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ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The Eightieth Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association met in its regular session at the First Church of Erwin, Tennessee on Wednesday morning, August 12, 1953 promptly at 10:00 o'clock. The Moderator, Brother I. L. Stanley, Superintendent of the Home for Children, called the meeting into executive session and the Rev. Walter Blankenship, pastor of the Union Temple church, led the audience in singing "Footsteps of Jesus." The Moderator then presented Miss Bettie Jo Lewis of Newport who conducted the morning devotion, reading from Matt. 28:16-10. She used the 18th verse as a basis of her message, the subject being, "Power." She said in part, "History divides itself into three distinct ages—the stone age, the age of bronze and the age of iron." Then, she added the Age of power—power over nature, power over sin and power over death. The whole message was a beautiful prelude to a great session of the association.

The Moderator announced some minor changes in the program as it had been prepared by the Planning Board.

Revs. E. M. French, J. C. Howington and T. M. Pate were appointed by the moderator as a committee on committees and on nominations. The committee was instructed to report early in the afternoon session.

Revs. Earnest Strickland of the Piedmont Association in North Carolina, Stanley Parkey and Shelby Beaver of the Jacks Creek Association and B. M. Powers of South West Virginia Association were extended special recognition and seated as advisory council.

The enrollment as taken at the registration booth was made the voting power of the body including ministers, deacons and delegates.

Then, all visitors registering were seated as advisory council.

Rev. O. P. Stokes, local pastor, gave a heartwarming welcome to the entire group and added direction for entertainment during the session.

Rev. Paul Woolsey, returned missionary from India, responded with eloquence.

On motion the meeting stood adjourned in its business until 1:30 o'clock.

The worship service began at 11:15 o'clock with Rev. Blankenship leading the audience in singing Take Time to Be Holy. Rev. H. D. Bailey led the devotional prayer. The audience sang Nothing Between and then Moderator presented Rev. Billy Melvin of the First church of Newport, Tennessee. After a few appropriate remarks he read from Nehemiah 4:1-11. The 6th verse was his text: "The people had a mind to

work." He stressed Pogress in Youth Work, Sunday School Work and Evangelism. He said this progress will make enemies within and without. People often get their eyes off of God and on prevailing circumstances. He finally called for a consecration service in which the whole audience knelt at the altar for rededication. This was a most fitting and impressive service.

The noon entertainment was impressively served from the assembly in the annex. The food and the service was superb throughout.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The business session was called promptly at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. W. H. Teague supplied for Rev. Fred L. Bradshaw in the devotional. He read Psalms 60:1-5 and offered prayer.

The following report was read and received as information from the Planning Board:

The General Planning Board held its first meeting in the basement of the Harris Memorial Church immediately following the Association in 1952.

Mr. I. L. Stanley was elected Chairman and Jewell Dunbar was elected Secretary.

Rev. Paul Woolsey, Rev. G. D. Dunbar and Mrs. L. W. Vinson were appointed as a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

Rev. E. M. French, Rev. G. D. Dunbar and I. L. Stanley were chosen as a Committee to investigate a Camp site. (10 members present).

The Board held second meeting at the Home for Children in September. (10 members present).

The Constitution and By-Laws was adopted by the Board.

The Calendar, as it appears on the back of the Minute, was worked out. The Woman's Auxiliary and League Convention were listed on the Calendar as they had been previously planned.

The following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

Rev. P. H. Woolsey—Central Q. Meeting.

Rev. John Harris—Eastern Q. Meeting.

Rev. Fred Bradshaw—Western Q. Meeting.

Rev. Lloyd Light—Northern Q. Meeting.

Rev. E. M. French—At Large.

This Committee was authorized to investigate property for the centralization of our work.

The Planning Board voted to ask the Association to amend the Constitution in reference to representation. The Board's suggestion is one person for 50 members.

The Board recommends to the Ministers' Conference a higher standard for license and ordination of Ministers.

The Board asks that each Church close its books the 15th of July each year.

The third meeting of the Planning Board was held in Harris Memorial Church in May 1953.

A faculty for Youth Camp was selected.

Mrs. Henry Anders, Betty Jo Lewis and Rev. E. M. French served as a Committee to choose the speakers for the Association Program for 1953. (9 members present).

Rev. Paul Woolsey offered the following amendment to the Constitution which was later taken up and adopted:

Article I is to be changed so as to read as follows: There shall be a Planning Board to act as an Executive Committee of the Association, having all the authority and limitations of such a committee, and whose duty it shall be to chart the future course of Association and all of its auxiliaries in their various phases; to have power to initiate and carry out such plans, all of which are to be approved by the next session of the Association. They shall make a complete and concise report of all activities to the next sitting of the Association.

The Board shall consist of thirteen members to be chosen as follows: Moderator and Associational Secretary to be ex-officio members, one member from each of the Quarterly Meetings and one at large, two members from each of the auxiliary branches of the Association—Sunday School Convention, League Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

The following exchange of letters was read and approved by the body:

A partial report of the Committee on Committee and Nomination was read and adopted, viz:

Committee on Christian Education—Billy Melvin, C. E. Lowe, Aubrey Samples.

Committee on Missions—P. H. Woolsey, Blanche Howington, Helen Lusk.

Committee on Next Session—John Harris, E. F. Drayne, V. O. Price.

Committee on Literature—J. I. McLean, David Lee England, Nell Woolsey.

Committee on Necrology—Herman Christian, P. A. Paxton, Wm. Scalf.

Committee on Temperance—T. F. Lewis, F. B. Wiseman, Hazen Anders.

Committee on Resolutions—Paul Woolsey, Thomas Arnett, Herbert Jenkins.

THE MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

TO THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN ITS 80TH ANNUAL SESSION:

As we assemble ourselves in this 80th Annual Session for the purpose of reporting the accomplishments of the past year and to formulate plans for the years ahead, let us not forget that it is through the blessings of God that we have made this progress. Let us thank Him for this progress. Then, as we face the future let us implore His Divine guidance in that.

Among the accomplishments of the past few years are—

1. The growth of our Home for Children from \$5,000.00 to almost a quarter of a million.

2. The increase in number and value of our churches.

3. The support of Home and Foreign Mission, Christian Education, Vacation Bible Schools, Youth Encampments and relief to aged and disabled ministers through our Twelve-Point-Program.

4. Then last, but not least, the many precious souls that have been saved and added to our churches.

These and many other accomplishments are the result of a UNITED EFFORT. Never was the need greater for a united front than today. There is power in UNITY. There is weakness in DISUNITY or DIVISION. "United we stand—divided we fall." The Spirit of the Lord brings unity and cooperation.

As your Moderator and humble servant, I feel to offer the following recommendations:

1. I recommend that we continue the support of our entire program denominationally and that expenditures be held at their present level and all accumulating funds be held for centralization of our work. This can be very easily done if nonsupporting churches will lend their support fully.

2. In order to meet the growing needs and demands of our churches, I recommend full time pastors in each church within the association.

3. As for the New Bible or American Revised Version, I recommend that we abstain from and discourage any discussion of it whatsoever in our churches. The reasons being—

- a). Discussion gives publicity and increases sales.
- b) If it does not teach the Virgin Birth it is not a Bible but just another book.
- c). The King James Version is simple enough for the most ignorant.
- d) Such discussion tends to bring division and discontent.

4. For the enlightenment of our people, I recommend that our Executive Secretary be empowered to conduct institutes in the various Quarterly Meetings for instruction in Soul-winning, Stewardship and Church Government. Each institute to run for at least five days or nights.

5. I urge that our youth be given greater encouragement and more responsibility in our churches.

6. Finally, in all of this let us remember that the over-all purpose of the church is to save the lost and spiritually enrich her members.

Free Will Baptist will never die until we begin to live in the past. We do not begin to die until we begin to live in the past and the way we think determines the way we live. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Our future accomplishments depends upon our launching out into the present deep and depending upon God for ultimate victory. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, let us press toward the mark."

Your Moderator,
I. L. Stanley.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

It has well been said that "Time and Tide waits for no man." It seems only the other day that we met with the Harris Memorial church in our Seventy Ninth Annual Session. Here we are again today, surrounded by ministers, deacons and delegates from at least sixty-eight churches spread over the territory from Sparta in Middle Tennessee to the Virginia and North Carolina lines. We have grown numerically in new churches and in membership, as will be evinced by the report of our Statistician.

We have been made to wonder if our spiritual growth has been equally apparent. From various places in the field there are murmurings of discontent and in many places open threats of volcanic eruption. Perhaps this is to be expected as we approach the end of the church age upon earth. It is a time when all "Wise Virgins" should have oil in their lamps and listening for the summons, "Go ye forth to meet Him."

The appeal that we desire to make to all of you today is for a great spiritual revival. By this we do not mean a spontaneous upheaval marked by loud and boisterous acclaim; not an inflated outburst of animal excitement and human enthusiasm which will evaporate with the first sunshine of temptation, but a deep and lasting work of the Holy Spirit, which will bring richer experiences to the individual through an infilling of Himself and will go down to the grassroots of sin, and destroy the work of the devil in our land and country. May we not join unitedly in prayer for just such a revival?

As a result of my suggestions to you last year there was set up a new working plan for our program. This plan is now in operation, not in its entire strength, but it always requires time for any machine to be properly adjusted. The report of our Planning Board will show some of the progress being made. All of these meetings were marked by a friendly exchange of ideas on the part of the Board's members. Some of the most vital undertakings of this Board have not crystalized to date, but are definitely in the making. Experience has taught us that it is unwise to change the personnel of these boards or committees often. It requires time for one to acquaint himself with the duties. We wish to ask for a continuation of the present Board with minor changes if needed, so that greater efficiency may be attained. The Board should be able to perform a greater service in the coming year.

A few of the churches have dropped the Twelve-Point-Program and others have adopted it with full support. The influence of the Pastor is evidenced in every such case. At present we are running on an even keel with last year. We make this very urgent appeal: All churches should be urged by their pastors to give full and complete support upon a membership basis. This, if practiced, would make it possible to continue our present support to the different denominational enterprises and provide a surplus to be applied on centralization. Two or three thousand dollars would be available for this if we supported it as we should. This, too, would make a fair and equitable distribution of the burden of building the central unit. If the pastor will not do this, we urge some enterprising layman to get behind the movement at once. Other suggestions will come from the reports of the Moderator and the Planning Board.

Allow me to express to all of you my sincerest thanks for your unfaltering co-operation during the past year.

STATEMENT OF WORK DONE

Below is a statement of some work done during the past year.

Quarterly Meetings attended	15
Churches visited	21
Daily Vacation Bible Schools Promoted	17
Miles Traveled About	5000

Almost \$800.00 worth of literature was delivered for these schools. This is an invaluable service which must be continued. Many schools reported more conversions from their DVBS than from the church revival. We earnestly urge all churches to make plans for a school next year.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought Forward from last year	\$ 23.25
Amount received from Twelve-Piont-Program	3396.90
From Ministers' Conference	41.50
Woman's Auxiliary and various Conventions....	23.15

Total from all agencies	\$3484.80
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Paid to Missions (Home & Foreign) and Education	\$2100.00
Superannuation	645.00
Printing Minutes and Blanks	265.85
State & National Dues	85.00
Burley Bulletin for Programs	7.00
Charts & Mercuries	50.00
Stationery & Postage	37.50
Statistician	20.00
Checks Due & Unpaid	245.00

	3455.35
Balance	29.45

Complete returns have not been made from DVBS work. Expenses for the year came largely from these sales instead of the general fund.

I have received some checks since the report was compiled and these have not been tabulated.

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

REPORT OF STATISTICIAN

	1952	1953	
Number of churches	66	68	2 more
Full Time Pastors	30	37	7 more
Number of Members Joining	471	609	138 more
Dropped from Roll	150	206	56 more
Died	49	52	3 more
Members on Roll	6015	6876	861 more
In Sunday School	4994	5764	770 more
League Members	944	1174	230 more
Auxiliary Members	597	599	2 more
S. S. Conventions Attended	73	93	20 more
Number of Deacons	265	288	23 more
Paid Home for Children \$	5,867.63	\$ 5,511.02	\$ 36.01 less
Twelve-point-program	4,356.09	3,575.01	781.82 less
Building and Repairs	75,588.66	48,749.50	26,839.16 less
Running Expenses	15,001.50	28,640.50	13,629.09 more
Evangelists	5,189.16	6,658.81	1,469.65 more
Visiting Ministers	3,318.60	3,595.89	277.29 more
To Pastors	62,773.00	60,359.76	2,412.82 less
To Charity		3,390.03	
All Purposes	176,804.67	166,631.07	10,173.60 less
All Church Property	542,193.00	738,250.00	196,057.00 more

N.B.—A final count on property value just made shows there to be \$826,-800.00 with a few churches not reporting.

Following the Statisticians report the meeting stood adjourned for the work of the Ministers' Conference.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

All of Wednesday evening was given to the Sunday School Convention.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Thursday morning session was called to order promptly at 9:00 o'clock. Rev. Billy Melvin led the group in singing "Showers of Blessings" and "Draw Me Nearer."

Nellie Richards, an inmate of the Home, was introduced for the morning devotion. After asking Brother Walter Blankenship to lead in a prayer she announced her subject, "Facing The Future." She read devotionals from Phillippians 3:13,14. This was a very inspiring message from a very wonderful young woman. We all pray for her future success.

A report of the League Convention was read and received as information and will be printed elsewhere.

Rev. James Kelley of Kinksley Independent Baptist was recognized.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Report of Committee on Literature:

Since our people are becoming more and more literary minded and since the average person has increase leisure for reading; and since the most of this reading material is unworthy of the time and interest of a Christian, therefore we recommend that all pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and other leaders urge a renewal of the perusal of the Book of Books—the Bible—and that an intelligent choice be made in the selection of good books and other literary works. We further recommend our church papers, periodicals and the ever increasing supply of good books by capable Free Will Baptist as well as other orthydox Christian writers.

John I. McLean, Chm.

David L. England

Mrs. Paul Woolsey

Report of the Committee on Christian Education:

We make the following recommendations with the request that they be carefully considered and practiced:

1) Alarmed at the gross ignorance generally of the Word of God, recommend a daily study of the Bible that God's will might be known in all things.

2) We recommend that all our pastors sponsor, each year, if at all possible, in their local church, a study course for the Sunday School, the League and the Woman's Auxiliary.

3) Whereas, our college at Nashville now has a correspondence department, we recommend that pastors and all other interested church workers take advantage of this service. The address is: Correspondence Department, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Billy Melvin, Chm.

C. E. Lowe

Aubrey Samples—Com.

Report of committee on Appreciation:

In behalf of this 80th Annual session of the Union Association, we wish to extend to the Pastor and membership of the First Church of Erwin and the Canah Chapel and her Pastor our sincerest thanks and appreciation for the wonderful way in which they have entertained the entire group and for the splendid fellowship which we have enjoyed so much while among them.

We wish to express to the entire representation from all groups for their very excellent spirit of cooperation and helpfulness in making this one of the most successful sessions ever held.

H. D. Bailey, Chm.

Jesse R. Curtis

Mrs. J. B. Wolfenbarger—Com.

A report of the committee on next session was rejected and the Planning Board was charged with the responsibility of locating the place making all plans for the session.

Report of committee on missions:

Free Will Baptist missionaries are now carrying the Gospel to multitudes of India, Africa and Latin America. Others are preparing to go to the four corners of the earth.

We recommend that all of our people keep them informed upon our entire missionary program.

Our National Home Mission Board has established churches in six new states within the past two years and now has a full time Promotional Secretary to coordinate the whole program.

We urge each member to strive for a mission minded church.

Paul Woolsey, Chm.

Mrs. J. C. Howington

Helen Lusk—Com.

On motion the resignation of Horace Teague from the Superannuation Board was accepted and the Nomination Committee was asked to nominate his successor and set up a rotation system for the same Board.

At 10:40 o'clock Stanley led a number of Choruses to fill up the time allotted to a program by the Children of the Home, which was cancelled on account of the polio epidemic. Rev. Woolsey was asked to preside while Brother Stanley gave a very concise report of the work of the Home for Children. The report was received as information, and an offering of \$103.73 was made for the Home.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

The audience was deeply moved by chorus singing, each line of which was introduced by a solo by Rev. Billy Melvin. Rev. Horace Teague led the prayer followed by a beautiful rendition of "When Jesus Comes" by Rev. Melvin. All of this was a prelude to a very wonderful service featuring a message by Rev. M. L. Bowman of the First Church of Greeneville. He asked that a trio of girls from his church be allowed to sing a few chorus numberes after which he read Matthew 16:26, "What is a man profited, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" THE PRICE OF A HUMAN SOUL ws his subject. This was a masterpiece of theological study. He had everyone wondering. The Spirit was much in evidence.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting was called to order promptly at 1:30 o'clock. Lewis Garrison, chorister of the First church of Elizabethton, led the song service and Rev. V. O. Price of Whitesburg read devotional from the 12th Psalm and prayed the convocation.

The committee on resolutions reported as follows:

1. Be it resolved that every church that can reasonably be asked to increase their support to the Twelve-Point-Program and all churches not at present supporting this program be requested to begin support at once.

That the Executive-Secretary be instructed to set aside all funds above our present expenditure for the establishment of centralized meeting place.

2. We recommend that every church has as its goal a full time pastor and program.

3. We recommend that the Planning Board and the Executive-Secretary be empowered to set up INSTITUTES in each Quarterly Meeting for the purpose of teaching such subjects as Personal Soul-Winning, Stewardship and Church Government.

4. We recommend that every church, if at all possible, encourage and promote the various Auxiliaries of our church and denomination.

Paul Woolsey, Chm.

Herbert Jenkins

Thomas M. Golston—Com.

Time was given to the Woman's Auxiliary to make their report which will be printed elsewhere. This was followed by a beautiful and impressive Installation Service directed by Mrs. Horace Teague of the Wooddale church. Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar was asked to pray the prayer of consecration.

On motion the amendment to the Constitution was taken from the table and after reading and explanation it was unanimously passed.

The general Board reported as follows: We have held three meetings during the year and have approved the work of the Planning Board. We have accepted the resignation of Miss Jewel Dunbar from the Planning Board and elected Rev. O. P. Stokes to fill the vacancy.

P. F. Wolsey, Chm.

Fred L. Bradshaw

Billy Melvin

John Harris—Gen. Bd.

Miss Jewel Dunbar read the report of the Sunday School Convention. This will be printed elsewhere.

On motion the Nomination Committee was charged with responsibility for naming the delegates to the State Association.

The meeting then stood adjourned for business until Friday morning.

THURSDAY EVENING

Evening worship hour began promptly at 7:30 with the local choir rendering the music. Woody Hampton directed several selections which were followed by prayer by Rev. H. W. Morelock.

Rev. Wiley Vaughn most effectively "I'd Rather Have Jesus".

The Pastor then presented Rev. Thurman M. Pate of the Holston Hills church of Knoxville as the evening speaker. Rev. Pate used as his text Phillippians 2:9 and the subject was "The Name of Jesus." This was another theological masterpiece.

At the close of the message the Ordaining Council of the Ministers' conference presented Johnnie Cash, Hubert Tutterow, Allan Bunton, Dewey Kitts, Minnis Lamb, and Clarence Wilson who were publicly ordained to the Gospel ministry by prayer and the imposition of hands. Rev. Jesse Laws prayed the dedicatory prayer and the Chairman, Rev. H. W. Morelock gave the charge.

FRIDAY MORNING

After being called to order at 9:00, Friday morning, Rev. Walter Blankenship led the morning hymn and Rev. Allan Bunton read the Scripture from John 15:1-11. Evangelist, Frank Thompson, led the invocation.

A very sentimental discussion attended the report of the committee on Temperance. Much was said in support of the report which follows:

We submit the following recommendations with a request for very careful consideration.

1) That all pastors take a firm stand against the liquor traffic, and seek to lead their people in a crusade against this great evil.

2) That our people exercise their right to vote and help to place in office men of character who will assist Christian people in their warfare against immorality and vice of every kind.

3) That Free Will Baptist train the youth of our churches in the church, Sunday School, League Auxiliaries the evil of this terrible traffic.

4) That our leaders take advantage of all good material such as posters, leaflets and books that will train our people in the importance of temperance.

Fred B. Wiseman, Chm.

Hazen Anders

T. F. Lewis—Com.

The nominating committee recommended Orvil P. Stokes for Moderator, I. L. Stanley as Assistant Moderator, H. D. Bailey to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Horace Teague. Nominations and tenure for the Superannuation Board was given as follows: J. R. Dunbar 1954, Marlin Vaughn 1955, Thurman Pate 1956, W. L. Gilton 1957 and H. D. Bailey 1958.

Delegates to the State Association were Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Cutshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jenkins, I. L. Stanley, Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Mrs. J. C. Howington, Mrs. T. M. Pate, Mrs. Horace Teague, Mrs. David Lee England. All nominees were elected.

On motion the present Planning Board is to be retained in full.

On motion I. L. Stanley is elected to fill vacancy on Planning Board.

By motion it was voted to continue the same report of the Board of Superannuation as last year.

The meeting stood adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

MORNING WORSHIP

At 11:15 o'clock Lewis Garrison again had charge of the song service. The audience joined him in singing several very spirited numbers after which Rev. Harvey Hill, Pastor of the First church of Elizabethton

was introduced as the morning speaker. He read devotionally from Isaiah 24. The subject was "Evangelism, The Need of The World Today." Mr. Hill showed that world wide evangelism held the solution to every ill of the present day. This was a burning message, well prepared and well delivered to the satisfaction of all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Brother Blankenship led the sons and Rev. Carl Osborne directed the devotion by reading II Timothy 4:1-9 and Rev. Ed. McKinney led the prayer.

The election was completed by reelecting T. F. Lewis as Statistician and Geo. D. Dunbar as Executive-Secretary.

On motion the amount to be paid to Home Missions this year is to be \$50.00 per month when sufficient funds are available.

On motion the position of Brother Lloyd Light is to be filled by Brother Herman Christian on the Planning Board due to Brother Light's not being able to attend the meeting.

The work being finished the association rang down the curtain on one of our greatest sessions of history. The plans for the next meeting to be left up to the Planning Board, but the date to be left as at present.

I. L. Stanley, Moderator
Geo. D. Dunbar, Sec'y.

In Memorium

Name	Church	Date of Death
Erbie Light, Mt. Carmel		August 22, 1952
Cordelia Light, Mt. Carmel		January 21, 1953
Lee Ora Morelock, Mt. Carmel		September 3, 1952
Rhoda Scism, Mt. Carmel		July 4, 1953
Ebbie Christian, Christians Bend		October 24, 1952
Floyd Jones, Church Hill, First		May 23, 1953
Samuel Dykes, Christians Bend		July 24, 1953
A. W. Estepp, Limestone		Dec. 24, 1952
I. M. Brown, Limestone		
Arvil Young, Limestone		March 28, 1953
Andrew W. McLean, Jackson Chapel		August 31, 1952
Mrs. Joe L. McLean, Jackson Chapel		November 1, 1952
Jim Drayne, Union Temple		November 9, 1952
G. C. Price, New Home		June 25, 1953
Mrs. Hattie Erwin, Burls Chapel		June 17, 1953
Clarence E. Bayless, Fairview		June 20, 1953
Mrs. Cuba Beckworth, Sparta		February 8, 1953
Mrs. Sarah F. Bradshaw, Sparta		April 16, 1953
J. S. Lawson, Sparta		March 2, 1953
Mrs. Sarah Wolfinbarger, Powder Springs		August 5, 1953
Edward Meracle, Powder Springs		August 1, 1953
Mrs. Tom Reed, Sweetwater		October, 1952
Mrs. Callie Worley, Valley View		September, 1952
George McLemore, Wooddale		
Alice Cole, Erwin, First		December 9, 1952
Mrs. Sol Edwards, Erwin, First		January 5, 1953
Mrs. John Tolly, Erwin, First		April 6, 1953
Bettie Ann Duncan, Erwin, First		April 11, 1953
Alice Clark, Erwin, First		July 4, 1953
John Penix, Roan Street		December 27, 1952
Ott Reesor, Central		February, 1953
Troy Paris, Central		July, 1953
Hubert Reesor, Central		

Herman Christian, Chm.

P. A. Paxton

W. M. Scalf

MINISTERS' ANNUAL STATISTIC 1952-1953

NAMES OF MINISTERS

Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Reverals Held	Conversions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Received into Church	Sick Visits	Funerals Conducted	Homes Visited	Prayer Meetings Held	Couples Married	Support to Home for Children	Money Received
Arnett, Thomas M.	3 272	7	82	27	43	326	6	204	21	3	5.00	\$461.23
Atkins, F. C.	33	2	9	2	4							
Bailey, H. D.	1 101	4	90	2	21		7			3	25.00	940.35
Bennet, Emmet	49	1	1	1		15		25	7			44.54
Biddle, J. C.	1 131	3	122	24	19	77	6	246	37	4	163.50	1423.24
Blankenship, Walker	1 48	1	19	2	5		8			2	20.00	505.62
Blevins, Houston	15											
Bowman, M. L.	1 197	7	140	38	31	60	65			6	7.00	2825.00
Bowman, Weldon	1 125		15				3	60				1625.00
Bradshaw, Fred L.	1 131	1	28	14	14	142	11	265		2		3422.00
Bright, J. D.	1 120	2	65	18	26	18	5	43	6	1	4.00	347.67
Brown, Joe A.	31	1	14	1		64	1	53	3	1	2.00	26.89
Burton, Allen	43	1	16	7		52		32	8		4.00	83.06
Burkey, E. C.	1 22	1	3		1	14	3	8		1		60.30
Carmichael, E. I.	3 208	5	30	6	7				30			482.75
Carter, Elmer	1 100	1	50	14	16	100		100	10	2	5.00	500.00
Cash, Johnnie D.	14	1	15			10		15				
Christian, Herman	1 119	1	7	10	8	23	12	14		1		800.00
Colman, Edgar J.	30		15			45	1	32			10.00	
Curtis, Jesse R.	43		36		110			150		4		90.00
Cutshaw, R. E.	30		5		23		4	25	2	1	7.00	185.01
Cutshaw, S. A.	1 62	1	6	2	66		2					172.60
Dean, James	21	2	6									85.50
DeLoach, Elmer	15		35	9	9				2			40.00
DeLoach, Virgil	2 150	2	50	2	160		5	100	50	2	5.00	40.00
Drayne, E. F.	1 126	4	85	3	7	140	11	200	5	3	5.00	2000.00
Dunbar, Geo. D.	1 134	1	11		6	56	13	51	6	2		1695.85
Dykes, J. L.	1 163	3	53	12	12	35	5	40			15.00	816.75
Elkins, C. Y.	2 168	6	194	12	8	288	16		12	9		2165.90
England, David L.	1 95	1	45	1	14	230	9	260	7	1		2389.75
French, E. M.	2 79	2	22	19	27	46	3	117	3	3	12.00	1900.00
Gilton, W. L.	1 117	2	58	5	18	191	11	124		17	12.00	3020.00
Golston, Thomas M.	23		2		25			14	3		4.50	70.50

TABLE SHOWING PASTORS-ELECT AND CHURCH CLERKS FOR THE YEAR 1953-1954

Name of Church	Pastor and Address	Church Clerk and Address
WESTERN Q. M.		
Bridges Chapel	E. M. French, Rt. 1, Greeneville	Creed Allen, Newport
Burks Chapel	F. B. Wiseman, Sweetwater	Helen Stout, 805 Bd. St., Sweetwater
East Sweetwater	J. D. Bright, Loudon	Fred Wilkins, Sweetwater, Rt. 4.
Fair View	F. L. Bradshaw, Rt. 1, Heiskel	Dolly Stepp, Rt. 1, Heiskel
Forest Grove	E. M. French, Rt. 1, Greeneville	Curtis Dodson, Rt. 16, Knoxville
Haynes Chapel	R. R. Knight, 217 N. Bertrand, Knoxville	Edna Williams, Rt. 3, Sevierville
Holston Hills	T. M. Pate, McDonald Rd., Knoxville	Bettie McGaha, McDonald Rd., Knoxville
Johnson Chapel	V. O. Price, Whitesburg	Carson Smith, Powder Springs
Knoxville, First	David England, Box 1, Sparta	Mrs. Hugh Kinks, 1110 16th St. Knoxville
Sparta, First	Paul Woolsey, Rt. 2, Loudon	Mrs. Frank Fletcher, Box 383, Sparta
Valley View	Horace Teague, Rt. 4, Knoxville	W. S. Clemmer, Rt. 1, Philadelphia
Wooddale		Helen Lusk, Rt. 2, Knoxville

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CENTRAL Q. M.		
Bethany	Raymond Frye, Kinksport	Alwilda Dickerson, Rt. 1, Chuckey
Center View	J. E. Sauceman, Mosheim	Joe McAndrew, Newport
Community	R. M. Lamb, Talbott	Mrs. Luke Stills, Jefferson City
Greeneville	M. L. Bowman, East Church, Greeneville	Mrs. A. C. Livingston, 509 Hardin, Greeneville
Greystone	Perry McCoy, Rt. 9, Greeneville	Servina Hampton, Rt. 2, Afton
Harris Memorial	H. D. Bailey, Rt. 4, Chuckey	Bill Fanning, Rt. 9, Greeneville
Jackson Chapel	Geo. D. Dunbar, Rt. 4, Chuckey	Lester Price, Rt. 9, Greeneville
Joseph Chapel	J. J. Wilkerson, Mosheim	Mrs. Ray Coakley, Rt. 3, Mosheim
Liberty	H. D. Bailey, Rt. 4, Chuckey	Ruth Holdway, Rt. 3, Newport Hwy. Morristown
Limestone	L. E. Ramsey, Rt. 1, Limestone	W. M. Scalf Rt. 4, Chuckey.
Lick Creek	P. A. Paxton, Midway	Mrs. L. M. Ramsey, Rt. 1, Limestone
Lowes Chapel	Herman Gentry, Rt. 1, Asheville, N. C.	Dora Parker, Mosheim
McMillan	P. A. Paxton, Midway	Jim Poe, Rt. 2, Box 24, Newport
Midway	J. C. Biddle, White Pine	Mrs. P. A. Paxton, Midway
Mt. Moriah	E. I. Carmichael, Kingsport	M. C. Cobble, Midway
New Bethel	S. A. Cutshaw, Rt. 8, Greeneville	Mrs. George Stipe, Rt. 1, Rogersville
New Home	Rev. Jesse Laws, Afton	Mrs. Fred Sawyer, Rt. 3, Newport
Newport, First	Jesse Laws, Afton	Gertie Samples, 302 Depot St., Greeneville
Oak Grove	T. F. Lewis, Rt. 3, Johnson City	Mrs. Fred Dover, Newport
Piney Grove	Minnis Lamb, Rt. 1, Talbott	Mrs. Lee Horne, Rt. 8, Greeneville
Shady Grove	V. O. Price, Whitesburg Rt. 2	G. W. Mysinger, Rt. 7, Greeneville
Union	S. A. Cutshaw, Rt. 8, Greeneville	Ruby Bledsoe, Whitesburg
Union Temple	Walter Blankenship, Chuckey	W. C. Malone, RFD, Greeneville
White Pine	Walter Blankenship, Rt. 2, Chuckey	Ivan Drain, Chuckey
		Elmer Reneau, White Pine

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EASTERN Q. M.		
Canah Chapel	Stanley Parkey, Erwin	Herber Howell, Erwin
Carralls Chapel	S. D. Hammer, 1213 E. Fair View, J. City	Mrs. Jesse McInturff, Rt. 1, Unicoi
Central	W. L. Gilton, 1002 Afton, Johnson City	H. C. Campbell, 1000 Grover, Johnson City
Elizabethton, First	Harvy Hill, 608 Holder St., Elizabethton	Vada Street, 211 N. East St., Elizabethton
Erwin, First	O. P. Stokes, 903 Hardin, Johnson City	Bessie Anders, Rt. 1, Box 540, Erwin
East Fairview	E. F. Drayne, 303 Hamilton, Johnson City	Mrs. J. R. Ingram, 712 4th St., Elizabethton
Fellowship	J. L. Dykes, Rt. 4, Kingsport	Ruby Sanders, Rt. 9, Kingsport
Holly Springs	Elmer Carter, 1717 Salm Rd., Elizabethton	Stanley Holder, Rt. 5, Elizabethton
Horse Shoe Chapel	John Harris, Box 363, Elizabethton	Chester Nave, Rt. 1, Elizabethton
Johnson City, First	Carl Osborne, Unicoi	A. W. Calloway, 214 Colorado St., Johnson City
Keenburb	H. D. Poole, Rt. 5, Elizabethton	Florence Daugherty, Rt. 3, Elizabethton
Moore's Chapel	Ed McKinney, Rt. 5, Elizabethton	Mrs. Haze Hall, Rt. 5, Elizabethton
New Liberty	Floyd Phillips, Erwin	Mrs. Lena Taylor, Rt. 2, Box 272, Elizabethton
Nidiffer Chapel	Roe Smith, Rt. 5, Elizabethton	Dana Oliver, Rt. 2, Elizabethton
Roan Street	J. C. Howington, 708 2nd St., Eliz.	Mrs. J. C. Howington, 708 2nd St., Elizabethton
South Side	John Harris, Box 363, Elizabethton	Virginia Sneed, Rt. 6, Elizabethton
Wautauga Valley	Weldon Bowman, Lamont, Johnson City	Mrs. Dora White, Rt. 5, Elizabethton

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Name of Church	Pastor and Address	Church Clerk and Address
NORTHERN Q. M.		
Brown's Chapel	E. I. Carmichael, Kingsport	I. M. McLain, Rt. 11, Greeneville
Cedar Chapel	E. J. Ramsey, Kingsport	Delmus Smith, Rt. 5, Church Hill
Chimney Top	R. N. Waycaster, Rt. 4, Kingsport	Mrs. Billie Crawford, Rt. 2, Fall Branch
Cherry Hill	T. F. Lewis, Rt. 3, Johnson City	Mrs. Grover Haren, Rt. 2, Jonesboro
Christians Bend		Mrs. J. C. Bradshaw, Church Hill
Church Hill, First	Herman Christian, Church Hill	Mabel Stroup, Church Hill
Grassy Creek	J. C. Barnett, Kingsport	Zora Booker, Rogersville
Horse Creek	Hubert Strickler, Kingsport	Josephine McMillan, Rt. 5, Kingsport
Macedonia	Frank McCann, Kingsport	Jackie Ford, Fall Branch
Magnolia	Hubert Morelock, Rt. 6, Rogersville	Oscar Alley, Rt. 3, Rogersville
Morning Star	Wiley Vaughn, Surgoinsville	Anna Derrick, Rt. 1, Church Hill
Mt. Carmel	H. W. Morelock, Rt. 6, Rogersville	Elsie Bernard, Rt. 6, Rogersville
Phipps Bend	Beecher Powers, Kingsport	Odell Thurman, Surgoinsville
Surgoinsville, First	Marlin Vaughn, Surgoinsville	Louise Vaughn, Box 18, Surgoinsville
Van Hill	Loyd Light, Sullivan Gardens, Kingsport	Helen G. Fields, Rt. 6, Rogersville

Central O. M.

CHURCH

PASTOR

Preaching Sunday	Joined Church	Died	Present Membership	Number in S. S.	Number in League	Number in Woman's Auxiliary	Number of S. S. Conventions Att'd.	Number of Deacons	Paid to Home for Children	D-12 Point Program	Paid on Building and Repairs	Paid for Running Expenses	Paid Evangelist	Paid Visiting Ministers	Paid Pastor	Paid to Charity	Total Paid Out	Value of Church Property
PASTOR																		
CHURCH																		
Bethany	1-2-4	9	1	50	55	25	12	5	180.00	58.20	110.45	400.00	85.00	76.60	758.16	55.50	1724.40	9000.00
Centerview	1-3	4	2	48	55	.....	.....	3	8.50	459.90	41.33	.....	.....	.....	99.08	90.00	600.31	4500.00
Community	2-4	4	29	29	25	30	20	7	303.17	8.00	.....	.....	284.12	100.00	61.00	90.00	1143.12	7000.00
Greeneville	ca.	27	175	225	30	20	3	7	303.17	192.25	775.94	764.35	325.00	145.33	2450.00	667.87	6625.31	12750.00
Green Ridge	1-3	1	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.00	.....	.....	.....	25.00	126.44	158.46	400.00	.....
Greystone	2-4	3	95	87	92	18	4	5	89.25	24.00	291.30	120.00	89.31	38.13	638.53	75.00	3987.42	12000.00
Harris Memorial	2-4	16	153	140	.....	.....	.....	4	285.00	211.70	79.25	679.70	300	50.00	646.05	300.00	255.90	20000.00
Jackson Chapel	1-3	23	1202	136	.....	.....	.....	7	52.00	24.00	100	250	150	106.75	860.00	100.00	1582.74	9000.00
Joseph Chapel	1	1	68	40	30	17	3	1	150.00	194.00	.....	151.73	233.50	820.00	643.94	1737.82	25000.00	
Liberty	2-4	19	143	150	.....	.....	.....	7	1100.00	100.00	613.06	483.83	69.00	50.00	326.75	1741.64	5000.00	
Limestone	ca.	3	3245	98	.....	.....	.....	4	262.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	59.41	596.91	.....	.....	.....
Loves Chapel	2-4	4	66	90	30	.....	.....	2	36.00	48.00	78.84	.....	81.86	190.00	20.00	454.80	3500.00	
McMillan	2-4	4	50	40	30	18	.....	5	180.59	120.00	266.66	13	594.84	40.02	1107.33	190.00	4239.50	18000.00
Midway	ca.	14	142	150	.....	.....	.....	3	38.00	45.90	.....	420.50	87.83	3.33	269.71	842.90	2000.00	
Mt. Moriah	2-4	1	38	60	.....	.....	.....	3	15.00	.....	.....	90.00	43.00	4.00	172.60	324.60	3000.00	
New Bethel	2-4	.....	27	40	.....	.....	.....	3	48.85	25.00	35.00	100.00	30.80	226.84	85.32	3055.23	10000.00	
New Hope	3	12	1	2	90	60	.....	4	30.00	107.50	655.23	.....	.....	2400.00	85.32	3055.23	10000.00	
Newport, First	ca.	17	4	2105	100	50	9	7	60.00	60.00	204.65	376.95	194.19	781.94	2400.00	85.32	3055.23	10000.00
Oak Grove	ca.	1	70	120	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	58.17	153.27	1250.00	.....
Piney Grove	1-3	.....	15	45	.....	.....	.....	2	92.03	17.00	64.20	25.76	58.17	4.00	58.17	153.27	1250.00	.....
Shady Grove	2-4	2	29	35	30	15	.....	1	12.50	22.08	154.73	352.15	93.41	14.40	663.76	1314.03	10000.00	.....
Union Temple	ca.	3	1	65	30	15	.....	5	51.00	90.10	63.89	77.89	39.20	4.65	401.03	19.00	676.76	9000.00
White Pine	1-3	94	1	70	75	20	4	3	89.00	103.00	601.00	366.84	100	25.00	335.00	12020.84	11000.00	.....

Northern Q. M.

PASTOR

CHURCH

Northern O. M.		CHURCH		PASTOR																	
Preaching Sunday	Joined Church	Died	Present Membership	Number in S. S.	Number in League	Number in Woman's Auxillary	Number of S. S. Conventions Att'd.	Number of Deacons	Paid to Home for Children	Paid Twelve Point Program	Paid on Building and Repairs	Paid for Running Expenses	Paid Evangelist	Paid Visiting Ministers	Paid Pastor	Paid to Charity	Total Paid Out	Value of Church Property			
1-3	5	1	40	50			1	4	20.00	20.00	63.00		30.00		122.71	18.00	246.71	2000.00			
E. I. Carmichael																					
Brown's Chapel		1	34	55				6	28.02				132.10	196.69	545.85		902.66	5000.00			
Cedar Chapel		2	34	55				5	78.28	482.54	127.93			13.20	682.63		1384.88	5000.00			
Cherry Hill		6	1140	90				5	127.32	36.65	639.12	131.98	130.00		169.86		1234.33	6000.00			
Chimney Top		1	41	75	25	13	1	4	62.00	6.00	2391.05	105.30	90.00	57.00	815.50		3526.55	7000.00			
Christians Bend		12	1	73	50		1	7	7.00	7.00	95.32			92.95	165.95		368.22	5000.00			
Church Hill		28	1	67	65			4	120.00	226.30	304.60	78.71	233.12	1152.67	6.13	2121.52	9000.00				
Crassy Creek		12	4	63	104			4	45.00	110.00	110.80			65.64	312.48		742.94	2000.00			
Horse Creek		4	1	63	104			4	45.00	110.00	110.80			65.64	312.48		742.94	2000.00			
Macedonia		12	4	63	104			4	45.00	110.00	110.80			65.64	312.48		742.94	2000.00			
Magnolia		9	71	61				3	49.33	42.00	213.55	16.20	42.65	13.70	233.29		495.84	4500.00			
Morning Star		5	50	61				3	318.00	10.00	213.55	16.20	42.65	13.70	233.29		495.84	4500.00			
Mt. Carmel		4	85	55				3	55.00	71.50	64.33	109.84	135.56	26.45	263.03		693.34	7000.00			
Phipps Bend		1	35	45		28	3	3	55.00	71.50	64.33	109.84	135.56	26.45	263.03		693.34	7000.00			
Surgonsville		1-3	51	35	12	17	1	3	36.00	84.10	1420.37	83.88		39.00	1300.00	45.16	3058.51	1800.00			
Van Hill		ea.	71	23	93	16		2	5.00	14.95	5000.00	54.04	150.	380.00			6063.97	1000.00			
		ea.	1	23	62	10															

Name of Quarterly Meeting

Eastern Q. M.

CHURCH PASTOR

CHURCH	PASTOR	Preaching Sunday	Joined Church	Dropped from Roll	Died	Present Membership	Number in S. S.	Number in League	Number in S. S. Auxiliary	Number of S. S. Conventions Att'd.	Number of Deacons	Paid to Home for Children	Paid Twelve Point Program	Paid on Building and Repairs	Paid for Running Expenses	Paid Evangelist	Paid Visiting Ministers	Paid Pastor	Paid to Charity	Total Paid Out	Value of Church Property
Canah Chapel	P. F. Phillips	ea.	8	1	2155	150	60	24	3	7	45.45	30.00	1758.46	1019.94	240.00	54.45	1200.00	10.00	4413.63	15000.00	
Carols Chapel	S. D. Hammer	ea.	18	6	64	78	69	20	4	7	120.00	240.00	569.25	3330.44	273.71	65.00	3120.00	36.50	7481.29	2000.00	
Central, J. C.	W. L. Gilton	ea.	28	3	4121	167	75	20	4	7	120.00	260.40	860.36	3571.15	150.00	470.00	2920.00	396.00	8340.45	3800.00	
Elizabethton, First	Harvey Hill	ea.	17	15	3288	182	75	20	4	12	180.00	410.00	7160.10	1958.62	386.00	80.00	4160.00	75.00	14334.72	10000.00	
Erwin, First	O. P. Stokes	ea.	5	3	5367	210	68	51	4	7	180.00	72.00	165.23	400.03	40.00	84.97	200.00	75.00	2952.15	10000.00	
Fair View, East	C. E. Holder	ea.	5	3	127	100	40	17	4	7	180.00	14.50	785.00	469.61	109.00	101.00	708.00	30.00	2534.61	10000.00	
Fellowship	J. L. Dykes	ea.	7	5	1104	133	50	25	4	7	18.50	10.00	142.84	46.75	33.31	33.31	583.28	42	828.68	4000.00	
Holly Springs	Elmer Carter	ea.	8	4	72	80	50	16	16	5	18.00	42.91	160.00	800.80	128.00	42.00	1820.00	42	3053.70	30000.00	
Horse Shoe	Johnnie Harris	ea.	12	1	1250	180	70	22	4	7	60.00	60.00	389.00	91.70	245.85	63.00	2160.00	45.00	3414.55	15000.00	
Johnson City, First	Carl Osborne	ea.	35	1	1278	112	17	4	4	7	150.00	20.00	389.00	376.10	42.00	63.00	2160.00	157.50	3414.55	25000.00	
Keenbun	H. D. Poole	ea.	20	1	1178	112	17	4	4	7	150.00	20.00	389.00	376.10	42.00	63.00	2160.00	157.50	3414.55	25000.00	
Moore's Chapel	Ed McKinney	ea.	30	1	1137	80	40	20	4	6	10.00	20.00	389.00	376.10	42.00	63.00	2160.00	157.50	3414.55	25000.00	
New Liberty	E. F. Drayne	ea.	4	9	96	100	20	30	4	4	40.00	50.00	1061.00	518.58	130.00	110.00	80.00	25.00	3472.03	10000.00	
Nidiffer	Roe Smith	ea.	30	1	1130	98	20	30	3	5	40.00	50.00	1061.00	518.58	130.00	110.00	80.00	25.00	3472.03	10000.00	
Roan Street	J. C. Howington	ea.	4	6	126	85	12	12	4	7	25.00	45.00	50.00	200.00	35.00	158.50	80.00	27.71	1915.00	7000.00	
South Side	John Harris	ea.	1	1271	70	30	30	30	4	4	36.00	60.00	419.02	419.02	1158.50	80.00	27.71	1526.27	15000.00		
Watauga Valley		ea.																			

Name of Quarterly Meeting

Western Q. M.

Name of Quarterly Meeting	CHURCH	PASTOR	Western O. M.																				
			Preaching Sunday	Joined Church	Dropped from Roll	Died	Present Membership	Number in S. S.	Number in League	Number in Woman's	Auxiliary	Number of Deacons	Paid to Home for Children	Paid Twelve Point Program	Paid on Building and Repairs	Paid for Running Expenses	Paid Evangelist	Paid Visiting Ministers	Paid Pastor	Paid to Charity	Total Paid Out	Value of Church Property	
Bridges Chapel	2-4	V. O. Price	ea.	6	2	1	59	90	40	4110.00	9.00	37.25	343.40	127.43	390.24	11.06	1028.22	9000.00					
Burl's Chapel	ea.	F. B. Wiseman	ea.	6	6	1	30	48	50	31 50.00	50.00	1096.85	573.32	100.00	69.73	702.79	2542.69	10000.00					
East Sweetwater	ea.	J. D. Bright	ea.	27	10	1	41	68		31 20.00	15.40	2201.07	159.48	150.36	65.40	343.33	74.62	3120.66	10000.00				
East View	ea.	F. L. Bradshaw	ea.	10	10	1	192	144		10120.00	31.87	2070.97	1689.09	137.40	3362.00	7421.33	15000.00						
Forest Grove	1-3	E. M. French	ea.	13	13	1	172	136	82	6110.00	110.00	201.00	980.70	148.03	1129.43	46.25	2725.45	27000.00					
Haynes Chapel	4	R. R. Knight	ea.	14	3	3	123	92	40	39.00	9.00				118.25			2000.00					
Holston Hills	ea.	Thuman Pace	ea.	16	3	3	136	95	18	130.00	96.00	37.20	105.00		513.00		881.25	21000.00					
Johnson Chapel	1-3	V. O. Price	ea.	3	1	1	83	55	35	133.55	30.00				2873.00			5000.00					
Knottville, First	ea.	Davis	ea.	14	14	3	187	170	50	7191.51	19.54	825.15	603.12	105.30	36.24	71.00	8.21	4206.09	10000.00				
Sparta, First	ea.	David England	ea.	14	1	1	51	60	28	3171.00	50.00	195.00	196.30	160.60	15.34	604.12	23.50	1443.11	1500.00				
Valley View	ea.	Paul Woolsey	ea.	11	1	1	51	60	28	3171.00	50.00	195.00	196.30	160.60	15.34	604.12	23.50	1443.11	1500.00				
Wooddale	ea.	Horace Teague	ea.	9-19	9-19	1104	118	30	31	5240.00	130.00	1911.91	794.14	250.00	60.00	2830.00	113.00	6379.35	25000.00				

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Annual Session of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association convened jointly with the association at Erwin, Tennessee Wednesday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

All visitors were recognized and seated as advisory council.

The enrollment was to be the same as recorded on page three of the minutes. These constitute the voting power of the conference.

The President appointed Rev. E. M. French, Rev. Walter Blankenship and Rev. Herman Christian as a committee on committees and nominations.

On motion the Conference rejected the Revised Standard Version of the Bible known as the New Bible.

Rev. Earnest Strickland of the Piedmont Association read a very interesting clipping from a paper quoting Rev. Bob Jones of the Bob Jones University on his attitude toward Free Will Baptist.

On motion Hubert Strickler is to be received as an honorary member with permission to pastor a church under the assistance of some Senior minister, who is to supervise the administration of all ordinances, until Rev. Strickler's membership in the Church Hill church shall terminate a full year. He is to then be dealt with by the Ordaining Council at their discretion, the old rule of all members being in full effect.

On motion the conference voted that the Ordaining Council must consider, not only the calling and native ability of applicants for a license to preach, but the willingness of the candidate to establish a field of labor for himself, there being too many idle ministers already within our ranks.

On motion we stood adjourned until 10:30 o'clock tomorrow.

THURSDAY MORNING

The conference was called together at 10:30 o'clock long enough to hear a partial report of the committee on committees. The committee recommended that J. C. Biddle, Thos. M. Goldson and Horace Teague be made a committee on resolutions, their first responsibility being to prepare resolutions of respect to the memory of our deceased brethren.

The meeting then stood adjourned until 3:30 P. M. today.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting was called to order promptly at 3:30. The group sang

"I'll Be Somewhere Listening", and Brother Paxton led the devotional prayer.

The committee on resolutions of respect read the following into the records:

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom and goodness has seen fit to call from earthly ties and Christian works to the home of perfection, peace and joy the spirit of our beloved co-worker and brother in Christ, the Rev. A. F. Hensley, and,

WHEREAS, in his going the Ministers' Conference has suffered a great loss, but our loss is Heaven's gain, and

WHEREAS, the cause of Christ has lost the service of a most devoted minister while the community lost a noble citizen and neighbor, and,

WHEREAS, the family and home have been deprived of the influence of devoted husband and father, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Ministers' Conference bow in humble submission to the Divine will and that we ever hold sacred the memory of this great man of God; that we spread a copy of these resolutions upon the pages of our minutes, send a copy to the family and another to the press.

J. C. Biddle, Chm.

Thomas M. Goldston

W. H. Teague—Com.

By Motion the same sentiments be extended to the memory of Brother Reesor of Johnson City.

Upon motion the entire conference stood in a moment of silence in memory of these noble ministers who had just passed to their reward. Rev. Geo. D. Dunbar led the prayer.

On motion the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary were named as a committee to make arrangements for a week of encampment and Bible Conference, to be held, if convenient the last week in September.

At this time the Ordaining Council made a partial report, but the complete report is to be published in the Minutes.

On motion The Clerk of the Conference is to write special notices to newspapers giving notice that the credentials of Hubert Taylor and Frank Basket have been revoked and that the Ordaining Council is directed to take any necessary steps to secure these papers. The expenses of this action to be paid by the Ministers' Conference by special levy upon the members.

Then Conference then stood adjourned until 10:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Friday's meeting was called at 10:30 sharp.

A motion was sustained to make Rev. J. C. Howington responsible for preparing a brief death notice for Brother Reesor of Johnson City and have same ready for publication in the present Minutes.

The committee on nominations reported as follows: We recommend that the following be elected to fill the various offices for the coming year: T. M. Pate, President, Billy Melvin, Vice-President and P. H. Woolsey to fill the vacancy on the Ordaining Council. Rev. J. C. Howington nominated Rev. Jesse Laws from the floor and he and the other nominees were elected.

There was a short adjournment until afternoon to make way for morning worship.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The final session was called at 2:45 P. M. After some brief announcements by the President, the Ordaining Council made their final report.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We recommend J. R. Pratt, Bethel Roberts, J. D. Troutham, Roy W. Ketron, Roy Morton and Brown Ledford for license to preach one year.

We have renewed the license of Claud McCamey, Gene Head and Perry McCoy for one year.

We recommend for ordination Allen Bunton, Johnnie Cash, Dewey Kitts, Herbert H. Tutterow, Clarence Wilson and Minnis Lamb.

We have granted exchange of certificates of Ordination for Thomas Arnett, Harvey Hill and B. N. Powers when recommendation papers have been received from their various Quarterly Meetings.

Fred L. Bradshaw,
Sec'y to Council

Those ordained, licensed and otherwise recommended were then elected to full membership in the conference.

By motion Ministers' Reports are adopted as filed with the Conference Secretary.

The business having been completed the conference stood adjourned to meet with the association next year as directed by Planning Board.

T. M. Pate, President
Geo. D. Dunbar, Secretary

UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Third Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist League Convention was held with the Forest Grove Free Will Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, on Thursday, July 23, 1953 at 10:00 o'clock.

After the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. L. W. Vinson, the Leaguers began the day off right by sing the League Song, "Onward Christian Leaguers" led by I. L. Stanley. After the League Song, Nellie Richards, from the Home for Children led the devotional, using as her theme, "Follow Me". Prayer was offered by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

A committee on committee and nominations was appointed by the President. The committee was composed of Paul Woolsey, Mrs. I. L. Stanley, and Teddy Bailey.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Dorothy Hodges. Response by I. L. Stanley in the absence of Jimmy Peirson.

After a brief review of the second annual session of the League Convention by the President, she, in her message, challenged the youth of our churches and denominations to consecrate their lives to the service of the Master, Jesus Christ, and, in so doing, bring forth fruit for him.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tennessee made an appeal to the Leaguers for our Leagues to support "The Lights for Cuba" campaign. Many interesting and important facts were given concerning this National League Convention project.

The committee on committee reported as follows:

We, your committee on committees have selected the committees as follows:

NEXT SESSION: Rev. Thurman Pate, Chairman; Dorothy Beal, Faye Shipley.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Horace Teague, Chairman; Mrs. Thurman Pate, Teddy Bailey.

STANDARDIZATION: Betty Jo Lewis, Chairman; Rev. Billy A. Melvin, Harold Teague.

APPRECIATION: Nellie Richards, Chairman; Charles Wilson, Faye O'Neal.

Rev. Paul Woolsey, Chairman

Mrs. I. L. Stanley

Teddy Bailey

At this time the group enjoyed group singing led by I. L. Stanley, Supt. of the Home for Children, Greeneville, Tennessee.

After the singing, Rev. Thurman Pate, pastor of the Holston Hills Free Will Baptist Church, brought the League Sermon, using as a text Matthew 5:14. The subject was "The Light". This message was inspirational and encouraging to our youth.

Wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by the group at noon as they generously partook of one another's picnic lunch spread together in the basement of the church.

Beginning at 1:30, Bro. I. L. Stanley led the chorus singing. After the singing, time was given for testimonies and praise. Many Leaguers testified to the saving faith of Jesus Christ and praised the Lord for the opportunity of coming together for another wonderful League Convention.

Rev. Charles Gouge discussed the subject, "Leaguers Can Be Soul Winners".

The Leaguers of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Newport, presented dramatically "The Altar And The Cross".

The following committees read their reports and they were adopted as read:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPRECIATION

We, your committee on appreciation submit the following report:

- (1) To thank Forest Grove Free Will Baptist Church for inviting us to hold our League Convention in their church.
- (2) To thank Bro. Thurman Pate for a most inspiring message.
- (3) To thank Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley for their fine singing arrangement and also Billy Melvin.
- (4) To thank Newport First for a fine program.
- (5) To thank one and all who had any part in making this meeting possible.

Nellie Richards, Chairman
Faye O'Neal
Charles Wilson

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDIZATION:

We, your committee on standardization make the following recommendation to the local Leaguers:

- (1) Every League purchase a League manual and study it.

- (2) Divide the League into the recommended age groups.
- (3) Organize League with proper officers.
- (4) Use recommended literature.
- (5) Appoint proper committees and allow them to function.
- (6) Adopt the seven point record system.
- (7) If possible purchase a standardization chart and work to fulfill each requirement.

Betty Jo Lewis, Chairman
 Rev. Billy A. Melvin
 Harold Teague

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION:

We, recommend that our next annual League Convention convene at the Youth Encampment on the concluding day of the Encampment. This be subject to the time as set by the General Planning Board.

Rev. Thurman Pate, Chairman
 Faye Shipley
 Dorothy Beal

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

We, your committee on resolutions resolve:

- (1) That each Quarterly League Convention promote the Bible Drill and their winners meet in contest with this convention. The winner of the Union Free Will Baptist League Convention to compete with the Cumberland Free Will Baptist League Convention and the said winner to compete in the National League Conference.
- (2) That each League of the Convention work for the organization of a League in each Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Horace Teague, Chairman
 Mrs. Thurman Pate
 Teddy Bailey

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

President Charles Gouge
 Vice President Dorothy Beal
 Secretary-Treasurer Betty Jo Lewis

Song Director Mr. I. L. Stanley
Pianist Mrs. I. L. Stanley

Rev. Paul Woolsey, Chairman

Mrs. I. L. Stanley

Teddy Bailey

Delegates to the State Association are Charles Gouge and Betty Jo Lewis.

The business having been finished, a motion was sustained to adjourn to meet with the Youth Encampment on the concluding day of the Encampment, or the time and place otherwise designated by the General Planning Board.

Charles Gouge, President

Betty Jo Lewis, Secretary

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Woodale Church in Knox County on July 24, 1953 at 10 o'clock.

Meeting called to order with song "The Haven of Rest", Rev. Teague.

Prayer, Rev. French.

In absence of president, Mrs. J. C. Howington was elected to serve.

Welcome Address, Mrs. Teague.

Response, Mrs. Pate.

Appointment of Committee: Mrs. I. L. Stanley (Chairman), Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Northern.

Special Music—Mrs. I. L. Stanley with 3 girls from the Home for Children. This was enjoyed by all.

Devotional—Mrs. Howington reading in Revelation, using Tithes and offering as subject.

Prayer, Rev. Teague.

The President's Message—Mrs. Howington using the "Highlight of former president's message, Work, Pray and Study".

Rev. French introduced Rev. Dodd, who brought a well prepared and inspiring message on "The Compulsion of a Compassion." and inspiring message on "The Compulsion of a Compassion".

Song—"The Light of the World is Jesus", Rev. Teague.

Devotional—Mrs. Nell Woosley using "Prayer", a wonderful spirit-filled message: What to pray for, How to pray and live according to Prayer.

Reading of Auxiliary Report, approved and adopted. Also voted to accept the written reports from the Northern Quarterly Convention. Reading of Treasurer was adopted, Reading of Committees were read and adopted as follows:

Committee on Appreciation

We, your Committee on Appreciation wish to extend our thanks to the Wooddale Church and her pastor for the hearty welcome which has been extended to this Woman's Auxiliary Convention and to thank Rev. Damon C. Dodd for a most inspiring message.

Mrs. Evelyn Woolsey, Chm.

Mrs. Thurman Pate

Miss Bonnie Hall

Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee on Resolutions and Recommendations submit the following report:

- (1) That each auxiliary secure all the prepared literature from the executive office in Nashville and use same accordingly.
- (2) We recommend at least two study courses a year on Missions and Stewardship.
- (3) That each auxiliary take an interest in promoting the Stewardship Declamation contest.
- (4) We emphasize the "A" Standard of Achievement for all.
- (5) That all members subscribe to the W. N. A. C. News.
- (6) That the spiritual growth be made stronger through more family altars, prayer lists, and more training and practice in soul winning.

Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Chm.

Mrs. Robert Bradley

Mrs. Henry Payne

The written report of Mrs. C. A. Christian was accepted with many thanks from the auxiliary for the wonderful work she has done in organizing new Auxiliary. Her report is as follows:

Auxiliaries organized: Christian Bend, Mount Carmel, Cherry Hill, Van Hill.

Report of Mrs. Teague, field workers from Western Division and News from the National Conventions.

Miscellaneous Business:

A wonderful message on how to be one. "A" auxiliary, Make self, "A" and then work for the best auxiliary by Mrs. Edna Lee.

Mrs. Nell Woolsey brought the suggestion which was adopted. That each auxiliary help furnish the playground equipment at the Home for Children at Christmas time.

Committee of Next Session

We, your Committee on Next Session recommend that the next session of auxiliary conventions meet the last Friday in July of 1954 at the Roan St. Church at Elizabethton, Tennessee.

Edna Lee, Chm.

Helen Smith

Viola Jenkins

The Delegates for the Union Association were, Mrs. W. H. Teague and Mrs. J. C. Howington.

The Delegates to the State Association at Cookville, Tenn., were Mrs. Paul Woolsey, Mrs. Horace Teague, Mrs. Viola Jenkins, Mrs. Neda Ellison, and Mrs. J. C. Howington.

The Ministers present: Rev. Howington, Rev. Woolsey, Rev. Teague, Rev. French, Rev. Pate, Rev. Dodd.

A hearty welcome was extended and many thanks to them for their help and willingness to help in everything we ask of them.

Committee of Nomination

We, the committee of nomination wish to nominate the following for the various officers for the coming year.

President	Jewel Dunbar
1st	Alice Woolsey
2nd	Mrs. J. C. Howington
3rd	Mrs. Edna Lee
4th	Mrs. C. A. Christian
5th	Mrs. Wiley Vaughn
Treasurer	Mrs. George Blevins
Secretary	Mrs. Neda Ellison
Field Workers	Mrs. I. L. Stanley, Chm., Mrs. Wayne Vinson, Mrs. Horace Teague, Mrs. J. W. Northern

Mrs. W. H. Teague was to be in charge of installation of officers in a service at the Union Association.

Business being finished we adjourned with prayer by Rev. Howington.

Miss Jewell Dunbar, President

Mrs. Neda Ellison, Secretary

Name of Auxiliary	Number of Members	Paid to Missions	Paid to Home for Children	Paid to National Dues	Spent Locally	Spent for Relief	Chapters Read	Number of Tithes	Held Week of Prayer
Midway	14		\$68.58	\$12.00			5612	5	
Liberty	25	\$ 6.00		2.00			43	5	
Phipps Bend	16			4.80		\$ 5.00	1570	4	Yes
Wooddale	31			11.10	\$150.11				
Harris Memorial	19	219.54		5.40	247.74			6	Yes
Roan Street	31			9.30	164.21	15.10	12982	15	
Erwin, First	40	15.00		8.40	812.80	60.00		20	Yes
Surgoinsville	16	72.13		4.80		36.00	944	4	Yes
Johnson City, First	10					20.00	762	10	Yes
Mt. Carmel	28			6:80			2427	6	
Christian Bend	17	4.08			10.05		1358	1	Yes
Forest Grove	24	18.00		7.20	126.05	28.00			
Church Hill	11			3.30			449	5	

