

# MINUTES

of the  
106th Annual Session  
of  
Union Free Will Baptist Association  
which met  
August 14-17, 1978  
next session will be held  
August 14-16, 1979



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## ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Moderator .....                | David Reece      |
| Assistant Moderator .....      | Thurman Pate     |
| Secretary .....                | Chester Phillips |
| Assistant Secretary .....      | Winford French   |
| Promotional Secretary .....    | Horace Teague    |
| Treasurer .....                | I. L. Stanley    |
| Statistician .....             | Joe Bible        |
| Parliamentarian .....          | Dennis Caldwell  |
| Music Director .....           | I. L. Stanley    |
| Assistant Music Director ..... | Homer Ray Smith  |

## GENERAL BOARD

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Glen Mulkey (Western Q.M.)     | Term Expires 1979 |
| Rev. James Bowers (Central Q.M.)    | Term Expires 1980 |
| Rev. William Johnson (Eastern Q.M.) | Term Expires 1981 |
| Rev. Bobby Olterman(Northern Q.M.)  | Term Expires 1982 |
| Rev. David Reece                    | Ex-Officio        |
| Rev. Thurman Pate                   | Ex-Officio        |
| Rev. Chester Phillips               | Ex-Officio        |
| Mr. I. L. Stanley                   | Ex-Officio        |

## CAMP TRUSTEE BOARD

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Horace Teague (Central Q.M.)  | Term Expires 1979 |
| Rev. James Dunlap (Western Q.M.)   | Term Expires 1980 |
| Rev. Marlin Vaughn (Northern Q.M.) | Term Expires 1981 |
| Rev. Bill Johnson                  | Term Expires 1982 |
| Mr. I. L. Stanley                  | Ex-Officio        |

## HOME MISSION BOARD

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. E. H. Brock (at large)        | Term Expires 1979 |
| Rev. James Kelley (Central Q.M.)   | Term Expires 1980 |
| Rev. Ralph Staten (Western Q.M.)   | Term Expires 1981 |
| Rev. Burnie Bradley (Eastern Q.M.) | Term Expires 1982 |

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mr. J. B. Wolfenbarger (Western Q.M.) | Term Expires 1979 |
| Rev. Clarence Phillips (Eastern Q.M.) | Term Expires 1980 |
| Rev. Wiley Vaughn (Northern Q.M.)     | Term Expires 1981 |
| Rev. Frank Russell (at large)         | Term Expires 1982 |

## REPORT OF THE U.D.W.A. CONVENTION

The Union District Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened August 15, 1978.

Mrs. Sharon Riley, President presided over the meeting and seating of Delegates.

THEME: ISAIAH 6:8

Devotional: Mrs. Karen Cowart, Missionary Appointee to Brazil. She used as her Scripture Luke 10:38-42. Her subject was "That Good Part." Karen first commented on Martha's responsibilities as hostess of the home and how anxious she was to please the Master, and how gentle she received the reproof of the Lord when He said, "Martha thou art careful and troubled over many things, but one thing is needful and Mary has chosen that good part which will not be taken away from her.

She also read Proverbs 31:30b. "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Minutes of the last session was read by the secretary, also the annual report of the Quarterly Meetings was read and received.

The Committees were appointed by the President. Officers of the U.D.W.A.C. were sent as delegates to the State Convention of the Woman's Auxiliary. Also Mrs. Beulah Teague, and Marian Reece from the Central Quarterly Meeting. Mrs. Edna Dyer, Arlene Farley, and Neda Ellison from the Western. Mrs. Brenda French, and Madaline Barnette from the Eastern.

The worship hour opened with congregational singing "Footsteps of Jesus." Prayer: Bro. David Reece. Greetings from Memphis, Tn. by Bro. Jerry Presley. Message in song: Marcia Ellison. "That's what I'll be willing to do." The morning message presented by: Bro. "Dub" Ellison. Missionary to Uruguay. Scripture Luke 9:57-62. His message basically was on how willing are we to follow when Jesus calls. We all believe he has been faithful to his calling and has done a great work as a missionary in Uruguay. Bro. "Dubs" closing remarks were, "I am now ready to go back to Uruguay" He did a beautiful reading about the life of Jesus.

Our offering was \$147.00.

Dismissed for lunch.

### 1:30 P.M. Afternoon Session

Congregational Singing, "Rescue the Perishing"

Special Singing: Marcia Ellison, "It's all in the help of Jesus."

Greetings and Devotional: Bro. Jim Cowart.

Scripture: II Corinthians Using the 7th verse of the 4th chapter. He just talked to us about his preparation to answer the call to go to the field in Brazil. He said "He was sure in his heart this was the place that God wanted him and his family to go."

A request was made for the support of Bro. Jim McClain, Missionary to Japan.

We were dismissed in prayer by Mrs. Neda Ellison.

Submitted by

Mrs. Zula Wolfenbarger, Secretary

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend the following:

1. That the UDWAC work with the mission boards in providing and distributing missionary prayer cards packaged plastic boxes for use in family devotions and on other occasions. These are known as missionary prayer paks.

2. We also recommend that: whereas, the Actionette groups in our churches are very few and need more organizing and other types of materials, we recommend that our women keep them in mind when they write skits and programs and also share any activity that was effectively used in any way by sending these to the WNAC to be published and used on the local level.

3. Whereas, many of our ladies do not as a rule attend many formal functions, we recommend that sometime during the month of February the Woman's Auxiliary sponsor a special banquet for our ladies and their husbands. We further recommend that our president appoint a committee to plan and follow through with the project.

4. The aim of this convention be to help us reevaluate the spiritual health and quality of life within our auxiliaries through workshops, exchange of ideas and personal fellowship. Let each of us pray that God will help us to be more able to see the real needs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda French  
Arlene Farley  
Mable Winters

### TREASURER'S REPORT

|                                               |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Balance forward August 1, 1978 .....          | \$ 117.62  |
| Union Association Offering .....              | 74.40      |
| Representation fees collected .....           | 769.00     |
| Monies received from Quarterly Meetings ..... | 8,738.38   |
| Total monies accounted for .....              | \$9,699.40 |

#### Disbursements

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Bro. Shockey .....                   | \$ 50.00   |
| Marcia Ellison .....                 | 50.00      |
| Rep. fees (492 at \$1.25) .....      | 615.00     |
| State Dues (31 Aux. at \$1.00) ..... | 31.00      |
| Checks .....                         | 3.49       |
| Printing Minutes .....               | 52.00      |
| Designated from Quarterlies .....    | 8,738.38   |
| Total .....                          | \$9,539.87 |
| Balance July 31, 1978 .....          | \$159.53   |

Submitted by,  
Mrs. Agnes Hurst, Treasurer

## REPORT OF APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our gratitude to our Missionaries, the Jim Cowarts, and the Walter Ellisons for the inspiration in songs and messages, and to Richard Mitchell serving at the piano. We are also thankful to our Executive Committee for the emphasis they have placed on missions in our convention.

We appreciate all the ladies of the local Auxiliaries, who were present during this session.

Our thanks go to all the Ladies, who helped with our noon meal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion Reece  
Alice Woolsey

## AUXILIARIES REPORTING

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Eastern (5 Auxiliaries) .....  | 77  |
| Western (7 Auxiliaries) .....  | 92  |
| Northern (5 Auxiliaries) ..... | 56  |
| Central (12 Auxiliaries) ..... | 216 |
| Total (29 Auxiliaries) .....   | 441 |

## Registration Committee

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Visitors .....     | 15 |
| Missionaries ..... | 7  |
| Ministers .....    | 14 |
| Officers .....     | 3  |
| Delegates .....    | 40 |
| Total .....        | 79 |

Submitted by,  
Mrs. Beulah Teague  
Mrs. Pearl Morgan

## Finance Report

1. The Treasurer's records are accurate as recorded which shows a balance of \$159.53 on July 1, 1978.

2. We pay for each page of Woman's Auxiliary reports in the minutes.

3. That we give Walter and Marcia Ellison a love offering of \$65.00, and Jim and Karen Cowart \$65.00, Rev. Glen Poston (Millington, Tn.) \$50.00 and Jerry and Beatrice Presley (Memphis, Tn.) \$50.00.

4. That we reimburse Mrs. Zula Wolfenbarger for a phone call in reference to officers meeting.

Submitted by,  
Agnes Hurst  
Elnora Lawing

**Sunday School Convention**  
**August 15, 1978, Tuesday Night**

Rev. Jerry Presley led in singing "Praise Him, Praise Him," and "Oh How Marvelous."

Rev. Dennis Caldwell recognized the devotional speaker Robert Morgan. He read Mark 8:27-36 and spoke about Jesus, who He is, and what we perceive him to be. He lead in prayer.

Brother Caldwell opened the business session by asking for nominations for president. Ron Hensley was nominated and duly elected. The Vice-Presidential choice was Lynn Neas, who was also elected. Nominee for Secretary-Treasurer was Brenda French. She also was elected. No delegates to the Union Association were available.

The St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday School had 21 members present and won the Attendance Banner. Unicoi F.W.B. Church was second with 15 present.

The congregation was led in "More of the Master" by Brother Stanley, while an offering was received. An offering of \$35.41 was received. A motion was made to give the offering and the \$27.75 in the treasury to the speaker as an honorarium. The motion carried.

Brother Caldwell and 3 members of his church sang a special song, "Consider the Lilies."

David Reece introduced the speaker, Rev. Milton Worthington. He read from Joshua 14:7-15 and spoke on Caleb, the man who wholly followed the Lord.

The service closed with prayer and fellowship.

President, Rev. Dennis Caldwell

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE**  
**UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**WHICH MET AT THE**  
**CENTRAL CAMP GROUNDS**  
**MONDAY NIGHT—August 14**

Rev. Homer Ray Smith led "Send the Light," opening the 106th session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists with Mrs. Fred Hembree at the piano. Rev. David Reece called upon Rev. James Munsey to lead in prayer.

Rev. David Reece, Moderator, called the session to order. Brother Reece recognized all ministers, deacons, and delegates to the Union Association. Motion was made, seconded, and carried that these be legally constituted as voting body.

All visitors were recognized and motion was made and seconded and duly passed these be seated as advisory council.

Motion made, seconded, and carried to adopt program as outlined with the moderator having the authority to make whatever adaptations deemed as necessary.

The Moderator announced that Clerk, James Munsey was resigning in order to attend Bible College in preparation for missionary service. Therefore a new clerk would need to be appointed during the Monday night service.

The Committee on Committees and Nominations was then appointed. They are: Alfred Cutshall, Thurman Pate, Bobby Olterman and Winford French. There was a brief recess for the Ministers Conference.

### Monday Night Worship Hour

The Committee on Committees was excused for a brief meeting.

Brother I. L. Stanley led in singing "Jesus Saves" and "Blessed Assurance," Mrs. I. L. Stanley at the piano.

Brother James Munsey was recognized to introduce the keynote speaker Rev. Milton Worthington, Pastor of the Central Park F.W.B. Church in Royal Oak, Michigan.

Brother Worthington's text was taken from II Kings 4:1-7. He spoke on the comparison between the plight of the widow in II Kings chapter 4 and our lives today. She was in need of help and in touch with God, then she became in earnest with herself and obeyed God. The message was enjoyed by all.

Brother Stanley led in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord" while an offering was taken for an honorarium for Brother Worthington.

Rev. Winford French was recognized to give the report of the Committee on Committees. The Nominating Committee recommended that Brother Chester Phillips be nominated as clerk of the Association. Motion made, seconded, and carried.

Brother and Mrs. James Munsey was given a standing vote of thanks for the job they have done.

The service was recessed until Wednesday morning.

### Wednesday Morning August 16, 1978

Bro. I. L. Stanley led in two songs.

Rev. Billy Gragg opened the morning with Scripture—1 Timothy 5:26; 6:11, 12. Summary—A continuation of the spirit of the charge that was given at the time of ordination.

Visitors were Home Missionaries—Wallace Hayes—Glenn Polston

Rev. Herman Christian, Assistant Moderator welcomed visitors. The visitors were seated as advisory council.

Rev. Christian introduced Rev. David Reece to give the Moderators Message.

Rev. David Reece—John 4:31-37, Luke 10:1

"The Waste of Harvest"

Brother Reece brought a timely message along the line of our theme for the association. He spoke about Preparing, Proclaiming, and Producing from the harvest. A need for our pastors to glean from the corners of Gods harvest field and reap the wasted was expressed by the moderator. "Harvest is not the first stage of the season of yielding, but yielding is the first stage of harvest."

Rev. Reece then recognized Rev. French to give the Report of Committees.



## Report of Committee on Committees

### *Appreciation Committee*

Horace Teague—Central  
Iss Barnett—Eastern  
Cash Callahan—Northern  
Ralph Staten—Western

### *Resolution Committee*

V. O. Price—Central  
Winford French—Eastern  
Herman Christian—Northern  
Carson Whitaker—Western

Motion made, second, and carried to accept this report.

Rev. Wallace Hayes gave greetings from the National and State Home Mission Boards. Reports received as information.

The Moderator recognized Dr. Charles Thigpen, the new President of the F.W.B. Bible College, who gave a report on the Bible college. He expressed the need of such a college, the high standards held, and the need of support.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP HOUR

The service began with congregational singing.

Bro. David Reece, Moderator, introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Alfred Cutshall, pastor of Limestone Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Alfred Cutshall spoke on Matthew 11:1-6—Not Being Offended in Christ.

Dr. Thigpen dismissed the service in prayer.

## GENERAL BOARD REPORT

March 11, 1978

The General Board of the Union Association met March 11, 1978 at the home of Brother I. L. Stanley. Members present were Rev. Herman Christian, Rev. James Bowers, Rev. Glen Mulkey, Rev. David Reece, Brother I. L. Stanley, and Rev. James Munsey. Rev. James Bowers led in prayer.

Rev. David Reece, Assistant Moderator, was chosen to serve as Moderator for the remainder of the year in the absence of Rev. Harry Mintz who had moved to another pastorate. Rev. Herman Christian was chosen assistant moderator. He was to request that the Northern Quarterly Meeting select someone to serve in his place on the General Board.

Brother I. L. Stanley agreed to remain in the position of Promotional Secretary and treasurer until August, since the former Promotional Secretary declined to serve.

The program for the 1978 Union Association was outlined.

A theme from John 4:35 "Will I be Wasted, or will I be gathered." was chosen.

Each item on the program was duly approved by motion, second and a majority vote.  
The session was then closed by prayer.

May 13, 1978

The General Board of the Union Association met at the Children's Home Homecoming on May 13, 1978.

Members present were Rev. Glen Mulkey, Brother I. L. Stanley, Dempsey Light, and Rev. David Reece.

Prayer was led by Dempsey Light.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase a file cabinet to contain records of the Union Association especially those accumulated by Rev. E. M. French.

Motion was sustained to authorize the Moderator and other members present at the upcoming Central Quarterly Meeting to alter the program of the Association as needed.

Motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

Wednesday Afternoon  
August 16, 1978

Bro. I. L. Stanley opened the service with congregational singing. A devotional was given by Rev. Jackie Lloyd. Rev. Chester Phillips gave the report of the General Board.

The Report of the Statistician was given by Rev. Joe Bible. This report was adopted as read.

Bro. I. L. Stanley gave the Promotional Secretary and Treasurers Report.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
August 1, 1977-July 31, 1978

Balance brought forward August 1, 1977 .....\$7,077.89

RECEIPTS:

|                                    |             |           |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Central Quarterly Meeting .....    | \$11,516.67 |           |
| Eastern Quarterly Meeting .....    | 768.40      |           |
| Northern Quarterly Meeting .....   | 2,962.35    |           |
| Western Quarterly Meeting .....    | 4,682.35    |           |
| Youth Camp Operation .....         | 1,877.45    |           |
| Miscellaneous .....                | 297.03      | 22,104.25 |
| TOTAL Available for the Year ..... |             | 29,182.14 |

| FUND ALLOCATION:       | AVAILABLE  | DISBURSED  | FUND BAL. |
|------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Foreign Missions       | \$8,304.07 | \$8,304.07 | .00       |
| National Home Missions | 1,757.78   | 1,757.78   | .00       |
| State Ministries       | 2,371.01   | 2,371.01   | .00       |
| Bible College          | 1,260.96   | 1,260.96   | .00       |

#### ASSOCIATIONAL ACCOUNTS:

|                     |                 |                 |               |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Local Home Missions | 677.94          | 675.00          | 2.94          |
| Superannuation      | 6,356.63        | 3,588.00        | 2,768.63      |
| Camp                | 6,026.94        | 3,078.56        | 2,948.38      |
| General Fund        | <u>2,426.81</u> | <u>1,513.96</u> | <u>912.85</u> |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | \$29,182.14     | \$22,549.34     | \$6,632.80    |

#### Checking Account:

First Tennessee Bank, Greeneville, TN .....\$5,087.46

#### Savings Account:

First Tennessee Bank, Greeneville, TN .....\$1,545.34

I. L. Stanley, Treasurer

He emphasized the need of greater participation on the Quarterly Meeting level and the yearly Union Associational Meeting. Motion made, seconded, and carried to receive this report.

Rev. Dennis Caldwell gave the Sunday School Report which was accepted as read.

The Ladies Auxiliary Report was given and accepted.

The Moderator, Rev. Reece, recognized Bro. J. B. Wolfenbarger with the Report of the Superannuation Board.

#### Report of Superannuation Board

We, the Board of Superannuation, submit the following report:

Seven ministers are now receiving benefits in amount of \$35.00 per month. The Board has conferred with the Treasurer, Mr. I. L. Stanley, and we feel that we can recommend a raise in salary of \$5.00 each at this time, as long as the money is available.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. B. Wolfenbarger  
Rev. Homer Ray Smith

Rev. Don Lamb gave the Camp Board Report.

#### Camp Board Report

Bro. Charlie Carmack of Union Chapel FWB Church volunteered to be our Director in camp. Bro. Carmack and his wife did an excellent job. In fact, we had two very fine weeks of camp.

#### CENTRAL YOUTH CAMP TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT

The camp was used a total of four weeks for camping purposes. This does not include the Union Association Week. The Union Camp used two weeks, the Appalachian Association-one week and Child Evangelism Fellowship of Johnson City-one week.

The Camp Board met on at least two occasions this year. The following are recommendations from those meetings.

(1) We recommend that Bro. Carmack be given a third week's salary since he spent so much time working and preparing the camp grounds.

(2) We recommend that the Stanleys' be given an honorarium of \$100.00 for their hours of tireless work at the camp.

(3) We recommend that we hire a Camp Manager bearing that title who shall have authority over the physical property of the camp at all times. We further recommend that he be paid \$100.00 a month—May thru August with the possibility of paying \$200.00 for the month of May in preparing the grounds for camp. We further recommend that he be able to hire help as is needed.

(4) We recommend that the camp purchase jointly with Bro. Stanley a riding mower which he will use to mow both property and the camp's property.

This is only a partial report. Bro. Carmack, the Camp Director, will give a report on the two weeks of camp and Bro. Stanley will give the financial report.

Submitted by the Central Camp Trustee Bd.

Don Lamb, Chairman

Marlin Vaughan

Aubrey Samples

Jim Dunlap

### CAMP RECOMMENDATIONS

- I. Recommend camp board adopt a permanent set of camp regulations. (giving special attention to a dress code)
- II. Recommend raising camp fee to \$25.00 for 1979.
- III. Recommend that counselors for senior camp be at least 21 years old.
- IV. Recommend giving the director a binder with all rules, regulations, and salaries to be paid as agreed upon by the board.
- V. Recommend hiring of at least one cook and two helpers. (Cook being paid \$100.00 and helpers \$60.00)
- VI. Recommend board send letters to all churches with cabins and encourage them to visit their cabins and see the needed repairs.
- VII. Recommend board consider creating the position of a camp manager to over see camp and its needs year round.

The Report of the Camp and its recommendations were accepted.

Motion made and seconded to receive Missionary Brother Jerry Presley's report as information.

### Wednesday Night Worship Hour August 16, 1978

Brother I. L. Stanley opened the service with congregational singing "Did You Think To Pray," "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and "Christ Receiveth Sinful Men."

Brother Carson Whitaker led in prayer.

Sister Brenda French and her daughter Carlene sang a very inspirational number, "That's just like Jesus."

Brother Herman Christian introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Bobby Olterman. His sermon title was "Elevate Your Vision," John 4:35 was the text. The congregation enjoyed the message in a great way. Many made commitments at the altar.

Brother Stanley led in a closing hymn "I Surrender All."

The Moderator declared this session in recess until Thursday morning.

### Thursday Morning Service August 17, 1978

The Moderator opened the Thursday morning service and introduced the devotional speakers.

Brother James Munsey who gave an inspiring devotional text Hebrews 1:1-3. His subject was "God's Word Spoken by Jesus."

The Moderator recognized Brother Carson Whitaker on the Resolutions Committee bringing one resolution to the floor to read as:

Whereas Free Will Baptist are few in number and need to unite and stand for the faith and,

Whereas we are divided on minor issues of little importance among our ministers and churches of the Union Association and,

Whereas our youth camp is for all our youth of all our churches,

Be it resolved that issues such as the millenium not be taught in our youth camp whether of A, Pre, or Post persuasion.

Be it further resolved that our camp board so advise future camp directors that they so instruct teachers and those who counsel that no text of such be used.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Carson Whitaker  
Rev. Winford French  
Rev. Herman Christian  
Rev. V. O. Price  
Rev. Glen Mulkey

Report adopted as read.

Bro. Hoarce Teague gave the Appreciation Committee report.

### Appreciation Committee Report

We, your committee on appreciation, submit the following:

1. Our gratitude to God for this camp and sparing us and bringing us together again to do business for Him.
2. For all the people who have worked and planned to bring this all about in cleaning, preparing, and cooking.
3. To all who have come together to make our fellowship so complete in song and sermon.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. Teague, Chairman  
Iss Barnett  
Ralph Staten

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept this report.

### Home Mission Board Report

We, your Home Mission Board, do hereby submit the following recommendations:

1. That we continue to support the North Memphis Mission project by underwriting the amount of \$25.00 per month.

2. That we continue to give financial assistance to the Lebanon Mission project in the amount of \$25.00 per month.

3. That we adopt the Millington Mission as a project by also allocating \$25.00 per month.

It shall be understood that we assume the above financial obligations as long as funds or monies are available.

As a reminder, be sure to support the Union Associational Program. Monies for this fund are made possible by each church sending .10 per member each month to the Associational Treasurer, I. L. Stanley. The total receipts are broken down as follows: 20% is allocated to superannuation, 50% to the general fund, 15% to camp fund, and 15% to state mission projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Staten

John Bowery

### Nominating Committee Report

|                                             |                 |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| General Board .....                         | Bobby Olterman  |
| Camp Trustee Board (replace Don Lamb) ..... | Hoarace Teague  |
| Camp Board .....                            | Bill Johnson    |
| Home Mission Board .....                    | Billy Gragg     |
| Superannuation .....                        | Ray Neas        |
| Moderator .....                             | David Reece     |
| Assistant Moderator .....                   | Thurman Pate    |
| Promotional Secretary .....                 | Hoarce Teague   |
| Treasurer .....                             | I. L. Stanley   |
| Parliamentarian .....                       | Dennis Caldwell |
| Statistician .....                          | Joe Bible       |

Respectfully submitted,

Brother Thurman Pate

Brother Bobby Olterman

Brother Alfred Cutshaw

Brother Winford French

The motion was made to accept the report and vote on them item by item. All were elected.

The Moderator recognized Brother James E. Raper for the report of Home for Children.

A program was given by the children from the Home. Bro. Raper spoke of the goodness of God in supplying the needs of the Home. He also gave the figures of previous years giving.

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| 1973 ..... | \$25,503.88 |
| 1974 ..... | 25,666.92   |
| 1975 ..... | 19,613.42   |
| 1976 ..... | 23,082.40   |
| 1977 ..... | 19,021.71   |
| 1978 ..... | 21,224.87   |

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept this report as information.

The Moderator extended the opportunity of sharing Foreign Missionary news to Rev. "Dub" Ellison from Uruguay. Statistics given as follows:

|                                         |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Ordained Ministers .....                | 5,011       |
| Male Missionaries on Foreign Soil ..... | 45          |
| Souls .....                             | 4 billion   |
| Americans .....                         | 230 Million |
| World's Preachers in America .....      | 94%         |
| Rest of Preachers .....                 | 6%          |
| 94% Preach to 6% of the World           |             |

Motion made, seconded, and carried that this report be received as information.

### Worship Service

Brother I. L. Stanley led the congregational song "He Keeps Me Singing."

Rev. Mulkey introduced Brother Carson Whiteaker. Scripture—Proverbs 29:18, subject—"Where There is no Vision the People Perish." Summary—We put off the harvest too long. Wheat field that blew down. We must see the need and then meet it.

### Thursday Afternoon August 17, 1978

Brother I. L. Stanley led congregational song "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" with Mrs. Brenda French at the piano. The next song was "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

Rev. Ermine Butler spoke from Romans 1:14 and II Corinthians 13:1. His theme was "Even in Chains He Proclaimed the Victorious Gospel."

An offering was received for Children's Home—\$144.20.

Hymn—"Showers of Blessings"

Motion made, seconded, and carried to match the offering received from the general offering.

The Moderator asked for volunteers as delegates from the Union Association to the Tennessee State Association in November.

Mrs. Brenda French and Mrs. David Reece were accepted by the body as delegates.

Motion made by Winston Sweeney that our Association begin on Tuesday and finish on Thursday evening.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Moderator, Bro. Reece, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation and fellowship extended to Him during the associational session.

The 106th Annual meeting of the Union Association adjourned with prayer.

## MINISTERS CONFERENCE

### MINISTERS CONFERENCE OFFICIALS

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| President .....           | Ray Neas         |
| Vice-President .....      | Winston Sweeney  |
| Secretary .....           | Chester Phillips |
| Assistant Secretary ..... | Winford French   |

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

|                                    |      |
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| Rev. Howard Munsey, Chairman ..... | 1979 |
| Rev. Clarence Phillips .....       | 1980 |
| Rev. Guy Foster .....              | 1981 |
| Rev. Carson Whittaker .....        | 1982 |

### MONDAY EVENING

Brother Glen Mulkey called the Ministers Conference into session. He called upon Brother Thurman Pate to give the Ordaining Council Report. (Partial). This was the Quarterly Meeting Licensing Council Reports.

### PARTIAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

August 14, 1978

Council met, called to order by Chairman Howard Munsey.  
Report of transaction.

1. Reports of four Quarterly Meeting read and filed.
2. Appearing before the Council for ordination.
  - A. David Wilson—Western Q.M.
  - B. Samuel Nichols—Eastern Q.M.
  - C. James Manis—Northern Q.M.

For transfer of credentials

- A. Roy Duckett—Western Q.M.
  - B. Tommy Maines—Eastern Q.M.
  - C. Doyle Colliers—Northern Q.M.
  - D. Fred Gregg—Central Q.M.
  - E. Steve Lawing—Western Q.M.
3. We recommend that Carl Steele be granted a letter in good Standing (moved to Ohio).

Howard T. Munsey, Chairman  
T. M. Pate, Sect.  
Guy Foster  
Van Johnson  
Clarence Phillips



# CHURCH STATUS

| CHURCH                             | PASTOR | Joined the Church | Dropped | Died | Present Membership | Number in Sunday School | Number in League | Number in Auxiliary | Number in Master's Men | Paid To Home For Children | To Denominational Program | To Home Missions | To Foreign Missions | To Bible College |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| <b>Northern Quarterly</b>          |        |                   |         |      |                    |                         |                  |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Cherry Hill-James R. Alley         |        | 8                 |         | 1    | 45                 | 39                      |                  |                     |                        | 135.89                    |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Christians Bend-James Manis        |        | 1                 | 3       | 1    | 130                | 92                      |                  | 10                  |                        | 313.56                    | 60.00                     | 505.00           | 130.00              |                  |
| Eastern Star                       |        | 8                 |         | 1    | 190                | 95                      | 17               | 25                  |                        | 1,361.95                  |                           | 328.31           | 540.00              | 210.00           |
| Goshen Valley-James Byford         |        | 3                 |         |      | 100                | 132                     | 80               | 9                   | 9                      | 560.82                    |                           | 142.00           | 555.25              |                  |
| Grassy Creek                       |        | 1                 |         |      | 77                 | 35                      |                  | 14                  |                        | 40.00                     |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Horse Creek-John Bowery            |        | 6                 | 4       |      | 76                 | 50                      | 21               |                     |                        |                           |                           | 40.00            | 167.90              |                  |
| Howard Hill-Tom Hall               |        | 7                 |         |      | 64                 | 71                      |                  | 10                  |                        | 84.00                     |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Magnolia-Carl Callahan             |        | 2                 | 2       |      | 80                 | 38                      |                  |                     | 11                     | 300.00                    |                           | 50.00            | 290.86              |                  |
| Midfield-Bobby Oterman             |        | 3                 | 2       | 1    | 98                 | 96                      | 30               | 9                   |                        | 300.00                    |                           |                  | 180.00              | 120.00           |
| Mt. Carmel-H. S. Shelton           |        | 4                 | 2       |      | 98                 | 65                      | 20               | 11                  |                        | 1,102.40                  | 60.00                     |                  |                     |                  |
| Phipps Bend-Burl Cox               |        | 2                 |         |      | 60                 |                         |                  | 10                  |                        | 60.00                     |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Pine Grove-Bill Gardner            |        | 5                 |         | 5    | 111                | 200                     |                  |                     |                        | 250.00                    |                           | 70.00            | 50.00               |                  |
| Pine View-Dewey Bernard            |        |                   |         |      | 51                 | 39                      |                  | 14                  |                        | 140.00                    | 15.00                     | 30.00            |                     |                  |
| Surgoinville, First-Billy Gragg    |        | 5                 | 1       | 2    | 115                | 150                     | 54               | 23                  |                        | 340.50                    | 210.00                    |                  |                     |                  |
| Union Temple-Earnest Carmichael    |        |                   |         |      | 26                 | 70                      |                  |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Upper Room-Herman Christian        |        | 9                 |         | 1    | 66                 | 80                      |                  | 12                  |                        | 315.64                    | 209.57                    | 282.51           | 209.57              | 209.57           |
| Van Hill-Johnny Ball               |        | 1                 | 4       | 1    | 47                 | 42                      |                  | 9                   |                        | 48.50                     | 40.00                     |                  | 205.00              |                  |
| Total                              |        | 65                | 18      | 13   | 1,374              | 1,354                   | 222              | 156                 | 20                     |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| <b>Western Quarterly</b>           |        |                   |         |      |                    |                         |                  |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Bridges Chapel-Paul Gregg          |        | 18                | 9       | 1    | 74                 | 75                      | 30               |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  | 100.00              |                  |
| Burks Chapel-Billy Joe Cansler     |        | 11                | 3       | 2    | 106                | 78                      | 45               |                     |                        | 120.00                    |                           |                  | 120.00              |                  |
| Chattanooga First-Jonathan Thigpen |        | 35                |         |      | 75                 | 118                     | 65               | 10                  |                        |                           |                           | 481.40           | 1,009.10            | 556.40           |
| East Sweetwater-Roy Duckett        |        | 6                 | 3       | 1    | 195                | 110                     | 45               |                     |                        | 144.00                    |                           |                  | 174.45              |                  |
| Fairview-Glenn Hall                |        | 9                 | 1       | 1    | 267                | 135                     |                  |                     |                        | 580.89                    |                           | 48.52            | 2,784.77            |                  |
| Faith-Thurman Pate                 |        | 4                 | 0       | 1    |                    | 94                      | 30               | 8                   | 15                     | 57.12                     |                           |                  | 1,966.45            |                  |
| Forest Grove-Doug Roberson         |        | 23                | 2       | 3    | 260                | 249                     | 71               | 39                  |                        | 240.00                    |                           | 500.00           | 4,000.00            |                  |
| Hillcrest-Carl White               |        | 19                | 2       | 0    | 336                | 175                     | 75               |                     | 15                     | 5,518.51                  |                           | 1,167.67         | 2,335.39            | 1,167.67         |
| Holston Hills-Wesley Bounds        |        | 2                 |         |      | 2                  | 48                      |                  |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Johnsons Chapel-Johnny Cash        |        | 2                 | 4       | 1    | 95                 | 40                      |                  |                     |                        | 400.00                    |                           | 60.00            | 532.49              |                  |
| Knoxville First-C. G. Mulkey       |        | 11                | 0       | 0    | 183                | 159                     |                  |                     |                        | 803.70                    |                           |                  | 891.17              |                  |
| Oak Ridge-Jim Dunlap               |        | 17                | 2       |      | 112                | 75                      | 35               | 16                  | 10                     |                           |                           |                  | 1,224.54            |                  |
| Sparta First-Carson Whiteaker      |        | 3                 | 2       | 4    | 111                | 224                     | 79               | 14                  |                        | 326.06                    |                           | 732.17           | 595.48              | 120.00           |
| Valley View-Steve Lawing           |        | 1                 | 7       | 3    | 152                | 78                      | 30               |                     |                        | 345.69                    | 207.73                    |                  | 239.38              | 230.02           |
| Wooddale-John Gibbs                |        | 6                 | 7       | 1    | 223                | 163                     | 60               | 20                  | 10                     | 360.00                    |                           |                  | 3,519.75            | 250.00           |
| Total                              |        | 167               | 42      | 18   | 2,189              | 1,821                   | 565              | 122                 | 35                     |                           | 207.73                    |                  |                     |                  |
| <b>Central Quarterly</b>           |        |                   |         |      |                    |                         |                  |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Bethany-E. E. Whetsel              |        |                   |         | 1    | 64                 | 50                      | 20               | 14                  |                        | 990.00                    | 60.00                     | 145.00           | 495.00              | 150.00           |
| Centerville-Joe Bible              |        | 15                |         | 1    | 141                | 142                     | 26               |                     |                        | 400.00                    |                           | 340.99           | 2,266.99            | 40.00            |
| Community-V. O. Price              |        |                   |         |      | 71                 | 77                      |                  | 11                  |                        | 25.00                     |                           | 90.96            | 35.97               |                  |
| Faith-Don Lamb                     |        | 9                 | 8       |      | 46                 | 67                      | 40               | 14                  |                        | 20.00                     |                           | 782.25           | 386.60              | 60.00            |
| Fall Branch-Dale Mitchell          |        | 1                 |         |      | 29                 | 29                      |                  |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  | 30.00               |                  |
| Fugate-Charles Davis               |        | 3                 | 14      | 3    | 86                 | 110                     |                  | 18                  |                        | 360.00                    |                           |                  | 1,841.00            |                  |
| Greene Ridge-Jesse Laws            |        |                   |         |      | 23                 | 51                      |                  | 18                  |                        |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Greenville First                   |        | 3                 | 1       |      | 81                 | 79                      | 30               | 23                  |                        | 422.55                    | 240.00                    | 730.00           | 415.00              |                  |
| Harris Memorial-Robert Morgan      |        | 6                 |         |      | 78                 | 100                     | 80               | 21                  | 19                     | 247.30                    | 618.46                    | 885.93           | 1,414.29            | 422.31           |
| Jackson Chapel-Van Johnson         |        | 2                 | 1       |      | 100                | 129                     | 55               |                     |                        | 400.00                    | 40.00                     | 120.00           | 578.00              |                  |
| Kingsley Ave.-James Kelley         |        | 2                 |         |      | 56                 | 77                      |                  | 12                  |                        | 120.00                    |                           | 120.00           |                     |                  |
| Liberty-Arthur Renfro              |        | 4                 | 1       | 3    | 267                | 250                     | 125              | 16                  |                        | 911.00                    | 84.00                     | 1,189.25         | 1,678.15            | 718.05           |
| Lick Creek Valley-Claude McCamey   |        |                   |         |      | 15                 | 50                      |                  |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  | 10.00               |                  |
| Limestone-Alfred Cutchall          |        |                   | 1       | 3    | 159                | 247                     |                  | 26                  |                        | 262.04                    | 140.00                    | 367.03           | 403.97              |                  |
| Lowes Chapel-Dennis Caldwell       |        | 3                 | 4       |      | 104                |                         |                  |                     |                        | 60.00                     | 18.00                     | 60.00            | 1,100.00            |                  |
| McMillan-T. R. Tison               |        | 7                 |         | 2    | 125                | 130                     |                  | 13                  |                        | 40.00                     | 48.00                     | 34.50            |                     |                  |
| New Bethel-Rubie Barnett           |        | 1                 |         |      | 108                | 78                      |                  |                     |                        | 100.00                    |                           | 60.00            | 280.00              |                  |
| New Home-James Munsey              |        | 2                 | 3       | 1    | 102                | 75                      |                  |                     |                        | 381.60                    | 36.00                     | 60.00            | 60.00               |                  |
| Newport First-W. H. Teague         |        | 13                | 3       | 1    | 241                | 252                     | 50               | 16                  | 15                     | 1,260.00                  | 251.80                    | 1,316.41         | 10,291.77           | 1,200.00         |
| Piney Grove-Jackie Seaton          |        |                   | 2       | 1    |                    |                         |                  |                     |                        | 49.59                     | 20.00                     | 400.00           |                     |                  |
| Shady Grove-Hal Kirk               |        |                   | 2       |      | 148                | 108                     |                  |                     |                        | 1,968.00                  | 135.00                    | 121.00           | 912.17              |                  |
| St. Joseph Chapel-Homer R. Smith   |        | 5                 |         | 3    | 184                | 107                     | 60               | 12                  |                        | 240.00                    | 120.00                    | 255.00           | 300.00              |                  |
| Union-A. R. McLean                 |        | 2                 | 4       |      | 57                 | 54                      |                  |                     |                        | 120.00                    |                           |                  | 25.00               |                  |
| White Pine-R. M. Lamb              |        | 10                | 2       |      | 114                | 113                     |                  |                     |                        | 130.00                    | 75.00                     | 60.00            | 175.00              |                  |
| Woods Memorial-Glenn Cannon        |        | 3                 |         |      | 16                 | 27                      |                  |                     |                        | 15.00                     |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Total                              |        | 89                | 46      | 19   | 2,311              | 2,506                   | 460              | 240                 | 34                     |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| <b>Eastern Quarterly</b>           |        |                   |         |      |                    |                         |                  |                     |                        |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Church Hill-M. C. Taylor           |        | 18                | 2       | 0    | 145                | 193                     | 45               | 25                  |                        |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Emberville, First-Burnie Bradley   |        | 14                | 0       |      | 78                 | 74                      |                  | 16                  |                        |                           |                           | 1,745.13         |                     |                  |
| Erwin, First-William Johnson       |        | 18                | 0       | 8    | 374                | 397                     | 56               | 15                  |                        | 600.00                    | 110.00                    | 935.00           | 1,966.04            | 942.79           |
| Faith-Ermine Butler                |        | 17                | 5       | 2    | 164                | 170                     | 48               | 20                  |                        | 30.00                     |                           |                  |                     |                  |
| Fellowship-Winston Sweeney         |        | 13                | 80      | 2    | 383                |                         |                  |                     |                        | 771.83                    | 110.00                    | 2,627.21         | 13,372.79           | 2,400.00         |
| Johnson City, First                |        | 11                | 7       | 2    | 679                | 231                     | 70               | 16                  | 15                     | 125.00                    | 1,343.16                  | 4,204.21         |                     |                  |
| Unicot-Winford French              |        | 8                 | 0       | 3    | 98                 | 85                      | 26               | 20                  |                        |                           | 42.50                     | 77.00            | 498.55              |                  |
| Total                              |        | 99                | 94      | 17   | 1,921              | 1,150                   | 245              | 112                 | 15                     |                           |                           |                  |                     |                  |

# STATISTICAL TABLE

|  | To Encumbrment | To Charity | On Building and Repairs | Running Expenses | Paid Evangelist | Paid Visiting Ministers | Paid Minister | Total Expenditure | Value of All Church Property | Value of Parsonage | Projects State & National | Superannuation | Cooperative Plan |
|--|----------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
|  | 356.11         | 2,500.00   | 1,052.96                |                  |                 | 92.51                   | 2,515.00      | 6,805.47          |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  | 163.10         | 202.20     | 2,372.02                |                  | 100.00          | 137.25                  | 2,600.00      | 7,091.10          | 42,300.00                    |                    | 100.00                    |                |                  |
|  | 256.81         | 14,474.88  | 4,844.38                |                  | 881.57          | 181.00                  | 10,393.00     | 34,025.06         |                              |                    |                           | 60.00          |                  |
|  | 4,712.44       | 6,208.38   | 2,760.50                |                  |                 | 255.01                  | 8,667.10      | 24,650.86         | 75,000.00                    |                    |                           | 60.00          |                  |
|  | 262.18         |            | 764.92                  |                  | 219.43          | 139.42                  | 350.74        | 1,776.69          | 10,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  | 147.22         | 1,241.01   | 2,058.33                |                  | 292.34          | 164.44                  | 2,090.94      | 25,000.00         |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 5,177.78                |                  | 106.40          |                         | 2,100.00      | 7,818.96          | 100,000.00                   |                    |                           | 300.00         |                  |
|  | 910.13         | 659.89     | 1,979.61                |                  | 158.97          | 50.00                   | 1,600.00      | 6,284.07          | 20,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  | 176.01         | 300.27     | 8,892.74                |                  | 536.25          |                         | 3,000.00      | 13,764.18         | 80,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  | 650.00         | 1,789.41   | 1,413.99                |                  |                 |                         | 2,363.93      | 35,000.00         |                              |                    |                           | 42.00          |                  |
|  |                | 1,667.83   | 567.63                  |                  | 216.64          | 5.00                    | 1,485.00      | 4,187.77          | 50,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  | 1,180.71       | 402.83     | 2,281.20                |                  |                 | 170.40                  | 3,144.83      | 8,029.01          | 40,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  | 227.00         | 1,800.00   | 937.50                  |                  |                 | 125.00                  | 3,075.00      | 6,566.38          | 39,000.00                    |                    |                           | 45.00          |                  |
|  | 250.00         | 11,128.67  | 1,994.98                |                  | 42.25           |                         | 3,350.00      | 18,086.40         | 60,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  | 153.00         | 66.80      | 478.43                  |                  | 54.77           |                         | 762.20        | 1,619.61          | 13,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 10,664.69  | 1,136.61                |                  |                 |                         | 1,530.00      | 15,857.47         | 45,000.00                    |                    | 209.57                    | 209.57         |                  |
|  |                | 30.00      | 530.55                  |                  |                 | 44.23                   | 665.20        | 1,768.14          | 10,000.00                    |                    |                           | 40.00          |                  |
|  |                |            |                         |                  |                 |                         |               |                   |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 526.20     | 120.14                  | 796.95           |                 |                         | 3,000.00      | 6,139.51          |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 2,354.16   | 2,775.39                |                  |                 | 366.19                  | 3,785.00      | 10,732.15         |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 6,788.21   | 3,718.25                |                  | 215.00          | 75.00                   | 6,835.89      | 20,720.00         | 80,000.00                    | 25,000.00          | 481.40                    |                |                  |
|  |                | 515.65     | 5,313.15                | 2,820.03         |                 | 601.53                  | 4,525.00      | 24,721.48         |                              |                    |                           | 405.86         |                  |
|  |                | 1,979.35   | 7,628.28                | 6,101.47         | 60.63           | 10.00                   | 6,406.00      | 27,032.08         | 125,000.00                   | 35,000.00          |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 11,265.00               | 2,425.00         |                 |                         | 7,800.00      | 24,007.39         |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 11,857.73               | 5,080.54         |                 | 400.00                  | 11,056.31     | 250,000.00        | 50,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 11,789.72               | 2,533.42         |                 | 335.00                  | 5,200.00      | 35,357.55         | 200,000.00                   |                    |                           | 700.00         |                  |
|  |                | 882.58     | 76.23                   | 2,463.30         |                 | 50.00                   | 2,882.72      | 6,743.95          | 50,000.00                    | 50,000.00          |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 150.00     | 224.62                  | 1,773.04         | 198.12          |                         | 1,510.00      | 5,095.47          | 20,000.00                    |                    |                           | 60.00          |                  |
|  |                | 18.04      | 3,554.82                | 5,830.13         | 673.00          |                         | 9,919.33      | 22,695.34         | 75,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 7,790.24                | 9,029.15         | 540.00          |                         | 8,750.00      | 30,379.00         | 60,000.00                    | 30,000.00          |                           |                | 209.10           |
|  |                |            | 8,292.61                | 4,621.47         | 1,091.00        | 70.00                   | 7,500.00      | 24,959.58         | 26,000.00                    | 20,000.00          |                           | 381.06         | 3,045.07         |
|  |                |            |                         | 4,941.93         | 238.00          |                         | 7,550.00      | 14,463.99         | 40,000.00                    | 12,000.00          |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 5,267.02                | 11,726.61        |                 | 420.00                  | 8,971.00      | 32,914.89         | 90,000.00                    |                    | 481.40                    |                | 2,400.51         |
|  |                |            |                         |                  |                 |                         |               |                   |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 575.52                  | 1,745.96         | 1,286.10        |                         | 1,280.69      | 7,681.06          | 30,000.00                    |                    |                           | 165.00         |                  |
|  |                | 1,899.80   | 446.76                  | 2,491.77         | 890.06          | 130.62                  | 7,590.00      | 16,745.11         | 33,150.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 454.17     | 1,649.62                | 4,312.50         | 325.00          | 10.00                   | 4,127.50      | 11,435.21         | 50,000.00                    | 6,000.00           |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 20.00      | 2,155.83                | 2,166.27         | 450.61          | 90.00                   | 11,837.00     | 18,715.20         |                              |                    | 85.65                     | 76.55          |                  |
|  |                | 80.05      | 8,380.12                | 1,397.77         | 455.05          | 250.00                  | 462.86        | 11,264.29         |                              |                    | 100.00                    |                |                  |
|  |                | 1,977.91   | 11,052.91               | 4,957.77         | 710.14          |                         | 6,145.00      | 28,018.09         |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 908.29     | 4,037.30                | 916.80           |                 | 220.25                  | 547.75        | 7,077.94          | 20,000.00                    |                    |                           | 81.45          |                  |
|  |                | 924.63     | 1,969.38                | 6,784.88         |                 | 94.34                   | 7,540.00      | 19,180.78         | 60,000.00                    | 27,500.00          |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 292.63     | 6,742.56                | 2,973.42         | 559.68          | 185.00                  | 6,687.20      | 24,886.78         | 60,000.00                    | 15,000.00          | 160.00                    | 76.88          | 2,077.42         |
|  |                | 1,124.56   | 182.70                  | 2,117.23         | 129.82          | 156.69                  | 5,921.57      | 11,069.89         | 50,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 1,583.90   | 1,123.69                | 2,997.42         | 175.00          | 100.00                  | 7,300.00      | 13,520.01         | 150,000.00                   |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 7,700.65   | 1,711.61                | 8,691.41         | 278.00          | 345.00                  | 9,379.20      | 33,899.01         | 50,000.00                    | 30,000.00          |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 188.21     | 2,652.46                | 1,200.81         |                 | 162.71                  | 1,598.32      |                   |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 1,376.66   | 17,769.75               | 4,799.94         | 110.00          | 10.00                   | 8,575.00      | 34,358.47         |                              |                    |                           | 50.00          |                  |
|  |                | 200.00     | 4,906.89                | 5,167.44         |                 | 915.00                  | 3,000.00      | 16,388.00         |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 1,288.16                | 2,938.78         | 300.34          | 431.75                  | 4,815.00      | 10,154.72         | 20,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 838.02     | 755.16                  | 1,810.08         |                 | 160.00                  | 3,600.00      | 8,135.94          | 30,000.00                    |                    |                           |                | 80.00            |
|  |                |            |                         |                  |                 |                         |               |                   |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 1,100.77   | 2,427.82                | 16,459.52        | 1,326.00        | 698.10                  | 8,580.00      | 46,145.86         |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 764.69     | 1,191.10                | 2,189.69         | 195.00          |                         | 3,817.57      |                   |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 2,137.77   |                         | 3,191.52         | 651.26          |                         | 9,700.00      | 20,145.87         | 80,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 1,078.04                | 9,729.62         | 1,244.52        | 272.75                  | 9,815.00      | 23,615.84         | 50,000.00                    | 20,000.00          |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 311.00     | 2,965.88                | 927.03           | 153.15          |                         | 2,304.60      | 6,917.24          | 20,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 951.66     | 4,948.86                | 2,953.68         | 299.72          | 300.00                  | 5,600.00      | 16,106.31         | 50,000.00                    |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 50.00      |                         | 509.16           | 324.75          | 152.56                  | 1,496.50      | 35,000.00         |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            |                         |                  |                 |                         |               |                   |                              |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 8,484.90                | 10,179.40        |                 |                         | 10,800.00     | 37,705.55         | 200,000.00                   |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 315.00     | 350.00                  | 110.00           | 280.00          | 40.00                   |               | 3,390.13          | 45,000.00                    |                    | 30.00                     |                |                  |
|  |                | 2,311.15   | 24,509.89               | 24,206.49        | 846.58          |                         | 8,944.00      | 68,588.60         | 278,000.00                   |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 1,157.22   | 8,581.30                | 8,324.38         | 300.00          |                         | 3,370.00      | 22,654.96         | 150,000.00                   |                    |                           |                |                  |
|  |                | 835.10     | 6,169.92                | 20,575.12        | 2,662.60        |                         | 12,010.00     | 61,063.55         |                              |                    | 396.32                    |                |                  |
|  |                |            | 16,316.57               | 11,803.45        | 575.00          | 200.00                  | 10,393.76     | 52,608.13         | 150,000.00                   | 21,000.00          |                           |                | 3,355.63         |
|  |                | 821.82     | 1,700.66                | 6,039.79         | 425.00          | 95.00                   | 7,150.00      | 17,763.56         | 61,250.00                    | 25,000.00          |                           |                |                  |

## Report of the Central Quarterly Meeting

We have granted license to Lee Roy Hurst and Terry M. Arwood.

We have renewed the license of Roy Dean Mysinger, Lynn Neas, Steve Reynolds, Terry Dean Crisp, Carol J. Floyd, Randall Reece, Dennis Caldwell, R. B. Worex, Charles Ricker.

We recommend Rev. Fred Gregg pastor of Gregg's Chapel F.W.B. Church to the Ordaining Council for exchange of credentials.

We have dropped from the roll, Carl Ourhouse, and Erwin Tipton.

Missed reporting for 4 consecutive Quarterly Meeting: Jay Carter.

Rev. Alfred Cutshall

Rev. James J. Kelley

Rev. Glenn Cannon

## Report of the Eastern Quarterly Meeting

At the April meeting Rev. Sherman Grace was transferred to the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

You have in your report that Tommy Maines was a visitor. I don't know whether he is to be recommended for exchange of license or not. I don't think he joined the Eastern this time. It is not in the minutes if he did.

Thurman Lee Sullivan, Route 1, Box 253, UNICOI, Tenn. 37692. No church recommended for exchange of license from the Jack's Creek Association.

Unicoi F.W.B. Church was recieved into the Eastern Quarterly Meeting from the Jack's Creek Association at the Oct. meeting 1977.

Winford French was received into Eastern Quarterly Meeting in Oct. 1977 coming from the Central Quarterly Meeting. (He is already a member of the Union Association).

I hope this will help you with your report.

Jewell Dunbar

I request letter of recommendation, so as I can join another Association, I will be pastoring East Dayton F.W.B. Church beginning August 6, 1978. My address will be 2537 Zink Road, Fairborn, Ohio 45324. Of course, I don't know what Association I will be going with, but I will need to get set up before your next year meeting.

Your Brother in Christ,

Rev. Carl Steele

Also at our last meeting it was recommended that Rev. Sam Nichols be ordained, he is presently in process of trying to get a church.

Also Rev. Tom Maines has joined the Eastern Quarterly Meeting and is recommended to be given Union Association ordination papers.

Your Examining Chairman,

Rev. Carl Steele

Rev. Burnie Bradley

Rev. Roscoe Higgins

## Report of the Northern Quarterly Meeting

We have examined the following and recommend him to the Ordaining Council for ordination: Rev. James Manis.

The licenses were renewed for Rev. Jerry Hughes and Rev. Ricky Light.

Rev. Doyle Collier is recommended to the Minister's Conference of the Union Association for exchange of credentials.

Rev. Harvey Lane welcomed into the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

We received the credentials of Rev. Wallace Fletcher and Rev. Jerry Dykes and forwarded them to the Ordaining Council.

Rev. John Bowery

Rev. James Byford

Rev. Billy Gragg

## Western Quarterly Meeting Report

We, the Licensing Committee, of the Western Quarterly Meeting met at Sparta F.W.B. on 8-5-78 and conducted the following work.

1. Renewed the license of Billy Joe Cansler for one year.

2. Recommended for ordination David Wilson and Jim Woods.

3. Recommended credential changes for Jonathan Thigpen, Roy Duckett, and Steve Lawing.

We also submit to, the best of our knowledge, the lists of those brothers in good standing and those out of good standing as directed by the council to the Union Association.

We, throughout the year, reissued license to Marty Sheldon, Herbert Simpson, Wilbur Clairborne, Bob Likens.

We lost by the way of death, Rev. David Bright, a great man of God who resided in Loudon Country in Tenn.

Glenn Hall—Clerk

Glen Mulkey

Horton Davis

Doug Roberson

Brother Mulkey honored Rev. E. M. French, Rev. J. D. Bright, and Rev. Glen Morelock who have died in the past year. Ministers who have not turned in their ministers reports were asked to do so.

The Ministers Conference was recessed until the Wednesday meeting.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

### Ministers Conference

The meeting opened by the President, Brother Glen Mulkey.

Devotions given by Brother Winford French. Subject "A Fixed Heart" Psalm 108:1-6.

Brother Rodney Bailey, Brother Harry Mintz, Brother Author Renfro, and Rev. Benny H. Turner, be given a letter in good standing to the appropriate association.

Appointment of two committees: Nominating Committee and Appreciation Committee. Nominating Committee—Winford French, Howard Munsey, and Brother Wiley Vaughn. Resolutions Committee—Dale Mitchel, Herman Christian, and Ralph Staten.

The Ministers Conference was declared in recess at 4:10 p.m. until Thursday afternoon.

### Thursday Afternoon

Ministers Meeting—Brother Glenn Mulkey opened the sessions and introduced the Devotional speaker, Rev. Tom Hall who spoke on "Mystery of Godliness"—1 Timothy 3:9-15.

The president called for the Ordaining Council Report.

Ordaining Council report was read and accepted.

### FINAL REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

August 17, 1978

The Council met Wed., Aug. 17, 1978 to finish its business.

Discussion concerning the status of Jonathan Thigpen followed. Reason for his not meeting the council Monday, he is very sick and made two calls to Camp to verify such. The nature of his letter from the Cumberland Association stipulates that with the sending of the letter that his name is then released from their roll. Therefore, at the present time he is not a member of any Annual Association. After weighing all the pertinent facts of the situation and seeking a solution, we the Ordaining Council, recommend to this Ministers Conference that Bro. Thigpen be granted credentials subject to the approval of this body and his meeting with the council at a subsequent date mutually acceptable to himself and the council.

We have examined and passed on the following and recommend them to the conference for:

#### ORDINATION:

James Manis  
Samuel Nickles  
David Wilson

#### FOR EXCHANGE OF CREDENTIALS:

Doyle Collier  
Roy Duckett  
Steve Lawing  
Tommy Maines  
Jonathan Thigpen

#### FOR TRANSFER OF CREDENTIALS:

Fred Gregg

Chairman: Howard Munsey  
Sec. Thurman Pate  
Members: Guy Foster  
Van Johnson  
Clarence Phillips

The president recognized Bro. Winford French with the report of the Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee Report

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| President .....           | Rev. Ray Neas         |
| Vice-President .....      | Rev. Winston Sweeney  |
| Secretary .....           | Rev. Chester Phillips |
| Assistant Secretary ..... | Rev. Winford French   |
| Ordaining Council .....   | Rev. Carson Whiteaker |

Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept this report as read, item by item. All nominees were elected.

Resolutions Committee Report-none

There was no unfinished business to be discussed. The motion was made by Bro. Winford French to adjourn. Motion was passed.

Thursday Night

Rev. Glen Mulkey president of the Ministers Conference, opened the Thursday Night Ordination Service with a welcome to those who were present. Bro. I. L. Stanley led in a song service prior to the message. Sister Brenda French sang for the special music a medley of "Learning To Lean—That's Just Like Jesus." Sister French was assisted on the piano by her daughter, Carlene. Every heart was touched by Mrs. French's singing.

Rev. Clarence Phillips introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Bill Johnson, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Erwin, Tenn. Bro. Johnson delivered the Ordaining message from I Kings 4:9. His topic was "Holy Man of God." Bro. Johnson used as his message emphasis, Saved, Sure, Stedfast, Steward, Separated, Shepherd. A message to be remembered by everyone.

Rev. Pate introduced the candidates for ordination and candidates for exchange of credentials.

Rev. Howard Munsey gave the change to the candidates for this service.

Bro. Howard Munsey called for the ordination prayer. As the candidates and their wives knelt in prayer, the members of the ordaining council gathered around and laid hands on them.

A motion was then made, seconded, and carried that we accept there candidates into full fellowship with the conference.

A closing prayer was prayed ending the ministers conference of 1978.

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## CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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**PREAMBLE:** The Union Free Will Baptist Association is organized to consolidate the efforts and promote the interests of the different churches composing the various quarterly meetings of which the association is composed; to harmonize the work; to unify the sentiment of 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.

### 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 quarterly meetings now constituting the association, and such other quarterly meetings as may be admitted from time to time. Each Sunday School Convention, League Convention, and Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall be represented by five members each from each Quarterly Meeting Convention and until such time as any of these quarterly meetings not having a quarterly meeting organization, they shall be allowed one member from each local organization.

Each quarterly meeting holding membership in the association shall furnish 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 every 20 members or fraction thereof. Any church shall have the privilege of sending an alternate to replace a delegate who cannot attend, but such a delegate must be certified by the local church 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 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, an executive secretary, and treasurer (which may be combined), 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—GENERAL BOARD**

### **SECTION I—Membership**

The General Board shall be composed of seven members, two shall be the moderator of the association and the secretary, who are ex-officio members, one member from each of the quarterly meetings and one member at large.

### **SECTION II—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 III—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. No meeting of the general board shall be allowed to transact business unless a majority of the 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 10 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 at the next session of the association.

### **SECTION IV—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 as 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 committees 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 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 notified at least 20 days before the date set for the meeting. Twenty-five delegates from at least three of the 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 the Constitution and By-laws are obeyed and respected, that all discussions are carried on in a Christian spirit, and he shall 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 not speak at any time except by way of explanation while presiding.

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. Expenses of such printing and distribution to be defrayed by the treasury of the association.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and disburse all such monies as may come into the association and to do this at the discretion of the association.

## 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.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

#### AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE:

The General Board shall be composed of seven members: Three of the members will be the Moderator, the secretary, and the Promotional Secretary, who are ex-officio members; four members shall be a representative from each of the four quarterly meetings.

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**BY-LAWS**  
**OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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1. A portion of the scripture shall be read and prayer 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. All qualified voters shall 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 present 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, Robert's 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 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 Moderator," 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 two minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the chair except when the time limit

has been set for a longer period by the program committee.

14. This body shall have the right 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.

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## **CONSTITUTION OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

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**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 safeguard the integrity of its members that the churches of the association may have the best possible type of pastors and evangelists that it is our ability to produce.

### **ARTICLE I—NAME**

This shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist 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, qualifications, 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, and 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 shall consist of five members, each to hold office for a term of five years, one to be elected each year in order of expiration of term. He is to be nominated and elected by a majority 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 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

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 the case of a tie but may not vote at any other time unless the chair is filled by 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 recommendations for acceptance or rejection. A rejection by the council shall be final and need not be voted upon by the conference. It shall examine, recommend, and publicly ordain all candidates who have met the requirements of the law and to provide proper credentials for all ministers 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, or a candidate marrying a divorcee, shall in no case be granted a license or receive the sacred rites of ordination. Any minister having divorced his wife marrying another, shall have his credentials recalled and be silenced from preaching as a Free Will Baptist.

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 licentees must be required to take a one-year 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 per cent 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.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

### AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE:

1. The licensing councils of the quarterly meetings shall have power to

examine and license candidates for the ministry. These, after holding license for a period of two years or more and having met all of the requirements of the conference, may be recommended to the annual conference for ordination.

2. The ordaining council of the annual meeting shall have power to examine all candidates recommended by said quarterly meetings and upon approval, shall publicly ordain such candidates in the said annual meetings.

3. Ministers of other denominations desiring membership among us, must have the approval of both the local quarterly meeting council and the annual ordaining council before being eligible for full membership in the annual meeting.

#### **AMENDMENT NUMBER TWO:**

Resolved that, paragraph 7 of article 6 of our constitution be amended to read, "A candidate seeking a license to preach must have been a regular member of the church recommending him for a license for a period of at least one year before he may receive a license." August 17, 1961.

#### **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 devotion of the association may become the devotion of the conference.

2. The president or the 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 twelve 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 dropped from the rolls and 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 refuses 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 ammended in the same way as those of the association.

