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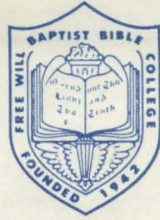
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Moderator ----- Rev. J. C. Howington
 Elizabethton, Tennessee
 Associational Secretary ----- Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar
 Chuckey, Tennessee
 Associational Treasurer ----- H. D. Bailey
 Chuckey, Tennessee

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Rev. J. C. Howington, Chairman, Elizabethton, Tennessee
 Geo. D. Dunbar, Chuckey, Tennessee
 J. S. Burgess, Chuckey, Tennessee
 W. F. Phillips, Erwin, Tennessee
 Lloyd Light, Sullivan Gardens, Tennessee
 W. A. Gregg, Newport, Tennessee

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President ----- Rev. C. Y. Elkin
 Candler, North Carolina
 Conference Secretary ----- Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar
 Chuckey, Tennessee

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 Greeneville, Tennessee
 Rev. H. W. Morelock ----- Terms Expires 1945
 Rogersville, Tennessee
 Rev. J. C. Howington ----- Term Expires 1946
 Elizabethton, Tennessee
 Rev. J. S. Burgess ----- Term Expires 1947
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 Elizabethton, Tennessee

ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-First Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tennessee, on the morning of August 11, 1943, at 10:00 o'clock. The meeting was called into executive session by the Moderator, Rev. J. S. Burgess.

Rev. W. H. Morelock of Rogersville, Tennessee, conducted the morning devotion in a very impressive manner in which he urged greater zeal and a deeper devotion to the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist.

ENROLLMENT

Ministers:—J. S. Burgess, Geo. D. Dunbar, E. F. Drayne, W. L. Gilton, Orville Stokes, C. Y. Elkin, Lloyd Light, H. W. Morelock, Paul Woolsey, Lee Broyles.

Deacons:—J. W. Baker, Raymond Arnold, James Epps, James Lipps.

DELEGATES

Eastern Quarterly Meeting—Cynthia Bowling, Minnie Treadway, Ossie Davenport, Ruth Broyles, Mrs. J. A. Atchley, Mrs. George Campbell, Elizabeth Andes, J. W. Carrier, Highly Garland, Emma Arnold, Stiley Blevins, Nora Taylor, Docia Taylor, Alice Holder, Jettie Grindstaff, Georgia Honeycutt, Mrs. K. E. Noren, Mrs. Roscoe Tolley, Mrs. S. F. Langford.

On motion the Clerk of the Central Quarterly Meeting was given power to designate the delegation from those attending to represent the Central Quarterly Meeting in the association. The appointment was deferred.

All visitors, including those present and those who may come later, were invited to sit in the meeting as Advisory Council. Revs. Wm. Beam and Carl Osborne from the Towe River Association were present.

The meeting then stood adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

The address of Welcome was delivered by the President of the local Ministerial Association, Dr. Edward M. Umbach, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Umbach called upon the group to have faith that reaches inward, outward, and upward.

The response was given by the Associational Secretary, Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar. The highlights of the response were: "We accept the challenge of Dr. Umbach. We did not come to be sated, petted and coddled by the local pastor and his group, but to preserve that faith that first reaches in, then out, and finally up to God, that we may make a better world for our boys to live in when they return from the present world conflict."

The local Pastor, Rev. J. C. Howington, then introduced Rev. Lee Broyles who brought the Introductory Message using as his text, 1 John 4: 8, "God is love."

Noon and evening meals were served from the near-by public school building under the direction of the local Woman's Auxiliary.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Reassembled at 1:30 P. M. Trula Gunter, graduate from the Orphanage and a missionary student, directed the devotional exercise with an enthusiasm typical of our orphanage life.

NEW ENROLLMENT

Rev. W. A. Gregg arrived and was seated.

Deacons:—G. F. Cannon, N. A. Cobble, T. E. Ragan.

Delegates:—Mae Smith, and Fleta Abbott were seated as representatives from the Western Quarterly Meeting.

COMMITTEES

The following committees were appointed from the Chair:

On Resolutions—Rev. J. C. Howington, Rev. Lloyd Light, and T. E. Ragan.

On Christian Education—Trula Gunter, Geo. D. Dunbar, G. F. Cannon.

On Missions—Blanche Howington, Maud McCamey, Mrs. J. A. Atchley.

On Temperance—E. F. Drayne, Carl Osborne, N. A. Cobble.

On Literature and Publications—Trula Gunter, Mae Smith, Rev. C. E. Holder.

On Superannuation—Orville Stokes, W. A. Gregg, Paul Woolsey.

On Next Session—Maud McCamey, Fletta Abbott, Lee Broyles.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS

Reports from the Western, the Northern, the Eastern and the Central Quarterly Meetings were read and adopted in order. Reports in statistics.

On motion all Quarterly Meetings are to report direct to a Statistician hereafter, who will in turn make a condensed report to the body, thus conserving time from long and tedious reports as being read at present.

By motion the Chair was empowered to appoint a Statistician to serve one year. Miss Trula Gunter was appointed.

Rev. Paul Woolsey reported upon the work being done by the Association as a whole. The report was adopted but to be condensed for publication. (Insert here)

A report of the Committee on Christian Education was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, has completed its first year of service in preparing young men and women for Christian work. It is now taking its place among other outstanding institutions for Christian Education. It is one of the few colleges within our nation that is both orthodox and evangelical.

There is a greater demand today for Christian workers than ever before. The challenge is for us to launch out and prepare for the demands of tomorrow. We must not only support the school financially but with a student body that it may in turn supply our need of trained workers for our evangelistic and mission fields.

If we are to meet the challenge of the times and be of service to humanity, we must prepare our youth for this service to the world about us.

Signed,
Trula Gunter, Chairman,
G. F. Cannon,
Geo. D. Dunbar.

The subject of Christian Education was to be discussed more at length tomorrow for further enlightenment upon the plans of financing.

A report of the Associational Treasurer was read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from 1942 report	\$194.60
Received from all sources	174.15
Total receipts	\$368.75
Paid out to Clerk fee	\$ 30.00
For postage and printing	7.50
To State Dues	25.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 62.50
Amount in Treasury	\$306.25

H. D. Bailey, Treasurer.

The committee on Literature and Publications reported and the report was adopted by motion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

We, the committee on Christian Literature and Publications, realize the need of our church people knowing more about our church work denominationally. Our church papers offer this information to all those who subscribe. We believe that if more of our people would read our church papers they would become more interested in every phase of our work and would therefore, give greater support to the work.

We suggest that each minister present start a drive in his church to get his members subscribe for at least one of our church papers to be sent into each home.

This is a suggestive plan:

Each pastor name someone in his church to solicit subscriptions who is able to sell the people on the need of knowing more about our work, and using our own literature. Make it a contest among the churches of the As-

sociation, with each church having one contestant to represent the church. At the end of a fixed time have each contestant send in his report of the names and number of subscriptions to Trula Gunter, 3609 Richland, Nashville, Tennessee, who will select the winner according to the number of subscriptions submitted for either paper. A writeup of the winner along with his or her picture will appear in the paper and a free subscription to the paper will be awarded.

We also suggest that the pastors ask their folk to send subscriptions to their boys in the service. Each month the Gem carries an article entitled "OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE." It will make a very helpful and enjoyable gift for any boy.

The addresses of the publications are:

The Free Will Baptist Gem,
Monett, Missouri

Monthly—75c per year.

The Free Will Baptist,
The Free Will Baptist Press,
Ayden, North Carolina

Weekly—\$1.50 per year

For further information address Trula Gunter at 3609 Richland, Nashville, Tennessee, care F. W. B. Bible College.

C. E. Holder,
Trula Gunter,
Mae C. Smith,
Committee.

If the recommendation is accepted have all reports in by the last of September.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We are living in perilous days. The sin of intemperance is one of the greatest evils confronting the church. We recommend that every minister in the association hold up before his people the evils of strong drink, and that they urge their people to abstain as much as reasonably possible from patronizing the places where intoxicants are being sold.

E. F. Drayne, Chairman
Carl Osborne
N. A. Cobble,
Committee

The business session then adjourned until 9:00 Thursday.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The special features of the evening service were singing by the local choir followed by an impassioned message by Rev. J. S. Burgess, Pastor of Clyde Street Free Will Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. It was the

voice of an elderly minister to the youth of the present ministry. He read Paul's homiletical discourse to the young preacher from Titus, 2nd Chapter, and used the 14th verse for the Text: "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." He added the admonition of verse fifteen: "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority."

THURSDAY MORNING

The meeting was called to order at 9:15. Rev. Orville Stokes, Pastor of the Wautaga Valley Church conducted the devotion most impressively after reading briefly from Rev. 21.

NEW ENROLLMENT

Ministers:—W. F. Phillips, Weldon Bowman, Elmer Deloach, S. D. Hammer, Robert Cutshaw, M. L. Bowman, and Juna Wilkerson.

Mrs. Luta Woolsey—Deaconess.

The following were named, as per vote of yesterday, by the Secretary of the Central Quarterly Meeting as delegates to the Association: Maud McCamey, Claud McCamey and wife, Mayme Day and Mrs. Rob Cutshaw. Other delegates enrolled were, Carl Huskins, Roy White, Jesse Curtis, Emma Carrier, Hazel Lewis, Beulah Wilson, Mary Fair, Mrs. Dan Huskins, Charles Church, Mrs. Carl Huskins, Mrs. Earl Huskins, Margaret Donhom, Pearl Woolsey, Mrs. C. H. McAfee.

The Minutes of the previous day were read and adopted by vote.

The committee on Missions reported and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We recommend that some department of the church conduct regular classes in missions to better acquaint our people with the work of our missionaries and the importance of missions in the different fields.

The fields of our neighboring island of Cuba are white unto harvest. We cannot all go individually to these fields of labor, but we can provide the means for others to go. We want to urge each church in the Union Association to adopt the National plan for missions and that each church send regularly at least \$1.00 each month to Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri, to be spent in this worthy cause. Now, let's pull together, for "United we stand, divided we fall."

Mrs. J. C. Howington
Maud McCamey
Mrs. J. A. Atchley

The report of the committee on Superannuation was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION

Be it Resolved, that the Union Association of Free Will Baptist, now in

session, approve and recommend to the Tennessee State Association for adoption, the following plan which has been approved by the National Association:

That each state set up a Superannuation Board and adopt the proposed Constitution and By-Laws approved by the National Association. The plan in brief being: that 75 per cent of all funds raised be used by the State Board for worthy superannuated ministers, to be based upon the need and merit, and that 25 per cent be sent to the National Board to be used to pay 50 per cent of the cost of insuring insurable ministers desiring the insurance.

Signed,
Orville Stokes
Paul Woolsey
Wm. Gregg

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it Resolved, that any person belonging to a church within the Union Free Will Baptist Association, and he or she shall renounce the baptism administered by a Free Will Baptist minister in order to become a member of a church within another denomination, and at some later time decides to return to a Free Will Baptist church, such an one shall be required to receive baptism at the hands of a Free Will Baptist minister in order to become a bona fide member in good and regular standing.

This shall not be construed as meaning members coming direct from another denomination upon first application.

Signed,
Joseph C. Howington, Chairman,
T. E. Ragan,
Lloyd Light,
Committee.

A motion was sustained to go into the election of officers.

Rev. C. Y. Elkin and Rev. J. C. Howington were nominated for the position of Moderator for the ensuing year. The count was 23 for J. C. Howington and 21 for Rev. Elkin. Upon request of Rev. Elkin the vote was made unanimous for Howington.

A motion to re-elect all old Boards was tabled by vote and the Chair was asked to name a nominating committee. Rev. Lloyd Light, Rev. M. L. Bowman and Geo. F. Cannon were named as the committee.

By motion the Chair was empowered to name a delegation to represent the Association in the State Association to be held at Erwin, Tennessee beginning on August 26. The committee consisted of Mrs. Lon Crosswhite, Mrs. Thurman Pate, Clarence Christian, Jewell Dunbar.

The Nominating committee presented the following names for the new Associational Board: J. S. Burgess, W. F. Phillips, Lloyd Light, W. A. Gregg, all of whom were elected unanimously.

The motion was taken from the table and defeated by vote.

By motion the Secretary is to be reimbursed in the sum of \$7.50 for printing and postage during the past year, and granted permission to draw annually a sum not to exceed \$10.00 for such expenses.

On motion by Elkin, at least two places were to be left open for the preaching hours on the next program to take care of any visiting ministers who might be in attendance.

J. C. Howington, W. F. Phillips and Geo. D. Dunbar were elected as a program committee for the ensuing year.

Rev. Paul Woolsey read a condensed report of the year's work at the Orphanage which was adopted.
(Insert here)

NEW ENROLLMENT

Ministers:—Marlin Vaughan, A. F. Hensley.

Deacon:—H. D. Bailey.

Delegates:—Bessie Harrell, Nace Harrell, Edyth Taylor, Mrs. C. B. Britton, C. A. Christian, Etta Hardin, Mayme Dunbar, Lucy Bailey.

A report of the committee in favor of Midway as the next place of meeting was adopted.

A standing vote of thanks was tendered to local church and pastor for the generous reception and entertainment of the session.

The business session then stood adjourned to meet with the Midway church on Wednesday before the Third Sunday in August, 1944.

An interesting and inspirational program was presented by the children from the Home under the direction of the Superintendent. The offering amount to \$51.00.

Rev. W. L. Bowman was at his best when he brought the message of the hour from Ruth 2: 16. "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." A marvelous likeness of the church of today.

Thus came the benediction upon a very successful and pleasant session to be known in history as the SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

THURSDAY EVENING

Several spirited numbers were offered by the local choir as a prelude to the evening worship. Special messages in song were rendered by Margaret Hendrickson of the orphanage which were deeply appreciated.

The local Pastor, Rev. Howington then presented Mrs. T. H. Willey, returned wife of the Missionary to Cuba, who delivered her very soul in a stirring appeal for prayer and financial help in carrying the Gospel to the sum of \$49.00 was lain upon the altar for the National Mission cause.

J. S. Burgess, Moderator.
Geo. D. Dunbar, Secretary.
Chuckey, Tennessee.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1942-43

CHURCH	PASTOR	Affiliated with S. S. Conv.	Preaching Sunday	Joined Church	Dropped	Died	Present Members	No. in S. S.	Paid to Budget	Paid to Orphanage	Paid to Nat. Treas.	Paid on Bldg. and Repairs	Value of Ch. Prop.	Pd. Visiting Ministers and Evang.	Paid to Pastors
Northern Q. M.															
Brown's Chapel	Marlan Vaughan	Yes	3				32	32	1.00			3.90	1,500	9.85	96.26
Cedar Chapel	Lloyd Light	No	2				20	50	2.50	25.00			2,000	15.00	135.00
Chimney Top	H. W. Morelock	Yes	1	6	2	1	66	68	2.60	16.49			3,000	12.00	83.19
Christian's Bend	Gilbert Morelock	Yes	1				20	40	1.25				1,000		30.00
Grassy Creek	Lloyd Light	Yes	1				32	52	3.25	23.19		6.00	2,000	30.00	136.68
Morning Star	Herman Christian	Yes	3			1	100	55	5.70	75.19		21.55	2,000	31.00	91.22
Mt. Carmel	Herman Christian	Yes	2			1	73	55	1.00			2.00	2,000	114.89	28.00
Magnolia															
Van Hill															
Eastern Q. M.															
Canah Chapel	W. F. Phillips	Yes	Ea.	18	4		56	105	4.00	13.00	7.00	942.75	4,500	48.00	215.00
Central Johnson City	W. L. Gilton	Yes	Ea.	12	1	1	136	100	6.00	36.00		575.00	12,000	68.00	875.00
Elizabethton, First	J. C. Howington	Yes	Ea.	21	12	5	471	150	10.00	136.00	100.00	246.95	10,000	452.00	1,406.60
Fair View	J. C. Francisco	Yes	1-3	2			20	36		10.00		38.50	2,000	3.50	236.12
Holly Springs	C. E. Holder	Yes	2-4			1	35	65	3.00	36.00			1,000	56.75	200.00
Keensburg	E. F. Drayne	Yes	Ea.	2			131	85	3.00	48.00		327.80	3,000	60.00	705.00
Martin Chapel	Carl Osborne	Yes	Ea.	13		5	253	150	15.00	260.97	60.00		10,000	102.35	960.00
Moore's Chapel	W. M. Howell	Yes	1	1		1	53	85	3.00	36.00		267.68	2,350		210.00
Nidiffer Chapel	C. E. Holder	Yes	1-3				35	45	3.00	8.00		75.00	1,000		200.00
New Liberty		Yes		4	2	2	109	55	6.00	43.00		215.00	11,000	86.67	125.50
Wautaga Valley	C. Y. Elkin	Yes	2-4	4		1	131	65	5.00	25.30		320.64	10,000	176.18	546.55
Western Q. M.															
Bridges' Chapel	W. J. Holdway	No	3				45	70	2.50	26.00			2,000		74.10

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TABLE SHOWING PASTORS-ELECT AND CLERKS, 1943-44

Churches	Pastors	Clerks and their Addresses
NORTHERN Q. M.		
Brown's Chapel	Marian Vaughan, Surgoinsville	Mrs. Riley Starnes, Rogersville
Cedar Chapel	Lloyd Light, Sullivan Gardens	D. A. Smith, Kingsport, RFD.
Chimneytop	H. W. Morelock, Rogersville	Curtis Roberts, Chuckey, RFD.
Christian's Bend	Gilbert Morelock, Rogersville	Mrs. Effie Bradshaw, Church Hill
Grassy Creek	Lloyd Light, Sullivan Gardens	Tennie Ward, Rogersville, RFD.
Morning Star	Herman Christian, Church Hill	Anna Derrick, Church Hill
Mt. Carmel	Herman Christian, Church Hill	Mrs. Annie Light, Rogersville
Magnolia		Alfred Richards, Rogersville
EASTERN Q. M.		
Canah Chapel	W. F. Phillips, Erwin	D. W. Wilson, Erwin
Central Johnson City	W. L. Gilton, 1200 Afton St., J. C.	Jack McCoury, Box 14, Johnson City
Elizabethton, First	J. C. Howington, Elizabethton	Blanche Howington, Elizabethton
Fair View	Farrel Sparks,	Mrs. A. S. Hicks, Elizabethton
Holly Springs	C. E. Holder, Elizabethton, Rt. 5	Mrs. Stella Holder, Rt. 5, Elizabethton
Keensburg	E. F. Drayne, 320 Hamilton St.	Corine Taylor, Rt. 5, Elizabethton
Martin Chapel	Carl Osborne, Unicoi	Bessie Anders, Erwin, Rt. 1
Moore's Chapel	C. E. Holder, Eliz. Rt. 5	Emma Arnold, Elizabethton, Rt. 5
Nidiffer Chapel	C. E. Holder, Eliz. Rt. 5	Trula Williams, Elizabethton, Rt. 5
New Liberty	P. A. Paxton, Midway	Paul Garland, Elizabethton, Rt. 5
Wautaga Valley	Orville Stokes, Rt. 3, Jo. City	Mrs. Maud Wilson, Elizabethton, Rt. 5

WESTERN Q. M.

Bridges Chapel
 Burls Chapel
 Clyde St. Knox.
 Fairview
 Forest Grove
 Holston Hills
 Johnson's Chapel
 Joseph's Chapel
 Midway Union
 New Prospect
 Valley View
 Wooddale

CENTRAL Q. M.

Bethany
 Greenville
 Green Ridge
 Gregs Chapel
 Greystone
 Harris Memorial
 Jackson Chapel
 Liberty
 Limestone
 Lowe's Chapel
 Midway
 Mt. Moriah
 New Home
 Oak Grove
 Piney Grove

W. J. Holdway, Bybee
 F. B. Wiseman, Sweet Water
 J. S. Burgess, Chuckey
 J. S. Burgess, Chuckey
 E. M. French, Newport
 F. C. Atkins, Corryton, Rt. 1
 J. N. Carroll, Bybee
 W. J. Holdway, Bybee
 F. C. Atkins, Corryton, Rt. 1
 Wm. A. Gregg, Knoxville
 Lloyd Light, Sullivan Gardens
 P. A. Paxton, Midway

Geo. D. Dunbar, Chuckey
 M. L. Bowman, Greenville
 Dewey Kirk, Mosheim
 W. J. Holdway, Bybee
 A. F. Hensley, Greenville, Rt. 9
 Jesse Laws, Afton, Rt. 1
 Jesse Laws, Afton, Rt. 1
 Lloyd Light, Sullivan Gardens
 T. F. Lewis, Telford
 Herman Gentry,
 Geo. D. Dunbar, Chuckey
 H. W. Morelock, Rogersville
 Jesse Laws, Afton, Rt. 1
 S. A. Cutshaw, Greenville
 Robert Cutshaw, Greenville

Creed Allen, Newport
 A. L. Ingram, Sweet Water
 Mrs. Thurman Pate, 1218 Forest Ave., Knoxville
 Dollie Cox, Heiskel
 J. L. Deaton, Neuberts
 M. W. Breadeb, Brooks Rd., Knoxville
 Mrs. A. J. Johnson, Powder Springs
 Chlois Holdway, Bybee, Rt. 2
 Harve Russel, Mooresburg
 Ellen Jenks, 1110 16th St., Knoxville
 W. S. Clemmer, Philadelphia
 Mrs. Myrtle Lusk, Straw Plains, Rt. 2

Mrs. W. A. Armstrong, Chuckey
 Mrs. H. S. Bible, 514 Church St., Greenville
 Savina Hampton, Afton, Rt. 1
 Mrs. Lacy W. Vinson, Newport
 Bill Fanning, Greenville, Rt. 9
 Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Greenville, Rt. 9
 Mrs. Ray Coakley, Mosheim
 J. F. Dunbar, Chuckey, Rt. 4
 Doris Mongold, Telford
 Robert Turner, Newport
 M. C. Cobble, Midway
 Mrs. William Light, Rogersville
 J. A. French, Newport
 Mrs. Perry Lamb, Greenville
 G. W. Mysinger, Greenville, Rt. 7

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Seventy-First Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference held its annual session jointly with Union Association at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Elizabethton, Tennessee, on August 13th, 1943. The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Lloyd Light of Sullivan Gardens, promptly at 9:15 o'clock A. M.

Devotion was conducted by Rev. W. L. Gilton, Pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church of Johnson City, Tennessee.

ENROLLMENT

J. S. Burgess, Weldon Bowman, Jesse Curtis, E. F. Drayne, Geo. D. Dunbar, E. M. French, W. L. Gilton, Wm. A. Gregg, J. C. Howington, Lloyd Light, H. W. Morelock, P. A. Paxton, Orville Stokes.

The President appointed J. S. Burgess, J. C. Howington and E. M. French as a committee on Resolutions.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

The following ministers reported either in person or by letter: F. C. Atkin, Minnis Bible, M. L. Bowman, Weldon Bowman, C. C. Brockwell, Lee Broyles, J. S. Burgess, E. C. Burkey, J. N. Carroll, Herman Christian, Rob Cutshaw, James R. Dean, Elmer Deloach, E. F. Drayne, Geo. D. Dunbar, C. Y. Elkin, E. M. French, W. L. Gilton, W. A. Gregg, S. D. Hammer, Roy Harp, A. F. Hensley, C. E. Holder, W. J. Holdway, J. C. Howington, A. L. Knight, Jesse Laws, T. F. Lewis, Wayne Light, Lloyd Light, C. E. Lowe, Gilbert Morelock, H. W. Morelock, Hubert Morelock, Clifford B. Oler, Thurman Pate, P. A. Paxton, W. F. Phillips, Orville Stokes, Marlan Vaughan, Henry Ward, Juna Wilkerson, Fred B. Wiseman.

"The Pastor's best method of acquainting his people with our National Program was ably discussed by Rev. E. M. French, Newport, Tennessee."

"Standards that should be maintained for membership in the Ministers' Conference" was ably presented by Rev. J. C. Howington, a member of the Ordaining Council.

Revs. Herman Christian, and T. F. Lewis were enrolled.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Garland of Johnson City were recognized as visitors in the Conference upon recommendation of the Pastor, Rev. W. L. Gilton.

The Ordaining Council submitted the following report:

We have carefully and prayerfully examined Orville Stokes of Johnson City and now recommend him to the Conference for ordination at the hour of worship today.

Upon request we have renewed the license of Weldon Bowman, Henry Ward, and Wayne Light.

Brothers Jesse Curtis, John McLean, and Hubert Taylor have been granted License to preach and Trula Gunter is licensed as a missionary.

We recommend brother T. F. Lewis and brother Thurman Pate, of the Towe River Association for election to membership to this body. We also recommend that brother Waycaster be elected to membership only to be placed upon the retired list.

We ask that the Conference print in the records each year a list of all retired ministers.

Signed,
W. L. Gilton, Proxy for Woolsey
P. A. Braxton, Proxy for Carroll
H. W. Morelock

The Ordaining Council was permitted to remain in adjourned session to care for certain delinquent applications to be acted upon at the First sitting of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting.

All ministers present were asked to sit with us as Advisory Council. Among those present was Rev. Orville O'Quinn of the Shady Valley Association of Virginia, a blind minister.

Upon nomination Rev. J. S. Burgess was elected upon the Ordaining Council as a member from the Western District—the term to expire in 1947.

Rev. C. Y. Elkin was nominated from the floor and elected as our President for the coming year.

The following committee was named by the President upon motion sustained to make an effort to secure the print rights on an old manual much cherished by the brotherhood: Geo. D. Dunbar, J. S. Burgess, and J. C. Howington.

A motion carried to adjourn subject to the call of the President, or to meet jointly with the Association at Midway in 1944.

At the opening of the morning worship hour, the Ordaining Council presented to the Conference, Orville Stokes, a young licentiate of great promise, who was impressively set apart to the Gospel ministry by prayer and the imposition of hands.

At the time of midday worship Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar brought the message to a most appreciative audience on the subject of "Sanctification." The text: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification" I Thes. 4: 3. POSITIONAL, PROGRESSIVE, and PERSONAL sanctification was the theme. Oneness with Christ—Likeness to Christ, and Fullness of Christ—the results. The Holy Spirit was much in evidence and the people rejoiced in Him.

Rev. Lloyd Light, President,
Geo. D. Dunbar, Conference Secretary,
Chuckey, Tennessee.

MINISTERS' STATISTICAL REPORT

Names and Addresses		Churches	Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Conversions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Received into Church	Funerals Conducted	Couples Married	Paid to United Program	Money Received
Atkins, F. C., Corryton	----	1	31	1	4	2	4			1		\$ 37.90
Bible, Minnis, Bybee	----	1	30	1	4					3		35.00
Bowman, M. L., Greenville	----	1	210	8	150			4	52			1,184.00
*Bowman, Weldon, Johnson City	----		13		20					1		2.00
Brockwell, C. C., Newport	----		26		20							25.00
Broyles, Lee, Rt. 3, Elizabethton	----		10		31				10			9.65
Burgess, J. S., Chuckey	----	2	228	2	32	28		28		2		625.00
Burkey, E. C., Greenville	----	1	19	1	18			5				393.68
Carroll, J. N., Rt. 2, Bybee	----	2	104	2	7			7	12	2		189.48
Christian, Herman, Church Hill	----	4	79	2	14				1			6.71
Cutshaw, Robert, Greenville	----		34	1	10				1			67.44
Dean, James R., Mosheim, Rt. 1	----		22						1	4		10.00
Deloach, Elmer, Elizabethton	----		14		120							678.00
Drayne, E. F., Johnson City	----	1	99	2	43	7		3	2	3	2.00	515.84
Dunbar, Geo. D., Chuckey	----	1	74	2	11			2	10		11.00	1,636.40
Elkin, C. Y., Candler, N. C.	----	2	92	3	72	27		17	21			1,061.70
French, E. M., Newport	----	2	115	2	30	8		19	5			1,388.68
Gilton, W. L., Johnson City	----	1	130	3	84	30		14	7	5		104.00
Gregg, W. A., Newport	----		97		42				3	4		

Hammer, S. D., Johnson City	1	47	2	60	30	2	2	141.85
*Harp, Roy, Knoxville	33							
Hensley, A. F., Greeneville, Rt. 9	1	64	1	28	2	1	3	107.28
*Holder, C. E., Elizabethton, Rt. 5	2	95	3	30	10	15	4	300.00
Holdway, W. J., Bybee	3	104	2	20	9	12	81	627.56
Hovington, J. C., Elizabethton	1	142	1	34	21	18	17	1,540.00
Knight, A. L., Knoxville	1	48	2	27	44	37	5	112.75
Laws, Jesse, Afton, Rt. 1	3	136	2	50	9	14	4	393.50
Lewis, T. F., Telford	2	128	2	19	9	14	4	406.16
*Light, Wayne, Rogersville	21							13.00
Light, Lloyd, Sullivan Gardens	4	250	4	70	15	15	35	6.00
Lowe, C. E., Greeneville	23	1	1	14	15	15	3	35.44
Morelock, Gilbert, Rogersville	1	22						3.00
Morelock, H. W., Rogersville	1	75	2	50		4	8	290.00
Morelock, Hubert, Rogersville	15							
Oler, Clifford B., Greeneville	3	137	3	53	4	5	13	640.37
Pate, Thurman, Knoxville	48							
Paxton, P. A., Midway	1	120	3	22	1	1	2	400.00
Phillips, W. F., Erwin	1	92	2	45	5	20	12	350.00
Stokes, Orville, Johnson City, Rt. 3	1	129	4	133			1	283.96
Vaughan, Marian, Surgoinsville	3	76		15	6	6		221.60
*Ward, Henry, Rogersville	30		1				2	30.00
Wilkerson, Juna J., Mosheim	1	72	1	21		1		122.00
Wiseman, Fred B., Sweet Water	26			20			3	
Woolsey, Paul, Greeneville, Rt. 9								
*Benfield, A. N., Greeneville								
*Adams, J. Q., Greeneville								
*Morelock, W. H. H., Rogersville								
*Waycaster, Rev. (?)								
*Retired. No reports required.								
*Licentiates.								

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Association met with the Elizabethton Church, August 12, 1943.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. P. H. Woolsey.

The devotion was conducted by Miss Jewell Dunbar of the Erwin church.

She read Chor. II, 5: 9-20.

Prayer by Mrs. P. H. Woolsey.

ENROLLMENT

Cannah Chapel—Mrs. Earl Huskins, Mrs. Carl Huskins, Mrs. Majorie Donham, Mrs. Dan Huskins.

Central Free Will Baptist—Mrs. J. A. Atchley, Mrs. George Campbell, Mrs. S. F. Langford, Miss Ruth Broyles.

Keensburg—Mrs. Elizabeth Andes.

Martin Chapel—Mrs. Amalee Garland.

Harris Memorial—Mrs. Ludie Woolsey.

Liberty—Mrs. Henry Bailey, G. W. Broyles, Miss Edith Bailey.

Elizabethton—

Limestone—Mrs. George Hall, Dorothy Anderson, Mrs. John Anderson.

New Liberty—Nancy Harrell, Bessie Harrell.

Fair View Church—Mrs. Frank Davenport, Mrs. Bill Bowling.

An interesting talk on "Christianity" was given by the president, Mrs. P. H. Woolsey.

DISCUSSIONS

"The Woman and War Effort"—Mrs. Etta Robertson.

"The Woman and Missions"—Rev. T. H. Willey, Missionary to Cuba.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(1) Report of Committee on Christian Education

We recommend that the Auxiliary of each church promote Bible Study by sponsoring Daily Vacation Bible Schools, encouraging family worship and daily Bible readings.

That they organize and direct young peoples' activities.

Have special study of Auxiliary Manual the first month in each year.

Promote work of Christian Education by sending at least five per cent of the yearly income to the Bible College at Nashville.

Jewell Dunbar, Chairman,

Mrs. Henry Bailey,

Mrs. John Anderson.

(2) Report of Stewardship Committee.

We the Stewardship Committee, recommend the following suggestions from our "Auxiliary Manual":

(1) Conduct Stewardship study classes.

(2) Have at least one talk on Stewardship each quarter.

(3) Have at least one program devoted entirely to stewardship.

(4) Enlist each member as a tither.

(5) Report work done annually to departmental heads and monthly to local Auxiliary.

Mrs. Lutie Woolsey, Chairman,
Mrs. Amalee Garland,
Mrs. Bessie Harrell.

(3) Report of Committee on Missions.

We recommend that each

- (1) Observe National Week of Prayer.
- (2) Have one book, at least, on Missions studied during the year.
- (3) Encourage regular donations to missions.
- (4) Sponsor at least one program on Missions, taking an offering for Missions.
- (5) Encourage the reading of other interesting books on Missions.
- (6) Distribute leaflets and tracts on Missions to others.

Mrs. S. F. Lankford, Mrs. J. C. Howington.

(4) Report of Committee on Prayer.

- (1) Participation in the Week of Prayer and report same to the Convention and
- (2) Sponsor Cottage Prayer Meetings.
- (3) Plan meetings prayerfully so that a spiritual atmosphere shall pervade each meeting.

Mrs. J. A. Atchley, Mrs. G. W. Broyles .

(5) Report of Committee on Orphanage.

(1) Conduct special orphanage programs and encourage every member to subscribe something each month to the orphanage in her own state, if there is none in their state then choose one of the Free Will Baptist Orphanages in some other state and help to support it.

(2) Encourage ministerial relief.

(3) Encourage individual and direct personal service.

(a) Enlist all members in some kind of personal work. (b) Make definite assignments to be done at each meeting. (c) Aid poor families. (d) Visit in the interest of the Church and Sunday School. (e) Hold Cottage Prayer Meetings. Study your job and work at it. Do whatever needs be done in Christ's name in your community.

Ruth Broyles, Mrs. Ray Coakley, Mrs. Lula Campbell.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. President ----- Mrs. P. H. Woolsey
 2. First Vice-President ----- Mrs. J. C. Howington
 3. Second Vice-President ----- Mrs. Edith Bailey
 4. Third Vice-President ----- Mrs. Etta Robertson
 5. Fourth Vice-President ----- Mrs. Geo. Broyles
 6. Fifth Vice-President ----- Mrs. S. F. Lankford
 7. Treasurer ----- Jewell Dunbar
 8. Recording Secretary ----- Virginia Anders
 9. Field Worker ----- Mrs. P. A. Paxton
- Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Etta Robertson.

QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

First Meeting

- N. Q. M.—Saturday before the fifth Sunday in the quarter.
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1943.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1943.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1943.

Second Meeting

- N. Q. M.—Saturday before the fifth Sunday in the quarter.
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in February, 1944.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in January, 1944.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in February, 1944.

Third Meeting

- N. Q. M.—Saturday before the fifth Sunday in the quarter.
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1944.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in April, 1944.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1944.

Fourth Meeting

- N. Q. M.—Saturday before the fifth Sunday in the quarter.
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1944.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in July, 1944.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1944.