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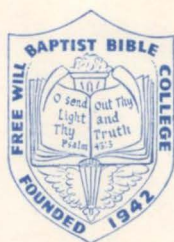
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PROCEEDINGS

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Minister's Conference.

Thursday Morning, September 9th.

At 11:00 o'clock A. M., the introductory sermon of the Forty-Third Annual Session of the Union Free Baptist Association was preached by Rev. J. R. Cox, from 1 Cor. 16:22, to a very attentive congregation.

Recess to afternoon.

Met at 2:00 P. M., and after devotional services the following ministers are present and enrolled: W. P. McPheteridge, J. L. Cagle, W. H. Johnson, J. L. Ollis, Wm. Stroup, J. S. Burgess, J. F. Cash, J. R. Richards, J. W. Lucas, J. R. Cox, W. R. Coggins, G. S. Porter.

Rev. J. W. Lucas is elected President by acclamation.

On motion, we rescind the act of last year of excluding Rev. J. A. Brown from this body and acknowledge the mistake of the body, and wish to apologize to Brother Brown.

The Order of Business of last year adopted.

- 1.—Enrollment of members.
- 2.—Organization.
- 3.—Reception of new members.

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- 4.—Seating of visiting brethren.
- 5.—Report of ministers and passing ministers character.
- 6.—Appointment of committees.
- 7.—Report of Ordaining Council and other committees.
- 8.—Election of Ordaining Council and miscellaneous business.

Partial Report of Ordaining Council.

We recommend to the Conference to be elected to membership: Jas. Coggins, Aden Lowery, F. G. Lovin and J. E. Carroll. Licentiates—A. S. Robinson and Swin F. Howell.

On motion, the following brethren are invited to a seat in our body as advisory council: Rev. John Adams of the ~~Wautauga Association~~, Rev. J. C. Stallard of no Association and Rev. Henry Luster of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Friday Morning, September 10th.

Assembled at 8:30 A. M., and devotional exercises led by Rev. Wm. Stroup.

Enrolled Rev. I. A. Wamples.

Report of Ministers.

- J. L. Cagle, character passed, report received.
W. P. McPeteridge, character passed, report received.
R. H. Jones, character passed, report received.
J. F. Cash, character passed, report received.
Wm. Stroup, character passed, report received.

A. B. Lowery, character passed, report received.
I. A. Wampler, character passed, report received.
J. R. Cox, character passed, report received.
J. S. Burgess, character passed, report received.
A. F. Hensley, character passed, report received.
W. H. Johnson, character passed, report received.
J. L. Ollis, character passed, report received.
Samuel Parker, character passed, report received.
W. R. Coggins, character passed, report received.
Jas. Coggins, character passed, report received.
D. F. Patton, character passed, report received.
J. R. Richards, character passed, report received.
Swin F. Howell, character passed, report received.
J. N. Carroll, character passed, report received.

On motion, the following committee is appointed to investigate the character of W. R. Teffetteller, viz; I. A. Wampler, J. R. Cox, G. S. Porter.

On motion, the character of A. H. Burgess and G. S. Porter are passed.

On motion, the Clerk is requested to write a letter of condolence to Brother Burgess.

On motion, that we do not recognize the work of a minister who is not a member of some local church within the Association.

Friday Afternoon.

Met at 2:00 p. m. Song service and prayer by Brother Adams.

Report of Ministers continued—W. M. Clendenen, character passed and report received.

On motion, the Clerk is instructed to notify all

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ministers who have not reported to this body to report at our next annual meeting. The following are the names: H. J. Bailey, J. M. Brown, J. S. Breeden, L. J. Stewart, W. W. Lee, Robt. A. Pendleton, W. H. H. Morelock. Later W. H. H. Morelock reported by letter to the Clerk

Report of Committee on the case in regard to Brother W. R. Teffetteller recommend that he be excluded for immoral conduct and contempt of this Conference, and breaking his obligation with his brethren in the Conference.

I. A. WAMPLER, Chairman.

On motion, Brother Teffetteller is excluded from this body.

On motion, the name of Brother Jas. Travis is placed in the hands of the above Committee. The Committee reports "that we, your Committee beg leave to report that the name of Brother Jas. Travis be dropped from the roll for lying and covenant breaking.

I. A. WAMPLER, Chairman.

On motion, Brother Jas. Travis is excluded from this body.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That we be more careful in dealing with ministerial reputation.

J. W. LUCAS.

The President asked Brother Cagle to call for the credentials of Brother Teffetteller, and Brother Cash for the credentials of Brother Jas. Travis.

Report of Ordaining Council.

We, the Ordaining Council, beg to submit the following as our report for the past year: Licensed A. F. Hensley and Brother Patton Swin F. Howell.

J. L. CAGLE,
J. S. BURGESS, } Committee.
J. L. OLLIS,

Adopted.

The following Ordaining Council is appointed: J. L. Cagle, J. S. Burgess, J. L. Ollis, Wm. Stroup and J. F. Cash.

Adjourned.

J. W. LUCAS, President.

T. H. WOOLSEY, Secretary.

REPORT OF MINISTERS.

NAME	P. O. ADDRESS	Sermons Preached	Revivals	Conversions Witnessed	Funerals	Sunday School Address	Baptised	Rec'd Into the Church	Homes Visited	Pastor of Churches	Miles Travelled	Organized S. S.	Teachers in S. S.	Couples Married	Money Received
W. P. McPhetridge	Knoxville, Tenn.	50			2					2	300			4	\$ 24 50
J. L. Cagle	Knoxville, Tenn.	116		67				126			1252				119 90
J. F. Cash	Knoxville, Tenn.	105	2	20	9	15	8	100			420				46 50
R. H. Jones	Rogersville, Tenn.	6											1		
Wm. Stroup	Church Hill, Tenn., Route 4	110	2	18	3		26				470	3			56 00
A. B. Lowery	Embreeville, Tenn.	26		46			1	4			100	1	1	1	3 00
J. A. Wampler	Greeneville, Tenn.	78	3	15							100			8	
J. R. Cox	Embreeville, Tenn.	38		28		6		15			40			2	58 25
J. S. Burgess	Chucky, Tenn., Route 4	115		57	10		4	13		2				4	86 96
A. F. Hensley	Chucky, Tenn., Route 3	13	4	40											3 00
D. F. Patton	Hartford, Tenn.	26	2	39											20 00
Swin F. Howell	Unicoi, Tenn.	1				2									
W. M. Clendenin	Dandridge, Tenn., Route 7	50		40						1					
W. H. H. Morelock	Church Hill, Tenn., Route 5	80	2							3	336			3	72 12
Jas. Coggins	Embreeville, Tenn.	12		32		3					20	1			
W. H. Johnson	Greeneville, Tenn., Route 12	45	3	25							150				15 00
W. R. Coggins	Embreeville, Tenn.	40		43		6		12	75	1	225				13 75
J. L. Ollis	Newport, Tenn., Route 1	181	2	47	6	5		75	50	2	600	2		1	148 31
J. J. R. Richards	Midway, Tenn.	125	4	46			9	6	34		800	2		3	97 85
T. G. Lovin	Mooreburg, Tenn.	27		17			7	150		1					
J. N. Carroll	Mooreburg, Tenn.	40	3	25				30			200			2	3 00
Samuel Parker	Knoxville, Tenn.	40			4						200				
J. W. Lucas	Unicoi, Tenn.									1			1		

PROCEEDINGS.

Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock following the Ministerial Conference, we proceeded to the enrollment of Ministers and Delegates of Churches.

Ministers Present.

W. P. McPhetheridge, J. L. Cagle, W. H. Johnson, J. L. Ollis, Wm. Stroup, J. S. Burgess, J. F. Cash, J. R. Richards, J. W. Lucas, J. R. Cox, W. R. Coggins, G. S. Porter.

Delegates Present.

BROWN'S CHAPEL—O. B. White, Will Luster, Charley Brown, D. C. Lawson.

BETHANY—H. N. Jackson.

CEDAR CREEK—Samuel Freshour.

HOPKIN'S CHAPEL—A. S. Robinson.

CHIMNEY TOP—E. F. Hensley.

EMBREEVILLE—A. B. Lowery, Jas. Coggins.

FORREST GROVE—W. S. Burnett, S. W. Smith.

LIBERTY—Blain Burgess.

MAGNOLIA—Elsie Ball, Howard Davidson.

MIDWAY—F. E. Ragan, W. T. Livingston, N. A. Cobble, Flora Pack.

NEW CROSS—Mrs. W. B. Jones, Mrs. Sarah Willet, W. G. Willet, Mrs. Lucinda Humbird.

NEW HOME—W. J. Holdway, Joe Holdway, John Varner, J. B. Dawson.

PINEY GROVE—Mrs. Allice Woolsey, Maria Woolsey, Jas. R. Kelley, E. Cutshall.

UNICOI—Swin F. Howell.

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Rev. J. S. Burgess is elected Moderator by acclamation,

Order of Business of last year is adopted, viz: 1, Organization. 2, Reception of New Churches. 3, Seating visiting brethren. 4, Appointment of Committees. 5, Verbal and written reports from the churches. 6, Reports of Committees. 7, Miscellaneous business. 8, Adjournment.

The Church Extension Board reports favorably on the reception of Midway Union and it is by a vote of this body, and on motion, the name is changed to Midway No. 2.

On motion, all visiting brethren and sisters are invited to a seat in our body.

Appointment of Committees.

On Pulpit Supply—Delegates from Midway and J. C. Stallard.

On Hours of Meeting—J. H. Holdway, Cox, Hensley.

On Sabbath Schools—J. S. Porter, Joe Holdway, Mrs. W. B. Jones.

On Missions—Jud Holdway, Johnson, Howell.

Report of Committee on Hours of Meeting.

Committee on Hours of Meeting reports as follows: Business sessions 8:30 A. M., and 2:00 P. M. Preaching services 11:00 A. M., and 6:30 P. M.

Committee on Pulpit Supply reports as follows: G. H. Bennett to-night at 6:30; G. S. Porter Friday 11:00 A. M.; J. A. Martin Friday 6:30 P. M.; J. F.

Cash Saturday 11:00 A. M.; J. W. Lucas Saturday 6:30 P. M. At McMillan, J. Q. Adams Thursday at 6:30 P. M.; Wm. Stroup Friday 6:30 P. M.; J. A. Brown Saturday 6:30. Sermon by G. H. Bennett, Text Rev. 20:12.

Friday Morning, September 10th.

Enrolled Delegates from Midway No. 2, T. G. Lovin, J. N. Carroll, W. F. Carpenter, J. P. Peavler. From East Knoxville Mrs. Martha Cash.

Appointment of Committees Continued.

On Temperance—J. R. Richards, Joe Holdway, N. A. Cobble.

On Necrology—Howard, Davidson, Varner, Hensley.

On Literature—Stroup, Cash, Lovin.

On Resolutions—Ollis, Porter, Cox.

On Finance—Maria Woolsey, W. G. Willet, Martha Cash.

On Next Session—Blaine Burgess, Sister Cates, Jackson

On Education—J. W. Lucas, Cagle, Woolsey.

On motion, S. W. Smith and W. Burnett are excused from the Conference on account of sickness.

Verbal and Written Reports of Churches.

Johnson's Chapel reports. East Knoxville F. B. reports. Brown's Chapel reports. Bethany reports. Cedar Creek reports. Green Ridge reports. Hopkin's Chapel reports. Chimney Top reports. At 11 o'clock G. S. Porter preached from James 5:20.

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Friday Afternoon.

Report of Churches continued. Embreeville reports. Verbal report from Fair View. Forest Grove reports. Verbal report of Mt. Carmel—later letter received by Clerk. Magnolia reports. New Cross reports. New Home reports. Piney Grove reports. Wooddale reports, Unicoi reports. Bridges Chapel reports. Midway No. 2 reports. Liberty reports.

On motion, Kingsport and Grassey Creek Churches are referred to the Church Extension Board.

On motion, the Magnolia delegation is excused from further attendance of this session. At 6:30 p. m. Rev. J. A. Martin preached from Acts 16:30.

Saturday Morning, September 11th.

The committee on the Co-operative Association formed at Unicoi, Tenn., reports as follows: "We advise that this body cannot approve of the action by which the Co-operative Association was formed, for the following among other reasons:

1st. This action was not authorized or contemplated in our appointment of a committee to confer with other committees on Home Missions.

2nd. The arbitrary fixing of boundary lines for the Association, and requiring churches to belong to certain Associations without their consent, is contrary to Free Baptist Church government, and subversive of our cherished polity. No person or organization can coerce an independent Free Baptist Church.

3rd. It does not furnish a better or more econom-

ical system of Home Missions than we now have.
Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LUCAS, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Necrology Reports.

We, your Committee on Necrology, beg leave to submit the following: We had called from our midst to their Home in Glory

From Bethany, Brother N. E. Thornburg and Sisters Elizabeth Thornburg, Alice Jackson, Mary Smith and Sallie Jackson.

From Green Ridge, Sister Nancy Hampton.

From Piney Grove, Brother Tom Johnson and Sister Jennie Willhoit.

From Bridges Chapel, Two deaths.

From Midway No. 2, Sister Martha Carroll.

From New Home, Sister Martha Calfee.

From Johnson's Chapel, Sister Sarah Starnes.

From Cedar Creek, Sister Elizabeth Freshour.

From Magnolia, Sister Mary Mitchell.

From Brown's Chapel, Brother W. D. Brown.

HOWARD DAVIDSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Literature Reports.

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to adopt last years' report. Finding we have no publishing house of our own we recommend to all our people the American Baptist Publishing House and their supplies, also the General Baptist Publishing House, Oakland, Indiana, and 'The Mountain Free

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Baptist," Black Mountain, N. C., and the Free Baptist Publishers at Ayden, N. C.

WM. STROUP, Chairman.

Adopted.

Rev. J. A. Martin reports as fraternal messenger from the French Broad Association in a very encouraging way, and we wish to express our thanks to the Association for sending their worthy brother to us.

Rev. J. Q. Adams reports as fraternal messenger from the Watauga Association, and gave a splendid report of their work.

Committee on Temperance Reports.

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the report of last year.

WHEREAS, "We, the Free Baptist have always stood for temperance. We put forth every effort to promulgate the cause of Christ and to abstain from all intoxicants and to vote to totally abolish the damnable stuff out of the State.

J. R. RICHARDS, Chairman.

On motion, the Clerk is notified to have forms of Church Letters to the Association printed for all the Churches of Union Association, and the money for the same be taken out of our Home Missionary funds.

Brothers H. N. Jackson and E. F. Hensley are excused from further attendance of this session.

Committee on Education Reports.

We congratulate our people upon the excellent

system of Public State Schools to which they have access. The poorest boy or girl in the land may now in these schools acquire a university or technical education. We do not know enough about the management, financial condition or work of the Unicoi school to return any suggestions in regard to it.

J. W. LUCAS, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools Reports.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to submit the following: With great enthusiasm we are glad to note the wonderful progress in our Sunday Schools throughout the entire Association, and we earnestly request that all pastors and teachers continue to work and pray, that this glorious work may continue until we have a Sabbath School in every community in the Association and every child a student.

G. S. PORTER, Chairman.

Adopted.

Discussed by Revs. G. S. Porter, J. F. Cash, J. L. Cagle and J. L. Ollis.

Report of the Church Extension Board.

During the year we have accepted one new church, Midway No. 2, in Hawkins County. The 1st F. B. Church of Knoxville has titles now in court and we have hopes of gaining the suit. This is the extent of the work during the year.

J. L. CAGLE, Chairman.

The following Church Extension Board is appoint-

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ed: T. H. Woolsey, T. G. Lovin, J. L. Cagle, J. L. Ollis.

Rev. Wm. Stroup and delegates of Crown's Chapel are excused from further attendance.

On motion, the Church Extension Board was instructed to investigate our claims at Clear Creek in Cocke County.

On motion, the following fraternal messengers are appointed to the various mountain Associations; J. L. Ollis to the French Broad, J. R. Cox to the Watauga, J. L. Cagle to Jack's Creek, Swin F. Howell to Tow River, J. S. Burgess to the Clinch Valley, W. R. Coggins to John Wheeler, Wm. Stroup to Unicoi. At 11 o'clock Rev. J. F. Cash preached from 1 Cor. 6:19.

Adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon.

Met at 2:00 P. M. Song and prayer service. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Committee on Missions Reports.

The Committee on Missions reports same as last year: Whereas, We, the Freewill Baptist have always stood in the front ranks in mission work, we don't want to take any backward steps, but to press more to the front, and we beg for the time to come when all Christians will vote as they pray and practice what they preach.

W. J. HOLDWAY, Chairman,

Adopted.



Mrs. ALICE WOOLSEY.

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On motion, the Clerk is to be paid \$5.00 for his services.

On motion, a vote of thanks is to be expressed at to-morrow's service by Rev. J. Cagle to this Church and community for their kind and generous hospitality.

This body expressed its pleasure and appreciation of the presence of Mrs. Alice Woolsey, who is in her 91st year, and was able to attend both day and night meetings. She is the widow of Rev. W. B. Woolsey, the pioneer Free Baptist of this country, who together with M. Peterson, John Wheeler and others organized the first Free Baptist Association on Jack's Creek, N. C., about 1848.

Committee on Next Session Reports.

That the next session will be held with Johnson's Chapel Church at Powder Springs, Grainger County, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1916.

Committee on Finance Reports.

The Committee on Finance reports the following:

From the Churches, Minute Fund...	\$18.79
From the Ministers.....	3.75

Total	\$22.54
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At 6:30 Saturday sermon preached by Rev. J. S. Burgess from Matt. 26:73.

Sunday at 11 A. M. Rev. J. L. Cagle preached from Acts 2:37.

J. L. CAGLE, Moderator.

T. H. WOOLSEY, Clerk.

Greeneville, Tenn., Route 15.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	PASTORS-ELECT.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O. ADDRESS.	Added by Baptism	Added Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. of Members	No. in Sunday School	Paid for Minutes	Paid Pastor	Value of Church Property
Bethany.....	J. S. Burgess.....	H. N. Jackson.....	Jeraldstown, Tenn.....	1	1		4	5	146	45	\$2 00	\$62 00	\$1000 00
Brown's Chapel.....	Wm. Stroup.....	D. C. Lawson.....	Persia, Tenn.....	17	12			1	72	60	1 10	24 00	1000 00
Bridges' Chapel.....	W. M. Clendenin.....	G. M. Bridges.....	Dandridge, Tenn.....					2	18		75		
Cedar Creek.....		Lavina Freshour.....	Greeneville, Tenn., R. 14					1	14		50		600 00
Chimney Top.....		Myrtle Morelock.....	Fall Branch, R. 4.....						41	50	60	15 46	600 00
Embreerville.....	W. R. Coggins.....	Sarah Davis.....	Embreerville, Tenn.....	1	11				75	75	50		
East Knoxville.....	W P. McPhetridge.....	Lillie George.....	{1915 East Vine Ave. {Knoxville, Tenn.....	1	2		3		16		75		
*1st. F. B. Knoxville.....		J. A. Manis.....	Knoxville, Tenn.....						130				
Forest Grove.....	J. F. Cash.....	Strickland Anderson.....	Newport, Tenn.....	7	9				32	52	1 00	36 30	
*Fair View.....	J. F. Cash.....												
Greene Ridge.....	A. F. Heuseley.....	Bonnie Street.....	Chuckey, Tenn., R. 4.....					2	27		25	10 00	
Hopkins' Chapel.....		A. S. Robinson.....	Midway, Tenn., R. 2.....						14	40			
Johnson's Chapel.....	J. L. Cagle.....	S. D. Stephens.....	Powder Springs, Tenn.....					1	91	65	1 15	40 10	1000 00
Liberty.....		J. F. Dunbar.....	Chuckey, Tenn.....	8	9				60	1 25	64 87	1200 00	
*Kingsport.....									22				
Mt. Carmel.....	Wm. Stroup.....	W. R. Morelock.....	Church Hill, Tenn., R. 5.....					1	84	80			800 00
*Mt. Moriah.....		I. J. Cope.....	Rogersville, Tenn.....						42				
Magnolia.....	W. H. H. Morelock.....	Howard Davidson.....	Rogersville, Tenn.....	1				1	40	50	85	36 00	1000 00
Midway.....	J. S. Burgess.....	Ila Livingston.....	Midway, Tenn.....	2					69	70	2 00	131 00	1000 00
Midway No. 2.....	T. G. Lovin.....	L. L. Livesay.....	Mooreburg, Tenn.....			1			41	54	1 10		
New Home.....	J. A. Martin.....	J. H. Holdway.....	Bybee, Tenn., R. 2.....	4	3	2			229	1	24	72 60	800 00
New Cross.....		Mrs. W. G. Willet.....	Greeneville, Tenn.....						21	52	75	25 00	250 00
Piney Grove.....	J. R. Richards.....	T. H. Woolsey.....	Greeneville, Tenn., R. 15.....		2				26		75	22 50	800 00
Unicoi.....	J. W. Lucas.....	Ada Lucas.....	Unicoi, Tenn.....							65			
Woolsey College.....													

*No Report.

