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ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

Moderator.....	Rev. Jesse Curtis 1100 Grover St., Johnson City, Tennessee
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Lloyd Light Sullivan Gardens, Kingsport, Tennessee
Associational Secretary.....	Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar Route No. 4, Chuckey, Tennessee
Assistant Secretary.....	Rev. John I. McLean Route No. 1, Midway, Tennessee
Executive-Secretary.....	Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar Route No. 4, Chuckey, Tennessee

GENERAL BOARD

Rev. E. M. French, Chm.....	Greeneville, Tennessee
Rev. T. F. Lewis, Secretary.....	Limestone, Tennessee
Rev. H. W. Morelock.....	Rogersville, Tennessee
Rev. Thurman Pate.....	Knoxville, Tennessee
Rev. W. L. Gilton.....	Johnson City, Tennessee
The Moderator and the Associational Secretary are Ex-Officio members	

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

President.....	Rev. E. M. French Greeneville, Tennessee
Conference Secretary.....	Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar Chuckey, Tennessee

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. C. Howington.....	Term Expires 1950
Rev. J. S. Burgess.....	Term Expires 1951
Rev. P. A. Paxton.....	Term Expires 1952
Rev. Jesse Laws.....	Term Expires 1953
Rev. H. W. Morelock.....	Term Expires 1954

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

President.....	Mrs. C. B. Trivette Elizabethton, Tennessee
First Vice-President.....	Mrs. C. A. Christian Surgoinville, Tennessee
Second Vice-President.....	Mrs. Virgie Cardwell
Third Vice-President.....	Mrs. Edna Lee
Fourth Vice-President.....	Miss Jewel Dunbar Walnut St., Erwin, Tennessee
Fifth Vice-President.....	Mrs. J. C. Howington Elizabethton, Tennessee
Treasurer.....	Mrs. George Blevins Elizabethton, Tennessee
Secretary.....	Mrs. Neda Ellison Route No. 4, Strawberry Plains, Tennessee
Field Worker.....	Mrs. Wayne Vinson Newport, Tennessee

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association met in regular annual session with the First Church of Erwin, Tennessee on Wednesday morning August 17, 1949 at 10:00 o'clock. The opening session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jesse Curtis of Johnson City, Tennessee. The morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Joe Horner of Greeneville, Tennessee who read Luke 1:1-4 followed by a very fervent prayer for the success of the entire session.

The following ministers, deacons and delegates were present and enrolled:

MINISTERS—Frank Basket, Minnis Bible, Walter Blankenship, M. L. Bowman, C. C. Brockwell, J. A. Brown, R. E. Burchfield, J. S. Burgess, E. C. Burkley, John Cansler, Earnest I. Carmichael, Jesse Curtis, R. E. Cutshaw, S. A. Cutshaw, E. F. Drayne, Geo. D. Dunbar, C. Y. Elkin, E. M. French, W. L. Gilton, Silas Goodman, S. D. Hammer, R. A. Harp, John Harris, J. C. Howington, Jesse Laws, T. F. Lewis, Wayne Light, John I. McLean, Hubert Morelock, Gilbert Morelock, H. W. Morelock, Thurman Pate, P. A. Paxton, W. F. Phillips, Johnnie Sauceman, Orville Stokes, Horace Teague, J. J. Wilkerson, Marlin Vaughan, L. F. Ramsey, Virgil Price, J. Q. Adams, Ezra Johnson.

DEACONS—E. D. Banks, F. W. Bowman, John Varner, Clyde Inscore, C. T. Morrow, Clemmons Horton, J. R. Dunbar, Albert Jenks, Onnie White, Warren Dunbar, Henry Anders, I. L. Stanley, T. E. Ragan, Dewey Kitts, G. H. Long.

DELEGATES—

WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Msr. G. H. Long, Gladys Green, Mrs. Albert Jinks, Mr. and Mrs. Fate Johnson.

NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING: Ethel Morelock, Myrtle Bernard.

EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING: Mrs. Henry Anders, Mrs. Burnie Lewis, Otis Lewis, Etta Robinson, Mrs. Dave Frazier, Mrs. Virgil Cardwell, Mrs. Lloyd Layne, Mrs. Earl Street, Darleen Clarke, Elizabeth Bryant, Willie Mae Peters, Rhoda Peters, John Frazier, Ben Edwards, Rachael Nave, Leona Blevins, Mrs. J. I. Frazier.

CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING: Mrs. H. S. Bible, Mrs. Maynard Bandy, Gilmer French, Joseph Isley, Naman Kesterson, Howard Knight, Anna Basket, Mrs. Wayne L. Vinson, Mrs. Onnie White, Mrs. Horace Teague, Lucy Bailey, Gladys Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. George Stype, Mrs. Dave Hopson, Corbin Cobble, Mrs. Walter Toliver.

A motion was sustained to invite all visitors to a seat as advisory council.

The local pastor, Rev. Orville P. Stokes gave a rousing welcome in his address.

In the absence of Rev. J. I. McLean, Rev. E. M. French was asked to respond to the Welcome Address. Rev. French threw out a challenge to all present to do his best to make this session one of the greatest of all sessions.

A sustaining motion gave the Chair permission to appoint a committee on committees. The moderator appointed as the committee on committees Rev. E. M. French, H. W. Morelock, J. C. Howington who were asked to report back at an early date in the afternoon.

On motion the committee on committees was made permanent. The work of the morning session having been completed adjournment was called for clearing the way for the morning worship.

MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

It was a bit past 11:00 o'clock hour when the Moderator presented the speaker, Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar. Rev. Dunbar used for a text Ephesians 5:14, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." The message was an awakening call and a challenge to personal thinking upon present-day conditions. A season of refreshing from the Lord accompanied the message. It seemed to pave the way to a glorious session.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was called to order promptly at 1:30 o'clock. The afternoon devotion was conducted by Rev. Edgar Colman of the East Fairview church, Elizabethton, Tennessee. He read the 23rd Psalm and Supt. I. L. Stanley from the Home for Children prayed.

NEW ENROLLMENT

Deacons arriving and enrolled were L. A. Reed, Earl Huskins, Carl Huskins, Tommy Harris, and Matt Hampton.

The delegates to be enrolled were Mrs. Dennis Crowe, Della Griffith, Maud Reed, Mrs. Leslie Reed, Mrs. J. I. McLean, Bessie Brown.

Visiting ministers sitting with us as advisory council were Ebb Wheeler and Cecil J. Higgins of the Jacks Creek association of North Carolina, Rev. Carl Osborne of the Towe River Association and Jack Davis of the Baptist church.

THE MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to the officers and members of the Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

Another year has been added to the pages of God's eternal history. In reviewing the past year, barring the mistakes and failures, we find that it has been a year of great accomplishment and advancement, a year in which we have seen some of our dreams materialize into stern realities.

Due to the enactment and promotion of the TWELVE POINT PROGRAM, for which we are primarily indebted to the efforts of our Executive-Secretary, Geo. D. Dunbar, we have been able to pay more to the promotional work of our National Association than ever before; we have supported the Home for Children better and have conducted our first encampment for the young people. Truly God has blessed the efforts of the past year. However, this is no time for relaxation or inactivity. The job is not done. There are mountains whose summits have not been reached—let us surmount them. There are seas with depths unexplored—let us fathom them. There are people who sit in darkness—let us enlighten them. There are souls to be won for Christ—let us win them.

Since the year which lies ahead of us is unpredictable, may I, as your Moderator, say in the language of the Master, when facing the gruesome-ness of Gethsemane and the cruel sufferings of the cross, "Let us arise and go hence."

Jesse R. Curtis, Moderator

On motion the report of the General Board was adopted as read, viz:

Our first meeting which was held at Greeneville soon after the last Annual Meeting appears in last year's Minutes. A second meeting, however, was held at the Davis Spring Camp Grounds with the Chairman,

Rev. Jesse Curtis, Geo. D. Dunbar, John Cansler, and H. W. Morelock present. Rev. O. P. Stokes, W. L. Gilton and J. R. Dunbar were present from the Eastern Quarterly Meeting. The meeting had for its purpose the securing of a title the above named property for the purpose of an encampment. A survey was made of the property but due to a potential threat from the Johnson City Water Company for the erection of a reservoir on the property, further efforts were abandoned awaiting those developments. The committee and Board adjourned to be called at the pleasure of the Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees recommended the following:

Committee on Resolutions—T. F. Lewis, E. F. Drayne, J. A. Johnson.

Committee on Christian Education—J. R. Dunbar, Edgar Colman and Effie Bradshaw.

Committee on Temperance—W. L. Gilton, Mrs. R. E. Cutshaw, Mrs. Hubert Morelock.

Committee on Publications and Literature—I. L. Stanley, Mrs. J. M. Shell and Mrs. W. L. Vinson.

Committee on Missions—Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Mrs. George Blevins, Creed Allen.

Committee on Next Session—Rev. M. L. Bowman, Mrs. Etta Robinson, Mrs. Thurman Pate.

Committee on Necrology—Rev. J. A. Brown, Rev. Frank Basket and Rev. R. E. Cutshaw.

Committee on Appreciation—Blanche Howington, C. Y. Elkin and Tillman French.

The above named were appointed without change by the Moderator.

On motion the Association stood adjourned for the work of the Ministers' Conference.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Following the prelude several worshipful numbers in song were rendered by the choir and this was followed by congregational numbers under direction of the local pastor. Prayers were offered by Rev. W. L. Gilton and Deacon J. R. Dunbar. The pastor then presented Rev. J. C. Howington, pastor of the Roan Street church of Elizabethton who read from the fourth chapter of James using part of the 7th and 8th verses as a text. His subject was "RESISTANCE OF THE DEVIL BY SUBMISSION TO GOD." A powerful message was well received by all.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Thursday morning's session was called promptly at 9:00 o'clock. The local choir sang "Foot Prints Of Jesus," and Rev. Horace Teague read the 91st Psalm and offered the devotional prayer.

NEW ENROLLMENT

Ministers arriving and enrolled were Lloyd Light, F. C. Adkins, Herman Christian, and Emmet Benton. Roe Smith was added soon after, and then Dewey Kirk also arrived.

A letter was read from Brother and Sister Woolsey in the Indian mission field and this was followed by a few moments of silent prayer for all missionaries.

Deacons enrolled were C. B. Trivett, Creed Allen, Ike Neidiffer, S. H. Burgess, V. W. Gillis and Charles Probb.

Delegates arriving and enrolled were Myrtle Gott, Mrs. Staniffer, Eliza Light, Alleen Brown, Effie Bradshaw, Mrs. C. A. Christian, Margaret Dodd, Mrs. George Vaughn—all from the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Mrs. T. F. Lewis was seated from the Central Quarterly Meeting. William Oliver, Charlie Williams, Frank Phippin, Dudley Richards and wife, and Pansy Smith were seated from the Eastern Quarterly Meeting.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows: "Seeing the dire and ever increasing traffic in liquor, wines and beer and realizing its dreadful consequences among the people and especially the youth of our day, we feel that neither time, effort nor money should be spared in our efforts to cope with this terrible menace. The pulpit and the pew alike should cry aloud against this destructive evil. We should be stronger than ever against the use of strong drink and refuse to vote for it in any way or for those who sympathize with it and we should not patronize any place of business which sells it."

Signed

W. L. Gilton, Chm.

Mrs. R. E. Cutshaw

Mrs. Hubert Morelock Committee

The committee on Appreciation reported and was adopted viz: "First we wish to express to the local church and community on behalf of the visiting ministers, deacons, delegates and visitors who have received food, shelter and fellowship as well as inspiration from your kindly hands, our deep gratitude and appreciation for every kindness."

"We wish to express to the officers of the Association, the ministers, deacons and delegates in attendance our sincere thanks for the Christ-like way in which they have worked and co-operated to make this Seventy-Sixth Annual Session one of the best sessions ever."

Signed

Mrs. J. C. Howington, Chm.

C. Y. Elkins

Tillman French, Committee.

The following report was submitted and adopted by the committee on Missions:

"In the Great Commission we are commanded to take the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. That this may become a reality we urge that each pastor and church support the Twelve Point Program; which, in turn, sponsors the entire mission program. In view of the fact that such a small percentage of our people tithe, we also urge that everyone bring his tithes into the Store House of God. Sufficient funds would be poured into coffers of our treasury to support every department of our work."

Signed

Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Chm.

Mrs. George Blevins

Creed Allen Committee

A report of the committee on Christian Literature and Publications was read and adopted as follows: "We urge that great care be exercised concerning reading matter for our homes and our people. We highly recommend to the Association HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS by Sister Laura Belle Barnard, missionary to India, and GOD, A HUNDRED YEARS AND A FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY, by Brother Paul Woolsey, also missionary to India. In brother Woolsey's book we find wholesome entertainment, history unsurpassable and divine inspiration direct from the Throne of God. We further recommend, to all churches,

our denominational literature published at Ayden, North Carolina for Sunday Schools and Leagues. We also recommend that at least one of our church papers be subscribed to. Be it further known that above all foregoing recommendations we recommend the reading of God's Word, the Holy Bible."

Signed

I. L. Stanley, Chm.

Mrs. J. M. Shell

Mrs. Wayne Vinson Committee

The following report was submitted by the committee on Christian Education: "In Hosea 10:12 we are told that 'It is time to seek the Lord.' It surely is time for Christian training within our denomination. What are we going to do about this great necessity? We your committee on Christian Education urge our people to go forward in this worthy work:

First, by supporting our Twelve Point Program which is of primary importance in supporting our Bible College.

Second, by encouraging our ministers to attend our Bible College or its equivalent.

Third, by making plans for Christian training among our young people.

Fourth, we urge that our Ordaining Council insist upon as many as possible of our young ministers attending our Bible College instead of taking the prescribed home reading course."

Signed

John I. McLean, Chm.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE-SECRETARY

The work of the year as Executive-Secretary has been fraught with many difficulties. Due to a late start and illness in my home I have been unable to visit as many churches as I had planned. Much of the year's work had to be carried on by correspondence. Many of our folk were not sure as to the General Board's authority in the setting up of our Twelve Point Program, however those who did understand have done a wonderful work for the Lord. We have raised and spent more money than in any previous year of our history. Many new Woman's Auxiliaries and Leagues have been organized and many others which were inactive have become very active during the year. The highlight of the year's work was the encampment held for our youth. Fifty-four were enrolled in this encampment for one week. The fellowship was sweet, the instruction was superb and the inspiration was unsurpassed. Every one returned home with a new lease on his spiritual life to rise to heights heretofore unknown.

During the year I traveled 5253 miles; visited in 31 churches and each of the twelve Quarterly Meetings except three. One of these was held at the time of the fatal illness of my father, another during the week of the encampment. Only one was without excuse. On the whole the work has been pleasant and the reception was all that one could have expected. I owe a debt of eternal gratitude to all who helped to make this the banner year of our associational history. While I cannot reasonably accept the task myself for another year, I beg of you that you continue the office and above all make the Twelve Point Program permanent. I shall be happy to give of my time and talent to my successor in getting started in this worthy work. Hereto is attached a brief but

perhaps incomplete financial report of the years work. Not having a full report from the Bank this may be incomplete.

Total amount received from churches.....	\$2120.16
Received from Encampment, but paid out.....	112.00
From DVBS material.....	150.00

Total available for year.....	\$2382.16
Total amount of checks paid out.....	1927.95

Amount undeposited but used for Miscellaneous expse. \$454.21	
Traveling expenses for the year at 6c per mile.....	\$315.18
Expenses for postage and incidentals.....	62.30

Total for expenses.....	\$377.48
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Amount for service rendered.....	\$74.73
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Respectfully submitted,

Geo. D. Dunbar, Ex.-Sec'y.

On motion the report of the Executive-Secretary was adopted and the Twelve Point Program made permanent.

By motion it was voted to pay the Executive-Secretary the amount now in arrears.

On motion the Association dispensed with the regular routine to give time for a program by the Home for Children.

Superintendent, I. L. Stanley, first made a brief but concise report of the work being done at the home, after which he read very feelingly the 24th Psalm and led the audience in singing "Love Lifted Me." A beautifully arranged program of songs and readings under the direction of Sister Stanley followed. The program provided the inspiration for a revival-like spirit which served as a prelude to the spirit which continued to dominate the entire session. The readings by Emma Johnson, Joice Richards, Bonnie Hall and Juanita Fugate were soulstirring. It was by far the best program ever offered by the Home at any Association. An offering of \$118.65 was laid on the altar.

Without further ado the Moderator presented Rev. Thurman Pate, Pastor of the Holston Hills church of Knoxville who brought the morning message. He read Romans 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the Gospel." His theme was, "THE SIMPLICITY OF THE GOSPEL." This was a masterpiece accompanied by the Holy Spirit. Great rejoicing followed.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A special session was called following the Woman's Auxiliary Convention. It 3:10 o'clock when the Moderator called the meeting to order.

Late enrollees were F. L. Bradshaw, Claud McCamey and C. E. Lowe, Ministers; Ulyss Fox, deacon and H. A. Centers, J. M. Rosenbaum, Mrs. Rosenbaum, Frank Fitcher and Mrs. Jas. Cantrell, delegates.

The following resolution was offered by the Resolutions Committee:

Be it resolved, that the General Board be empowered to select a committee whose duty it will be to assist the said Board in establishing a permanent League encampment and a place for the centralization of the Association. Adopted unanimously.

Signed

T. F. Lewis, Chm.

E. F. Drayne

J. A. Johnson Committee

The Treasurer of the Superannuation Board reported:

Balance on hand at beginning of 1948-49.....	\$470.17
Received for the year.....	140.75
Total available for year.....	\$610.92
Paid out during the year 1948-49.....	\$274.25
Balance now in Bank.....	\$336.67
Respectfully submitted,	
P. A. Paxton, Treas.	

An overdraft of \$10.00 came up later and had to be deducted from the total.

On motion it was voted to retain all funds in the general treasury and that these funds be disbursed by the Executive-Secretary. Rev. Paxton was directed to return the amount now held to the general fund and so was H. D. Bailey Associational Treasurer.

The committee appointed at last session to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for the association was asked for a report. The new Constitution and By-laws was read very carefully with explanation. After a brief discussion the entire document was adopted with very few changes. These will appear in another section of these Minutes.

On motion and in keeping with the provisions of the new Constitution two members were added to the Superannuation Board. Since the group were indefinite as to who constituted the present Board it was agreed by common consent to elect a new board entirely. The following were nominated from the floor and elected without objection: Horace Teague, W. L. Gilton, Herman Christian, Thurman Pate and J. R. Dunbar.

The committee on Next Session reported that the next session would be held with the Liberty Church in the First District of Washington County one mile south of Highway 107 running between Tusculum College and Erwin. The report was adopted.

J. R. Dunbar, E. M. French and T. F. Lewis were made a special committee to make the deed for the White Pine Church back to the church so that they may secure a loan for completion of the church. The deed having been mistakenly made to the Union Association.

Rev. T. F. Lewis, statistician, reported and was reelected for the coming year with his annual salary fixed at \$25.00. The report to appear in brief in these Minutes.

The afternoon session immediately adjourned for the day.

THURSDAY EVENING

Evening devotion was conducted by the local church. After some songs by the Choir, Rev. Silas Goodman prayed the prayer.

The pastor, Rev. Orville Stokes, introduced the speaker, Rev. Lloyd Light of Sullivans Gardens. He read II Timothy 2:1-15, using as a text the 2nd and 3rd verses. Following a masterful sermon by the speaker the service was given to the Ordaining Council of the Ministers' Conference who very appropriately set apart L. E. Ramsey, Virgil O. Price, and Frank Garber to the work of the Gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. Rev. J. S. Burgess led the ordination and Rev. J. C. Howington gave the charge. The postlude was in song.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Friday morning session was called to order at 9:00 o'clock and the morning devotion was conducted by Sister Etta Robinson who read the 1st. Psalm and Rev. Horace Teague led the prayer.

Ministers enrolled were Thos. M. Goldston, McBurnie Arwood,

Deacon James Shell was also enrolled.

Delegates arriving were Mrs. J. C. Howington, Mrs. Coy Trivett, Curtis Dodson, C. L. Dodson, Glen Hodges and Hubert Gibson.

On motion the Secretary is asked to have printed streamers to be given to those registering as Ministers, Deacons, Delegates or Visitors in the next session. These will be a prerequisite for admission to the meals. All who do not own a mark of registration shall pay the sum of fifty cents for a plate.

The committee on Necrology reported and the report was adopted. See report on another page marked MEMORIUM.

A motion was sustained to have the Constitution and By-Laws printed in our next Minutes and a copy is to be kept at hand by the Moderator for reference in each session.

Rev. Dennis Crowe was seated.

A motion passed to go into the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. Lloyd Light and Rev. Jesse Curtis were nominated for the office of Moderator.

Rev. Curtis having received the largest number of votes was declared elected and by vote and unianimous consent Rev. Light was named assistant Moderator.

-As required by the Constitution one member must be elected from each Quarterly Meeting and one at large. These with the Moderator and Secretary as exofficio members to constitute the General Board. W. H. Morelock from the Northern, Thurman Pate from the Western, T. F. Lewis from the Central, W. L. Gilton for the Eastern and E. M. French at large Jesse Curtis and Geo. D. Dunbar were made the General Board for the year 1949-50.

H. D. Bailey, Thelma Nave, Mrs. Thurman Pate, Mrs. Lloyd Light and Mrs. R. E. Cutshaw at large were elected as delegates to the next session of the State Association which will convene with the First Church of Elizabethton in October.

Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar was reelected as Executive-Secretary with permission to direct the work by correspondence whenever practicable.

Rv. John I. McLean was elected as assistant General-Secretary.

Rev. E. M. French was elected to deliver the Conferente Message at the next session.

The work of the Association having been completed a motion was sustained to adjourn to meet with Liberty church in Washington County on Wednesday morning before the Third Sunday in August 1950 at 10:00 o'clock.

Rev. Thos. M. Goldston prayed the benediction upon the greatest session of the Union Association in the knowledge of any one living.

Rev. Jesse Curtis, Moderator

Geo. D. Dunbar, Secretary

A condensed report of the Statistician:

WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING—For the Conference Year of 1948, membership 1126, value of church property \$48,000.00 For the Conference Year 1949, membership 1203, value of church property \$63400.00, and paid to the pastors \$7,899.78. This was a gain in membership of 87 members and \$5,400.00 in value of church property.

CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING—For the Conference Year 1948, membership 1669, value of church property \$107,025.00. For the Conference Year 1949, membership 1614, value of church property \$118,700.00, and paid to pastors \$9,373.14. This was a loss of 45 members and a gain of \$11,675.00 in church property.

NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING—For the Conference Year 1948, membership 479, value of church property \$29,000.00. For the Conference Year ending 1949, membership 515, value of church property \$29,000.00, and paid to pastors \$2,172.49. This was a gain of 36 members with property value remaining the same. Two churches did not report their value.

EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING—For the Conference Year ending 1948, membership 2025, value of church property \$131,000.00. For the Conference Year ending 1949, membership 1966, value of church property \$167,500.00 A net loss in membership of 59 members and a gain of \$36,500.00 and paid the pastors a total of \$19,101.79.

GRAND TOTAL FOR THE ASSOCIATION—Membership in 1948, 5299 and church property valued at \$315,025.00. For the year 1949, membership 5298, a loss of one member, and church property valued at \$378,600.00. This was net gain of \$63,475.00.

TOTAL OF ALL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 17, 1949:

Number of churches reporting 60. Number not reporting 2. Joined church 662, dropped 225, died 54, present membership 5298. Number in Sunday School 4731. Paid to the Twelve Point Program \$2382.16. Spent on building and repairs \$58,256.08, spent for evangelism \$8,256.32, paid pastors \$38,142.29. The value of all church property \$378,600.00.

Condensed from a report by Rev. T. F. Lewis, Statistician

Statistical Report for the Year 1948-1949

CHURCH	PASTOR	Preaching Sunday	Joined Church	Dropped	Died	Present Membership	No. In S. S.	Paid Twelve	Paid To Home	Building & Repairs	Paid Evangelist	Running Expenses	Value of Church	Members in Auxilliary	Attended S. Conventions	Paid Pastor
Northern O. M.																
Browns' Chapel	Sherman McLain	1	9	3	3	44	50	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 73.65	\$	\$ 3,000		\$ 122.85	
Cedar Chapel	W. P. McLain	2-4	16	3	2	44	55	4.06	6.89	514.47			1,500		4	264.19
Chimney Top	Herman Christian	1-3	2	16	2	63	50	59.50	80.06	6.82	409.06	95.20	4,000			341.43
Christians Bend	Sherman McLain	1	8		1	32	60	15.65			3.00		2,000			80.00
Grassy Creek	Lloyd Light	Ea.	5		2	65	35	34.80		502.43	135.00	61.77	5,000			815.17
Horse Creek	Herman Christian	1	5		2	65	35	4.25		135.34		16.60	3,000			39.00
Magnolia	Herman Christian	2-4	5		3	34	53	15.25	200.42	41.78	154.83	15.00	3,000		3	108.95
Morning Star	Herman Christian	1-3	5		3	91	50	51.50	80.50		30.50		2,000			198.65
Mt. Carmel	Marlin Vaughn	1	1		3	17	50	9.90	30.00	2.81		18.97		11		72.25
Phipps Bend	P. A. Paxton	1	1		3	17	50	9.90	30.00			12.00				90.00
Surgoinsville	Marlin Vaughn	2-4	5	5	34	34		30.00	28.00	1033.02	31.96		1,500		4	35.00
Van Hill	Wayne Light	1-3	2	2	44	35		14.80								
Eastern O. M.																
Canah Chapel	W. F. Phillips	Ea.	10			130	120	7.00	25.00	254.00	343.00		7,000		4	1225.00
Central, J. C.	W. L. Gilton	Ea.	43		2	325	141	200.00	98.00	110.00	150.00		15,000		4	2600.00
East Fairview	C. E. Holder	Ea.	10	1	2	111	150	60.00	103.00	3500.00			6,000			1760.00
Elizabethton, Fst.	C. Y. Elkins	Ea.	22	48	4	240	180	164.40	120.00	3643.02	514.10		16,000			2575.00
Erwin, First	O. P. Stokes	Ea.	33	12	2	306	180	200.00	201.42	10566.30	430.00		40,000		4	3045.00
Holly Springs	Nat Campbell	2-4	2	1	30	35		11.00			49.20		2,000			292.50
Horseshoe Chapel	Johnnie Harris	4	7		1	25	43			1760.44	54.91		4,000			156.33
Keensburg	Dennis Crowe	Ea.	19		201	90				749.66	86.06		15,000		4	2912.00
Moore's Chapel		4								1845.00	179.13		18,000			616.96
New Liberty	R. E. Burchfield	Ea.	4	6	2	165	71		52.00				15,000		4	75.00
Nidiffer Chapel	Rowe Smith	2-4	4	3	3	60	75		35.00	25.00	100.00		1,000		4	239.55
Roan Street	J. C. Howington	Ea.	37		67	60		3.00	11.00	136.88	68.15		15,000		4	1315.00
South Side	Johnnie Harris	4	8		68	120		47.00	30.00	4530.48	110.00		3,500		4	330.00
Wautaga Valley		Ea.	7	1	1	153	125	3.00	27.00	664.90	75.51		11,000			1959.25

Western Q. M.													
Bethel	F. L. Bradshaw	Ea.											55.90
Bridges Chapel	F. C. Atkins	1-3	3	1	19	36		41.07		40.00	184.70		284.50
Burls Chapel	Fred B. Wiseman	Ea.	5	2	110	60	10.60	25.00		63.99	165.38		294.10
Fair View, West	J. S. Burgess	Ea.		7	140	84		10.00		2180.00	267.00		1076.00
Forset Grove	E. M. French	1-3	14	1	109	85	102.00	90.00		4509.30	184.14	283.48	698.55
Holston Hills	Thurman Pate	Ea.	39	2	132	130		50.00		4915.28	114.34	10.90	761.12
Johnson Chapel	Horace Teague	1-3	14	2	78	66	88.90	31.00		747.24	113.76	3.50	442.00
Midway Union	Minnis Bible												
New Prospect	J. T. Holman	Ea.	21	9	71	80		98.00		328.89	75.90	10.00	1790.00
Oak Ridge, First	Ezra Johnson	Ea.	108	2	106	100	13.50	16.00		30.00	166.75	15.00	240.00
Sparta, East	F. L. Bradshaw	Ea.	22	2	1217	162		120.00		500.00	106.07		1073.17
Valley View	Horace Teague	2-4			40	60	46.50	205.92		78.26	250.55		396.14
Wooddale	Jesse Laws	1-3	8		108	112	123.78	306.22		45.00	144.00		788.30
Central Q. M.													
Bethany	Walter Blankenship	2-4	3	1	87	56	75.60	246.95		782.00	113.35	210.00	489.39
Greeneville	M. L. Bowman	Ea.	25	20	119	175	90.00	175.30		4500.00	881.34		1795.00
Greene Ridge	Jesse Laws	2-4			28		34.50						97.50
Greystone	A. F. Hensley	2-4			74	75	7.50	37.00			60.59	50.00	115.24
Harris Memorial	Jesse Laws	2-4	10		124	120	136.80	256.53		210.66	215.60	386.17	360.00
Joseph Chapel	M. L. Bowman	1-3	21	4	77	75	16.50	13.00		110.00	564.15		540.74
Liberty	J. E. Sauceman	2-4			1	32	40	22.20					215.41
Lick Creek	John Cansler	Ea.			3	125	125	150.25			90.36	50.10	693.36
Limestone	R. E. Cutshaw	2-4			1	18	35			2000.00			29.30
Lowes Chapel	T. F. Lewis	Ea.	19		1	240	165			500.00	184.72		1631.59
McMillan	Herman Gentry	2-4	7	25	60	90		144.00		347.00	78.00		450.91
Midway	P. A. Paxton	2-4	4	2	2	50	46	60.30		37.69	120.00	30.00	249.78
Mt. Moriah	Geo. D. Dunbar	1-3	14		4	104	100	90.00		970.22	74.60	175.00	422.75
New Home	V. O. Price	2-4	1		31	40	35.00	63.00		29.80	149.62		147.22
Newport, First	J. W. Holdway	3			80	40	37.60	20.00			80.00		118.85
Oak Grove	H. W. Morelock	Ea.	15	3	125	132	108.00	120.00		774.51	252.32	518.54	927.62
Piney Grove	C. E. Lowe	1-3	9	26	51	113		48.00		2481.49	166.50	200.00	397.97
Shady Grove	Frank Basket	2-4			1	22	35				47.70		35.35
Union	E. I. Carmichael	1-3		2	21	20		100.85		271.40			216.92
Union Temple, Fst.	W. B. Blankenship	1-3	16		30	45	10.00	15.00		291.71	25.00		107.44
White Pine	Ray Burchfield	Ea.	26		26	54				1071.25	105.75	32.00	35.00
	E. M. French	2-4	95	5	90	88	56.31	64.25		2106.87	60.00	80.00	395.50

NOTE: Value of Parsonage, Greeneville \$4,725.00; Limestone, \$4,000.00. Number in League: Phipps Bend, 18; Surgoinville, 12; Burls Chapel, 35; Forset Grove, 40; Johnson Chapel, 66; Greenville, 30; Harris Memorial, 75; Limestone, 60; McMillan, 36; Newport First, 62.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Seventy-Sixth Annual Session of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association convened jointly with the Association at the First Church in Erwin, Tennessee on Wednesday afternoon, August 17th, 1949 at 2:30 o'clock. By Common consent a closed session was held for the purpose of determining certain rules for the protection of the Ordaining Council. The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Thurman Pate and the following ministers answered the roll-call.

Frank Basket, Minnis Bible, Walter Blankenship, M. L. Bowman, C. C. Brockwell, R. E. Burchfield, J. S. Burgess, John Cansler, E. I. Carmichael, Jesse R. Curtis, R. E. Cutshaw, S. A. Cutshaw, E. F. Drayne, Geo. D. Dunbar, C. Y. Elkins, E. M. French, W. L. Gilton, Silas Goodman, Johnnie Harris, J. C. Howington, Jesse Laws, T. F. Lewis, Wayne Light, John I. McLean, H. W. Morelock, Thurman Pate, P. A. Paxton, Johnnie Sauceman, O. P. Stokes, Horace Teague, J. J. Wilkerson, Ezra Johnson, Weldon Bowman, J. G. Holman.

On motion it was voted to dispense with the program until some special business was disposed of.

Rev. Howington stated the position of the Ordaining Council. Many churches were asking the Council to ignore candidates for licenses whereas the said churches were giving recommendations to these same candidates, thus placing the Council in an embarrassing position. Then, too, the question of the qualifications for the ministry came in for its share of the discussion.

By motion the committee appointed at the last session to provide a Constitution and By-Laws was asked to report. After a careful reading and explanation the Constitution and By-Laws was adopted as read. This in itself solved the problem of who should or should not be licenses or ordained.

A motion was sustained to have the Constitution and By-Laws printed in the Minutes and that copies be present in all future meetings for immediate reference.

By motion the Conference voted to allow the president to call the group together at his pleasure while present for this particular meeting.

The Conference then stood adjourned to be called at the pleasure of the President.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

As directed by previous vote the President called the Conference into a short executive session at 4:15 o'clock P. M.

The Ordaining Council read a partial report as follows:

First, we recommend Rev. Ezra Johnson for full membership in the Conference.

Second, we recommend that Rev. D. C. Patrick and Rev. Roe Smith be reinstated.

Third, we recommend that Virgil O. Price, Frank Garber and L. E. Ramsey be ordained at this session of the Conference.

Fourth, we renewed the license of Claud McCamey, Edgar Colman, Thos. M. Goldston and Wiley Vaughn.

Fifth, we have granted license to Clyde Street and Joe W. Horner.
J. S. Burgess, Chm.
J. C. Howington
H. W. Morelock
Jesse Laws
J. A. Paxton Ordaining Council

The written reports of almost all ministers were read and adopted. Due to a protracted illness, Brother C. E. Holder was passed without a written report. On motion it was voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of reports hereafter since the reports appear in the statistics.

The conference then stood adjourned until 9:35 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

Due to the lateness of the adjournment of the Association the Conference did not meet until 11:10 o'clock Friday morning.

The Ordaining Council were allowed to complete their report. Rev. Joe W. Horner was granted a license and Rev. Dennis Crowe was recommended for full membership in the Conference. The Chairman of the Ordaining Council presented credentials to licentiates and those who had been ordained the previous night. Some very pointed instructions were given to those receiving credentials.

A very beautiful memorial service was held in memory of the late deceased, J. N. Carroll of Bybee, Tennessee. Rev. J. S. Burgess paid a lovely tribute to the memory of Brother Carroll and the Conference stood in silent prayer for one minute in his memory.

On motion Revs. Geo. D. Dunbar, E. M. French and Horace Teague were appointed to prepare special resolutions of respect and appreciation to the memory of Brother Carroll. A copy of the resolutions were to be spread upon our minutes, a copy to be sent to the family of Brother Carroll and another copy sent to the local newspaper in Newport, Tennessee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT TO THE MEMORY OF REV. J. N. CARROLL

WHEREAS, GOD, in His infinite wisdom, goodness, kindness and mercy has seen fit to call from earthly ties and Christian toil to the perfect felicity of a Heavenly Home, the spirit of our dearly beloved co-worker and brother in Christ, the Reverend J. N. Carroll, and

WHEREAS, in the passing of this stalwart man of God, our Ministers' Conference has sustained an irreparable loss, and

WHEREAS, the cause of Christ has lost the services of a devout Christian Minister as well as a great soldier in the army of Christ, and

WHEREAS, his family and home have been deprived of the influence and presence of the husband and father,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that htis Ministers' Conference bow in humble submission to the Divine will, and

That we send words of comfort and cheer to the bereaved family of our deceased brother, and

That we stand for one minute in silent prayer in his memory, and lastly,

That we spread a copy of this memorial upon the pages of our minutes, send a copy to his family and another to the press.

Humbly and respectfully submitted,

Geo. D. Dunbar, Chm.

E. M. French

Horace Teague

Committee

Rev. H. W. Morelock was elected to succeed himself in a five year term on the Ordaining Council.

On motion the Ordaining Council was given a special dispensation to meet with the coming Quarterly Meetings for some unfinished work. No other work was to be done except the unfinished work. In the Central Quarterly Meeting the work was the investigation of some technical charges against Rev. Hubert Taylor.

Rev. E. M. French was elected without opposition as President for the ensuing year.

The business of the Conference having been completed the meeting stood adjourned to meet jointly with the next Association or at the call of the President.

Rev. Thurman Pate, President

Geo. D. Dunbar, Secretary

IN MEMORIUM

Name and Church	Date of Death
Rebecca Elliott, First Church, Elizabethton.....	March 20, 1949
Ella Frazier, First Church, Elizabethton.....	May 18, 1949
Sina Bradshaw, First Church, Elizabethton.....	May, 1949
Beulah Black, McMillan Church.....	September 28, 1948
Barbara Paxton, McMillan Church.....	March 7, 1949
George Hall, Limestone Church	
Bertha Goad, Cedar Chapel.....	1949
Juanita Simpson, Cedar Chapel.....	1948
Jack McCoury, Central, Johnson City.....	May 22, 1949
W. M. Colbough, New Liberty.....	1949
Kate Yarber, Joseph Chapel.....	1949
Sallie Reed, Joseph Chapel.....	1948
Hobert French, New Home.....	September, 1948
George Susong, Midway.....	April 4, 1949
Kate Clark, Midway.....	September 22, 1948
Zona Cobble, Midway.....	October, 1948
Clara Ella Boyer.....	January 16, 1949
Mrs. Lark Massey, Piney Grove.....	1949
Cora Kelley, Piney Grove.....	1948
Lunia Bowers, Neidiffer Chapel.....	1949
George Christian, Christins Bend.....	November 25, 1948
E. M. Christian, Christins Bend.....	April 17, 1949
Sallie Hearing, Morning Star.....	1948
Rev. J. N. Carroll, Midway Union.....	June 18, 1949
J. F. Dunbar, Liberty Church.....	November, 1948
Dortha Dunbar, Liberty Church	
W. W. Copp, Liberty Church	
V. W. Copp, Liberty Church	

Statistical Report of Ministers for 1948-1949

NAME	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Conversions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Received Into The Church	Funerals Conducted	Couples Married	Visits to The Sick	Homes Visited	Prayer Meetings Conducted	Paid on Twelve Point Program	Money Received For Service Rendered
Atkins, F. C.	1	55		8	3	3	2		40	160	24	\$	\$ 297.20
Basket, Frank		57	1	20	3		2		13	32	16		40.23
Benton, Emmet		55	1	4					48				209.14
Bible, Minnis	1	35	1	21	5	5			2		1		50.00
Blankenship, Walter	2	100	4	78		25	1						704.26
Bowman, Weldon		66							12		14		163.90
Bowman, M. L.	2	197	7	280	65	48	91	15					1795.00
Bradshaw, Fred L.	2	179	3	137	34	42	9		90	224			1320.02
Brockwell, C. C.	1	60	3	42	34	12	4		30	50	4		95.00
Brown, J. A.		48		29	2		6		1	42	16		36.73
Burchfield, R. E.	1	297	1	57		18	15	1	115	205	56	5.00	425.00
Burgess, J. S.	1	61	1	8	2	4	5	2				4.00	1456.50
Burkey, E. C.		15					1		12	10			
Cansler, John	1	92	1	68	25	19	6		122	173	11	5.00	698.67
Carmichael, Earnest	1	225	5	32	1	2			50	125	45		375.00
Christian, Herman	3	118	4	32	1	4	11	1	15	52			585.75
Crowe, Dennis	1	300	2	96	43	19	10	4	75	400	20		2912.00
Curtis, Jesse R.		61		30			3	1	97	250	15		400.00
Cutshaw, S. A.	1	49	2	27	5		4		57		2		186.58
Cutshaw, R. E.		54							52	28	3		40.82
Drayne, E. F.	1	182	9	193	41	48	10	8	85	300	8		1979.75
Dunbar, Geo. D.	1	154	2	14	6	14	18		71	84	4		1456.95
Elkins, C. Y.	1	194	3	274	47	22	37	14	189	212	4		2985.00
French, E. M.	2	74	1	15	23	18	6	3	28	41			913.13
Gilton, W. L.	1	105	1	51	14	43	10	15	182	198		5.00	2600.00

Goodman, Silas	2	300	5	165	60	42	2	1	25	120	50	450.00
Hammer, S. D.	1	58	1	5			1	2		10		325.77
Harris, John	2	285	12	325	175	225	25	30	65	150	35	1500.00
Hensley, A. F.	1	83	2	23	4		5	3				201.96
Holdway, J. W.	1	68	1	15	10	1	63	2				494.08
Holman, J. T.	1	126	3	47	13	22	6	1	200	220	2	2400.66
Howington, J. C.	1	130	1	21	12	37	19	35	60	70	46	1600.00
Johnson, Ezra	1	92	1	68	34	90	1		52	44	51	324.00
Kirk, Dewey	1	53	2	13	3	6			15	28		148.00
Knight, Raymond	3	112	1	20	17	16	8	1	112	112	12	51.76
Laws, Jesse	1	67	3	98	14	19	5	3	31	59	24	1078.50
Lewis, T. F.	2	416	8	200	12	12	50	5				1807.23
Light, Loyd	1	35	1	9	6	4	2	1				2500.00
Light, Wayne	1	35	1									83.00
Long, C. L.	1	44	1	16		8	4	13	6	4		420.28
Lowe, C. E.	1	13	1	4				6			2.00	25.00
McCahey, Claud	1	63	3	19	10	16	3	24	70			272.20
McLain, W. P.	1	15	1	6								71.90
McLean, John I.	1	120	1	60	25	27	5	12				1085.00
Morelock, H. W.	1	13		20					8	18	5	30.00
Morelock, Gilbert	1	15		11	18	61	1		12			8.00
Morelock, Hubert	1	180	3	112	15	21	9				6.00	759.97
Pate, Thurman	2	90	2	15	5	21	2	35	75	2		539.61
Paxton, P. A.	1	97	2	40	26	20	4	18	50	4		1250.00
Phillips, W. F.	1	71	3	20			2	12	30			281.98
Price, Virgil O.	1	15	3	17			2	13	12			21.86
Ramsey, L. E.	1	43	2	8			2	36	35	4		233.56
Sauceman, Johnnie	1	125	2	14		3	2					175.00
Smith, Roe	1	161	4	118	27	35	11	6	207	301		3140.00
Stokes, O. P.	2	160	5	73	12	20	10	1	124	176	12	1213.46
Teague, Horace	2	96	1	14	4	12	1	2				575.50
Vaughn, Marlin		17	12						35	15		5.00
Vaughn, Wiley		75	1	10	5	6	4		10	20	33	107.45
Ward, Henry	1	173	7	140	19	7	8					750.00
Wilkerson, J. J.	1	116	3	48	15	6	6					491.09
Wiseman, Fred B.												

Chaplain Brushy Mt. Prison

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Union Free Will Baptist Association met with the First Church of Erwin, Tennessee on Thursday afternoon, August 18th, 1949 at 1:30 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. C. B. Trivette. Brother Porter Mashburn, local chorister, led the convention in singing "Bringing In The Sheaves." Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Head Matron of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, read the Scripture and Mrs. J. C. Howington led the prayer.

Mrs. Porter Mashburn of the Erwin Church gave the Welcome Address and Virgie Cardwell of Elizabethton responded and also thanked the people of Erwin for the kindness shown during their visit among them.

Presidents of Auxiliaries present were Mrs. Virginia Cardwell and Mrs. J. A. Bailey, Mrs. Porter Mashburn, Mrs. P. A. Paxton, Mrs. H. D. Bailey, Mrs. C. B. Trivette and Mrs. Wayne Vinson.

Delegates present were Mrs. C. A. Christian, Margaret Dobbs, Bettie Harmon, Josie Harmon, Ruby Isley, Mrs. Edna Lee, Mrs. R. H. Nails, Mrs. George Vaughn, Mrs. Wiley Vaughn, Mrs. Bessie Brown, Mrs. Molly Smith, Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Miss Bessie Gilton, Mrs. Loda Broyles, Miss Daisy Gilton, Mrs. Dave Frazier, Mrs. Earl Street, Hazel Copp, Ruth Gillis, Mrs. Sanford Bailey, Mrs. J. M. Shell, Mrs. Irene Parson.

Reports were read from all Auxiliaries representing and these were adopted.

Mrs. George Blevind read the report of the Treasurer which was adopted.

Rev. John I. McLean made a very interesting talk on "WOMEN AND FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSIONS."

Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar talked inspiringly on "WOMEN CO-OPERATING WITH THE TWELVE POINT PROGRAM."

Mrs. John I. McLean gave a report of her work as a Field Worker which was adopted.

Mrs. C. A. Christian and Miss Jewel Dunbar were elected as delegates to the State Association.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. C. B. Trivette; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. A. Christian; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Virgie Cardwell; Third Vice-President, Mrs. Edna Lee; Fourth Vice-President, Miss Jewel Dunbar; Fifth Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Howington; Treasurer, Mrs. George Blevins; Secretary, Mrs. Neda Ellison; Field Worker, Mrs. Wayne Vinson.

A rising vote of thanks was given Brother Jesse Laws for his efforts in getting a paved road from the Home for Children to Greeneville.

The business having been finished a motion was made to adjourn. Mrs. J. M. Shell prayed the prayer of dismission.

Mrs. C. B. Trivette, President
Mrs. Wayne Vinson, Acting Sec'y.

Statistical Table of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention

NAME	Number of Members	Number Added	Number Dropped	Present No. Members	Amount Paid to Home for Children	Amount to National Dues	Amount to Co-Laborers	Spent Locally	Spent for Relief	Miscellaneous Spending	Chapters Read	Books Studied	Week of Prayer Observed	Number Tithers	Daily Prayers For Missions
Central	52	12	64	\$84.00	\$	11.20	\$	\$ 96.58	\$25.00	\$	4289	.....	.....	.....	.....
Erwin, First	45	19	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	326.30	.....	85.69	.....	.....	Yes	30	.....
Harris Memorial	15	1	213	.....	.....	.....	14.30	124.00	10.00	.....	628	1	Yes	6-8	.....
Liberty	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	10.03	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	10	.....
McMillan	19	118	118	.....	.....	5.40	.....	40.00	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Midway	26	3	917	69.00	.....	5.10	.....	32.06	.....	46.95	1992	1	.....	5	Yes
Newport, First	.....	.....	26	30.00	.....	7.80	.....	5.00	30.00	55.00	2500	.....	.....	19	.....
Phoebean Class	.....	.....	820	66.62	.....	.....	.....	44.70	4.86	232.32	3251	.....	.....	15	.....
Phipps Bend	18	4	12	.....	.....	1.20	.....	.....	.....	7.54	383	.....	Yes	3	.....
Roan Street	12	12	24	.....	.....	7.20	.....	462.44	9.00	27.53	7320	.....	.....	15	.....
Surgoinsville	13	1	113	.....	.....	3.60	.....	322.45	.....	32.36	1068	.....	Yes	6	.....
Wooddale	19	1	20	75.00	.....	6.00	10.00	.....	7.50	25.83	1834	.....	.....	.....	.....

Table Showing Pastors-Elect and Church Clerks for the Year 1949-1950

Names of Churches	Pastors And Addresses	Church Clerks And Addresses
Northern Q. M.		
Browns Chapel	Sherman McLain, Greenville, Rt. 11	I. M. McLain, Greenville, Rt. 11
Chimney Top		
Cedar Chapel	W. P. McLain, Greenville, No. 11	Delmus Smith, Church Hill
Christians Bend	Herman Christian, Church Hill	Mrs. J. C. Bradshaw, Church Hill
Grassy Creek	Sherman McLain, Greenville, No. 11	Myrtle Collins, Rogersville
Horse Creek	Loyd Light, Kingsport, Rt. 5	Mrs. Loyd Light, Kingsport, Rt. 5
Magnolia	Marlin Vaughn, Surgoinsville	O. N. Klepperm, Rogersville
Morning Star	Herman Christian, Church Hill	Dave R. Moore, Church Hill
Mt. Carmel	Herman Christian, Church Hill	Elsie Bernard, Rogersville RFD
Phipps Bend	P. A. Paxton, Midway	Odell Thurman, Surgoinsville
Surgoinsville, F.	Marlin Vaughn, Surgoinsville	Berdie Webster, Surgoinsville
Van Hill	Pent McLain, Greenville, No. 11	Mrs. Don McLain, Rogersville, Rt. 6
Eastern Q. M.		
Canah Chapel	W. F. Phillips, Erwin	Earl Huskins, Erwin, Tennessee
Central	W. L. Gilton, Johnson City, 1002 Afton St.	Henry Campbell 1000 Grover St. John. City
East Fairview	C. E. Holder, Elizabethton	Mrs. Anna Ingram, Elizabethton
Elizabethton, First	C. Y. Elkins, Elizabethton	Mrs. Earl Street, Elizabethton
Erwin, First	O. P. Stokes, 1000 Afton, Johnson City	Bessie Anders, Erwin, Route No. 1
Holly Springs	C. Y. Elkins, Elizabethton	Frank Swift, Elizabethton, Rt. 5
Horseshoe	John Harris, Elizabethton, Box 363	Chester Nave, Elizabethton, Rt. 2
Keenbureg	Dennis Crowe, P.O. Box 801, Johnson City	Florence Dougherty, Eliz. Rt. 3
Moores Chapel		Hubert Taylor, Eliz. Rt. 5
New Liberty	E. F. Drayne, Johnson City, W. Market	Rhoda Peters, Eliz. Rt. 5
Nidiffer Chapel	Rowe Smith, Eliz. RFD	Mrs. Dana Oliver, Eliz. Rt. 5
Roan Street	J. C. Howington, Elizabethton	Blanche Howington, Elizabethton
South Side	John Harris, Box 363, Eliz.	Ruby Dykes, Eliz., Rt. 6
Wautaga Valley	J. J. Brooks, Concord, N. C.	Mrs. Clyde Williams, Eliz. Rt. 2

Western O. M.

Bethel	Fred L. Bradshaw, Sparta	Sarah McCoy, Sparta, Rt. 6
Bridgest Chapel		Creed Allen, Newport RFD
Burris Chapel	Fred B. Wiseman, Sweetwater	E. N. Hicks, Sweetwater, Rt. 3
Fairview	J. S. Burgess, Hill Crest, Johnson City	Dollie Stepps, Heiskell
Forest Grove	E. M. French, Greeneville	Curtis Dodson, Neubert, Rt. 1
Holston Hills	Thurman Pate, Knoxville, Rt. 9	Mrs. C. A. Huffakers, Knoxville, Rt. 6
Johnson Chapel	Horace Teague, Newport, Tennessee	Susie Kitts, Powder Springs
New Prospect	J. T. Holman, Louisville, Tennessee	Atha Ballard, Knoxville, 1406 Detroit Ave.
Oak Ridge, First	Ezra Johnson, 112 Audubon Rd., Oak Ridge	C. E. Houston, 231 E. 11 Ave., Oak Ridge
Sparta	Fred L. Bradshaw, Box 1, Sparta	Mrs. Frank Fletcher, Box 393, Sparta
Valley View	R. E. Cutshaw, Forest St., Greeneville	W. S. Clemmer, Philadelphia
Wooddale	H. W. Morelock, Rogersville, Rt. 6	Myrtle Lusk, Strawberry Plains

Central O. M.

Bethany	Walter Blankenship, Chuckey	Mrs. Ike Dickerson, Chuckey, Rt. 1
Greeneville	M. L. Bowman, Greeneville	Mrs. H. S. Bible, Greeneville
Green Ridge	Jesse Laws, Afton	Savina Hampton, Afton Rt. 3
Greystone		Bill Fanning, Greeneville, Rt. 9
Harris Memorial	E. M. French, Greeneville	Mrs. Kenneth Gentry, Greeneville, Rt. 9
Jackson Chapel	J. J. Wilkerson, Mosheim	Mrs. Kay Coakley, Mosheim
Joseph Chapel	W. J. Holdway, Bybee, Rt. 2	Chloris Holdway, Newport, Rt. 3
Liberty	H. W. Morelock, Rogersville, Rt. 6	W. M. Scalf, Chuckey, Rt. 4
Lick Creek	E. C. Burke, Rt. 9, Greeneville	Mrs. Dora Parker, Mosheim, Rt. 1
Limestone	T. F. Lewis, Limestone	Doris Young, Limestone
Lowes Chapel	Horace Teague, Newport	Lawrens Nichols, Newport
McMillan	P. A. Paxton, Midway	Mrs. P. A. Paxton, Midway
Midway	J. I. McLean, Midway	M. C. Cobble, Midway
Mt. Moriah	V. O. Price, Whitesburg	Mrs. George Stype, Rogersville, Rt. 1
New Home	Frank Basket, Greeneville, Rt. 8	Gertie Samples, Newport, Route 3
Newport, First	Geo. D. Dunbar, Chuckey	Mrs. W. L. Vinson, Newport
Oak Grove	Joe W. Horner, Greeneville	Mrs. Lee Horne, Greeneville, Rt. 8
Piney Grove	J. A. Brown, Afton, Rt. 2	Cordelia Kelly, Greeneville, Rt. 7
Shady Grove	Virgil Price, Whitesburg	Ruby Bledsoe, Whitesburg
Union	W. B. Blankenship, Chuckey	W. C. Malone, Greeneville, Rt. 6
Union Temple	Ray Burchfield, Johnson City	Ivan Mayne, Chuckey, Rt. 2
White Pine		Mrs. Clint Price, White Pine

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: The Union Free Will Baptist Association of East Tennessee is organized and designed to consolidate the efforts and promote the interests of the different churches composing the various Quarterly Meeting of which the Association is composed; to harmonize the work; unify the sentiment for the common cause of the Redeemer; and by a fraternal interchange of views among the members, to promote the cause of the denomination and stimulate a growth in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE I—NAME

This body shall be known hereafter as the UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF EAST TENNESSEE.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of the various Quarterly Meetings composing the Association and to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's kingdom among all of our churches.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

This Association shall be composed of Ministers, Deacons and duly elected delegates from the four Quarterly Meetings now constituting the Association, namely: Central, Eastern, Northern and Western, and such other Quarterly Meetings as may from time to time be admitted.

Each Quarterly Meeting holding membership in the Association shall furnish to the Association a list of certified delegates from the various churches based upon the membership of the churches. Each church being allowed one delegate for each twenty members or fraction thereof. Any church shall have the privilege of sending an alternate to replace a delegate who cannot attend but such delegate must be certified by the local pastor to the clerk of the Quarterly Meeting in time for the enrollment in the Association.

ARTICLE IV—DISCIPLINE

The Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from time to time from any of the Quarterly Meetings composing the said Association, or act upon any appeal made by any of the churches which constitute the various Quarterly Meetings; said appeal having been clearly and plainly stated in writing and signed by pastor and clerk, if a church, and by the Moderator and Secretary if from a Quarterly Meeting. The above must be forwarded by mail or in person to the Clerk of the Association in time for presentation at the next session.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an assistant Moderator, a Secretary, an assistant Secretary and Executive Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote at each regular session except the Secretary, who shall hold office during good behavior or at the pleasure of the Association.

An elect shall be determined by a majority of those present and voting. All officers thus elected shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and installed.

ARTICLE VI—EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1—Membership:

The General Board shall be composed of seven members, two of whom shall be the Moderator of the Association and the Secretary who

are ex officio members, one member each from the four Quarterly Meetings and one member at large.

Section 2—Duties:

The duties of the General Board shall be as follows: (1) To act for the Association in matters that demand its consideration between regular annual sessions of the Association. (2) To have oversight of arrangements for meetings of the Association, to provide programs, and with authority to change, if necessary, the time and place of meetings. (3) To fill vacancies in the Association which may be caused by death, resignation, or any other cause, between regular sessions of the Association. (4) To make written reports of all its work and also make such recommendations as may be deemed necessary to the next session of the Association.

Section 3—Meetings:

It shall be the duty of the General Board to meet at each regular or called session of the Association and as often as the welfare of the cause may demand in extra sessions. Any member absenting himself from three meetings in succession may be dropped from the Board and his successor elected. No meeting of the General Board shall be allowed to transact business unless a majority of its members are present but a minority may meet and adjourn for discussion of any subject which may be of vital interest. All members must have 20 days notice in writing, stating object, time and place of meeting. All transactions must be favored by a majority of those present and a written record kept and presented to the next session of the Association.

Section 4—Proxy:

No member shall delegate authority to another member of said Board, to cast his vote for him for anything, but any member may send a proxy, who shall be a Free Will Baptist, and said proxy shall have the same authority of a regular member. Said proxy must have written authority from the member for whom he acts.

ARTICLE VII—BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

This association shall be allowed to appoint or elect such temporary or standing Boards and Committee as it may deem necessary for the conduct of its regular business provided that these are in strict co-operation and harmony with the State and National Associations.

ARTICLE VIII—MEETINGS

The Association shall hold regular annual meetings at a time and place to be fixed by the last regular session and made known before adjournment. Special meetings may be called by the General Board when extreme necessity demands, provided that the clerk of each Quarterly Meeting has been properly notified at least 20 days before the date set for the meeting. Twenty-five delegates from at least three Quarterly Meetings shall constitute a quorum for such business.

ARTICLE IX—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all meetings, see to it that Constitution and By-Laws are obeyed and respected, that all discussions are carried on in a Christian spirit and exercise all of the rights and privileges of any other member, except the right to vote. The right to vote shall only be allowed in case of a tie. He shall be allowed to vote only when the Assistant Moderator is in the chair. He shall not speak at any other time except by way of explanation.

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator in any way that he may in the discharge of his duty. This duty shall not be construed to deprive him of his right to vote except when

in the chair, in which case he shall be governed by the same rule affecting the Moderator.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a correct record of all meetings and to publish the same in pamphlet form as Minutes and distribute them to the various Quarterly Meetings of the Association. Expense of such printing and distribution to be defrayed by the Treasury of the Association.

It shall be the duty of the Treasury to receive and disburse all such monies as may come into the association and to do this at the direction or discretion of the Association. (Bond

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the change is recommended in writing at least one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. A portion of the Scripture shall be read and prayer shall be offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the Association, and a prayer shall be offered as a benediction at the close of each session.

2. The Moderator or the Assistant Moderator shall call the Association to order at the hour designated by the Program Committee. When neither the Moderator nor the Assistant Moderator is present, the General Board shall name a Moderator pro tem, who shall call the Association to order and proceed until the vacancy is legally filled as provided by law.

3. All delegates from the different Quarterly Meetings who present proper evidence of their rights to seats shall be entered by the Secretary at the direction of the Moderator. These, with the Ministers and deacons shall constitute the voting membership of the Association. Upon demand of any of the delegated voters all qualified voters may be seated in a group to themselves for convenience in counting.

4. It shall be required of each Quarterly Meeting so representing in this body to send a full report of the year's work in all of the churches of that body. Any refusal of the Quarterly Meeting to report is just cause for investigation and may be dealt with at the discretion of the Association.

5. Whenever any Quarterly Meeting becomes a part of the Association it may not withdraw without the consent of the Association by a two-thirds majority vote.

6. In case of any question as to parliamentary procedure, Roberts' Rules of Order shall be final authority on the subject.

7. Any person, not a member of the Association, by permission of the Moderator, may be allowed to speak on any subject. Any visitor may be invited to a seat as advisory council, and by permission be allowed to speak, but in no case shall he be allowed to vote.

8. It shall be the duty of all regularly enrolled delegates to be present at the time of meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall obtain leave from the Moderator.

9. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one person for any position on a committee or Board, provided the person nominated is elected or appointed, until each member of the present has had an opportunity to make a nomination.

10. The Moderator shall not allow any discussion that is not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

11. Anyone refusing to cease speaking when asked by the Moderator shall forfeit his membership in the meeting and be barred from participation until acceptable apologies have been submitted and accepted by a majority vote of the meeting.

12. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the friendly appellation, "Brother Moderato," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator. No speaker shall be interrupted while speaking except to be cautioned to adhere to the subject or the time limit by the Moderator or anyone may call for a point of order when the discussion is out of order, whereupon the Moderator shall rule as to rules of order.

13. No speaker shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the chair except where the time limit has been set for a longer period by the program committee.

14. This body shall have to correspond by letter or in person with other religious bodies.

15. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing and read publicly at least one day before passage.

Geo. D. Dunbar, Chm.

Thurman Pate

O. P. Stokes

H. W. Morelock

J. R. Duncan

Committee

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Preamble: The Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association has for its purpose the unification of our ministry for greater efficiency and also to so safeguard the integrity of its members that the churches of the Association may have the best possible type of pastors and evangelist that it is our ability to produce.

ARTICLE I—NAME

This shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Union F. R. W. Association of East Tennessee.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP

This Conference shall be composed of the ministers of the Union Association, both Ordained and Licentiates, who shall be in good and regular standing at the time of admission.

In order to become a member one must first undergo a rigid examination at the hands of the Ordaining Council as to his calling and qualification and character.

ARTICLE III—DISCIPLINE

This Conference shall have the right to discipline its members and settle any and all questions of conduct, doctrine, usage, and general character among its members and no appeal may be made from its decisions.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

The officers of this Ministers' Conference shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and an Ordaining Council, the first two of whom must be nominated and elected from the floor of each session of the Conference. The Secretary to hold office during good behavior or at the pleasure of the body. The Ordaining council, of Whom there are five, each hold office for a term of five years, one new one to be elected each year in order of expiration of the term. These, too, are to be nominated and elected by a majority vote of those present and voting.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

The conference shall hold regular annual meetings at the time and place of the annual meetings of the Association. Special extra sessions may be called by the President in emergencies provided due notice shall have been served upon each member at his last known address at least ten days prior to the meeting. Eleven ministers in good standing shall constitute a quorum and seven may meet and adjourn.

ARTICLE VI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings, demand a rigid respect for the Constitution and By-Laws of the conference, to see that each member has equal rights and privileges under similar circumstances, appoint all committees needful for transaction of the meeting unless otherwise provided by law and to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie but may not vote at any other time unless the chair is filled by another. He may not speak upon any subject except by way of explanation until he has given the chair to another.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President and exercise the same rights and be governed by the same rules while serving.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a concise and careful record of all proceedings, read them at the direction of the presiding officer and have the same printed in booklet form known as Minutes to be distributed among the Members.

It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to keep a Vigilant watch over the ministers of the Conference, to investigate any candidate or candidates seeking admission to the conference and make recommendation for acceptance or rejection. A rejection by the Council shall be final and need not be voted upon by the Conference; to issue license to those meeting the requirements of the law; to examine, recommend and publicly ordain all candidates who have met the requirements of the law and to provide proper credential for all ministers, both licentiates and ordained.

The Ordaining Council is strictly forbidden to ordain any candidate who does not show reasonable signs of a Divine calling or who is morally or mentally unfit. Any candidate who has been married and divorced his wife and then married another shall in no case be granted a license or receive the sacred rites of ordination and if any who have divorced a wife shall marry another shall void his credentials and be silenced from preaching as a Free Will Baptist. It is specifically understood that this shall apply only to future cases in as much as a law cannot be made to effect a case after the offense has been committed.

A license shall be valid for only one year at a time and must of necessity be renewed at the beginning of a new year before the candidate is eligible to preach.

A candidate must have been a regular member of some Free Will Baptist church for at least one year before asking for a license.

All licentiates shall be required to take a one-year's reading course in preparation for ordination. This course is to be outlined by the Ordaining Council and a rigid examination is to be taken upon the course with not less than 75% grade accepted as passing. It is provided that a certificate showing that one year of satisfactory work has been done in our Bible College will be accepted. Other schools may be recognized at the discretion of the Conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. A portion of Scripture shall be read and prayer offered at the beginning of each session, regular or called and all meetings shall close with prayer or a benediction. However, if the Conference shall follow immediately the work of the Association the devotional of the Association may become the devotional of the Conference.

2. The President or Vice-President shall call the meeting to order at the time and place designated by the program committee and in case both are absent the Secretary shall take charge of the election of a President pro tem to serve until one or both come or until a regular presiding officer has been elected and installed.

3. It is required that all ministers serving churches as pastors shall affiliate with the Ministers' Conference, and a non-resident pastor being called to a pastorate shall before assuming charge of the work submit his credentials to the Ordaining Council for approval and receive an endorsement for the position to which he aspires.

4. All ministers shall be required to make regular annual reports in writing upon forms to be supplied to the member by the secretary. In order to be acceptable a report should show regular attendance at church, at least twenty sermons preached and liberal support to the righteous enterprises of the denomination.

5. Any minister removing his membership to another denomination without first securing a letter of recommendation shall be considered in contempt and so published in the Minutes of the Conference.

6. All questions of faith, practice, standards of church membership and moral and spiritual conduct shall be decided and disposed of by the Conference and all such decisions shall be final.

7. Visitors to the Conference may be seated as advisory council and may by permission speak but in no case shall he be allowed to vote.

8. Any minister absenting himself from two consecutive meetings unless retired or excused on account of illness or other providential causes shall be investigated and if found to be careless, admonished by the Ordaining Council and if he refuse to accept the discipline he shall be excluded from the body.

9. Any member desiring to leave any meeting shall ask to be excused before leaving the room.

10. The Moderator shall not allow any discussion which is not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

11. These By-Laws may be amended in the same way as those of the Association.

QUARTERLY MEETING CALENDAR

First Meeting

- N. Q. M.—The Fifth Sunday
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1949.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1949.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1949.

Second Meeting

- N. Q. M.—The Fifth Sunday.
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in February, 1950.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in January, 1950.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in February, 1950.

Third Meeting

- N. Q. M.—The Fifth Sunday
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1950.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in April, 1950.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in May, 1950.

Fourth Meeting

- N. Q. M.—The Fifth Sunday
- W. Q. M.—Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1950.
- E. Q. M.—Friday before the third Sunday in July, 1950.
- C. Q. M.—Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1950.