florist (Mrs. Reed)	<u>50.00</u>

Total Disbursements for Year \$5,650.00

Funds on hand less Disbursements \$3,715.71

Savings Account with FWB Foundation \$4,384.95

Total Funds forwarded to October 1, 1997 \$8,100.66

Submitted by Superannuation Board

Henry L. Morgan

515 American Road

Nashville, TN 37209

CUMBERLAND CAMP REPORT

The 1997 Camping season has proven to be one of our best ever! This year the Lord blessed us with 483 campers over six weeks of camp. We employed six college students for summer staff, all of which did a wonderful job. They were: John King from Alabama; Randy Waters from Georgia; Richard Tyson from Tennessee; Trudy Skelley from Illinois, Delilah Hurst from West Virginia; and Stephanie Denny from Tennessee.

Not only was the past year a good year for staff and registrations, above all we had a great year of spiritual blessings. There were 83 salvation decisions and over 100 other decisions. We thank God for His wonderful presence and give Him all the glory and honor. Please continue to pray for these young people who made decisions, many of them returned home to unsaved parents and difficult situations.

Bro. and Sis. Pettus are finishing up their thirteenth year at the camp and we are again grateful for all of their dedication and hard work. With God's blessings and the Pettus' hard work we have come a long way in the last 13 years. There is much yet to be done. Your camp board has a vision for the ministry of the camp. We desire your prayers and continued support of our camping program. We desire to see our camp become a year round facility that all of our churches will find beneficial.

Serving on the camp board is a very demanding, but it is also a very exciting place of service. We thank you for the privilege to serve in this capacity and desire your prayers for wisdom and God's leadership.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement, your time, and entrusting your children and grandchildren to our care. We trust your support will continue as we enjoy the blessing of God on our camping ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clayton Hampton, Chairman

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

NORTHERN QUARTERLY

ASHLAND CITY

Kristin Groves

BETHEL

Ina Owen

BETHLEHEM

Carl Evans

Marie Nicholson

Lucille Reed

Nettie Pearl Smith

Amos Smock

FIRST, SPRINGFIELD

Hazel Buck

NEW HOPE

Doris Anderson

Iva Carney

Jesse Caroline Henning

Agnes Knight

Ben Knight

Barbara Wilson

OAKLAWN

Edna Earl Barnett

Ethel Evans

Lucille Jinnette

Mattie Mae Walker

FRIENDSHIP
Gleco Anderson

GOOD SPRINGS
Louann Nicholson

HEADS
Earl Inman
Clyde Murphy

OAKWOOD
Mary Smith

SHADY GROVE
Merob Bagwell
Buck Fort

SOUTHERN QUARTERLY

BLUE SPRINGS
Bert Bible
Mitchell Slaughter
Bessie Stockard

EAST NASHVILLE
Lloyd Binkley
Nannie Smith
Mrs. Willie Bradley

SYLVAN PARK
Joe Skalka

SOUTH CENTRAL QUARTERLY

FAITH
Rev. Charles McNeese

LOYAL CHAPEL
Willie Paul Johnson
Marie Jones
Polly Nichols
Willie Norman
Carolyn Owens
Ruby Parker

WESTERN QUARTERLY

DUNBAR'S CHAPEL
Dean Castille
Eddie Thomas

FIRST, DICKSON
Mrs. Allen Dotson

PLEASANT HILL
Vic Earhart
Robert James Wallace

ROCK SPRINGS
Lenous Mayberry

UNITED
Sue Snyder

Submitted by:
Roger Phenice
Terry Welsch

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Cumberland Association give a rising vote of thanks to Dunbar's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church for hosting this 154th session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists. The food was delicious and the preparations were commendable.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leroy Forlines; Carlos Kelsey; Bob Baggett

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the nominating committee nominate the following persons to the following boards and offices:

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

Moderator - Fred Hall
Asst. Moderator - Jon Justice
Clerk - Greg Tyson
Asst. Clerk - Ronald Mashburn
Treasurer - E.B. McDonald

FOREIGN MISSIONS: Bob Baggett (2001) to be reinstated.
Randal Bracy to serve out Mike Gillock's term.
Mitch Griffin (2000) for South Central Quarterly.

SUPERANNUATION: Joy Ellis (2002) to be reinstalled.
Joe Hurst (1999) to serve out Henry Morgan's term.

YOUTH CAMP: Barry Simpson (2000) to be reinstated.
Bill Evans (2000) to be reinstated.
Steve Faison (2000) to be reinstated.
Eric Hurst (1999) to serve our David Humphrey's term.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION: Robert Picirilli (2001) to be reinstated.
Steve Hasty (2002) to bring commission to five.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Gragg
Randy Riggs
Ronald Mashburn

TREASURER'S REPORT CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FWB

Bank Balance - 10/1/96	\$ 2,615.09
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RECEIPTS:

Northern Quarterly Dues	\$ 665.00
Southern Quarterly Dues	925.00
Western Quarterly Dues	590.00
South Central Quarterly Dues	240.00
Saturday Offering 10/12/96	161.00
Fellowship Giving	3,826.40
Donelson Giving	1,395.09
Pleasant Hill Unified Giving	480.00
Faith Church Giving	395.88
Smyrna Unified Giving	323.89
Northern Quarterly Unified Giving	<u>2,895.53</u>

Total Receipts	\$11,897.79
Total to be accounted for	\$14,512.88

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cumberland Camp	\$ 3,864.20
Cumberland Superannuation	1,490.25
Tennessee Home Missions	319.38
Tennessee State Asso.	2,002.67
Tennessee Master's Men	301.46
Tennessee Children's Home	1,711.93
Tennessee State Asso. Dues	2,400.00
Tennessee State Asso. Delegates Fees	25.00
Printing Minutes Books	811.58
Clerk's Fee	200.00
Treasurer's Fee	100.00
Foreign Missions Offering (McVay's)	161.00
Walk-A-Thon Promotion (Cumberland)	278.00
Office Expenses (Envelopes, postage, etc.)	<u>80.72</u>

Total Disbursements	\$13,746.19
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Bank Balance - 9/30/97	\$ 766.69
Amount held for Cumberland Foreign Missions	\$ 587.75

Respectfully Submitted,
E.B. McDonald, Treasurer

	Churches	24	20	7	13	14	6	32	11	53	2785	125	131	59	14	\$4,060,000.00	\$859,094.58	15	1	-	-	1194	-	556	145	27
	Churches Reporting	6	6	4	2	4	2	10	2	13	483	30	50	10	2	-----	\$246,032.85	-	-	-	-	271	-	-	36	10
	City Churches	21	20	17	4	17	4	76	11	61	2885	97	272	84	11	\$9,345,000.00	\$762,161.02	9	3	1	1	1002	-	175	249	65
	Rural Churches	17	14	3	14	8	6	21	5	47	1081	26	22	18	4	\$1,310,000.00	\$252,669.85	6	-	-	1	642	-	31	99	15
	Full-Time Ministers	68	60	31	33	43	18	139	29	174	7234	278	475	171	31	\$14,715,000.00	\$2,119,958.30	30	4	1	2	3109	-	762	529	117
	Part-Time Ministers																									
	Ordained Ministers																									
	Licensed Ministers																									
	Ordained Deacons																									
	Membership																									
	Baptisms																									
	Members Added																									
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	Churches with Budget																									
	Value of Churches and Parsonages																									
	Churches Income																									
	Parsonages																									
	Day Cares																									
	Kindergartens																									
	Christian Schools																									
	S.S. Enrollment																									
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GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE 1. Each Quarterly holding membership in this District Association shall be entitled to five (5) delegates elected from the laity, with additional delegates from each member Church as follows: one delegate for the first 50 members or fraction thereof, and an additional delegate for each additional 50 members or fraction thereof. Furthermore, all ordained ministers and deacons holding membership in the Presbytery of this District Association shall be standing delegates.

ARTICLE 2. Each member Quarterly of this Association shall send a letter to each annual meeting giving information and statistics according to the form provided by the clerk of the Association.

ARTICLE 3. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

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

ARTICLE 5. New churches shall petition the Quarterly meeting for membership. The Quarterly shall have power to receive new churches as members, and in turn shall inform the District Association of their membership.

ARTICLE 6. This Association shall furnish member Quarterlies with sufficient minutes of their proceedings to be distributed to their member churches.

ARTICLE 7. Annual dues for each member Quarterly shall be \$10.00. In addition, each member Quarterly shall be accountable for dues as follows: member Churches whose membership is 0-49, \$35.00; 50-99, \$40.00; 100-199, \$45.00; 200 and above, \$50.00.

ARTICLE 8. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and for trying all ordained members of 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.

The membership of the presbytery of the Cumberland Association shall consist of all ordained ministers and deacons holding cards of good standing in this Presbytery. Each quarterly meeting shall function as a subcommittee, and shall have the right to examine all applications for ordination or ratification of credentials, sent with recommendation from the churches composing the Quarterly Meeting, and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by prayer and laying on of hands.

The examining committee of each Quarterly Meeting shall make an annual report to the yearly meeting of the Cumberland Association Presbytery. Such report will also include the names of five elected members to serve as the examining committee of said Quarterly Meeting.

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 persons 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 1 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 member Quarterly 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 member Quarterlies which shall require two-thirds majority.

ARTICLE 13. Representatives from two (2) member churches of each member Quarterly shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

ARTICLE 14. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any time by a majority of the members present composing the Association, voting on behalf of the amendment.

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. This Association, having jurisdiction over all member Quarterlies within its bounds, shall discipline any member Quarterly which allows a member church to call a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Presbytery.

BOARDS

ARTICLE 1. All standing boards shall be composed of four (4) members, with the exception of: The Superannuation Board which shall be composed of five (5) members; the Youth Camp Board which shall be composed of nine (9) members; and the Executive Board which shall be composed as provided in Article 2 under BOARDS.

The personnel of each of the foregoing boards, exclusive of the Executive, Superannuation and Youth Camp Boards shall be elected as follows: the first named for a period of one (1) year, the second named for a period of two (2) years, and the third named for a period of three (3) years. Succession of office thereafter shall be determined as order requires. The Superannuation Board members shall be elected each year for a five (5) year term. The Youth Camp Board shall be elected on a rotation basis with three (3) members being elected each year for a three (3) year term.

The moderator of the Cumberland Association is to meet quarterly with the chairmen of the standing boards to assure their operation throughout the year.

The standing boards are to be represented at the Quarterly Meetings to promote their work.

The standing boards are to meet quarterly among themselves.

ARTICLE 2. The personnel of the Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant 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.

The Duties of the Foreign Mission Board

To promote foreign missions in each of the quarterly meetings by promoting and planning foreign missions conferences and by planning and promoting the Tennessee Walk-A-Thon for foreign missions.

The Duties of the Historical Committee

The purpose of the Historical Commission shall be to collect materials relating to the Cumberland Association with the eventual intention of publishing a history of the Cumberland Association.

The Duties of the Superannuation Board

1. Soliciting for funds from association churches in order to carry out its ministry;
2. Administering those funds in a responsible and economical manner;
3. Providing regular monthly support for those ministers or their widows who have served the Lord well within the fellowship of the Cumberland Association churches; and
4. Keeping our ministers and laymen informed of benefits available to them in the form of hospital and special purpose insurance and retirement benefits.

The Objectives of the Youth Camp Board

1. To provide a Christian camping experience for the youth of the churches that make up the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists.
2. To evangelize and seek to win each camper to the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. To stimulate Christian growth and maturity through Bible classes, missionary and Christian service classes, Christian counseling, and through the preaching of God's Word.
4. To provide healthful physical activities and recreation for each camper.
5. To provide for various social activities for enjoyment and relaxation.
6. To uphold standards of modesty in behavior and in dress for boys and girls.
7. To serve as trustees of camp ground.

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, October 16, 1975, October 14, 1976,
February 11, 1978, October 12, 1983, October 17, 1984,
October 16, 1985, October 15, 1986, October 14, 1987,
October 8, 1991, October 12, 1993, October 11, 1994,
October 12, 1996

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERY REPORT

October 11, 1997

The Presbytery of the Cumberland Association met Saturday, October 11, 1997 at the Dunbar's Chapel FWB Church at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Charles Powell, the Moderator read from John 17:1-26. He then called on Dr. Charles Thigpen to lead us in prayer.

The Minutes were read and approved. The Treasurers Report was then given. A suggestion was made from the floor to deposit some of the money in savings with the Home Missions Department. The Executive Committee is to investigate the possibility. The Treasurers Report was accepted.

The Clerk read a "Thank You" note from the widow of Rev. Charles McNeese. She expressed her appreciation for the gift of \$500.00 given by the Presbytery in memory of the death of her husband.

The reports of the Examining Committees were given by:

Northern Quarterly: Rev. Jon Justice

Southern Quarterly: Rev. Walter 'Ed' Gragg

Western Quarterly: Rev. Greg Tyson

South Central Quarterly: Rev. Steve Swango

The question was raised concerning the credentials of Rev. Ken Riggs. The Southern Quarterly Presbytery stated Rev. Riggs had voluntarily submitted his credentials as a matter of ethics since he was not pastoring a FWB Church. Someone raised the question of what would happen if in the future Rev. Riggs decided he wanted to be reinstated as a FWB minister. The comment was made that if Rev. Riggs did desire to be reinstated, he would need to follow the normal procedures for ordination like other candidates desiring the ministry.

The Western Quarterly asked for help concerning the ordaining of Youth Ministers: What questions are to be asked? Is the procedure the same as ordaining a preacher, one who will pastor a church? One minister said he saw no need for ordaining those in the youth ministry since the youth minister was nothing more than a "glorified Sunday School teacher". He expressed concern that song leaders and ushers might want to be ordained for their "ministry". Another minister pointed out that men are ordained for the "ministry" regardless of what field they minister in. He did suggest that in addition to the normal questions asked of ministers, that special questions be developed for those wishing to be ordained as youth ministers.

The Nominating Committee of Reverends: Mike Gillock, Gene Waddell, Ronald Mashburn, and Eddie Thomas gave their recommendations for officers for the 1997-1998 year. They are as follows: Moderator, Rev. Terry Eagleton; Vice Moderator, Rev. Steve Swango; Treasurer/Clerk, Rev. Eric Brown. A motion was made and seconded to accept these men by acclamation. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded for the new officers to meet and determine a way to encourage all ministers of the Cumberland to attend the annual Presbytery meeting. The motion passed and we were dismissed in prayer by the Rev. Charles Powell.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Randall Riggs, Clerk

SOUTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT

The Presbytery of the Southern Quarterly met three times this past year. Several men's papers were recommended for ratification. Rodney Stafford and Steve Phillips were recommended for ordination.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Gragg

NORTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT

The Examining Committee of the Northern Quarterly met four times during the past year. The following actions were taken:

- I. Credentials were ratified for Brother Lloyd Plunkett, Associate Pastor at Harper Road Church.
- II. Approved for Ordination:
 - Bryant Harris - Friendship Church, moved to Illinois to serve as Youth Pastor
 - Steve Lindsay - Minister of Education/Youth, New Hope Church

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Powell, Chairman
Jon Justice, Clerk
Marion Pettus
Randy Skaggs
Mike Gillock

SOUTH CENTRAL QUARTERLY REPORT

During the past year, this Quarterly has ordained two ministers: Derek Bell and Mitch Griffith. We have accepted by letter Eric Hurst and Jamie Thornsberry from the Northern Quarterly in the Cumberland Association. John Lewis accepted a pastorate in Georgia and a letter of good standing was sent to his association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jesse Meade, Chairman
Examining Committee - South Central Quarterly

WESTERN QUARTERLY PRESBYTERY REPORT

Our committee met 2 times this year...

January 25th-Millers Chapel

The committee interviewed Bro. Chris Moody, Pastor of the Oak Grove Church and reviewed his exam papers. The committee then moved that Bro. Moody be ordained into the ministry.

October 4th-Pleasant Ridge

The presbytery met with Bro. Daniel Vest in a preliminary meeting concerning

his desire to be ordained in the Western Quarterly. We have asked him to request from his home church a letter of good standing and the date of his licensing. He will be mailed a copy of the examination for study. The examination will then be submitted to each member of the presbytery for their examination. This will be done no later than two weeks prior to the April 11, 1998 meeting. At that time, we will make a decision concerning his ordination.

We received a letter of good standing from Bro. Jim Sheppard on September 13, 1997.

Submitted by the Presbytery Board of the Western Quarterly,
Greg Tyson, Eddie Hopkins, James Carrington
Eric Brown, Tim Farris, Moderator

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance - October 1, 1996\$547.18

DEPOSITS:

October 1996 (from savings).....	\$300.00
December 1996	115.00
July 1997 (from savings).....	500.00
September 1997.....	25.00
October 1997.....	236.00
Total Deposits	\$1,176.00
Balance Plus Deposits	\$1,723.18

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage	90.90
Printing	43.84
Clerk Fees '96-'97	150.00
Supplies.....	5.11
Mike Gillock Family.....	500.00
Charles McNeese Family.....	500.00
Service Charge.....	55.00
Total Disbursements	\$1,344.85
Balance Less Disbursements	378.33
Ending Balance - October 10, 1997	\$ 378.83

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

Beginning Balance - October 1, 1997\$3,233.38

DEPOSITS:

December 1996	\$135.00
January 1997	40.00
September 1997	425.00
Interests	56.32
Total Deposits	\$656.32
Balance Plus Deposits	3,889.70

WITHDRAWALS:

October 1996 (to checking).....	\$300.00
July 1997 (to checking).....	500.00
Total Withdrawals	\$800.00
Balance Less Withdrawals	3,089.70
Ending Balance - October 10, 1997	\$3,089.70

AMOUNT AVAILABLE AS OF OCTOBER 10, 1997

Checking	\$ 378.33
Savings	\$3,089.70
TOTAL	\$3,468.03

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Randall Riggs,
Clerk/Treasurer

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CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER'S REPORTS FOR 1996-1997

	Sermons.....	Prayer Meetings.....	Funerals.....	Marriages.....	Special Services.....	Revivals Conducted...	Revivals Assisted In..	Miles Traveled.....	Classes Taught.....	Persons Counseled...	Conversions.....	Baptized.....	Received Into Church	Other Decisions.....	Visits.....
Baggett, Bob	15		2	5	2			5K		12	8			4	100
Baker, Jim	120	50	5	5	5	1			50	10	5	5	19	4	
Barker, Vernon	71		14	1	11	10									
Bell, Derek	90	46	1	1		1				6	6	5	21	15	
Black, James	102	52	3	2	0	0	0	3K	50	25	5	3	3		45
Blakney, Tim	90		0	0		0	0		90	4	5	6	5		150
Brown, Billy	Sales Manager/Randall House Publications														
Brown, Eric	98	52	1	1	0	0	0	6K	50	6	0	0	3	3	175
Brown, Jimmie	7	3	0	0	1	0	0	350	6	8	2	0	0	0	19
Carrington, James	115	50	5	2	2	1	3		48	12	10	12	19		300
Corn, Randy	100	50	4	2	2	0	0		52	30	4	7	7	30	200
Cox, Dr. James	No Report														
Crawford, Robert	Retired Minister														
Creech, Ronald	Retired Minister														
Eagleton, Terry	No Report														
Evans, William W.	46	32	0	0		3			41						
Faison, Steve	No Report														
Fields, Milton	25					1		5K		40+	42+	Teacher:FWBBC			
Fletcher, Keith	3	1	1		1			3K	3	2	Ed.-n-Chief Ran. House				
Forlines, Leroy	21						1	4K	170	1					10
Forrest, Terry	30	50	1	2		3			50						45
Fosse, Randal	No Report		Teacher: FWBBC												
Gann, Roy E.	100	50	4	5			2				5	5	2		
Gardner, Bill														27	
Gentusa, Paul	No Report														
Gibbs, Gerald	No Report														
Gibbs, John	No Report														
Gillock, Mike	79	45	2	1	9	2			90	20	4	10	11		
Gragg, Walter	4	4							40						
Hall, Fred	143	48	3	0	0	0	0	18K	5	30	4	0	2	10	300
Hampton, Charles	Registrar of FWBBC														
Hampton, Ralph	8		Teacher: FWBBC												
Harrison, Harold	45	40	1		10			7K	10		3	3	3	4	100
Harrison, Paul	100	50			4			10K	50	30	4	3	18	20	100
Harvey, Duane	95	50	2	0	5	0	0	16K	35	7	5	5	2	7	400
Hayes, Wallace	97	49	1	2		0		4K	4	?	2	0	4	3	
Hersey, Herman	Retired														

	Visits.....	Other Decisions.....	Received Into Church	Baptized.....	Conversions.....	Persons Counseled...	Classes Taught.....	Miles Traveled.....	Revivals Assisted In...	Revivals Conducted...	Special Services.....	Marriages.....	Funerals.....	Prayer Meetings.....	Sermons.....
Hodges, Eddie	260	#s	2	4	5	#s	51		0	0	1	0	1	35	92
Hollifield, Mike	100	30		5	10	15	45	2K			4	1		20	40
Hughes, Tom	200				14	10	65	15K+				1	2	51	104
Johnson, Bill			6	12	14				2			2	3	37	126
Johnson, L.C.														Retired	
Justice, Jon			6				25	26K			6	2	5	48	86
Justice, Kevin	27		2	2							0	0			
Kelsey, Carlos	n/a	51	0	3	36	n/a	12	n/a	1	1	8	0	0		70
Lindsley, John	22	0	0	0		3	40	174	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Loveless, Alton								100K	2						202
General Director of S.S. Dept.															
McDonald, E.B.														Retired Minister	
McPeak, Mark														No Report	
McReynolds, Glenn														No Report	
Malone, Tom														President, FWBBC	
Marcum, Stephen														No Report	
Mashburn, Ronald			3	3			1			1		4	3	46	54
Meade, Jesse														No Report	
Milliken, Maxie														Retired	
Montgomery, Larry			47	24			26				5	2	6	45	90
Morgan, Robert				0	7	36	78				0	10	4	40	100
Murray, John	28	21						7K				0	1		36
Nenschwander, Victor E.	10					2		500				1			2
Nichols, Jeff														No Report	
Outlaw, Stanley														No Report	
Page, Thurman L.	20	0	0	0	0	5	15	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	15	45
Parton, Gene							40					1	2	4	20
Picirilli, Robert														Academic Dean - FWBBC	
Plunkett, Lloyd	20						50		1				5	8	
Powell, Charles	500	n/a	12	14	14	n/a	50	12K	1	0	n/a	1	4	50	103
Price, Wayne			6	5	6	30				1			1	50	115
Reeds, Roger C.		2	5	3	3	2	50					1	2	50	110
Riggs, Kevin	30		23	12	12	20	30	12K				2	2	5	150
Riggs, R. Randall							50		2		1	2	3	50	115
Ryan, Ivan	400			4	7		36	20K	2	0	3	1	2	44	135
Robirds, Don														No Report	
Selph, Henderson														No Report	
Sharp, D.L.		6	8	6	6	25	5	36K	2	0	2	2	2	51	100
Sheppard, James	200	6										1	0		

	Sermons.....	Prayer Meetings.....	Funerals.....	Marriages.....	Special Services.....	Revivals Conducted...	Revivals Assisted In..	Miles Traveled.....	Classes Taught.....	Persons Counseled..	Conversions.....	Baptized.....	Received Into Church	Other Decisions.....	Visits.....
Shockey, Bob	200		2	1	4	36		36K	68	20	106	8		200	100
Simpson, Barry	No Report														
Sitton, Paul	50	35	8	0	0	0	1	13K	3	3	1	2	2	0	200
Skaggs, Randy	68	46	5	0	12	1	0	n/a	40	n/a	n/a	6	6	n/a	n/a
Slaughter, Frank	6							240							
Smith, Rolla	Retired - On call for Foreign Missions or Supply Work														
Smith, Ronnie	104	49	5	10	6	0	1	20K	52	25	40	42	36	n/a	500
Stafford, Rodney	48	14	1	1				750	22	5			1	2	40
Stone, Mark	7		0	2	1	0	1	?	2			7			35
Swango, Steven	110	6	6	0	15	0	2	7K	46	8	8	4	8		375
Thigpen, Charles A.	TN State Promotional Director														
Thigpen, Jonathan	20	President of E.T.A.													
Thomas, Eddie D.	90	52	1	0	18	0	1	12K+		12	5	2	2	52	250
Thompson, Danny	100+	45	3	1	3	2	1		48			2	9		
Thornsberry, Jamie	100	110	1	1	3	0	0	250	50	20	4	0	2	25	40
Tippett, Bert	18		1	1	FWBBC Staff				47						
Tyson, Greg	93	50	2		10		1	600	120	30	4	4			200
Vaughn, Ricky	65		2					3K							25
Waddell, Eugene	Director of Foreign Missions														
Wagner, Wayne	170	52	4	0		2		24K			6	4			200
Warner, Fred	94			1		11			15	Missions Conferences: 3					
Waynick, Artest	110	50	3			1	2	3K			1	2			
Welsh, Terry	102	7	1	0	0	0	2	6K		10	0	0	1	8	70
Williams, Jack	Editor for Contact Magazine														
Willis, Homer E.	Retired Minister														
Wilson, Carl	9		19												
Woodard, Robert E.	Teacher: FWBBC														
Workman, Eugene	Ministers/Serves at Woodbine														
Worrell, Don	Director of Education & Operation of Nashville Union Rescue Mission														
Worthington, Melvin	Executive Secretary of the National Assoc. of FWB														

DEACONS IN GOOD STANDING IN THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION IN 1997-1998 October 11, 1997 Reports

Ashland City
Kingsley Forbes
Greg Horton

Bethel
Gilbert Justice
Jerry Milom
Robert Moseley
Willie Owen

Bethlehem
Ray Christy
Henry Elliott
Eric Thomsen
Clyde White

Blue Springs
Billy Poe
Ed Chumley

Brandon's Chapel
Robert Castile
Thomas Selph

Cofer's Chapel
Jimmie Carter
Buddy Gailey
Brian Hampton
Clarence Lewis
Jack Nicholson
Thurman Pate
Larry Perry
Mark Powell
Tom Sass
Wayne Steele

Covenant
Milburn Proctor

Dunbar's Chapel
John Bryant
Charles Milliken
Lloyd Webb

Faith
Charles Barnes
Jerry Bridenbaugh
Charles Holt
J.W. Neal

First, Murfreesboro
David L. Humphrey
Jimmy Jones

First, Portland
Bobby Moore
Ted Vandivort
Haron White

First, Springfield
Stanley Crutcher

Friendship
Max Harris
W.F. Harris
Terry Mayo
Jeff Steele

Good Springs
Jerry Binkley
Wilbur Ellis
Wayne Felts
Robert Nicholson

Hendersonville
Louis Asbell
Jimmy Toombs
Frank Sanschargin

Hurricane Chapel
Hiram Gentry
Frankie Tummins
Lonnie Tummins Jr.

Loyal Chapel
Troy Bowers
B.H. Price

Madison
Jess Miles

Miller Chapel
Tony Davis
John Hinton
Rufus Jenkins

Mt. Zion
Cecil Perry
Bobby Jackson

New Hope
Zane Carson
Jeff Chandler
Edwin Hogan
Robert Newland
Gilford Walker
Steve Willhite
Glenn Vann

Oakland
A.W. Simpkins

Oaklawn
Charles Shearon

Oakwood
Franklin Burkhart
Elbert Lehman Jr.
Michael Minniehan

Olivet
Joe Allen
Preston Holt
Daniel T. McGregor
Claude Watson

Pleasant Hill
Oklas Dennis
Cecil Earhart
Freeman Earhart
Arvin Hester
Arthur Lewis
Bobby Page
Randy Wallace

Rock Springs
Kenneth Biter
Billy Christy
Estel Hagewood
Milton Heath
David Trotter

Scott's Chapel
Raymond Pulley
Mikchal Vanzant

Shady Grove
Charles E. Poole

Stoney Point
Herbert Hassel
Glenn Singleton
David Williams

Sylvan Park
Jason Bell
Mike Bell
Mabron Broadway
Bobby Cowan

United
Jim Dudley
Don Garner

LICENSED MINISTERS

October 11, 1997 Reports

Bethel
Jon Forrest

Mt. Zion
Blaine Rogers

New Hope
Steve Lindsay

Blue Springs
Glen Rader

First, Murfreesboro
Jimmy Jones

United
Jeremy Raymer

THE 154th SESSION OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OCTOBER 11, 1997

**DUNBAR'S CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
INDIAN MOUND, TENNESSEE**

"CHRIST IN THE CHURCH"

9:00 AM - WORSHIP

Welcome - Rev. Greg Tyson
Response and Prayer - Rev. Jon Justice
Message - Rev. Randy Riggs

9:30 AM - BUSINESS SESSION

1. Delegates recognized and seated
2. Executive Committee Report
3. Report of Committee on Committees
4. Cumberland Quarterly Reports
 - Northern Quarterly - Rev. Wayne Wagner
 - Southern Quarterly - Rev. Roger Reeds
 - South Central Quarterly - Rev. Ronald Mashburn
 - Western Quarterly - Rev. Greg Tyson
5. Cumberland Superannuation
6. Cumberland Foreign Missions
7. Cumberland Camp
8. Cumberland Historical Commission
9. Cumberland WNAC
10. Tennessee Home Missions

11. Tennessee Promotional Director
12. Free Will Baptist Family Ministries
13. Delegates Elected to State Meeting

10:45 - 11:00 AM - **BREAK**

11:00 AM - **WORSHIP** - Message - Rev. Ronald Mashburn

12:00 PM - **LUNCH AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1:30 PM - **WORSHIP** - Rev. Larry Montgomery

2:00 PM - **BUSINESS SESSION**

1. Recognition of National Offices
2. Obituary Committee Report
3. Petition and Requests Report
4. Registration and Finance Report
5. Resolutions Committee Report
6. Nominating Committee Report
7. Treasurer's Report

DISMISS

PRESBYTERY MEETING - Immediately following the adjournment of the Cumberland Association Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Please be sure to register. Registration will be open until noon.
- *The 155th session of the Cumberland Association will meet on October 10, 1998. The Southern Quarterly will host next's years session.
- *The Tennessee State Association will meet November 10-12, 1997 at First Free Will Baptist Church in Cookeville, Tennessee.

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. Their 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 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 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 year.

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 promote fellowship, issue cards of good standing, provide opportunities for continuing education (such as seminars and retreats), and discipline its members.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The membership of this Presbytery shall consist of all ordained ministers and deacons holding cards of good 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 privileges.

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.

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, upon written notice to the membership. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI

Committees

- A. The discipline committee shall consist of the moderator, clerk, chairman, or his representative from each of the Quarterly examination committees.
- B. Other committees, as they are needed, may be appointed by the moderator.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

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

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Ordination And Ratification

This Presbytery shall have the responsibility to establish guidelines relating to the ordination of applicants to the Gospel Ministry and ratification of the credentials of ordained ministers transferring to the Cumberland Presbytery.

ARTICLE II

Cards Of Standing

This Presbytery shall issue annually cards of good standing to ministers upon the presentation of a report in person (in case of sickness or some other legitimate reason letters may be accepted). Cards of good standing shall be issued annually to deacons upon the presentation of a letter of recommendation from their local churches. A donation of \$5 per deacon is requested.

Any minister or deacon failing to hold a card of good standing shall not have a voice in this Presbytery. Any minister having lost his card of good 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 have 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 good 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 good 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 III

Discipline

The 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 proven to be disloyal to the tenets of faith as expressed in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, as held by the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee.

ARTICLE IV

Donations

Each member of this Presbytery shall be asked to donate \$5 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 good standing, constitution and by-laws, stationery, minutes of meetings and for defraying of necessary traveling and mailing expenses, and other expenses as authorized by the Presbytery.

ARTICLE V

Amendments

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

Amended October 5, 1969

Amended October 14, 1980

Amended October 15, 1985

NOT FOR PROFIT CHARTER OF CUMBERLAND YOUTH CAMP, INC.

The Undersigned natural person, having capacity to contract and acting as the incorporator of the corporation under Tennessee Corporation Act, adopts the following charter for such not for profit corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is Cumberland Youth Camp, Inc.
2. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.
3. The corporation is not for profit.
4. The principal office of the corporation in the State of Tennessee shall be 2193 Happy Hill Acres Rd., Woodlawn, Tennessee.
5. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
 - (a) to provide a Christian camping experience for the youth of the churches that make up the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists;
 - (b) to evangelize and seek to win each camper to the Lord Jesus Christ;
 - (c) to stimulate growth and maturity through Bible classes, missionary and Christian service classes, Christian counseling, and through the preaching of God's Word;
 - (d) to provide healthful physical activities and recreation for each camper;
 - (e) to provide for various social activities for enjoyment and relaxation; and
 - (f) to uphold standards in modesty and dress for boys and girls.
6. Wallace Hayes, 5000 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, will serve as President of the corporation. Sam McVay, 3915 Franklin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37204, will serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation.
7. Marion Pettus, Route 1, Box 305-A, Woodlawn, Tennessee 37191 will serve as Registered Agent in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated Section 48-1-1201.
8. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board is nine (9), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Directors are: Wallace Hayes, 5000 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37211; Willard McCarroll, Route 2, Box 160, Joelton, Tennessee 37080; Ed Gragg, 294 Clovermook Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37210; Julian King, 1621A Russell Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37206; Tom Minniehan, Route 1, Box 180A, Southside, Tennessee 37171; Tom Scott, Route 6, Box 92, Ashland City, Tennessee 37015; Wayne Bess, Route 5, Box 97, Dickson, Tennessee 37055; Terry Boyd, Route 1, Box 164A, Ashland City, Tennessee 37015; Sam McVay, 3915 Franklin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37204. These directors shall each serve for a period of three (3) years.
9. No part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, or directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, including the publishing or distributing of, the statements of any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

10. The corporation is authorized and empowered to make provisions for implementing, conducting, and /or administering such programs as it may consider desirable in order to accomplish its purposes as defined herein. The corporation is authorized and empowered to otherwise delegate authority to or contract with, or make provisions whereby such programs, services, and activities may be conducted, administered, or supervised by other local governmental or public agencies, private non-profit organizations and others as it deems advisable, making such financial arrangements for allocation of funds for this purpose to same as it considers desirable.
11. The corporation is empowered and authorized to receive, expend, or otherwise dispense of funds, both real and personal property as may be available from federal, state, county, municipal or other governmental authorities, including also such funds and properties which might be contributed or made available by foundations, business concerns, individuals, or others; provided, however, that the expenditures and/or disposal of such funds or properties are for the purposes which the corporation is established to perform and that adequate financial records are maintained as necessary to assure fiscal responsibility and accountability.
12. The corporation is empowered and authorized to employ and/or discharge, under such terms and conditions as they consider desirable, such personnel as required for its proper operation; and is empowered and authorized to contract with such other organizations, business concerns, or governmental agencies to perform such functions as services as may be required.
13. No part of the net earning of the corporation shall insure to the benefit of any individual, except for reasonable allowances for compensation of services actually rendered. In the event of the dissolution or the liquidation of this corporation, all of its remaining assets and property of every nature and description, if any, shall be paid over and transferred to a corporation, fund, or foundation which is qualified for exemption from taxation as an exclusively charitable or educational corporation, fund or foundation.
14. The general powers of this corporation will be:
 - (a) To sue or be sued by the corporate name;
 - (b) To promote the objects for which the corporation was created, and to this end, to receive any gift, devise or bequest; to hold any personal or real property, or to sell same and apply the proceeds toward the promotion of the objects of the corporation.
 - (c) To borrow money to be used in payment of property bought by it, and for erecting buildings, making improvements, and for other purposes germane to the objects of its creation, and secure the repayment of the money thus borrowed by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust, upon such property, real, personal or mixed, as may be owned by it; and it may, in like manner, secure by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust, any existing indebtedness which it may lawfully have contracted;
 - (d) To do any and all things in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation not prohibited by law.
15. This corporation is not to have members.
16. The general welfare of society, not individual profit, is the object for which this charter is granted.

I, the undersigned, hereby apply to the State of Tennessee for a charter of incorporation for the purposes declared in the forgoing instrument.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____, 1986.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF CHEATHAM

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____ 1986

Notary Public

My Commissions Expires: _____

**BY-LAWS OF
CUMBERLAND YOUTH CAMP, INC.**

ARTICLE I

Purposes and Powers

The purpose for which this corporation, hereinafter called the "Camp", is formed, and the powers it may exercise are those set forth in the Charter of Incorporation of the Camp.

ARTICLE II

Directors and Officers

Section 1. Number and qualifications of the directors. The business of the Camp shall be controlled by a board of nine directors. No person shall be eligible for the office of direction unless such a person is a member in good standing of a church within the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 2. Election of directors. At the first annual meeting of the directors of the Camp, directors shall be elected to succeed the incorporation directors. Three directors shall be elected for one year, three directors for two years, and three directors for three years, and thereafter, each director shall be elected for three years.

Section 3. Election of officers. The Board of Directors shall meet within 10 days after the first election and within 10 days after each annual election and shall elect by ballot a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer (or secretary/treasurer), each of whom shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor unless earlier removed by death, resignation, or for cause.

Section 4. Vacancies. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, other than from the expiration of a term of office, the remaining directors shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next regular meeting of the members.

Section 5. Special meetings. A special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or by a majority of the directors. Any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting. Each call for a special meeting shall be in writing, signed by the person or persons making the same, addressed and delivered to the Secretary, and shall state the time and place of such meeting, and the matters to be acted upon.

Section 6. Notices of Board meetings. Notice of the regular or special meetings of directors shall be mailed to each director at least three (3) days prior to the time of such meeting, or notice may be telephoned to each director at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of such meeting.

Section 7. Quorum. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Directors

Section 1. Management of business. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of the business and the affairs of the Camp and shall make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with these by-laws for the management of the business and the guidance of the members, officers, employees and agents of the Camp.

Section 2. Depository. The Board of Directors shall have the power to select one or more banks to act as depositories of the funds of the Camp and to determine the manner of receiving, depositing, and disbursing the funds of the Camp and the form of checks and the person or persons by whom same shall be signed, with the power to change, such banks and the person or persons signing such checks and the form thereof at will.

ARTICLE IV

Executive Committee

Section 1. Powers and duties. The Board of Directors may in its discretion appoint from its own membership an Executive Committee consisting of the President and two other members, determine their tenure of office and their powers and duties. The Executive Committee shall have such powers as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board of Directors and these duties and powers may be all of the duties and powers of the said Board of Directors, subject to the general direction, approval, and control of the Board of Directors. Copies of the minutes of any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to all directors within seven (7) days following such meeting.

ARTICLE V

Duties of Officers

Section 1. Duties of President. The President shall (1) preside over all meetings of the Camp and of the Board of Directors, (2) call special meetings of the Board of Directors, (3) perform all acts and duties usually performed by an executive and presiding officer, and (4) sign such papers of the Camp as he may be authorized or directed to sign by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may authorize any person to sign any or all checks, contracts, and other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall employ, supervise, and dismiss all agents and employees of the Camp.

Section 2. Duties of the Vice-President. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President; provided, however, that in case of death, resignation, or disability of the President, the Board of Directors may declare the office vacant and elect his successor.

Section 3. Duties of Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the Camp and of the Board of Directors and shall have general charge and supervision of the books and records of the Camp. He shall sign all contracts with the President and such other papers pertaining to the Camp as he may be authorized or directed to sign by the Board of Directors. He shall act as Secretary of the Executive Committee. He shall make all reports required by law and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Camp or the Board of Directors. Upon the election of his successor, the Secretary shall turn over to him all books and other property belonging to the Camp that he may have in his possession. In general, under the direction of the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall be required to maintain his records and accounts in such a manner that the true and correct condition of the business may be ascertained therefrom at any time. He shall carefully preserve all books, documents, correspondence and records of whatever kind pertaining to the business which may come into his possession.

Section 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall perform such duties with respect to the finances of the Camp as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Operating Funds

Section 1. Expense allocation. From the receipts of the Camp there shall be deducted the actual costs and expenses of operations, including wages, salaries, equipment, materials, or supplies, taxes, bonds and insurance, interest, repairs, depreciation, and any other costs or expenses of the Camp, and any balance shall be retained in a reserve for contingencies.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, or at any special meeting of the members if notice of the character or the amendment(s) proposed has been given in the notice of the meeting, by the affirmative vote of a majority or more of the members present or voting by mail.

