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Union
Free Will
Baptist
Association

August
12,13,14 1997

meeting with
Roan St.FW BC
Elizabethton, Tn.

Richard Holt
Moderator

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Larry Laughlin
Clerk

Roster of Officials

1996-1997

Moderator Rev. Richard Holt
Assistant Moderator Rev. Robert Hobbs
Clerk/Promo Secy Rev. Larry Laughlin
Assistant Clerk Rev. Carl Callahan
Assistant Promo Dr. Roy Lee Lester
Treasurer Rev. Thurman Pate

General Board

Dr. Burnie Bradley 1997 EQM
Rev. Teddy Webb 1998 NQM
Rev. Terry Mosley 1999 WQM
Rev. Alfred Cutshall 2000 EQM
Rev. Gerald Fender Rev. Doug King

Home Missions Board

Rev. Norman Heath 1997 WQM
Rev. Randy Tipton 1998 EQM
Rev. Robert Parker 1999 NQM
Rev. Robert Powers 2000 EQM Chairman

Camp Board Representative

Dr. Joe Wallis 1999 EQM

We Appreciate Brother Holt serving as Moderator the past year. And Bro. Bradley for his Many years on the General Board

Tuesday Night

We had a very good crowd turn out for our Tuesday Evening Prayer Service. Bro Dotson Led us in some good congregational singing and the Roan St. Choir provided stirring music. We heard two excellent messages from Bro. Raymond Perry and Bro. Brian Capps. There was a very good spirit among us. This made for a good start for the 125th Annual Session.

Wednesday August 13,1997

Bro. Chris Dotson started us off with a song and Rev. C. Glen Mulkey led us in devotions from Romans 12:1-16. We had 4 delegates, 3 deacons, 40 ministers and 9 visitors present for the opening session.

Moderator Holt called the 126th Annual Session to order. Bro. Holt then seated the delegates, deacons, and ministers as the voting body. MSC to seat the visitors as advisory council. There was a MSC for the Moderator to deviate from the program as he deems necessary. The Moderator appointed Rev. Carl Callahan as Parliamentarian. The Committee on Committees were Rev. Larry Arrowood, Rev. Thurman Pate, and Rev. Robert Powers. We were then dismissed until the noon hour.

After a wonderful message by Dr. Charles Thigpen, we were called back into session by Moderator Richard Holt at 11:50 a.m.. Rev. Larry Arrowood gave the Committee on Committees Report. (see Digest of Reports) We were then recessed until Thursday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m..

Thursday August 14 1997

- 9:00 Brother Chreis Dotson led the congregation in singing no. 681 "the Eastern Gate".
- 9:05 Assistant Moderator Robert Hobbs called the Thursday Morning Session of the Union FreeWill Baptist Association (UFWBA) to order.
Bro. Carl Callahan gave the morning devotion on "strengthen the brethern" then led us in prayer.
- 9:15 Bro. Hobbs recognized a representative from each Q.M.. The Following gave greetings
C.Q.M. Rev. Richard Holt moderator
E.Q.M. Rev. Robert Powers Chmn Lic. Council
N.Q.M. Rev. Billy Gragg Chmn Lic. Council
W.Q.M. Rev. Gerald Fender
Tn. Promotional Director Dr. Charles Thigpen gave us greetings.
Bro. Marty Ricker gave the youth camp report (see Digest of Reports) MSC to Adopt.
- 9:50 Bro. Chris led us in No. 514 "I want to be a worker"
Bro. Holt brought the Moderator's message from II Timothy 3:1 on "Dangerous Times".
Bro. Chris Dotson led us in No. 503 "Where He Leads Me".
- 10:15 Rev. Jack Taylor and Rev. Kevin Trimble gave the report of FWB Family Ministries. MSC to receive as information.
Rev. Gerald Fender gave a Home Missions Report. MSC to receive as information.
Rev. Carl Callahan gave a Walk-a-thon Report. MSC to receive as information.
Dr. Thigpen gave a FWB Bible College report. MSC to receive as information.
Bro. Chris Dotson led us in "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" as we took an offering for FWBFM.

Rev. Doug King led the offertory prayer. The offering was \$

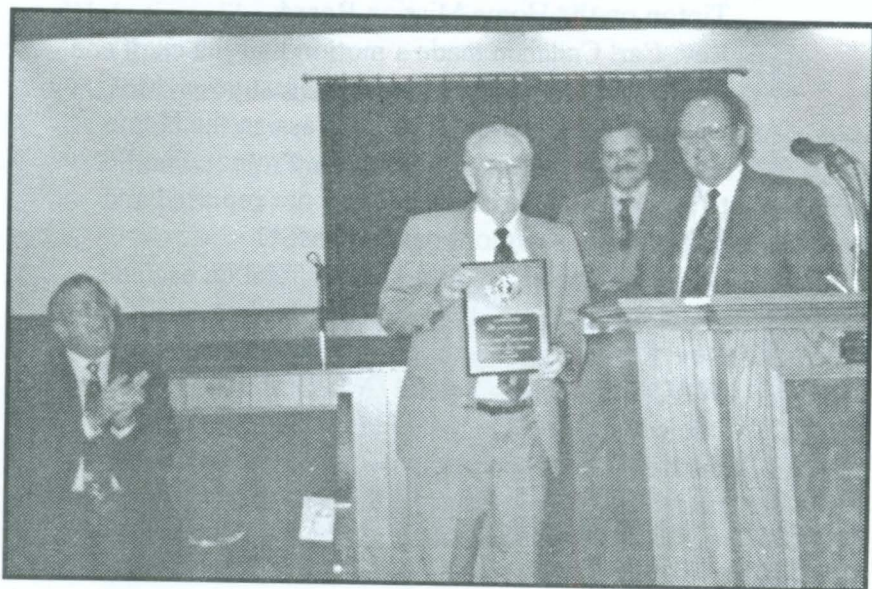
10:50 Rev. Larry Laughlin gave the Statician's Report, General Board Report, and Promotional Secretary's Report. MSC to adopt each report as read, see Digest of Reports.

Rev. Thurman Pate gave the UFWBA Treasurer's Report. MSC to adopt, (see Digest of Reports.)

Sis. Earnestine Lester gave the UWAC Report.

MSC to adopt, (see Digest of Reports. }

11:15 Bro. Chris Dotson led us in No. 473 "Just A Closer Walk With Thee" just before Bro. Thurman Pate came to bring our morning message on "Pleasing the Lord". After a wonderful message, Bro. Dotson led us in a hymn of invitation "Search Me O Lord". Bro. Hobbs then recognized Rev. Laughlin who asked Rev. Holt and Rev. Fender to come to the podium. They then presented Bro. Pate a plaque for 60 years active in the ministry. MSC to recess until 2:00p.m. Dismissed in prayer by Gerald Fender.



2:00 Bro. Chris led us in "Trust and Obey". Moderator Holt called the 125th Annual Union Association back to order. Bro. Thurman Sullivan brought our afternoon devotion from I John 4:4-5. He led us in prayer.

Bro. Holt recognized the following people to give reports of the various committees. These reports can be found in the Digest of Reports. All Reports received an MSC to be adopted as read.

Rev. Robert Parker — Appreciation Committee

Bro. Lynn Neas — Resolution Committee

Bro. Norman Heath — Prayer Requests Committee

Bro. Larry Laughlin — Memorial Committee

Sis. Mila Laughlin — Registration Committee

Bro. Larry Arrowood — Nominating Committee

We then elected 5 delegates to the State Association Meeting. They are: Bro. Gale Edson, Sis. Cindy Walker, Sis. Arlene Farley, Sis. Helen Lusk, Sis. Edna Dyer. With alternates: Sis. Betty Hall and Sis. Mildred Garland.

MSC that Rev. Jimmy Tolbert replace Rev. Randy Tipton on the Home Mission Board.

Rev. Carl Callahan made a motion that the clerk and treasurer's fee remain the same as last year. MSC

Bro. Laughlin made a motion to assign the Home Mission Board (working with the Promotional Sec.) to work with churches that have not reported and help churches without pastors. MSC

MSC that the Moderator and host church each be given \$100.00.

Rev. Roger Boone spoke about the Ministers' Conf. WAC, and Sunday School Convention helping bear the cost of printing the minutes. Bro. Callahan reminded us that each of these had done this in the past. Bro. Fender said the Ministers' Conference

would address this matter during the Ordination Service for their part. MSC to adjourn the 125th Annual Session. The 126th Annual Session will meet with the Midfield Free Will Baptist Church, Kingsport, TN. August 11, 12, 13, 1998.

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Doug King.

Moderator's Message

Perilous Times II Tim. 3:1

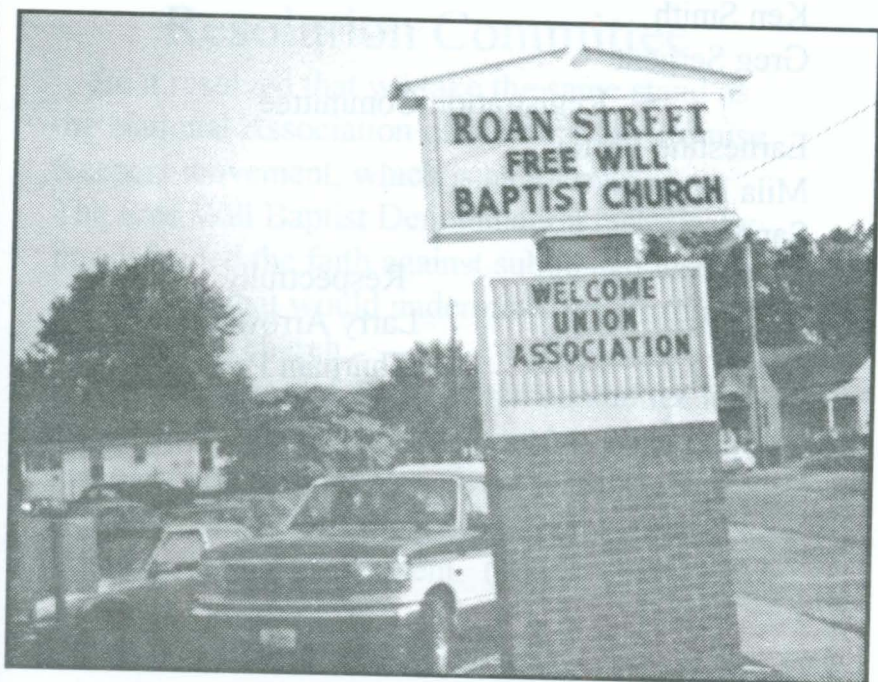
In the Word perilous means dangerous.

1. Dangerous because the truth is fallen (Is. 59:14)
2. Dangerous because the love of many is waxed cold. (Mt. 24:12)
3. Dangerous because it is the last days
 - A: Scoffers shall come in the times, Satan and all the powers of hell shall come against the soul of man, blinding their minds as angels of light.
- I. In times like these there must be solid, grounded in faith. (IICor. 13:5)
- II. In times like these be sure of many things. (Phil. 3:2)
- III. In times like these we must be steadfast. (Eph. 6:13-14)
- IV. In times like these we must not be deceived (Gal. 6:7)
- V. In times like these we must be ready to go home (Mt. 24:44)





Digest of Reports



Committee on Committees

Appreciation Committee

Edwin Y. Bailey

Alfred Cutshall

Robert Parker

Resolution Committee

Lynn Neas

Billy Gragg

Jim Cox

Prayer Request Committee

Norman Heath

Wayne Waycaster

Randy Howell

Memorial Committee

Larry Laughlin

Ken Smith

Greg Sergeant

Registration Committee

Earnestine Lester

Mila Laughlin

Sandy Gragg

Respectfully,
Larry Arrowood
Thurman Pate
Robert Powers

Appreciation Committee

We appreciate the men and women of the Union Free Will Baptist Association who faithfully do the wonderful work of God.

We appreciate the fine uplifting and encouraging messages from the Word of God that we have heard during this 125th Annual Associational Meeting.

We especially appreciate Bro. Jackie Cole and the ladies of Roan Street FWBC for the excellent lunch they served Wednesday.

We appreciate the music and musicians for ministering to us and blessing our hearts with the songs of Zion.

Resolution Committee

Be it resolved that we take the same stand as the National Association concerning the Promise Keepers movement, which is as follows:

The Free Will Baptist Denomination historically has defended the faith against subtle and insidious movements that would undermine the Word of God and His church.

“ In recognition of the work the committee has done and in light of the study that has been done this past year and a report given by the Commission for Theological Integrity concerning the Promise Keepers movement, (cont'd next page)

and whereas, their report is not in favor of endorsing nor embracing the Promise Keepers movement, I move that the National Association of FWB go on record at this Annual Session as being opposed to the Promise Keepers movement, and that we encourage member churches and pastors to avoid contact and involvement with the movement, and that the National Association of FWB direct all National Departments and their directors and personnel to adhere to this motion and that no department director or personnel will promote the Promise Keepers movement in any way, and that the National Association of FWB take this action as an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to earnestly contend for the truth through sound, Biblical preaching, Holy living, and continued ecclesiastical separation from false doctrines and movements.”

Prayer Request Committee

We request special prayer on behalf of the following: the families of Rev. Charles Davis and Rev. Glen Cannon; Diane Boone; Danny Laws; Matt Laws; Steve Benton; Adina Bowman; Rev. Roy Lee Lester (is going deaf); Margarita Powers (possible major surgery); Pauline Tipton; Ivery Padgett; Rachel Munsey (kidney transplant and liver disease); Rev. Teddy Webb (high blood pressure); Dr. Burnie Bradley; Jake Aquino;

Jill Mosley (12 yr. old girl - ear surgery); Linda Key (cancer); Terry Seaton (cancer); Bill Malone (lost); Cynthia Roberts; Elizabeth Kelly (brain); FWB Bible College.

Memorial Committee

CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING

Bethany	Eunive Derrick Nova S. White
Bridgeport	Zollie Rains Earl Renner
Community Chapel Fugate	Amy Kerr Dorothy L. Sawyer Rev. Charles Davis
Harris Memorial Jackson Chapel	Francis Smith Henry Lane Mable Banks Henry Hill Herbert Arwood Carson Jones
Kingsley Avenue Liberty	Rev. Glen Cannon Mayme Dunbar Ivan Burgess
Limestone	Hestal Estep Eva Harrison
New Home	Junior Seay Utella Turner
Newport	Charles Woodson

Red Hill

St. Joseph Chapel

Shady Grove
Union

White Pine

EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Erwin First

Fellowship

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NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Cedar Chapel

Melva Payne
Reva Rigsby
Kermit Blankenship
Dane Livingston
Kenneth Tollener
Sue Long
Omer Malone
Raymond Gibson
Virginia Taylor
Harley Waites
Fred Sinard
Helen Sinard
Lexie Collins
George Bickel

Gentry M. Scott
Lucy Gouge
Raymond Arwood
Dolly Furchess
Martha Lamie
Elizabeth H. Rice
Harley Gilreath
Hugh Hicks
Allie Powers
Ferise Wilcox
Jess Davis
Mildred Harris
Irene McClure

Chimney Top	Denzil Baxter
	Maxie Charlton
	Elva R. Poore
Christians Bend	Demas Christian
Doran Addition	Evelyn Powers
	Eddie Owens
Eastern Star	Gaines Childress
	George Swift
Goshen Valley	Kyle Dye
	James Kincheloe
Grassy Creek	Katherine Phipps
	Mary Ward
Gray	Norman Hale
	Jimmy Jenkins
	Gene Cantrell
Midfield	Lottie White
	William Dishner, Sr.
	Kermel Miller
	Ruth Baker
Mount Carmel	Jake Smith
	Elsie Duncan
	Clara Morelock
	Kermit Light
	Deloris Dykes
Phipps Bend	Sue Dobbs
Pine Grove	Orland Hartman
	Hugh J. Smith
Pine View	Luther Kanipe
	Roy Overbay

Van Hill	Edna G. Tunnell
	Clydie L. Mooney

WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Fairview	Elizabeth Maples
Forest Grove	Lucille Murphy
Johnsons Chapel	Marie Hamilton
	Elic Hamic
Knoxville First	Raymond Evans
	Patsy Jinks
	Taylor Watson
Oak Ridge First	Lonnie Hall

Registration Committee

Ministers	52
Deacons	5
Home Missionary	1
State Officers	1
Delegates	8
Visitors	82
Total	149

Nominating Committee

Moderator	Robert Hobbs
Assistant Moderator	Ronnie Adkins
Assistant Clerk	Carl Callahan
Assistant Promotional Secretary	Roy Lee Lester
General Board (2001)	Thurman Sullivan
Home Missions Board (2001)	Norman Heath
(1998)	Jimmie Tolliver

Statistical Report

	CQM	EQM	NQM	WQM	TOTAL
# Churches	40	9	18	12	79
# Reporting	36	6	18	12	72
Ttl Membership	3665	990	1636	1064	7355
+ Membership	153	36	111	71	371
Dropped	48	2	25	36	111
Passed Away	41	9	31	9	90
Pastors:					
Full Time	19	6	8	7	40
Part Time	16	0	9	5	30
No Pastor	1		1		2
# Parsonages					29
City Churches					22
Rural Churches					50
Ordained Ministers					122
Licensed Ministers					38
Deacons					212
Delegates					9
Daycare					1
Total Value Church Property				\$11,945,050.00	
Associational Offerings:					
FWBFM				\$ 55,892.00	
Summer Camp				3,000.00	
Foreign Missions				223,633.00	
Home Missions				74,025.00	
Bible College				24,094.00	
State & National Projects				18,910.00	
Paid Pastors				764,825.00	

General Board Report

Aug. 15, 1996: The General Board for a short organizational meeting and set the date for the January board Meeting, Jan. 21, 1997 at 10:00am at Peace FWBC. Richard Holt, Doug King, Thurman Pate, Gerald Fender, Burnie Bradley, Alfred Cutshall, Larry Laughlin present.

Jan. 21, 1997, 10:00am: The General Board met at Peace FWBC. The session was called to order by Moderator Richard Holt. Scripture and prayer by Dr. Burnie Bradley from Psalms 104. MSC to use same format as last year. MSC to keep program as is and not add another service as some had suggested. MSC to leave all music up to Chris Dotson. MSC to retain Bro. Marty Ricker as Camp Director for 1997. MSC for Bro. Holt and Bro. Cutshall to work with Bro. Ricker in an advisory position. The program was set with Tuesday pm Jamboree Service (three preachers). Wednesday am, Charles Thigpen. Minister's Seminar, Dr. Joe Wallis. Wednesday pm, Keith Kennemer. Thursday am, Thurman Pate. Thursday pm, Jimmy Lowe, with Thurman Sullivan giving the Charge. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer Bro. Cutshall. Richard Holt, Gerald Fender, Doug King, Teddy Webb, Alfred Cutshall, Burnie Bradley, Thurman Pate, and Larry Laughlin were present for the meeting.

Promotional Secretary

I was priviledged to attend 15 QMs this past year in the Union Association and 1 QM in a sister association representing Walk-a-Thon. One was called off due to snow. We have tried to promote all the National Departments this past year. We have seen several poundings taken for FWBFM. The WQM has the Fall Pounding, the NQM has the Winter Pounding, the EQM has the Spring Pounding, and the CQM has the Summer Pounding. The State Meeting will be in Cookeville this November 10,11,12. Rev. Winston Sweeney and Rev. Doyle Pruitt will be preaching this year. We urge each pastor to push the Walk-a-thon, the people will only get as involved as the pastor encourages them to. We can make and break our GOAL, if everyone tries. We ask each Quarterly Meeting, church, pastor, and member to support the Tennessee State Work, in financial support and prayer. It is imperative our churches send in an Annual Report, and that these reports be filled out fully and sent in on time. If a church does not report they have: no voice to vote, cannot serve on committees, nor take part in any part of the Business Meeting. Also this will affect your tax exempt status.

Camp Report

Date	Num	Description	Amount
BALANCE 12/31/96			0.00
1/1/97		Opening Balance	[Union Camp] 240.74
2/4/97	149	The Oaks	Deposit -225.00
4/15/97		Anonymous Contribution	500.00
6/7/97	152	Sams	Card Fee -27.13
6/7/97	153	Sams	Groceries -496.65
6/7/97	154	Wal-Mart	Supplies -7.97
6/7/97	155	Food City	Groceries -13.76
6/9/97	157	Castco's Market	Produce -6.08
6/9/97	158	Dixie's	Misc -7.58
6/10/97		Deposit	Registration Fee 1,127.00
6/10/97	159	EZ Rentals	TV VCR Rental -29.66
6/13/97	160	Debbie Shelton	Cook Payment -225.00
6/13/97	161	David Aycock	Missions Class -75.00
6/13/97	162	Lori Shelton	Counselor -50.00
6/13/97	164	Jonathan Bailey	Counselor -50.00
6/13/97	165	Kevin Hensley	Counselor -50.00
6/15/97	166	Deanos Too	Pizza Party -59.68
6/19/97	167	Debbie Shelton	Cook Payment -225.00
6/19/97	168	Wesley Wallis	Jr. Evangelist -125.00
6/19/97	169	VOID!!!!	0.00
6/19/97	170	VOID!!!!	0.00
6/19/97	171	The Oaks	Deposit -2,092.00
6/21/97		Deposit	Jr Registration 2,527.00
TOTAL 1/1/97 - 8/7/97			629.23
BALANCE 8/7/97			629.23
TOTAL INFLOWS			4,394.74
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			-3,765.51
NET TOTAL			629.23

Junior Week saw 17 girl campers from 6 churches and 14 boy campers from 7 churches. Workers for Junior Week were Candice Fletcher, Kevin Hensley, Jill Howard, Jackie Shanks, David Spence, and Kathy Spence.

Senior Week saw 8 girl campers from 4 churches and 13 boy campers from 7 churches. Workers for Senior Week were Jonathan Bailey, Monica Dixon, Kevin Hensley, and Lori Shelton.

Of the 52 campers, around 40 came to the altar sometime during the 2 weeks.



Treasurer's Report



UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

THURMAN DATE 6605 CHERRY DR. KNOXVILLE, TENN. 37919

AUGUST 1, 1997

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 7,783.99

RECEIPTS:

CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING...	\$ 18,952.59	
EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING...	\$ 1,459.80	
NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING...	\$ 10,940.38	
WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING...	\$ 21,781.64	
MISCELLANEOUS (WALK-A-THON)...	\$ 82,226.45	135,360.86

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$ 143,144.85

FUND ALLOCATIONS \$ Available Disbursed Balances

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 14,520.42	14,520.42	0.00
Walk-A-Thon.....	\$ 82,226.45	82,226.45	0.00
Natl' Home Missions.....	\$ 14,362.97	14,362.97	0.00
State Ministries.....	\$ 3,009.60	3,009.60	0.00
F.W.B. Bible College.....	\$ 5,348.12	5,348.12	0.00
F.W.B. Family Ministries...	\$ 3,885.32	3,885.32	0.00
National Co-ord.....	\$ 2,563.59	2,563.29	0.00

ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS:

Local Home Missions...	\$ 62.19	62.19	0.00
Union Summer Camp.....	\$ 866.00	866.00	0.00
Camp Oaks	\$ 715.00	715.00	0.00
General Fund.....	\$ 15,585.19	6,455.88	9,129.31
Alabama Children H....	\$		

BALANCES: \$ 143,144.85 134,015.54 9,129.31

SOME BASIC EXPENSES OF THE YEAR 1996-97

Moderator.....	\$ 100.00
Clerk.....	\$ 450.00
Treasurer.....	\$ 350.00
Host Church.....	\$ 100.00
State & Natl' Dues.....	\$ 2,790.00
Typing of Minutes.....	\$ 300.00
Printing of Minutes....	\$ 1,242.12

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Union Women Active

Union Women Active for Christ

August 13, 1997

The 1997 Union Women Active for Christ was called to order by the Coordinator, Arlene Farley. Helen Lusk led in prayer. Judy Fritz led the congregation in singing "How Great Thou Art" and "Without Him."

Following a welcome by Emily Woods, the delegates were seated. Committees were appointed and later convened at the recess.

Beth McPherson, Director of Development, gave a report on Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. Debbie Mitchell gave reports on WNAC and TWAC.

The meeting adjourned for the 11:00 worship service. Brother Cutshaw opened with prayer and Judy Fritz led the congregation in singing choruses. She also provided special music. She sang "What's Wrong With My Children?" By special request, Brother Keith Kennemer sang "Wonderful Peace."

Dr. Charles Thigpen delivered the morning message. His text was taken from Ephesians 2:19-22 and Ephesians 1:7. He looked at the "change" that we experience when we go from being strangers and foreigners to becoming fellow citizens with the saints. Listed below are 10 things that happen to us in this conversion experience.

1. We are saved
2. We are cleansed from ALL sin.
3. We become righteous in God's sight.
4. We have peace with God.
5. We have a divine nature.
6. We are not under condemnation anymore.
7. We have received eternal life.
8. We have an advocate with our Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ.

9. We are a part of God's family.
10. We are totally and completely forgiven.

Dr. Thigpen concluded by reminding us that every person we encounter is a candidate for this same conversion experience.

After a delicious lunch prepared by the ladies from the host church, the evening session convened. Judy Fritz led the congregation in singing "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord" and "They That Wait Upon the Lord." She then read Psalm 103:1-8 and 11-14 and led in prayer.

New business included election of officers for the term September, 1997 - August, 1999. They are as follows: Coordinator, Arlene Farley; Assistant Coordinator, Mildred Garland; Secretary, Ernestine Lester; Treasurer, Betty Hall; Prayer, Merle Archer; Action, Pearl Morgan; Missions, Ellen Neal; and Field Worker, Jean Arrowood.

Reports from the Registration, Appreciation, Finance, and Resolution committees were submitted and accepted.

Two delegates were appointed to the Union District business meeting. They were Mildred Garland and Ernestine Lester.

Seven delegates were appointed to the Tennessee State meeting. They were Betty Hall, Helen Lusk, Edna Dyer, Ellen Neal, Pearl Morgan, Roberta Estep, and Mildred Garland.

After prayer was offered for special requests and announcements were made, the meeting was adjourned.

Union Women Active for Christ

Committee Reports

August 13, 1996

Finance Committee Annual Report Betty Hall, Chairman
(Incomplete Report, 10-07-96 to 7-31-97) _____

Members @ End of Year	132
Membership Dues	\$1,386.00
Deposits	\$14,195.44
Expenditures	\$14,163.44
Balance in Bank July 31, 1997	\$32.00

Nominating Committee Report Helen V. Lusk, Chairman
Carla Fannin
Ernestine Lester

The following officers were elected to serve for the term September,
1997 - August, 1999

Coordinator	Arlene Farley
Assistant Coordinator	Mildred Garland
Secretary	Ernestine Lester
Treasurer	Betty Hall
Field Worker	Jean Arrowood
Missions	Ellen Neal
Prayer	Merle Archer
Action	Pearl Morgan

Union Women Active for Christ
Committee Reports
August 13, 1996

Resolutions Committee Report Ernestine Lester, Chairman
Pearl Morgan
Drema Hobbs

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following resolutions:

1. We recommend that each local auxiliary follow the state plan of work
2. We recommend that each local auxiliary help meet the goal of raising \$3,000 for state missionary accounts.
3. We recommend that each local auxiliary work out a plan of regular support for our foreign missionaries to keep them from having to raise their own support.
4. We recommend that each local auxiliary put forth a special effort to reach more young women in our churches.
5. We recommend that the morning offering of \$110.81 be given to Dr. Charles Thigpen.

*Registration Committee Report Mita Laughlin, Chairman
Ellen Neal*

Delegates	18
Visitors	12
 TOTAL	 30

*Appreciation Committee Report Debbie Mitchell, Chairman
Mildred Garland*

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express appreciation and thanks as follows:

1. To the Roan Street FWB Women Active for Christ for graciously hosting our UWAC meeting. We especially appreciate the lunch provided.
2. To the officers for their faithfulness in planning and carrying on the work of Women Active for Christ.
3. To those who prepared and presented informational reports for our consideration and edification.
4. To Beth McPherson for her informative report on Family Ministries.
5. To Penny Roberson, pianist, Lisa Hilbert, organist, and to Judy Fritz, song leader and special singing.
6. To Dr. Thigpen for sharing in the 11:00 message.

Sunday School Convention

The 125th Session of the Sunday School Convention met at Roan Street FWBC on August 13, 1997. After calling the Convention to order, Pres. Greg Sergent gave everyone a gracious welcome. Bro. Chris Dotson opened the Convention with "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Mansion Over the Hilltop".

Bro. Sergent gave an uplifting devotional from I Tim. 4:13. He challenged everyone to make an imprint upon the Sunday School. We then recognized all Sunday School superintendents and teachers. Prayer was led by host pastor, Bro. Jackie Cole.

A report was given by Bro. Carl Callahan concerning the Sexton Walk-a-thon. The goal for 1997 is \$152,052.52. He encouraged everyone to get involved in our Foreign Missionary ministry.

Having no other reports or business, the Roan Street FWBC choir blessed our hearts with four songs: "Holy Ground", "Serve the Lord with Gladness", "I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy", and "Thank You Lord". Bro. Greg then led in prayer asking God to annoint Bro. Keith Kennemer as he proclaimed the Word of God.

Bro. Keith's scripture reading was from Ex. 18:13-23. From these verses he used the title "Partnership in Ministry".

The ministry of the church must be done by the "WHOLE BODY". That is we are all partners working together. We are all the children of God! Many Christian lives were strengthened by Bro. Keith's message.

1. Challenge that needs to be heeded to. (vs 14)
2. Conclusions that must be acted upon (vs 15-16)
3. Concepts that need to be implemented (vs 19-21)
4. Call that needs to be responded to (vs 23)

Many responded to the invitation given by the singing of "Wherever He Leads I'll Go". An offering of \$99.00 was received and the Sunday School Convention was closed by Bro. Sergent.



	CQM Bethany Donnie Bailey	Bridgeport Hal Kirk	Bridges Chapel Teddy Waters	Community Chapel Dennis Caldwell	East Greene Junior Burchell	Fellowship J. C. Sheets
Family Ministries	1,550	0	N/A	1,252	1,542	0
Association Programs	180	0	N/A	0	0	0
Summer Camp	0	0	N/A	130	0	0
Home Missions	140	2,467	N/A	1,662	300	0
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	2,784	570	N/A	3,220	688	0
Bible College	680	0	N/A	0	0	0
Paid Pastor	8,550	28,050	N/A	8,800	24,870	13,255
Paid Evangelist	1,200	664	N/A	596	1,040	550
Paid to Charity	2,534	662	N/A	2,882	2,321	1,700
Building & Repairs	6,695	4,339	N/A	15,149	1,906	1,805
Running Expenses	6,324	8,976	N/A	10,171	3,636	6,365
Literature	1,986	1,401	N/A	2,453	2,664	464
Total Expenditures	32,625	47,128	N/A	50,241	57,527	24,139
Total Income	44,289	52,999	N/A	52,099	50,131	26,986
Value of Property	260,000	N/A	N/A	190,000	255,000	N/A
# Joined Church	N/A	3	0	0	6	11
# Dropped from roll	2	1	2	0	0	0
# Passed Away	2	2	0	1	0	0
Present Membership	65	95	34	144	103	120
Average Attendance	47	74	37	78	112	59
# Sunday School Teachers	7	6	6	9	14	5
# of Deacons	4	2	2	4	3	4
# of Ordained Ministers	2	1	0	3	1	1
# of Licensed Ministers	0	0	1	0	0	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	15	0	0	0	0	0
WAC Avg. Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	14

	Tugate Ernest Sawyer	Gethsemane Mikel Hensley	Greene Ridge Gene Swatzell	Greeneville 1st Joe Wallis	Graystone Jackie Miller	Harris Memorial Ken Smith
Family Ministries	500	800	75	420	DNR	786
Association Programs	N/A	0	0	?	DNR	964
Summer Camp	N/A	0	0	0	DNR	0
Home Missions	N/A	100	0	629	DNR	321
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	N/A	0	382	9,164	DNR	1,535
Bible College	N/A	0	0	0	DNR	600
Paid Pastor	8,200	5,375	5,689	20,400	DNR	14,045
Paid Evangelist	525	1,000	863	1,475	DNR	N/A
Paid to Charity	1,474	1,000	2,018	0	DNR	2,280
Building & Repairs	284	N/A	2,248	0	DNR	534
Running Expenses	5,671	6,810	5,353	0	DNR	N/A
Literature	745	313	1,485	0	DNR	1,295
Total Expenditures	16,698	15,955	11,104	53,141	DNR	39,410
Total Income	N/A	N/A	10,966	58,434	DNR	45,684
Value of Property	N/A	N/A	20,000	150,000	DNR	210,000
# Joined Church	N/A	3	0	8	DNR	0
# Dropped from roll	N/A	2	0	0	DNR	0
# Passed Away	2	0	0	4	DNR	1
Present Membership	80	110	59	125	DNR	55
Average Attendance	51	55	53	77	DNR	50
# Sunday School Teachers	5	5	6	9	DNR	5
# of Deacons	3	N/A	4	3	DNR	3
# of Ordained Ministers	1	1	1	2	DNR	2
# of Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	DNR	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	N/A	N/A	9	0	DNR	0
WAC Avg. Attendance	N/A	N/A	0	0	DNR	7

	Hot Springs Larry Arrowood	Jackson Chapel Van Johnson	Kingsley Avenue Doyle Pruett	Liberty Arthur Renfro	Lick Creek Valley Leafly Hurst	Limestone Alfred Outshall
Family Ministries	N/A	721	200	2,238	259	500
Association Programs	N/A	40	0	1,100	60	140
Summer Camp	N/A	0	0	0	0	0
Home Missions	N/A	300	200	8,087	720	13,205
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	300	3,651	0	9,136	225	42,416
Bible College	N/A	0	0	1,350	0	2,700
Paid Pastor	9,794	10,400	11,230	16,200	7,900	18,460
Paid Evangelist	507	2,094	1,720	794	40	542
Paid to Charity	2,589	7,716	2,950	14,559	1,200	660
Building & Repairs	159	7,357	29,272	9,979	525	3,145
Running Expenses	6,661	7,290	11,215	13,980	5,231	37,676
Literature	91	1,819	439	3,858	859	2,234
Total Expenditures	19,943	40,152	57,226	81,280	15,755	121,678
Total Income	N/A	39,760	30,363	N/A	18,096	117,678
Value of Property	125,000	112,000	200,000	320,000	100,000	450,000
# Joined Church	0	1	8	6	0	12
# Dropped from roll	0	N/A	0	0	0	2
# Passed Away	0	5	0	2	2	2
Present Membership	34	100	133	273	32	208
Average Attendance	52	65	68	167	N/A	202
# Sunday School Teachers	N/A	9	7	13	5	19
# of Deacons	7	2	3	9	3	3
# of Ordained Ministers	1	0	2	1	1	4
# of Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	1	0	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	0	N/A	0	87	0	112
WAC Avg. Attendance	8	N/A	4	15	0	14

	Lowes Chapel Kenneth Wilson	McMillin Terry Wright	New Bethel William Winters	New Home Greg Godby	New Jerusalem David Anderson	Newport Ist David Kemper
Family Ministries	0	58	N/A	1,492	N/A	1,600
Association Programs	0	48	N/A	109	N/A	240
Summer Camp	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
Home Missions	1,296	909	120	2,097	N/A	6,265
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	0	905	N/A	1,195	N/A	6,000
Bible College	0	0	N/A	343	N/A	1,876
Paid Pastor	18,720	6,150	9,100	8,080	5,550	23,400
Paid Evangelist	1,800	1,011	250	145	105	843
Paid to Charity	0	2,529	2,000	380	3,356	100
Building & Repairs	1,158	240	624	533	17,143	6,492
Running Expenses	N/A	4,541	1,503	5,251	2,112	51,480
Literature	1,172	755	621	595	212	3,222
Total Expenditures	35,853	17,146	20,597	20,221	28,478	101,618
Total Income	32,946	13,783	29,064	N/A	N/A	103,126
Value of Property	N/A	79,000	87,000	127,500	N/A	900,000
# Joined Church	0	0	8	0	8	4
# Dropped from roll	0	0	1	0	N/A	0
# Passed Away	0	0	0	2	N/A	2
Present Membership	100	90	175	106	22	305
Average Attendance	70	53	59	42	55	125
# Sunday School Teachers	6	5	11	6	N/A	17
# of Deacons	1	1	2	2	N/A	5
# of Ordained Ministers	2	0	1	1	N/A	1
# of Licensed Ministers	1	0	1	0	N/A	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	30
WAC Avg. Attendance	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12

	Overlook Drive Russell Ambrose	Peace Chris Dotson	Piney Grove Jerry Williams	Red Hill Roger Boone	St. Joseph Chapel Tim Carson	Shady Grove Jim Tolbert
Family Ministries	300	556	800	420	621	N/A
Association Programs	0	0	20	N/A	120	N/A
Summer Camp	0	0	65	N/A	N/A	N/A
Home Missions	0	1,022	N/A	9,679	84	2,084
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	675	3,533	N/A	N/A	834	4,406
Bible College	0	225	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paid Pastor	4,520	13,144	6,900	12,500	8,394	20,400
Paid Evangelist	125	700	620	2,678	570	589
Paid to Charity	1,415	1,873	3,500	N/A	N/A	1,621
Building & Repairs	5,694	1,722	13,402	N/A	N/A	7,472
Running Expenses	2,447	44,258	10,944	N/A	7,311	25,560
Literature	993	414	1,377	N/A	701	3,355
Total Expenditures	18,379	69,971	38,000	44,433	19,251	65,487
Total Income	16,190	69,971	N/A	46,045	N/A	88,657
Value of Property	75,000	500,000	N/A	140,000	70,000	110,000
# Joined Church	0	9	3	5	6	11
# Dropped from roll	0	5	0	8	1	2
# Passed Away	0	1	0	3	2	1
Present Membership	22	53	0	52	56	227
Average Attendance	30	63	N/A	35	50	108
# Sunday School Teachers	3	4	6	4	N/A	10
# of Deacons	1	3	1	2	1	4
# of Ordained Ministers	1	1	3	2	N/A	5
# of Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	0	N/A	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	36
WAC Avg. Attendance	0	7	0	0	8	15

	Truth Gordon Presley	Union Wayne Waycaster	Union Chapel Lynn Neas	Union Temple Oscar McAmis	West Greene Richard Holt	White Pine Doug King
Family Ministries	0	600	0	N/A	N/A	217
Association Programs	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	400
Summer Camp	0	25	0	N/A	140	N/A
Home Missions	0	N/A	406	993	N/A	3,096
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	0	N/A	2,540	0	6,623	1,747
Bible College	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Paid Pastor	0	10,334	9,005	22,769	15,600	10,400
Paid Evangelist	0	1,280	506	2,125	260	710
Paid to Charity	367	9,045	1,848	3,761	N/A	1,073
Building & Repairs	0	5,880	40,378	21,365	3,147	15,296
Running Expenses	866	5,203	20,966	N/A	5,989	5,359
Literature	0	1,302	1,668	1,277	557	251
Total Expenditures	1,233	33,669	92,748	70,779	9,693	38,548
Total Income	1,281	N/A	78,731	63,661	27,996	28,655
Value of Property	36,000	150,000	110,000	165,000	100,000	250,000
# Joined Church	0	2	7	2	10	2
# Dropped from roll	2	2	0	3	0	0
# Passed Away	0	2	0	0	0	5
Present Membership	46	104	49	139	72	64
Average Attendance	15	113	70	130	60	58
# Sunday School Teachers	2	N/A	6	14	8	7
# of Deacons	1	4	1	5	0	3
# of Ordained Ministers	0	2	2	4	3	2
# of Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	2	0	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	0	N/A	0	N/A	40	N/A
WAC Avg. Attendance	0	N/A	0	12	0	N/A

	Woods Memorial	Cedar Creek	EQM Boones Creek David Cook	Embreaville John Turnmire	Erwin 1st Ronnie Adkins	Faith David Castle
Family Ministries	DNR	DNR	400	0	900	0
Association Programs	DNR	DNR	0	0	0	0
Summer Camp	DNR	DNR	0	0	0	0
Home Missions	DNR	DNR	0	266	N/A	600
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	DNR	DNR	0	300	7,000	187
Bible College	DNR	DNR	0	0	1,200	0
Paid Pastor	DNR	DNR	10,560	2,900	24,894	13,150
Paid Evangelist	DNR	DNR	450	20	1,200	3,697
Paid to Charity	DNR	DNR	2,298	425	1,500	6,398
Building & Repairs	DNR	DNR	0	350	44,800	25,920
Running Expenses	DNR	DNR	11,573	1,600	40,550	16,629
Literature	DNR	DNR	515	0	5,400	2,085
Total Expenditures	DNR	DNR	25,396	5,836	202,137	67,879
Total Income	DNR	DNR	25,504	7,375	202,137	61,889
Value of Property	DNR	DNR	N/A	60,000	1,725,000	450,000
# Joined Church	DNR	DNR	4	4	10	0
# Dropped from roll	DNR	DNR	2	0	0	0
# Passed Away	DNR	DNR	0	0	6	2
Present Membership	DNR	DNR	70	22	322	82
Average Attendance	DNR	DNR	65	25	390	80
# Sunday School Teachers	DNR	DNR	6	7	23	16
# of Deacons	DNR	DNR	3	2	7	3
# of Ordained Ministers	DNR	DNR	2	1	4	1
# of Licensed Ministers	DNR	DNR	0	0	0	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	DNR	DNR	0	0	33	N/A
WAC Avg. Attendance	DNR	DNR	12	0	15	N/A

	Fellowship Winston Sweeney	Glamorgan Chapel Greg Sargent	Roane Street Jackie Cole	Unicoi Thurman Sullivan	West Park Street E. Y. Bailey	NQM Cedars Chapel
Family Ministries	8,878	0	200	1,345	1,200	0
Association Programs	222	8,250	200	199	65	0
Summer Camp	600	0	0	0	0	0
Home Missions	9,626	4,885	N/A	1,053	0	0
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	25,646	0	5,000	2,261	0	0
Bible College	4,100	722	200	0	0	0
Paid Pastor	20,959	17,000	21,000	17,160	8,400	0
Paid Evangelist	2,668	739	600	1,151	535	136
Paid to Charity	8,794	3,035	1,200	2,612	2,118	1,501
Building & Repairs	16,377	1,519	13,000	7,922	?	131
Running Expenses	30,350	4,339	16,000	10,522	19,903	683
Literature	1,277	2,476	3,500	2,369	879	199
Total Expenditures	129,497	89,612	45,000	48,000	24,700	2,650
Total Income	129,646	87,464	60,000	52,000	27,370	4,435
Value of Property	N/A	150,000	300,000	N/A	160,000	20,000
# Joined Church	6	8	3	8	6	5
# Dropped from roll	2	0	1	0	0	0
# Passed Away	3	0	0	3	0	1
Present Membership	463	96	185	125	87	57
Average Attendance	N/A	128	145	83	65	24
# Sunday School Teachers	N/A	10	19	6	7	4
# of Deacons	N/A	7	7	2	4	0
# of Ordained Ministers	3	4	1	2	1	0
# of Licensed Ministers	0	1	0	0	0	1
CTS Avg. Attendance	0	32	10	N/A	0	17
WAC Avg. Attendance	0	8	12	12	0	0

	Chimney Top Danny Willis	Christian's Bend Jack Morelock	Church Hill 1st Bud Beverly	Doran Addition Roy Leo Lester	Eastern Star George Winegar	Goshen Valley James Manis
Family Ministries	241	0	2,550	0	2,284	0
Association Programs	N/A	0	0	275	0	38
Summer Camp	N/A	0	808	0	0	0
Home Missions	N/A	0	2,550	1,605	1,924	0
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	N/A	70	8,445	4,321	2,810	0
Bible College	N/A	0	3,065	0	0	0
Paid Pastor	1,200	2,650	28,562	18,625	21,620	8,130
Paid Evangelist	245	195	125	2,088	1,080	775
Paid to Charity	2,452	200	5,024	1,238	1,040	836
Building & Repairs	0	175	3,378	19,463	17,953	2,100
Running Expenses	1,966	3,844	52,871	11,296	17,134	1,634
Literature	N/A	169	6,053	1,471	1,610	0
Total Expenditures	5,863	7,303	113,431	60,382	69,538	13,475
Total Income	8,064	6,138	206,510	48,437	N/A	17,334
Value of Property	33,000	52,300	575,000	251,500	N/A	93,000
# Joined Church	1	0	28	2	0	2
# Dropped from roll	0	0	N/A	0	4	0
# Passed Away	3	0	N/A	2	2	2
Present Membership	59	104	254	82	140	73
Average Attendance	40	11	277	50	81	21
# Sunday School Teachers	5	2	N/A	12	9	3
# of Deacons	3	2	9	5	6	3
# of Ordained Ministers	1	2	2	1	3	1
# of Licensed Ministers	0	0	1	0	0	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0
WAC Avg. Attendance	N/A	0	N/A	15	16	0

	Grassy Creek Toddy Webb	Gray Ron Morrison	Horse Creek Johnny Hulse	Midfield Billy Gragg	Mount Carmel Keith Williams	Phipps Bend Robert Parker, Jr.
Family Ministries	226	1,882	300	1,200	1,133	813
Association Programs	0	50	0	40	336	60
Summer Camp	226	0	0	0	336	60
Home Missions	0	0	135	1,178	672	N/A
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	1,226	0	100	5,034	1,406	2,010
Bible College	0	0	0	0	336	200
Paid Pastor	15,650	0	1,800	13,000	5,953	6,865
Paid Evangelist	1,343	0	1,050	2,330	919	400
Paid to Charity	5,741	527	620	3,507	100	310
Building & Repairs	4,047	2,511	2,565	15,679	5,755	1,477
Running Expenses	7,746	5,315	5,847	19,003	6,070	5,973
Literature	186	1,317	455	1,054	951	1,015
Total Expenditures	34,714	9,669	12,872	67,502	24,303	19,183
Total Income	34,863	36,039	14,687	59,051	28,769	N/A
Value of Property	80,000	175,000	170,000	200,000	175,000	N/A
# Joined Church	8	7	10	12	1	0
# Dropped from roll	1	3	2	0	2	2
# Passed Away	2	3	0	4	5	1
Present Membership	114	70	74	126	68	75
Average Attendance	86	58	30	95	54	40
# Sunday School Teachers	5	11	3	14	5	6
# of Deacons	1	3	2	7	3	4
# of Ordained Ministers	2	1	1	3	2	3
# of Licensed Ministers	0	1	0	1	0	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	0	0	0	15	0	4
WAC Avg. Attendance	0	20	0	35	0	0

	Pine Grove Robert Ward	Pine View Rick Adams	Pyburn Lester Morelock	Surgoinsville 1st Jessie Harfigrove	Van Hill Raymond Perry	WQM Burl's Chapel Douglas Easter
Family Ministries	300	527	0	0	302	45
Association Programs	0	20	50	0	20	0
Summer Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Home Missions	0	40	0	0	0	0
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	0	0	190	2,137	1,087	196
Bible College	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paid Pastor	4,653	4,700	5,812	0	10,200	2,925
Paid Evangelist	476	214	1,680	4,089	1,594	50
Paid to Charity	2,176	0	4,337	1,472	4,825	177
Building & Repairs	2,600	0	3,863	6,739	1,246	180
Running Expenses	6,503	4,844	9,478	10,947	4,200	1,652
Literature	656	66	914	807	1,625	200
Total Expenditures	17,366	10,411	28,324	26,192	25,380	5,424
Total Income	N/A	N/A	25,145	N/A	N/A	N/A
Value of Property	69,000	70,000	N/A	150,000	142,000	N/A
# Joined Church	3	1	7	0	24	0
# Dropped from roll	0	0	8	3	0	0
# Passed Away	2	2	0	0	2	0
Present Membership	72	39	52	93	84	45
Average Attendance	56	16	76	84	80	42
# Sunday School Teachers	7	4	12	7	5	5
# of Deacons	4	1	4	4	0	2
# of Ordained Ministers	0	3	3	0	1	1
# of Licensed Ministers	0	0	1	1	1	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	0	0	0	15	0	0
WAC Avg. Attendance	0	7	0	15	8	7

	East Sweetwater Dennis Daugherty	Fairview Glen Hall	Faith Thurman Pate, Sr	Forest Grove Marvin Castle	Johnson Chapel Earl Callahan	Holston Hills Steven Jenks
Family Ministries	0	1,857	100	1,191	353	100
Association Programs	140	0	0	0	0	0
Summer Camp	0	80	0	0	0	0
Home Missions	0	718	106	1200	0	0
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	639	4,206	6,696	15,897	689	0
Bible College	0	360	0	169	0	0
Paid Pastor	13,000	12,100	13,520	22,671	5,400	2,550
Paid Evangelist	725	725	510	1,229	1,300	425
Paid to Charity	2,240	1,129	0	100	1,137	834
Building & Repairs	2,483	7,021	0	4,535	10,557	975
Running Expenses	16,518	14,593	2,108	44,156	8,185	5,610
Literature	1,252	2,894	800	1,652	1,368	768
Total Expenditures	38,244	45,763	24,640	0	26,776	11,261
Total Income	31,577	49,927	15,600	0	21,085	9,239
Value of Property	N/A	650,000	125,000	205,500	104,000	N/A
# Joined Church	9	13	0	9	3	8
# Dropped from roll	0	0	0	2	6	2
# Passed Away	1	1	0	1	2	0
Present Membership	124	125	39	193	73	48
Average Attendance	50	65	21	115	55	42
# Sunday School Teachers	7	9	4	14	7	3
# of Deacons	2	7	3	2	4	0
# of Ordained Ministers	1	2	1	2	3	2
# of Licensed Ministers	1	0	0	0	0	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	0	32	17	0	0	0
WAC Avg. Attendance	0	12	0	10	0	0

	Knoxville 1st Dale Walker	London C. G. Mulkey	Madisonville 1st Darrel Gwinn	Oak Ridge 1st Terry Mosley	Valley View Norman Heath	Wooddale Robert Hobbs
Family Ministries	0	0	0	967	336	300
Association Programs	0	0	355	0	142	0
Summer Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Home Missions	0	491	15	2,211	0	3,118
Foreign Missions/Walk-athon	4,400	300	15	1,978	2,268	6,039
Bible College	0	168	0	791	249	2,241
Paid Pastor	6,825	5,200	N/A	N/A	7,381	23,687
Paid Evangelist	2,223	250	N/A	N/A	100	3,053
Paid to Charity	500	25	N/A	N/A	3,205	1,979
Building & Repairs	7,259	2,012	N/A	N/A	0	2,359
Running Expenses	10,158	805	N/A	N/A	8,390	30,330
Literature	654	245	N/A	N/A	2,394	2,109
Total Expenditures	27,618	8,537	N/A	17,304	52,137	76,086
Total Income	32,018	N/A	N/A	91,107	54,107	85,061
Value of Property	N/A	185,000	N/A	0	500,000	351,000
# Joined Church	8	3	0	9	7	2
# Dropped from roll	4	2	2	0	9	9
# Passed Away	3	0	0	1	0	0
Present Membership	60	38	23	56	80	205
Average Attendance	80	40	28	63	95	87
# Sunday School Teachers	9	5	3	9	11	10
# of Deacons	1	2	2	5	3	1
# of Ordained Ministers	1	1	3	3	1	3
# of Licensed Ministers	0	0	0	1	0	0
CTS Avg. Attendance	0	0	0	0	32	0
WAC Avg. Attendance	0	0	4	8	0	10

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Roster of Officials

Gerald Fender, president
Larry Arrowood, vice president
Doug King, secretary
Larry Laughlin, assistant secretary

Ordaining Council Members

Jimmie Lowe, 1998
Billy Gragg, 1999
Richard Holt, 2000
Thurman Sullivan, 2001
Robert Hobbs, 2002

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Morning

The Ministers' Conference Annual Session convened with the Roan Street F.W.B. Church on August 13, 1997.

President Gerald Fender called the meeting to order and asked Bro. Thurman Pate to open in prayer. President Fender then appointed a nominating committee consisting of Bro. Thurman Sullivan, Bro. Alfred Cutshall, Bro. Billy Gragg, and Bro. Glenn Hall.

Bro. Robert Hobbs, ordaining council clerk, was recognized to read a partial report of the ordaining council. MSC to adopt this report (see Appendices 2 and 3).

President Fender asked Secretary Doug King to read the annual financial report. MSC to adopt the financial report (see Appendix 1).

The Eastern Quarterly asked the Ministers' Conference to grant them permission to meet only twice a year. Ministers of the Eastern Quarterly would still be required to meet the guidelines as outlined in the Ministers' Conference

Constitution and By-laws: Art.-II, Pt.-2, Sec.-A, Para.-3. After a brief discussion, the request of the Eastern Quarterly was approved by a majority vote.

Following these items of business, President Fender presented the conference speaker, Dr. Joseph Wallis. Dr. Wallis read from Isaiah 38:1-14 and then proceeded to bring an insightful lesson on "Ministering to the Terminally Ill". During his morning presentation, Dr. Wallis reminded us of the following items:

1. When a terminally ill patient seeks our help, we have an obligation to help them. This means that we sometimes have to overcome opposition presented by the family or medical staff.
2. Always offer hope and yet be truthful.

He also began discussing the five stages of dying as observed by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. (See Wednesday Afternoon section for a complete listing of these stages.)

A video tape entitled "The Arrow" was shown to the conference before the morning session was recessed. This tape was produced by the Media Commission and was a demonstration of how Free Will Baptist Churches could use television to promote our churches.

The session was then recessed for lunch to meet again at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

The Ministers' Conference reconvened at 2:00 p.m. with Vice President Larry Arrowood presiding. Vice President Arrowood asked Bro. Chris Dotson to open the afternoon session with a devotion. Bro. Dotson gave a brief devotion from I John 5:1-5 and then led in prayer.

Nominating committee made the following report:

President	Gerald Fender
Vice President	Larry Arrowood
Vice Secretary	Larry Laughlin
Ordaining Council (2002)	Robert Hobbs
Ordaining Council (1999)*	Billy Gragg

*Bro. Gragg was recommended to complete the term of Bro. Bud Beverly.

MSC to adopt the report of the nominating committee.

Vice President Arrowood then presented Dr. Wallis to complete his seminar on "Ministering to the Terminally Ill". During the afternoon seminar, Dr. Wallis completed his presentation of the five stages of death. These five stages are:

- I. Denial and Isolation
- II. Anger
- III. Bargaining
- IV. Depression
- V. Acceptance

Dr. Wallis concluded his presentation with these words of advice:

1. Go immediately when called by someone who is dying.
2. Where applicable, check in at the nurses' station.
3. Usually, unless a patient is dying, do not awake a sleeping patient.
4. Do not lean upon a patient's bed.
5. Be careful when inquiring about a female patient's illness.
6. Be sensitive to anxiety. Be positive, yet truthful.
7. When appropriate, share a scripture.
8. Normally, keep visits short.
9. Pray before leaving.

Dr. Wallis concluded his seminar in prayer.

Vice President Arrowood presented Bro. Robert Hobbs to read the reports of the various Quarterly Licensing Councils and the report of the Ordaining Council. MSC to adopt these reports (see Appendices 2 and 3).

MSC to give a \$100.00 honorarium to the conference speaker.

Bro. Jimmie Lowe, ordaining council chairman, was presented by Vice President Arrowood to discuss the work of the ordaining council in regards to the Ministers' Conference Constitution. (For more information on this item of business, reference the 1996 Union Association Minutes: Ministers' Conference Minutes: Ordaining Council Report - Item 5.) MSC voted to adopt the Licensing and Ordination Procedures that were printed with the Ministers' Conference Constitution (see Appendix 4). MSC voted to reimburse Bro. Lowe for expenditures on the printing of the Ministers' Conference Constitution.

MSC to adjourn this session of the Ministers' Conference. Ministers' Conference to reconvene on Thursday evening for the ordination service. President Fender dismissed in prayer.

Thursday Evening

The evening began with the Roan Street F.W.B. Church youth choir providing some beautiful pre-service music. Following the choir, Bro. Chris Dotson led the congregation in singing "My Sins Are Gone".

Bro. Gerald Fender, president of the Ministers' Conference, welcomed the congregation to the ordination service. He asked Bro. Thurman Pate who was celebrating his sixtieth year in the gospel ministry to lead the opening prayer.

President Fender then called the Ministers' Conference into session. The Ministers' Conference proceeded to vote on contributing financially to the printing of the minutes of the 125th Annual Union Association. MSC to give \$300.00 to the Union Association.

Bro. Richard Holt, ordaining council vice chairman, was introduced to present the members of the ordaining council. Bro. Holt also introduced the candidates for ordination and ratification of credentials to the congregation.

Bro. Chris Dotson led the congregation in singing "Because He Lives" and "What A Day That Will Be". An offering of \$226.68 was received. Bro. Kevin Trimble then blessed the congregation with the song "I'd Rather Have Jesus". He was followed by Sis. Rebecca Dotson performing admirably the song "We Shall See God".

President Fender introduced Bro. Jimmie Lowe, ordaining council chairman, to preach the ordination message. Using Exodus 3:10-15 as his text, Bro. Lowe preached the message entitled "The Man and The Plan". Bro. Lowe encouraged the candidates for ordination to examine their call into the ministry. He also presented to the congregation God's wonderful plan of redemption.

Bro. Thurman Sullivan, pastor of Unicoi F.W.B. Church, gave the charge to the candidates. Bro. Sullivan challenged the ministers to stay close to Jesus, the ministers' wives to stand by their husband, and the church to support its pastor.

Following the prayer of consecration, MSC received the new ministers into the fellowship of the Ministers' Conference. The Annual Meeting was adjourned with the congregation extending the right hand of fellowship to the new ministers.

(Appendix 1)

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Ministers' Conference Secretary submits the following financial statement for August 15, 1996 to August 12, 1997:

RECEIPTS:

Balance Forward from 1996	\$570.05
1997 Annual Report Fees	\$390.00
Total Receipts	\$960.05

EXPENDITURES:

Purchase of Checks	\$13.50
Postage	\$64.00
Total Expenditures	\$77.50

BALANCE ON HAND	\$882.55
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Respectfully submitted: Doug King, Ministers' Conference Secretary

(Appendix 2)

REPORTS OF LICENSING COUNCILS

Central Quarterly Meeting

The Central Quarterly of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists submits the following:

1. We license the following to preach the gospel for one year: Bro. Joel Lasko, Bro. Jesse W. Crawford and Bro. David A. Morelock.
2. We voted to recommend the following for ratification of credentials pending letters of good standing: Bro. Doyle Pruett and Bro. Kevin Trimble.

3. We excused Bro. Pete Lawing from reporting due to poor health.
4. We dropped Bro. Lynn Roberts from the roll at his request.
5. We recommend the following to the ordaining council for ordination: Rev. William Winters, Rev. John Buchanan and Rev. Chris Fannin.
6. We have at present seventy-three (73) ministers on roll of those seventy-three (73) ministers ten (10) are in bad standing for failure to report. Following is a list of the ten (10) ministers in bad standing: Ronnie Baxter, Dolphus Cutshaw, David Dugger, Ray Fletcher, Roger Gross, Jackie Hall, Dale Maloy, Oscar McAmis, Charles Ricker and Taylor Scarbrough.

Respectfully: Larry Arrowood, Wayne Waycaster and Lynn Neas

Eastern Quarterly Meeting

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Following is the licensing council report for the Eastern Quarterly Meeting for August 1996 - July 1997:

1. Ministers licensed for one year: Rev. Jeffrey Sams
2. Ministers dropped from minister's roll: Rev. Burnie Bradley (reference item #6 below) and Rev. Allen Whitehead (received ordination papers).
3. Ministers excused from attending quarterly meetings: Rev. Michael Edwards, Rev. Roy Ketron, Rev. Don Sexton and Rev. Neal Wright.
4. Ministers in good standing include: Rev. Ronnie Adkins, Rev. E. Y. Bailey, Rev. Jackie Cole, Rev. James Cox, Rev. Randy Howell, Rev. Joel Lauckner, Rev. Ivory Padgett, Rev. Robert Powers, Rev. Jeffrey Sams, Rev. Gregory Sergeant, Rev. Thurman Sullivan, Rev. Winston Sweeney and Rev. John Turnmire. All ministers listed in item #3 above are also in good standing.

5. Ministers not in good standing based upon Minister's Conference Constitution: Art.-II, Pt.-2, Sec.-A, Para.-1 and Para.-3 include: Rev. David Cook, Rev. Ronnie Floyd, Rev. Jack Lloyd and Rev. Randy Tipton.
6. Ministers requesting letters of recommendation: recommended Rev. Burnie Bradley to the Central Quarterly Meeting.

Note: Many ministers do not report regularly. Without these reports, a knowledge of whether they are meeting the Ministers' Conference's requirements can not be confirmed. Therefore, they are reported "not in good standing". Many ministers are faithful in attending, but are not given opportunities to preach twelve (12) sermons per year. Therefore, they are reported "not in good standing".

Respectfully submitted by : Rev. Thurman Sullivan, clerk

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Greetings in Christ Jesus from the Northern Quarterly Meeting. We submit the following report:

1. We have referred Jerry Davenport to the ordaining council for ratification of credentials.
2. We have issued the following licenses: Jesse Hartgrove, Johnny Hulse and Estel Paul Ragon on October 26, 1996 and Fred Williams on April 26, 1997.
3. We have renewed the following licenses: Dennis Spears on October 26, 1996 and Ricky Adams on April 26, 1997.
4. Excused Bobby Olterman from reporting on April 26, 1997.
5. We granted a letter of good standing to Carl Callahan to unite with the Western Quarterly.
6. We accepted the resignation of Bud Beverly from the license committee. Bro. Roy Lee Lester filled this position.

7. Ministers in good standing include: Ricky Adams, Steve Alley, Bud Beverly, James Byford, Gary Cavin, Billy Gragg, Mike Harmon, Jesse Hartgrove, Johnny Hulse, Larry Laughlin, Roy Lee Lester, James Manis, Jack Morelock, Ronald Morrison, Robert Parker, Raymond Perry, Estel Paul Ragon, Dennis Spears, Dwayne Steele, Teddy Webb, George Wineager, Keith Williams, Danny Willis and Bobby Olterman*.

* Ministers excused from reporting.

8. All members are in good standing on this report.

In Christ's service: Billy Gragg, Roy Lee Lester and Danny Willis

Western Quarterly Meeting

We the Western Quarterly Meeting submit the following report:

1. We recommend Bro. Tim Gray continue under license until August 11, 1997 and recommend him to the ordination council for ordination. If not ordained, we renew his license for a period of one (1) year.
2. We renewed the license of Bro. Brian Hurst for the second year.
3. We recommend Bro. Dale Walker, new pastor of Knoxville First F.W.B. Church, for credential ratification.
4. We have accepted Bro. Carl Callahan, new pastor of Johnson Chapel F.W.B. Church, into the Western Quarterly Meeting from the Northern Quarterly Meeting.
5. We submit the following list of ministers to be in good standing with the Western Quarterly Meeting and recommend that they be granted a card of good standing from the Union Association Ministers' Conference: Brian Capps, David Cox, Tommy Caylor, Doug Easter, Glenn Hall, Robert Hobbs, Norman Heath, Terry Mosley, Allen Pressley, Ernest Joyce, Steven Jinks, Herman McFaddin, Richard Nichols, Darrell Gwinn, William Moore, Marvin Castle, Dale Walker and Thurman Pate.

6. The following ministers were excused from reporting: E. H. Brock, Harley Brown, Johnny Cash, Glenn Mulkey and Ralph Staten.
7. The following ministers made no report: David Wilson, Conrad Williford and Bob Smith.

Respectfully submitted: Thurman Pate (chairman), Glenn Hall (clerk) and E. H. Brock (member)

(Appendix 3)

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the ordaining council submit the following report:

1. We recommend for ratification of credentials the following:
 - a. Doyle Pruett of the Central Quarterly Meeting,
 - b. Jerry Davenport of the Northern Quarterly Meeting and
 - c. Kevin Trimble of the Central Quarterly Meeting.
2. We recommend for ordination the following:
 - a. William Winters of the Central Quarterly Meeting,
 - b. Chris Fannin of the Central Quarterly Meeting and
 - c. John Buchanan of the Central Quarterly Meeting.
3. We recommend for licensing the following:
 - a. Jackie Hall of the Central Quarterly Meeting to meet with his quarterly in November 1997 and
 - b. Tim Gray of the Western Quarterly Meeting to stay under license for one (1) year and meet with this council in 1998.
4. We recommend we accept the surrender of the ordination papers of Allen Whitehead.
5. The following information was submitted to the ordaining council:

The Executive Committee of the Central Quarterly Meeting met at 1:00 p.m. on August 9, 1997 at the White Pine First F.W.B. Church.

MSC to recommend that the Union Association Ministers' Conference Ordaining Council review for conduct the following ministers, as they have failed to report and/or attend properly for an extended period of time: Ronnie Baxter, Dolphus Cutshaw, Ray Fletcher, Dale Maloy, Taylor Scarbrough and Oscar McAmis.

This is per Minister's Conference Constitution Art.-II, Pt.-2, Sec.-A, Para.-3.

Respectfully submitted: William Holt, Roger Boone, Chris Dotson, Larry Arrowood, Jimmy Tolbert and Doug King

6. The following ministers are in bad standing for failure to abide by the Ministers' Conference Constitution: Art.-II, Pt.-2, Sec.-A, Para.-2: Steven Alley, Ronald Baxter, Dolphus Cutshaw, David Dugger, Ray Fletcher, Steven Jenks, Ernest Joyce, Herman McFaddin, W. R. Moore, Richard Nichols, Allen Presley, Charles A. Ricker, Taylor Scarbrough, Randy Tipton, David Wilson and Terry Wright

Submitted by: Jimmie Lowe, Richard Holt, Billy Gragg, Robert Hobbs and Thurman Sullivan

(Appendix 4)

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE LICENSING AND ORDINATION PROCEDURES

PREFACE:

We, the members of the Union Association Ministers' Conference, do hereby adopt the following procedures and rules governing the licensing and ordination of candidates for the ministry.

- (1) In order to promote a ministerial fellowship of dedicated, honorable, godly and studious men;
- (2.) To safeguard the honor and integrity of its members; and
- (3.) To provide devoted and qualified ministers to serve our churches.

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF THE LOCAL CHURCH:

PART-1

THE MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE:

It is a cause for great rejoicing when a local church has one of its sons called into the ministry of the gospel of Christ. Therefore, the church as a body, must consider it to be its special business to assure the success of one who is called.

SECTION-A

Awesome responsibilities for training and development lies upon them.

PARAGRAPH-1

The encouragement and counsel of the pastor is also important in making him a great preacher.

PARAGRAPH-2

When they are assured of the validity of the candidate's call, he is to be recommended, by letter, to the Quarterly Meeting of which the church is a member for a license to preach.

PART-2

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS APPLY:

SECTION-A

He must have been a member of the church recommending him for one (1) year and attending this church unless he has an appointment to preach or is pastoring another church.

SECTION-B

His personal life shall conform to the standards established in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

SECTION-C

Upon receiving a license to preach, his ministerial activity comes under the watch care of the Quarterly Meeting he is a member of through its license council.

SECTION-D

The licensed minister is required to report, by letter, to all four (4) quarterly meetings and annual meeting.

SECTION-E

Churches, where possible, are encouraged to attain the services of an ordained minister. However, a church may obtain the services of a licensed minister subject to the following rules and limitations:

PARAGRAPH-1

Licensee may, by virtue of being an elected pastor, moderate all business meetings, receive members into the church, and administer all ordinances *except* baptism.

PARAGRAPH-2

He may not perform marriages, administer baptism, nor ordain deacons. However, he may proceed with these if an ordained Free Will Baptist minister is present to assist him, with one exception---he may not perform marriages at all.

PARAGRAPH-3

All ministers are required to report, by letter, to all four (4) quarterly meetings, and also report to the annual Ministers' Conference of the Union Association.

PARAGRAPH-4

Must attend two (2) quarterly meetings in person to remain in "good standing", and expected to attend the annual, if possible.

PARAGRAPH-5

The ordained minister from a sister Free Will Baptist Association:

- (A) When a minister or pastor, elected from a sister association, unites with a local church, it is advisable that they unite also with the Ministers' Conference of the Quarterly Meeting.

PARAGRAPH-6

The church of which he is a member shall provide a letter recommending him to the Quarterly Meeting.

PARAGRAPH-7

He must present a letter in "good standing" from the association which he was a member of.

PARAGRAPH-8

He is required to report, by letter, to the quarterly and annual meetings.

PARAGRAPH-9

The local church, when possible, should call their pastors from the ranks of the Free Will Baptist ministers who are in "good standing" with an association of Free Will Baptist. However, if it becomes prudent to select a pastor who has been in another church or denomination, he should be examined by the local church as to the soundness of his faith and beliefs.

- A. It becomes their duty to recommend him, by letter, to the Quarterly Meeting license council for exchange of credentials.
- B. He should be informed of his responsibility to report to the quarterly and annual meetings, by letter, and in person in order to maintain "good standing" in the Ministers' Conference.

PARAGRAPH-10

The local church and discipline of a minister:

- A. The local church may discipline an ordained or licensed minister with respect to his status, as a member in "good standing", in the local church. However, they cannot nullify his standing in the Ministers' Conference, nor his status as a minister.
- B. Only the ordaining council should take into consideration a minister disciplined by local churches and take action accordingly.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF LICENSE COUNCIL:

PART-1

MINISTERS TO BE LICENSED:

- 1. The license council of the Quarterly Meeting shall examine all candidates who appear before it, from time to time, as to their Christian experience, faithfulness to Christ and the church, character, honesty, sincerity, and divine call to the ministry.

SECTION-A

To obtain a license, one must:

PARAGRAPH-1

Have been a member of the church recommending him for a period of at least one (1) year.

- (1) And attend that church, unless he has an appointment to preach or is pastoring another church.

PARAGRAPH-2

Show evidence of divine call to preach, a desire for Christian growth, maturity, attitude for serious study and sermon preparation.

PARAGRAPH-3

Possess a personal life and conduct which conforms to qualifications mentioned in I Timothy 3:17 and Titus 1:5-9.

PARAGRAPH-4

Express a willingness to complete the courses of study required by the Ministers' Conference.

- (1.) Licensees are granted licenses to preach, subject to annual renewal.
- (2.) A licensed minister is required to hold a license for at least two (2) years before being considered for ordination.
- (3.) Licensed ministers shall appear before the license council, at each anniversary of his license, to renew them until he is ordained.

PART-2

MINISTERS WITH CREDENTIALS TO BE "RATIFIED":

1. Ordained Free Will Baptist ministers from sister associations who wish to become a member of the Ministers' Conference shall first unite with a local church within our association fellowship.
2. To be considered he shall:

SECTION-A

Have a letter, from the church of which he is a member, recommending him to fellowship in the Ministers' Conference.

SECTION-B

Have a letter of "good standing" from the association where his last membership was held.

SECTION-C

Be instructed as to his responsibility to make regular reports of his work, in writing, to the quarterly and annual meetings, and to attend at least two (2) quarterly meetings and the annual meeting, if possible.

PART-3

MINISTER FOR "EXCHANGE OF CREDENTIAL":

1. Ordained ministers from other church bodies or denominations may be received into the fellowship of the Ministers' Conference subject to the following rules:

SECTION-A

He must unite with a local church which has membership in the Union Association.

SECTION-B

He shall have a letter, from the church of which he is a member, recommending him to fellowship in the Ministers' Conference.

SECTION-C

He must have been a member of the church recommending him for at least one (1) year prior to being considered by the licensing council.

SECTION-D

He shall assure the license council of his regeneration experience, faithfulness to Christ and the church, Christian character, honesty, sincerity, and divine call to the ministry.

PARAGRAPH-1

His personal life and conduct shall reveal a desire for Christian growth, maturity, attitude for serious study and sermon preparation.

PARAGRAPH-2

Shall meet the qualifications of the Holy Scriptures as mentioned in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

SECTION-E

He shall be instructed as to his responsibility to make regular reports of his work, in writing, to all four (4) quarterly meetings and annual meeting.

PARAGRAPH-1

Attend at least two (2) quarterly meetings and the annual meeting, if possible.

PART-4

ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE LICENSING COUNCIL:

1. The license council shall submit an "annual report" to the ordaining council of its work performed within the conference year as follows:

SECTION-A

A list of all candidates examined, and the action as to the results.

SECTION-B

A report of all ministers who are in "good standing".

SECTION-C

A report of all ministers who are not in "good standing", stating the reasons for this condition.

SECTION-D

A list of all ministers recommended for "ordination, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials".

SECTION-E

A list of all ministers who are excused from reporting.

SECTION-F

The report must be in the hands of the secretary of the ordaining council no later than Monday morning of the week of the association annual meeting.

PARAGRAPH-1

The license council shall inform those, whom it is recommending to the ordaining council for any reason, of the time and place of the meeting.

PARAGRAPH-2

The regular annual meeting of the ordaining council will take place Monday morning at 9:00 AM at the same location where the annual meeting is being held for that year. This is for the purpose of interviewing those who are to be considered for membership in the Ministers' Conference. That is:

- (1.) Licensed ministers who are to be "ordained",
- (2.) Ordained ministers whose credentials are to be "ratified",
- (3.) Ordained ministers from other churches or denominations whose credentials are to be "exchanged".

PARAGRAPH-3

One member from each license council is invited to participate with the ordaining council during the interviews, but will not have voting powers in their decisions.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS:

PART-1

Men who are called of God to a public preaching ministry and who aspire to be licensed as a Free Will Baptist should announce his calling to his local church.

SECTION-A

He would be well advised to seek help and instruction from his pastor, who will acquaint him with the procedures established by the Quarterly Meeting.

PARAGRAPH-1

At the appropriate time, the church will furnish him with a "letter of recommendation" to the Quarterly Meeting and inform him of the time and place to meet with the license council.

PART-2

Licensed ministers who aspire to be ordained to the gospel ministry:

1. Must obtain a "letter of recommendation" to the Quarterly Meeting from the church of which he is a member.
2. He shall then meet with the license council at the specified time and place for examination and instruction.

SECTION-A

License councils are forbidden to recommend those to the ordaining council who:

PARAGRAPH-1

Have not completed the required courses of study.

PARAGRAPH-2

Have not served for at least two (2) years under license.

PARAGRAPH-3

Does not maintain a "card of good standing" within the Ministers' Conference.

PARAGRAPH-4

Has been married more than one (1) time and whose former wife is still living.

PARAGRAPH-5

Has married a woman whose former husband is still living.

PARAGRAPH-6

Fails or refuse to appear before the ordaining council at the specified time on Monday morning at 9:00 AM on the week of and at the same location as the annual association meeting.

SECTION-B

The license council may refuse to recommend a candidate for ordination for any reason it deems appropriate, or they may ask a person to serve another year under license.

PARAGRAPH-1

All such decisions are entirely their responsibility.

PARAGRAPH-2

One may freely express their disappointment of such a decision, however, a spirit of vindictiveness or contempt will not be tolerated.

PART-3

Ordained ministers from sister associations who have followed the procedures in Article II, Part-2, above will be referred to the ordaining

council for "ratification" of their credentials and accepted into the Ministers' Conference.

SECTION-A

They shall meet with the ordaining council at 9:00 AM on Monday of the week of the annual association at the location where the meeting is held.

PARAGRAPH-1

He is asked to bring his ordination certification with him for "ratification".

PART-4

Ordained ministers from other church bodies or denominations who have followed the procedures in Article II, Part-3, above will be referred to the ordaining council for "exchange" of their credentials and accepted into the Ministers' Conference.

SECTION-A

They shall meet with the ordaining council at 9:00 AM on Monday of the week of the annual association meeting.

PARAGRAPH-1

They are required to present their old ordination certificate which they may retain with them (for keepsake only).

SECTION-B

Candidates "exchanging" credentials will be subject to the same conditions, written test, and oral examination as those who come for ordination.

ARTICLE IV - THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AND ITS ORDAINING COUNCIL:

PART-1 PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Ministers' Conference is to enjoin a brotherhood of equals of like precious faith whose moral integrity, ethical standards, and spiritual qualities equip them to serve as pastors, evangelists, and spiritual leaders of association churches.

SECTION-A

The maintenance of these characteristics are mandatory in order that churches may safely call men from its ranks to serve them.

PART-2 DISCIPLINE:

All certificates of ordination are deemed to be the property of the Ministers' Conference and held in trust by the participating ministers during the maintenance of sound doctrine, Christian character, and good conduct.

SECTION-A

All credentials are subject to recall by the Ministers' Conference, who, through its ordaining council, may call for them at their discretion.

PARAGRAPH-1

All members are expected to comply when questions of discipline arise. A vindictive spirit or attitude of contempt toward the ordaining council will not be tolerated.

PARAGRAPH-2

Any action by the ordaining council must be reviewed and ratified by the Ministers' Conference in its annual session, or a special session may be called for that purpose.

PARAGRAPH-3

Members rights are freely protected in accordance with the "Treatise of Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist".

PART-2 RESPONSIBILITY:

Each member of the Ministers' Conference is enjoined:

- (1) To watch over one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in bonds of peace,
- (2) To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation,
- (3) To uphold and strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and far as we are able
- (4) To promote the success of the cause of Christ and the Gospel.

SECTION-A

We are to practice and promote a Spirit filled life of dedicated service, personal holiness, and sincere devotion to the Lord in all things until our pilgrim journey on earth is over.

ARTICLE V - BOOKS AND STUDY COURSES FOR CANDIDATES:

PART-1 REQUIRED STUDIES IN ADDITION TO THE BIBLE:

- (1) "The Treatise of Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist".
- (2) "Great Doctrines of the Bible" by William Evans.
- (3) "How to Prepare Sermons and Gospel Addresses" by William Evans.
- (4) "Drawing the Net" (Handbook on Soul Winning).
- (5) "Preparatory to Ordination" by Ralph Staten.

PART-2 RECOMMENDED STUDIES:

- (1) "Bible Ethics" by Leroy Forlines.
- (2) "Cheap Easy Believism" by Leroy Forlines.
- (3) "Church Government and Ordinances" by Robert Picirilli.
- (4) "Discipline and Developing" by Malcolm C. Fry.
- (5) "Doctrine of Last Things" by Robert Picirilli.
- (6) "Every Christian's Job" by C. E. Matthews.
- (7) "Free Will Baptist Doctrine" by J. D. O'Donnell.
- (8) "Minister's Handbook" (WB), Published by Randall House Publishers.
- (9) "Morals and Orthodoxy" by Leroy Forlines.
- (10) "Pastoring the Smaller Church" by John C. Thiessen.
- (11) "Points for the Pastor and His People" by Jim McAllister.
- (12) "Spiritual Leadership" by J. Oswald Sanders.
- (13) "Stewardship" by Malcolm C. Fry.
- (14) "Systematic" by Leroy Forlines.
- (15) "The Charismatic and the Ecumenical Movement" by Robert Picirilli.
- (16) "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit" by Rene Pache.
- (17) "The Preacher and His Preaching" by J. D. O'Donnell.
- (18) "The Spirit of God" by G. Campbell Morgan.
- (19) "What the Bible Says about Tongues" by Robert Picirilli.

SECTION-A

There are many more good books, which would be useful in your ministry.

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*Harley Brown	7736 Dotson Road	Knoxville, TN 37920	423/573-9019
John Buchanan	699 Pisgah Road	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/639-2770
Lloyd Burchell, Jr.	601 Chuckey Highway	Afton, TN 37616	423/257-4303
James Byford	364 Cedar Branch Road	Kingsport, TN 37664	423/323-0419
Dennis Caldwell	355 Lakota Way	Newport, TN 37821	423/623-0895
Carl Callahan	1514 Christian Bend Road	Church Hill, TN 37642	423/345-4701
Brian J. Capps	Rt. 2 Box 222 AB	Powder Springs, TN 37848	423/497-3751
Tim Carson	PO Box 81	Mohawk, TN 37810	423/422-6009
*Johnny Cash	647 Main Street	Maynardville, TN 37807	423/992-5433
Marvin Castle	7201 Hodges Ferry Road	Knoxville, TN 37920	423/577-2083
Gary Cavin	345 Woodcrest Drive	Kingsport, TN 37663	423/239-5994
Tommy Caylor	2227 Sylvania Avenue	Knoxville, TN 37920	423/573-5948

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111	1	2	0	0	2	39	Yes
182	4		13	2	22		Yes
							Yes
92	0	15	5	1	1	65	No
94		2		2	1	30	
74					3	105	
79	0	21	5	1	4	199	Yes
							Yes
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
149	3	4	0	1	6	171	Yes
40	0	0	14	0	7		No
5	0	2	0	0	0	12	No
91	0	12	0	4	2		Yes
34							Yes
78	0	2	5	3	5		Yes
103	1	9	0	0	0	181	Yes
62	1	20	0	1	2	107	Yes
105	0	14	4	2	0	68	Yes
73	0	0	3	0	2		Yes
48	0	6	0	0	1	52	Yes
55	0	2	0	0	1		No

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*Herman Christian	Rt. 6 Box Iowa Street	Church Hill, TN 37642	423/357-7683
Scott Cline	1593 Phagan Store Road	Talbot, TN 37877	423/475-2209
Jackie Cole	113 Manning Street	Elizabethton, TN 37643	423/543-2549
*Doyle Collier	3067 Lourance Drive	Kingsport, TN 37660	423/288-4673
David H. Cook	109 Sherfey Road	Jonesborough, TN 37659	423/753-5308
*Burl Cox	806 Lamont Street	Kingsport, TN 37664	423/245-6954
David B. Cox	153 Woody Meadow Drive	Kingston, TN 37763	423/376-6298
James G. Cox	13614 E. Carters Valley Road	Gate City, VA 24251	540/225-6451
Jesse Crawford	480 Old Baileyton Road	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/234-9132
Clifford Crigger	414 Silver Lake Road	Church Hill, TN 37642	423/357-6254
Alfred Cutshall	103 E. Smithdale Blvd. E.	Limestone, TN 37681	423/257-5622
Eddie W. Dalton	136 Fullington Way	Newport, TN 37821	423/623-6300
Dennis Daugherty	1088 Beth Drive	Russellville, TN 37860	423/586-0032
Jerry C. Davenport	1759 Rockspring Rd.	Kingsport, TN 37664	423/349-5709
Christopher Dotson	3125 Big Woods Drive	Morristown, TN 37813	423/585-5559
Douglas Easter	8000 Simpson Road	Loudon, TN 37774	423/458-2817
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Chris Fannin	95 New Hope Road	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/639-9774
Gerald Fender	11321 Birch Springs Dr.	Knoxville, TN 37932	423/675-4598
*Carl W. Ferrell	1282 Miller Bluff Road	Church Hill, TN 37642	423/345-2741
*Ronnie Floyd	1043 Cedar Hills Drive	Church Hill, TN 37642	423/357-9091
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Billy Gragg	100 Silver Leaf Ct.	Kingsport, TN 37664	423/288-1650
*Carl V. Gregg	411 Kincaid Street	Kingsport, TN 37660	423/378-5509
Eric Gregg	443 Buckingham Drive	Newport, TN 37821	423/625-2004
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							No
92		15		1	1		Yes
118	1	8	3	2	5	362	Yes
12	0	10		0	0		Yes
7	0	2	0	0	0	13	Yes
65							
7	0	0	0	0	0	1	Yes
15	0	0	1	1	0	29	Yes
95	3	6	6	5	15	374	Yes
32		8		3	3	107	Yes
75	1	35	3			184	Yes
35	1	10	0	0	0	10	Yes
134	0	8	7	2	2	170	Yes
156	0		8	4	3	123	Yes
156	1	47	26	0	7	1088	Yes
54		7		2	1	299	No
15	0	0	0	0	2		Yes
38		2		2	1	123	Yes
38	0	100	25	0	4	100	No
20		4				4	Yes
36	1	12	6	0	2	106	Yes

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Darrell Gwin	1132 Tellico Rd.	Madisonville, TN 37354	423/442-2213
Glenn Hall	3187 Hinds Creek Road	Heiskell, TN 37754	423/494-7725
Michael Harmon	727 Union Road	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/636-8812
R. Jesse Hartgrove	1304 Ridgecrest Ave.	Kingsport, TN 37665	423/247-5061
Norman Heath	14792 Vonore Road	Loudon, TN 37774	423/458-5421
Mikel R. Hensley	105 Park Lane	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/639-2150
Robert A. Hobbs	712 Wooddale Church Road	Knoxville, TN 37924	423/933-3605
William R. Holt	668 Spring Street	Mosheim, TN 37818	423/422-7388
Roger S. Hood	803 Ricker Road	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/639-9449
Randy Howell	245 Rodefer Drive	Blountville, TN 37617	423/743-9795
Johnny Hulse	847 Popular Grove Rd.	Kingsport, TN 37664	423/349-6124
Brian T. Hurst	1411 Wilson Rd.	Knoxville, TN 37912	423/525-1267
Lee Roy Hurst	735 Bob White Trail	Midway, TN 37809	423/422-7264
*G. W. Jobe	1384 Mountain View Road	Rogersville, TN 37857	423/357-6566
Van Johnson	1690 Wattenbarger Gap Rd.	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/234-6224
*Theodore Jones	3807 Middlebrook Pike	Knoxville, TN 37921	423/523-1406
David Kemper	187 Jimtown Road	Newport, TN 37821	423/623-3659
*Roy Ketron	1241 Malabar Drive	Kingsport, TN 37660	423/245-2120
Douglas E. King	1563 Lakeview Circle	Morristown, TN 37814	423/581-1801
Hal Kirk	5445 McDonald Road	Mohawk, TN 37810	423/235-5620
Paul E. Lamb	1141 Rocktown Road	Talbott, TN 37877	423/475-9249
Joel Lasko	179 Old Shiloh Road	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/639-7774
Joel F. Lauckner	110 Harris Street #A	Erwin, TN 37650	423/743-8936
Larry W. Laughlin	3950 Memorial Blvd.	Kingsport, TN 37664	423/245-1727
*Joe B. Lawing	115 Spring Street	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/638-7126
Roy Lee Lester	446 Independence Drive	Kingsport, TN 37660	423/246-9365

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>100	1	7	1	0	0		Yes
48	0	6	0	3	2		
95	0	10	1	0	1	23	Yes
41	0	1	8				
104		Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes
103	0	7	2	1			Yes
82		1	7	2	3	142	Yes
81		23	18	10	7	174	Yes
?							
22						39	Yes
33	0	0	4	0	2	31	Yes
5	0	2	0	0	0	80	Yes
100							
95		5			2	56	
156	0	20	5	1	3	725	Yes
30	0	4	7	0	4	57	Yes
150			4	2	4		
74		4				91	No
8	0	3	6	0	0	19	Yes
28	1						Yes
48	0	0	0	1	0	63	Yes
160	0	6	4	8	12	230	Yes

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*T. F. Lewis	279 Sand Valley Road	Jonesborough, TN 37659	423/753-3673
Jack Lloyd	60 Chambers Street	Bristol, TN 37620	423/764-3292
Jimmie R. Lowe	302 Arrowhead Loop	Midway, TN 37809	423/422-4874
*John Maloy	Rt. 7 Box 615	Newport, TN 37821	423/623-6729
James Manis	1945 Longs Bend Pk.	Surgoinsville, TN 37873	423/345-3360
Oscar H. McAmis	15765 Kingsport Highway	Chuckey, TN 37641	423/348-7758
*R. L. McClain	P.O. Box 154	Surgoinsville, TN 37873	423/345-2964
James Melton	1095 Robertson Road	Chuckey, TN 37641	
Buford Metcalf	2216 Camp Creek Road	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/639-2778
*Jesse Metcalf	485 White Sand Road	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/638-7223
Jackie H. Miller	1330 Middle Creek Rd.	Afton, TN 37616	423/639-0453
Harry Mintz	P.O. Box 156	Deerfield Street, NJ 08313	609/358-1577
David A. Morelock	1572 Old Baileyton Road	Afton, TN 37616	423/234-0326
Jack Morelock	4221 South Wilcox Drive	Kingsport, TN 37660	423/349-7265
Ronald Morrison	174 Delmar Salts Road	Gray, TN 37615	423/477-2819
Terry Mosley	160 South Jefferson Circle	Oak Ridge, TN 37830	423/483-7201
*C. G. Mulkey	341 Country Lane	Loudon, TN 37774	423/458-4521
Howard T. Munsey	359 Panther Springs Rd.	Morristown, TN 37814	423/586-6088
Ray Dean Mysinger	60 Gaby Circle	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/639-1820
Lynn Neas	15 Broyles Road	Chuckey, TN 37641	423/257-6817
Gary Norton	6025 Mine Lick Creek Road	Baxter, TN 38544	615/858-2547
*Bobby Olterman	257 Bert Street	Kingsport, TN 37665	423/246-4855
*Ivery Padgett	162 Lester Heights Road	Gray, TN 37615	423/282-6569
Robert Parker	241 Parker Lane	Kingsport, TN 37660	423/378-5353
Thurman Pate	6605 Cherry Drive	Knoxville, TN 37919	423/588-3857
C. Raymond Perry	1470 Sugarbowl Road	Chuckey, TN 37641	423/257-5393

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16	0	5	0	1	2	35	Yes
28	0	15	10	0	2	58	Yes
71		11	3	3	3	44	Yes
128	3	26	19	5	8	243	Yes
							Yes
30		11		2		105	Yes
12	0	5	5	0	0	20	Yes
125	0	3	0	3	5	225	Yes
94				1	1		Yes
4	0	3	0	0	0	3	Yes
50	0	0	0	1	4	85	No
60				4	3		No
50	1	15	9	1	7		Yes
104	0	9	0	2	4	525	No
20	0	11	0	0	1	93	Yes
138	0	20	5	3	3	357	Yes
94	2	38	9			50	Yes
86	3	32	11		3	531	Yes
	0	7	0	3	9	57	Yes
74	0	2	2	0	2		
147	0	1	0	1	7	259	Yes
115	2	53	18	2	6		Yes

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Robert E. Powers	628 Profitt Lane	Kingsport, TN 37663	423/239-8866
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Doyle Pruett	944 Kiser	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/798-0714
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*Lowell E. Ramsey	708 Opie Arnold Road	Limestone, TN 37681	423/257-2507
Jeffrey Sams	8418 Greendale Rd.	Wise, VA 24293	540/328-3445
Max Sauls	145 Jaybird Lane	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/639-4786
Ernest Sawyer	1521 NW Highway 25/70	Hot Springs, NC 28743	704/622-7383
Gregory H. Sergeant	P.O. Box 1601	Wise, VA 24293	540/328-6578
*Don Sexton	116 Howard Lipford Dr.	Elizabethton, TN 37643	423/453-4187
W. Ken Smith	4090 Sunnysdale	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/639-2879
Dennis H. Spears	113 Dillow Circle	Kingsport, TN 37663	423/239-3586
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Dwayne Steele	1995 Jockey Road	Limestone, TN 37681	423/257-2323
*J. B. Stills	Rt. 3 Box 563E	Greeneville, TN 37743	423/638-2379
Thurman Sullivan	Rt. 2 Box 254	Unicoi, TN 37692	423/743-4709
Gene Swatzell	2342 Buckingham Road	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/639-8289
Winston Sweeney	1001 Lisa Drive	Church Hill, TN 37642	423/357-5420
*W. H. Teague		Midway, TN 37809	423/422-7686
Jimmie L. Tolbert	750 Jacobs Road	Morristown, TN 37813	423/587-4374
*John Turnmire	759 Glendale Road	Jonesborough, TN 37659	423/753-6784
Joseph R. Wallis	1816 Ridgemont Drive	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/639-3664
Teddy Waters	2706 Point Pleasant Road	Newport, TN 37821	423/625-2537
Wayne Waycaster	166 Barkley Road	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/234-9511
Teddy Webb	Rt. 6 Box 585	Rogersville, TN 37857	423/357-7536
*Earl E. Whetsel	11223 Horton Hwy.	Greeneville, TN 37745	423/234-6444

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54	3	12	2	0	0	18	Yes
136	4	21	7	2	11	455	Yes
82	3	Yes	0	0	Yes		Yes
5		4		2	3	13	No
4	0	2	0	0	0	6	Yes
53					2	62	
100	2	15			2		Yes
120	1						Yes
96		4		0	3	115	Yes
30	0	1	0	0	1	50	Yes
105	0	30	9	3	3		Yes
92	1	5	8	1	4	895	Yes
220		12	1	1	3	163	No
75	0	15	12	1	8		Yes
98	0	16	12	1	3	181	Yes
162	6	91	5	1	6	569	Yes
101	0	1	0	0	2		Yes
145	0	15	1	3	4	35	Yes
130	1	47	17	12	7		Yes

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James K. Williams	1420 Graysburg Hills Road	Chuckey, TN 37641	423/234-0265
Fred C. Williams III	2023 Gray Station - Sulphur Springs Rd.	Jonesborough, TN 37659	
Jerry Williams, Sr.	705 Mohawk Creek Road	Midway, TN 37809	423/235-2814
Danny Willis	815 Nelse Roberts Road	Chuckey, TN 37641	423/348-6580
Kenneth Wilson	577 Fincher Road	Newport, TN 37821	423/623-3134
George L. Winegar	319 Eastern Star Road	Kingsport, TN 37663	423/349-4607
William Winters	204 Riviera Drive	Newport, TN 37821	423/625-8005
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77	6	28	12	3	5		Yes
30	0		0	0	0		Yes
125	3	21	6	2			Yes
108	1	47	15	4	1		Yes
96	0	13	0	3	4		Yes
87	0	Yes		1	6	518	Yes
102	0	7	7	0	2	66	Yes



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Feb. 7 Oak Grove
 May 9 Union
 Aug. 8 Peace #ing
 Nov. 7 Harris Memorial

WQM

Jan. 31 Knoxville 1st
 May 2 Johnson Chapel
 Aug. 1 West Knoxville
 Oct.31 Wooddale #ing

EQM

Apr. 10 Unicoi #ing
 Oct. 9 West Park Street

NQM

Jan. 24 Church Hill 1st #ing
 Apr. 25 Christians Bend
 July 25 Doran Addition
 Oct. 24 Eastern Star

