

Union Association of Free Will Baptists

131st Annual Session
August 15-16, 2003



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General Business

Registration began at 8:00 A.M. The Session was opened at 9:00 A.M. by the Moderator, Kevin Trimble. The 131st Annual Association was characterized by a spirit of unity and excitement, as many had not been to the Campground since their own day of ordination. An expression of thanks was offered to the Camp Director, Scott Gailey and the hard work of the staff of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries for hospitality and a light breakfast.

Matthew Munsey led in song and the opening scripture was Isaiah 40:28-31. The Moderator initiated the Roll Call of Ministers, Deacons and Delegates. **MSC** to accept and others were welcomed and seated in the capacity of advisors.

The Moderator appointed Reverend Carl Callahan as the parliamentarian for the session. The Committee on Committees was appointed **MSC** (Ronnie Mitchell – Central, Jim Cox – Eastern, Teddy Webb – Northern and Ron. L. Mitchell – Western) and by the Moderator's invitation, several items were laid on the table (See Minister's Conference Report)

The Moderator's message was on 2 Timothy 4:1-8 and the group was exhorted in three areas. They included: 1) Trusted with the Message, 2) True to the Message and 3) Tell the Message. The group was then dismissed to attend the U.W.A.C. meeting in the Tabernacle and the Minister's Conference in the Dining Hall. The attendance was 76.

The Conference re-convened prior to lunch and heard the report of the Committee on Committees

Resolutions

Lynn Nease – Central
Thurman Sullivan – Eastern
Rodger Castle – Northern
James Lawson – Western

Appreciation

Howard Munsey – Central
Greg Sergeant – Eastern
Brian Capps – Northern
Travis Sturgill – Western

Memorial – Obituary

Chris Dotson – Central
Larry Laughlin – Eastern
Roy Lester – Northern
Thurman Pate – Western

Prayer

Gary Norton – Central
Shane Wilson – Eastern
Jessie Hartgrove – Northern
Ron L. Mitchell – Western

Registration

Tim Carson – Central
Roger Boone – Eastern
George Winegar – Eastern
Carl Callahan – Western

Friday afternoon signaled the beginning of reports. The Session opened with Scripture and prayer and the conference was greeted by the Moderators of each quarterly. All brought greetings and the Eastern and Western provided a written report. (See Attachments) The Business session began at 3:15 with reports from numerous ministries that were represented. The reports include:

- Free Will Baptist Family Ministries – Dr. James H. Kilgore
- Free Will Baptist Bible College – Matt Pinson
- Union Association Camp – Jackie Cole
- Berea Ministries – Howard Munsey
- Union Home Missions – Bobby Green
- Tennessee State Home Missions – Wayne Wagner
- Union Association W.A.C. – Merle Archer
- Union Association Promotional Secretary – Larry Laughlin
- Hispanic Missions – Shane Wilson
- FWB Foreign Missions – Verlin Anderson
- FWB Home Missions – Paul Parks
- Tennessee State Promotional Secretary – Dr. Charles Thigpen
- Union Association Walk-a-thon – Dwight Mitchell

Those in session also heard a partial Clerks report and received as information the idea that both the Central and the Western are utilizing. This format for collecting dues from both quarterlies makes the job of the Union Clerk much easier as each church pays quarterly, the total amount of dues for the National, State and Local Quarterly. For smaller churches, this is very attractive.

A Treasurer's report was also given and (see attachment) the meeting was adjourned in prayer. The attendance for the afternoon was 53 men in attendance for the Minister's Conference and Business session and 28 women were present for W.A.C.

Note: Each worship service was conducted with a spirit of expectancy. The Worship leaders were prepared, the special music was very enjoyable and the speakers were completely devoted to the preaching of the Word. The Friday evening service was exceptionally low and the Moderator strongly encouraged a better attendance by our people.

The speaker for the W.A.C. worship Service was Brother Paul Park, the Minister's Conference speaker was Matt Pinson from the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Reverend Chris Dotson from Peace FWB spoke on Friday evening, Travis Sturgill, from Forrest Grove FWB spoke on Saturday morning and Reverend Doyle Pruitt from the Kingsley Avenue Church spoke at the Ordination Service on Saturday afternoon.

The Saturday Morning session began at 9:00 A.M. with a song led by Brother Chris Dotson. The Moderator opened with Scripture and prayer. The reports were finished and the Committee Reports were given

- MSC Registration Committee – see attachment
- MSC Appreciation Committee – see attachment
- MSC Prayer Request Committee – see attachment
- MSC Memorial Committee – see attachment
- MSC Resolutions Committee – see attachment

MSC to remain at The Oaks Campground for the 2004 Meeting. The date for the meeting is August 13-14th, 2004. MSC to set fees for the meeting. The Treasurer and Secretary each were to receive \$650.00. The Moderator is to receive \$300.00. The host church (in this case the Oaks) is to receive \$100.00.

Two items were removed from the table. The first, dealing with term limits for the Promotional Secretary read as follows: *"Motion made by Travis Sturgill (page 7) ... to extend the Promotional Secretary's term from (1) year to an indefinite period, just as the clerk and treasurer's terms."* This item was discussed and was passed.

The second item read, *"At the January Executive Board Meeting we recommended changing the Moderator's term from (1) year to (3) years and that the Moderator not be able to succeed himself in that position until he have set out one term."* MSC

MSC to accept the Nominating Committee report as follows:
Assistant Moderator – Jesse Hartgrove
Assistant Promotional Secretary – Jackie Cole
Home Missions Board – Northern Quarterly – Chris Castle – 2007
General Board – Western Quarterly – Norman Heath – 2007

MSC for a slate of delegates to the State Meeting in November. MSC to dedicate the meetings and worship this year in honor of the Sweeney family. There was considerable discussion about the possibility of including the "Barnabas Connection" under the umbrella of the Union Association. It was decided for this to be accomplished, a board would have to be created and reports given. The notion was offered that the ministry, led by Brother Rodney Bailey be given space and time to report.

There was discussion about the books available for those men being licensed who are Hispanic. MSC to form a committee of Howard Munsey, Billy Gragg and Shane Wilson to look into this matter. They will return a report to the Mid-year meeting with recommendations about study, books, licensing and studies.

The session was closed so that final business could be conducted for the Minister's Conference. The attendance for the Saturday morning meeting was 86.

Minister's Conference

Reverend Travis Sturgill opened the Minister's Conference with a song and prayer. A partial report of the Ordination Council was given by the Board.

MSC for a Nominating Committee for the day. Several items of business were discussed having to do with the changes in the Licensing/Ordination process. A synopsis of the main points will follow: **Note: The organizer of these minutes will refer you to the Quarterly Licensing Councils and the Ordination Council for any questions and a copy of the work accomplished.**

MSC to adopt each proposal

PROPOSAL #1

Whereas there is a need for simplifying and improving the reporting process, beginning in the 2004 reporting year, (meetings following the 2003 Annual Union Association Meeting), Ministers are to give written reports to their respective quarterly meetings. The Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting will be responsible for collecting such reports and then forward them to the Union Association Ordaining Board and the Clerk of the Ministers' Conference prior to the Annual Union Meeting. There will be no need for each minister to submit an annual report to the Union Association, as the Clerk of his Quarterly Meeting will submit a combined annual report to the Union Association Ordaining Board on his behalf.

PROPOSAL #2

Whereas each minister needs a quality, and current card of good standing, beginning at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Union Association, the ministers' fees will increase to \$10.00. Further, ministers in good standing will pay this fee at the time of the issuance of *cards of good standing*, and such cards will not be issued without the payment of necessary fee. This allows each minister in good standing to receive his current card at the U.A. Meeting -- good for a one-year period.

PROPOSAL #3

Whereas some ministers are not required to report annually, beginning 2004, those ministers who are excused from reporting due to retirement, or disability, will be issued a permanent *card of good standing*, which will not be renewed each year, provided same said minister continues to comply with the standards established by this constitution, bylaws, and standing rules.

PROPOSAL #4

Whereas our candidates for ordination need to read biblically, and doctrinally accurate material, following the 2003 U.A. meeting, the required reading list for ordination

candidates will consist of the selections contained in the attached list. Note, someone already in the ordination process will not be required to read the new selections, but it is recommended.

PROPOSAL #5

Whereas our ordination test needs revision, the current ordination test shall be replaced with the one attached.

PROPOSAL #6

Whereas the Ministers' Conference is responsible for the men that are ordained as ministers of the Gospel, each ordination candidate will be required to attend the following two (2) seminars, prior to ordination.

Seminar #1 – Free Will Baptist Doctrine

Seminar #2 – Practical Ministry

The date, time, and location of these seminars will be posted well in advance of the sessions.

Additionally, each candidate will be required to submit one written synopsis of one of the required texts at each meeting of his respective quarterly meeting. (See attached book list)

PROPOSAL #7

Whereas the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, serving as a body that grants ordination for ministers of the Gospel, may be held legally responsible for the actions of one its members, every candidate for ordination within our Association shall submit to a criminal background check. Such background check, and subsequent report will be held in the strictest of confidence. The report will only be read by the President of the Ministers' Conference, with any pertinent information being shared only with a respective candidate's quarterly licensing committee. Information revealed on such background check will not necessarily prohibit an individual from being licensed, and ordained. However, refusal to submit to such examination will disqualify the candidate from the ordination process.

PROPOSAL #8

Whereas the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association desires to implement a uniform process for ministerial candidates, we propose that each quarterly licensing committee have a file for each prospective candidate. The contents of the file shall include the license application (attached); references; ordination checklist; and written synopsis of reading material. The quarterly license committee shall hold such file until the candidate is ready to go before the Ordaining Board, at which time the candidate's file will be forwarded to the Ordaining Board.

PROPOSAL #9

Whereas the adoption of these proposals, either partially or in their entirety, will necessitate the amending of our current constitution, bylaws, and standing rules, we agree that the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association shall be amended to reflect these changes.

Each minister was challenged by President Matt Pinson of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in a seminar on Post-Modernism.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT-2003

The Women's Auxiliary of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Oaks Conference Center August 15, 2003. The meeting was called to order by Sarah Kilgore. Her opening remarks were from Psalm 51:1-10. She called us to restoration and repentance. Sheila Mitchell prayed the opening prayer. A skit was given by the Limestone Church. The Treasurer's report was read and adopted. It is as follows: (Read the report). The following committees were appointed by the President: Financial, appreciation committee, registration, and resolution committees. The following new officers were elected: Amanda Kilgore—Co-coordinator; Darla Trimble—Asst. Co-coordinator; Mila Laughlin—Secretary; Betty Hall—Treasurer; Sarah Kilgore—Study Chairman; Varnel Gorenflo—Prayer Chairman; Paula Roach—Mission Action; Jane Bailey—Fieldworker. The motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept these officers. There were 28 women present, and they were encouraged to use faith promise cards to support the National Offices of WAC. The women voted to give our speaker, Paul Park, an honorarium of \$300. The afternoon meeting was convened for the purpose of giving the reports of the committees. All reports—the financial report, registration report, appreciation report, and resolution reports—were read and adopted. Announcements related to the Women's Auxiliary were given and all the women were urged to attend the state retreat at Music Road Hotel October 2-4. The speaker will be Judy Lytle. The WAC state meeting will be November 11 in Cookeville. Delegates to the Union Association and the state meeting were appointed. Amanda Kilgore gave a report from the FWBFM. A prayer of dedication for the new officers was offered by Arlene Farley. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Merle Archer for Mila Laughlin

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We the Registration Committee submit the following report:

28 WAC
57 Ministers
22 Visitors
2 Missionaries
5 Delegates
5 State and National Officers

Total 122

In 2002:
48 Licensed Ministers and Ordained Ministers
05 Deacons
15 Visitors
03 Delegates
12 Missionaries
02 State and National Officers

Total 85

Respectfully Submitted By:

Carl Callahan
Roger Boone
Tim Carson

MEMORIAL/OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. Winston Sweeney	EQM	Fellowship
Rev. Richard Holt	CQM	West Greene
Fleeda Abbott	WQM	Faith
Joey Hollands	WQM	Faith
Margaret Cross	NQM	Eastern Star
Solomon Norton	CQM	Hot Springs
Darby Burchell	NQM	Midfields
Zeta England	NQM	Midfields
Hazel Jessee	NQM	Midfields
Worley England	NQM	Midfields
Carson Manis	NQM	Phipps Bend
Ray Hutson	NQM	Phipps Bend
Reva Beason	CQM	Bridges
Carl Gann	CQM	Bridges
Kay Click	CQM	Bridges
Rebecca Bartlett	NQM	Church Hill
Bill Parker	EQM	Fellowship
Iris Coleen Shutes	EQM	Fellowship
Joyce Gentry	CQM	Limestone
Cecil Christian	NQM	Christians Bend
Vonda Yakley	EQM	Fellowship
Martha Mae Peters	NQM	Overlook Dr.
Tommy Tilson	CQM	Piney Grove
Lon Carden	WQM	Oak Ridge
Pete Lawing	CQM	
June Gilliland	CQM	Red Hill

We the memorial committee present the following names and all subsequent names that may come in by September 1 to the clerk of any members of our ranks that have been promoted to Glory.

EQM Larry Laughlin
 NQM Roy Lester
 WQM Thurman Pate
 CQM Gary Norton

PROMOTION SECRETARY

Over the past 12 months I have been honored to attend 14 out of 15 Quarterly Meetings. The one I missed due to being in the emergency room. I was privileged to visit Puerto Rico on a mission's trip and saw first-hand the work there. In December I was able to attend the leadership conference in Nashville.

Last March, we helped plan the Preacher's Tour with 13 preachers from FWBBC and are currently planning a Tour and Seminar in February of next year.

I worked with Paul Park on organizing his itinerary for August 3-18 this year and have currently scheduled his tour for next April.

We are currently talking with Scott Gailey about needs for the next year.

I have served as chairman of a camp advisory board that will report to the Association this year and will work closely with the camp next year. I am currently visiting from church to church. If I can be of any assistance, feel free to give me a call.

Respectfully Submitted
Larry Laughlin, Promotions Secretary

PRAYER REQUEST COMMITTEE

We the Prayer Request Committee present the following prayer requests:

- Churches, officers, and ministers of the Union Association
- FWB Family Ministries
- Families providing foster care for FWB Family Ministries
- FWB Korean cross-cultural ministry and Rev. Paul Park
- FWB Bible College
- Rev. Shane Wilson and Hispanic ministries
- Rev. Howard Munsey and Berea Ministries
- Rev. Darwin Oaks
- Ralph Roberts
- Syhab Spears
- Dwayne Dykes (US Military Personnel)
- 2004 Walkathon

1 Timothy 2:1 "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men."

Respectfully Submitted,
Union Association Prayer Committee

WESTERN QUARTERLY REPORT

On behalf of the Western Quarterly Meeting it is my pleasure to greet you in the name of our Lord. As one of the four members of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, the Western Quarterly is pleased to report the following:

- Attendance at each session of the Western Quarterly has seen a steady increase during the 2002-2003 year.
- The Western Quarterly Meeting currently has 14 member churches and enjoys the ministry of 24 ordained ministers and 4 licensed ministers.
- During the past year, David Cox has initiated a youth conference for every session of the Western Quarterly Meeting; hereby our youth have been able to enjoy a day of fun and Godly fellowship with their brothers and sisters. These outings have included a trip to Hidden Mountain and a tour of Ft. Loudon.
- Collectively, church membership in the local bodies of the Western Quarterly Meeting has grown 32% over this time last year, and we have seen a 28% increase in the number of conversions witnessed and the number of individuals baptized in our churches.
- We welcome each of you to attend any of our meetings. The placement of our next sessions are as follows: Nov. 1, 2003—FFWB Oak Ridge; Feb. 4, 2004—Fairview FWB Church, Clinton, TN; May 4, 2004—Forest Grove FWB Church, Knoxville, TN; August 7, 2004—Wooddale FWB Church, Knoxville, TN; and Nov. 6, 2004—Valley View FWB Church, Loudon, TN.

Respectfully Submitted,
Travis K. Sturgill, Moderator

EASTERN QUARTERLY

Greetings in Christ, from the Eastern Quarterly of the Union Association on this Friday, August 15, 2003.

We are glad to report to this body that Christ has been good to us this year. We have a total of 11 churches, 3 new churches, and 1 with home mission work in the Eastern Quarterly. WE have 22 ministers reporting and 3 of these are Spanish-speaking licensed ministers. Two new pastors have joined our association and we are truly thankful for all.

Brother Winston Sweeney, devoted pastor of Fellowship FWB Church in Kingsport, TN, and moderator of the Eastern Quarterly, was called home to Glory this past year. He was truly a man of God and will be sorely missed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Cole, Moderator

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT UNION ASSOCIATION MEETING

1. We believe, as Free Will Baptists, the biblical foundation for marriage is between a man and a woman. We further encourage every pastor to ask their members to go to the web site www.nogaymarriage.com and cast their individual vote for this relationship. It has been proven more effective to have individual votes cast instead of one for an entire church or organization.
2. We believe, with our President, the importance of the Ten Commandments. We encourage prayerful support for Roy Moore, Federal Judge in the state of Alabama, for his stand of not being willing to remove the Ten Commandments from the wall of his court, in opposition to the Supreme Court of the United States of America.
3. We believe the practice of homosexuality is a sin in the sight of God. We, therefore, reaffirm our stand in opposition to the ordination of homosexuals.
4. In consideration for the wonderful facilities we have at The Oaks, we ask for a rousing standing vote of appreciation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Resolutions Committee
James Lawson
Thurman Sullivan
Rodger Castle, Sr.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT AUGUST 2003

We the Appreciation Committee give our gratitude to:

1. God for His presence in our meeting and bringing about the spirit of unity and good fellowship among us.
2. The brethren for your presence in the Associational Meeting, for the spirit of cooperation and resolve of purpose exhibited by each one.
3. Each speaker and participant for the good reports and the wonderful messages from the Word of Life.
4. Moderator Kevin Trimble for his diligence in planning the Associational Meeting and for all the Associational officers for their faithful service to the work and denominational endeavors.
5. The administration and staff of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries for their hospitality in inviting the Association to use its beautiful facilities.
6. The staff of the Cafeteria for their preparation and serving the delicious meals.

Respectfully,
Howard Munsey, Chairman
Greg Sergent, Clerk
Travis Sturgill
Brian Capps



UNION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT
UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
THURMAN PATE 6603 CHEERY DR. KNOXVILLE, TENN. 37919
AUGUST 14, 2003

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 4,208.92

RECEIPTS:

CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING...	\$ 22,739.05
EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING...	\$ 1,352.50
NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING...	\$ 9,880.60
WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING...	\$ 23,422.80
MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS.....	\$ 832.99
SEXTON WALK-A-THON.....	\$ 65,619.89
	123,847.83

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE \$ 128,056.75

FUND ALLOCATIONS.....	AVAILABLE	DISBURSED	BALANCES
FOREIGN MISSIONS.....	13,996.18	13,996.18	0.00
WALK-A-THON.....	65,619.89	65,619.89	0.00
NAT'L HOME MISSIONS.....	11,399.06	11,399.06	0.00
STATE MINISTRIES.....	3,376.21	3,376.21	0.00
F.W.B. BIBLE COLLEGE.....	8,222.48	8,222.48	0.00
F.W.B. FAMILY MINISTRIES...	7,354.50	7,354.50	0.00
NATIONAL CO-OP.....	60602626	605.26	0.00
MASTERS MEN.....	1,048.54	1,048.54	0.00

ASSOCIATIONAL FUNDS:

ASSN' GENERAL FUND.....	13,045.13	9,124.34	3,920.79
UNION SUMMER CAMP.....	1,637.00	1,637.00	0.00
CAMP OAKS.....	600.00	600.00	0.00
DON. LYNN ELY AND ALPINE...	287.50	287.50	0.00
STATE HOME MISSIONS.....	865.00	865.00	0.00

BALANCES: \$ 128,056.75 \$ 124,135.96 \$ 3,920.79

SOME OF THE GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

1. State & National Dues....\$ 4,800.00
2. HONORARIUMS: Moderator....\$ 200.00
3. Clerk \$ 650.00 Treasurer. \$ 650.00

Host Church, \$200.00 Typing and
printing of minutes \$ 1,330.00

T.M. Pate
SEC. & TREASURER, T.M. PATE

Union Association of Free Will Baptists Youth Camp Report

August 13, 2003

RE: Youth Camp Report

- ♦ As in each year, camp has its ups and downs. The ups include 14 decisions to follow Christ in salvation and numerous decisions of rededication. The music and preaching for the first week came from the Rejoice Ministry Team from FWBBC. The second week Nathan Trimble and Ashley Norton of the Oak Grove Church led in worship as Matthew Munsey preached.
- ♦ Though camping is a wonderful experience for the youth, our camp faces many challenges:
 - a. **Lack of concern by Pastors** – many did not even share the mailed information with their kids or congregations
 - b. **Competition by other activities** – people will gladly send their youth to sports camps and beach trips, but just don't support the camp
 - c. **Rising expectations** – many of our people are not supportive of this camp even though it has over the years seen hundreds of decisions. Many are more inclined to pay a higher cost and send their kids to a more comfortable, activity friendly camp. Yet this camp is truly yours – Free Will Baptist
 - d. **Lack of workers** – as people get busier, fewer and fewer people help. Currently, the bulk of the work of the Union Camp falls on two preachers and two churches. They provide the majority of cooking, teaching, counseling, training, preparation and as well as expense.
- ♦ Even though there are several reasons that make camping a difficult venture, the good truly out-ways the bad. In these days of humanism and convenience, we must "roll up our sleeves" and work for the youth that will someday replace us.
- ♦ A special "thanks" goes to the Union Temple Church for and Tim Carson for helping during a crisis time and for every Pastor that does support and help this camp on a yearly basis.
- ♦ There was a tremendous sense of excitement both weeks as classes were taught, service projects were accomplished and fellowship was shared.
- ♦ A database has been created for the purpose of mailings and publicity next year.
- ♦ As the Director of the Camp and the Moderator of the Union, I gathered a team of interested people together for the purpose of study and future instructions for

the camp. Those as a part of the team include Ronnie Mitchell (Central), Leroy Lester (Northern), Larry Laughlin (Eastern) and Robert Hobbs (Western). This group met during teen camp and bring a report to follow this written report.

Statistics

Teen Week 39 youth

Junior Week 74 youth

Bank Balance

Beginning Balance – May \$3357.29

Ending Balance – August \$1594.09

Vital Information

Cost: \$95.00/camper

Dates for 2004

Senior Camp – June 6-10th

Junior Camp – June 13-17th

- ♦ *Each year the youth complete a service project for the camp*
- ♦ *Teachers lead youth in a Bible-based curriculum that is relative to the age group*
- ♦ *Afternoon activities are scheduled so that the "down-time" for the youth is minimal, and this reduces the amount of problems in the evenings*
- ♦ *Competitive activities allow every youth to participate in games, dramas, singing and sports for every level of strength and skill*

Needs for the Next Year

Week Directors – One for each week

Activities Director

Educational Coordinator

Food Services Director

In His Service,

Jackie Cole

Kevin Trimble

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT
UNION FWB ASSOC. MINISTER CONFERENCE
August 15-16, 2003 @ FWBM Campground

1 of 3

1. Ordaining Council met on August 15, 2002 at Evergreen FWBFM, Erwin, TN for re-organization as required by Ministers' Conference Constitution.

A. Present were Reverences, Billy Gragg, Thurman Sullivan, Doyle Pruett, Robert Hobbs, & Larry Arrowood.

1) Rev. Billy Gragg re-elected as Chairman & Rev. Thurman Sullivan as Clerk.

2. Ordaining Council met on August 11, 2003 at FWBFM Campground, Greeneville, TN for regular business.

A. All Members present were Reverences Billy Gragg, Thurman Sullivan, Doyle Pruett, Larry Arrowood, & Travis Sturgill proxy for Rev. Darvin Oaks.

1) Meeting was called to Order by Chairman and Opened in prayer at 8:30 AM.

2) Council met with Candidates & set the Agenda for this session.

a. Rev. Billy Gragg welcomed the Candidates and introduced the Ordaining Council.

b. Requirements for Ratifications and Exchange of Credentials and Ordination were presented.

3. Reviewed Minister's Annual Reports received.

4. Agenda for this session would be Ratifications and Exchange of Credentials first, then Candidates for Ordination.

A. The following Minister's Credentials were "RATIFIED."

1) Northern Quarterly:

a. Rev. Todd Jennings, from Macedonia FWBC.

b. Rev. James C. Frazier, Mount Carmel FWBC from Bethel FWBC.

2) Eastern Quarterly:

a. Rev. Jeffrey Davis, Fellowship FWBC from Bluegrass Conference, KY.

b. Rev. Jonathan Lewis, Evergreen FWBC from First Colorado District Assoc, CO.

B. No Credentials to be "EXCHANGED."

C. The following four (4) Licensed Ministers are recommended for "ORDINATION."

1) Central Quarterly:

a. Rev. Gary Gentry, Limestone FWBC.

2) Northern Quarterly:

a. Rev. Travis Phillips, Grassy Creek FWBC.

b. Rev. William Hickerson, Eastern Star FWBC.

3) Eastern Quarterly:

a. Rev. Jonathan Blankership, Evergreen FWBC.

5. Recommend that the following nine (9) Ministers, not in good standing with Quarterly Meeting, be sent a letter encouraging them to attend at least two quarterly meeting per year and report to all four meetings.

A. Western Quarterly:

- 1) Reverences Tommy Caylor, Darrell Gwin, Steven Jinks, Herman McFadden, & Allen Presley.

B. Northern Quarterly:

- 1) Rev. Johnny Hulse

C. Central Quarterly:

- 1) Ronald Melott, Clark Ryman

6. Recommend that the following four (4) Ministers, not in good standing with Quarterly Meeting, be sent a second letter encouraging them to attend at least two quarterly meeting per year and report to all four meetings.

A. Western Quarterly:

- 1) Reverences Brian Hurst, Martin Shelton

B. Central Quarterly:

- 1) Reverences Greg Godby, Eric Gregg, Danny Lamb

7. Recommend that the following four (4) Ministers, not in good standing, be Removed from the Minister's Conference Roll and their Credentials be requested.

A. Central Quarterly:

- 1) Reverences David Kemper, Joel Lasko, Jackie Hall

B. Western Quarterly:

- 1) Rev. Gerald Fender.

8. Recommend "Ordaining Council Recommendation 2002-01-2003" be remove from table, read, & adopted.

A. Attached

9. Review and Recommend Quarterly Reports be read & accepted.

A. Attached

10. Reviewed Proposals #1-9 Changes to Constitution & By-Laws.

A. Recommend these Proposals be tabled & adopted Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003.

B. Attached

11. Reviewed Ministers' Conference Clerk's Report.

A. No Annual Reports.

- 1) Reverences Gary Hodges, Larry Nelson, Alias Mendosa, Clark Ryman, Marcus Starnes, Eugene White, Charles Chandler, Chris Fannin, Bobby Greene, Steven Jenks, Harold Morelock, Darvin Oaks, Martin Shelton, Teddy Webb, Gary Gass, Eric Gregg, Jim Morlock, David Roy, Tony Shelton, Greg Godby, Johnny Hulse, Ronald Morrison, Roger (Pete) Smith.

12. Ordaining Council Adjourned.

13. Ordaining Council met on August 15, 2003 at FWBFM Campground for regular business.

- A. Recommend Rev. Derek Bell's Credential, Northern Quarterly, be Ratified pending a Letter of Recommendation from South Central Quarterly Association, Columbia, TN.

Respectfully submitted;

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Rev. Billy Gragg, Rev. Thurman Sullivan, Rev. Doyle Pruitt, Rev. Larry Arrowood, and Rev. Travis Sturgill
proxy for Rev. Darvin Oaks

Move that this Report be Adopted.

