

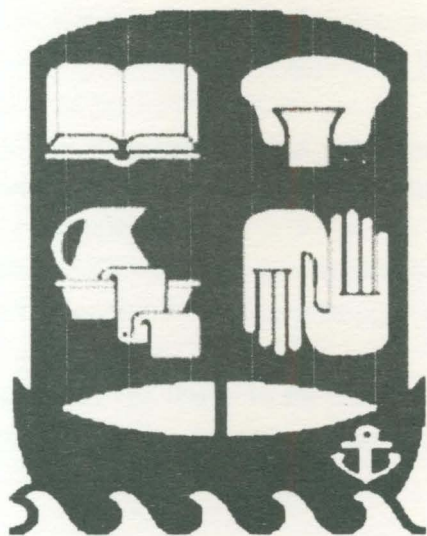
133rd ANNUAL

UNION

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

"In Christ"

Galatians 2:20



August 19-20, 2005

Greeneville, Tennessee

**Proceedings of the
133rd Annual Meeting of The
Union Association of Free Will Baptists
State of Tennessee
August 19-20, 2005
The Oaks, Greenville, TN**

Friday Morning Session, 9am

Rev. Chris Dotson led us in Singing "*Oh How I Love Jesus.*"

Moderator, Dr. Kevin Trimble, led the 68 present in prayer.

A motion was made by Carl Calahan to give to the moderator power to deviate from the program when he deemed necessary. There was a second to the motion and it carried. The moderator appointed Carl Calahan as parliamentarian.

Roll call was given to determine the voting body. Visitors were: Rev. Bert Tippet, Rev. Ray Hood, and Rev. Keith Burden, who were seated in an advisory capacity.

The Committee on Committees was appointed: Central-Tim Carson; Eastern-Larry Laughlin; Northern-Rodger Castle; Western-Darvin Oakes.

Invitation was made for items to be laid on the table. Carl Calahan made a motion to lay the following constitutional changes on the table:

- (1) Article 4, Officers
Amend by adding *Promotional Secretary* after *Treasurer*.
- (2) By Laws #7
Deleted
(the following by-laws will need to be renumbered.)
- (3) Standing Rules #7
Amended by saying *Friday and Saturday*.
MSC

We heard greetings from the Quarterly meeting moderators. Chris Dotson brought the following report from the **Central Quarterly**:

The Central Quarterly Meeting has 39 churches associated with its meeting. The Executive Board is currently examining the Muddy Creek Church in Dandridge for membership. The Pastor is Joe Coleman, who was ordained through Pike County, Ky, Free Will Baptists.

Currently, our churches have a total membership of 3,862, with each church averaging 99 members. Our attendance is only about three-fourths of that (75) on any given Sunday morning. A little more than half of those attending morning preaching (40) return for the midweek prayer meeting. On Roll Call Sunday, the CQM reported 4,083, which was an increase of 51 over last year.

Last November, the CQM conducted a special Veteran's Day celebration as part of our annual Jubilee service. The theme of the meeting was "For God and Country." An honor guard, including Col. James McCorkle, was on hand to honor both past and present military personnel with a certificate of appreciation.

We have also commissioned Bro. Luis Nunez to begin a Hispanic mission church in Greeneville. Their first service was in June, and they have since averaged in the 40s for their Sunday Services. They are currently meeting at Oak Grove Church.

Attached to this report is a resolution from our QM in response to the letter that was addressed to associational moderators by the Tennessee State Association Promotional Director's office. This resolution is for your information and the consideration of this association's resolution committee.

The Central QM will convene at the following places during 2005-2006:

November 12, 2005 (New Bethel FWB Church)

February 11, 2006 (Lowe's Chapel FWB)

May 13, 2006 (Oak Grove FWB)

August 12, 2006 (Peace FWB)

November 11, 2006 (Piney Grove FWB)

Respectfully,

Christopher J. Dotson, M.Min., Moderator

(Following is the attached Resolution)

This resolution is in response to the following letter dated and mailed to the associational moderators on July 23, 2005 from the Tennessee State Association Promotional Director's office:

"It has come to our attention that Harvest Child Care Ministries has represented at some of our Tennessee District and quarterly meetings. We respectfully request that Harvest Ministries not be allowed to represent at any of our State, District, or quarterly meetings in Tennessee. As you know, Free Will Baptists of Tennessee own and operate Free Will Baptist Family Ministries of Greeneville, TN. Therefore, we think it would be confusing to our people for Harvest Ministries to represent at any of our associational meetings."

Whereas, Harvest Free Will Baptist Child Care Ministries is a duly chartered corporation in the Commonwealth of Virginia, licensed by its state's Department of Social Services, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a viable 501(c) (3) charitable organization, sanctioned by the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, and governed by a board of directors elected by the various Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings in Virginia;

And whereas, the Missions Committee and Advisory Board of Berea Ministries Inc. has entered into a partnership agreement with Harvest to minister to more than 100 orphaned children in and around Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, and to establish a Free Will Baptist Orphanage for them there;

And whereas, Free Will Baptist Polity, rejecting any form of connectional government, embraces the autonomy of the local church and its broader association;

Let it be herewith resolved that the Central Quarterly Meeting of the Union Free Will Baptist Association of Tennessee affirms that this meeting and its churches have both the privilege and responsibility to make their own decisions respectively concerning the support of missions and benevolent organizations;

Let it be further resolved that a copy of this document be forwarded to the Union Free Will Baptist Association and the leadership of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists for their information.

(Unanimously resolved by the Central Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association of Tennessee on August 13, 2005 while in regular business session at Limestone Free Will Baptist Church, Limestone, Tennessee.)

Northern Quarterly: Brian Capps- "Greetings from the Northern Quarterly meeting of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists. The Lord has truly blessed this year in our quarterly meeting. First Free Will Baptist of Morrison City decided to join us in the Northern Quarterly. Also, we have many preachers either being licensed or exchanging credentials who seek to be a part of us.

Our quarterly meeting has decided to make some needed changes: We have outlined the duties of an executive committee; and this year we will be having our second Jubilee. Please continue to pray for us as we try to serve the Lord."

From the Eastern Quarterly: Rev. Jackie Cole- "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We wish to report that Jesus has been good to us this past year. Reporting to you, this body of believers, we have twelve churches, twenty-three ministers on the roll, and one that was called home to be with Jesus (Rev. John Turnmire), and only two ministers not in good standing.

Brothers, praise God, for as you know, we have the home mission work of the Spanish-speaking churches and this year we will see two of our brothers ordained as Free Will Baptist Ministers, Brother Elias Mendoza and Brother Jose Luis Nunez. They are already being used for the glory of God in our communities and cities winning souls for Christ and pastoring churches. Thank God for Bro. Shane Wilson and his God-given vision to see the need in our area for this work. The new Spanish-speaking works are in Greenville, TN, Kingsport, TN, and Dunganon, VA."

Rev. Robert Hobbs represented the Western Quarterly.

We then recessed to allow the Minister's Conference to lay some articles on the table to be voted on at tomorrow's session. When we came back into session, Rev. Chris Dotson led us in singing *"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."*

We then began hearing reports. (They are printed in their entirety in the reports section.)

Hispanic Ministry-Rev. Shane Wilson

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries-Dr. James Kilgore

Free Will Baptist Bible College--Rev. Bert Tippet

Board of Retirement-Ray Lewis

National Offices-Keith Burden

Union Camp and Union Promotional Director-Larry Laughlin

Berea Ministries-Chris Dotson

General Board Report-Dr Roy Lee Lester

Committee on Committees report was made by Larry Laughlin as follows:

Resolutions Committee

Central-Hal Kirk

Eastern-Jackie Cole (Chairman)

Northern-Rodger Castle

Western-Norman Heath

Memorial-Obituary Committee

Central-Lynn Neas

Eastern-Jeff. Davis

Northern-Carl Callahan

Western-Thurman Pate (Chairman)

Registration Committee

Central-Gail Eidson

Eastern-Mila Laughlin (Chairperson)

Northern-Jaime Steele

Western-Susan Stewart

Appreciation Committee

Central-Jeff Blake

Northern-Dennis Spears (Chairman)

Western-Brad Capps

Prayer Committee

Central-Larry Arrowood

Eastern-Roger Boone

Northern-Jesse Hartgrove (Chairman)

Western-LarryMonday

FRIDAY 11:00 SESSION

Chris Dotson led us as we sang *"At Calvary."* Jeff Davis presided. We received an offering and Chris Dotson led us as we sang *"What a Savior."* There were 52 present. Donna Wright provided the special music and did a tremendous job singing *"He Loves Me"* and *"I know Who Holds Tomorrow."*

Brother Keith Burden, the Executive Secretary of our denomination, preached the following outstanding sermon that was enthusiastically received by all: (We owe a special debt of gratitude to Bro. Burden for the following manuscript.)

Theme: When He Saw the Wagons

Text: Genesis 45:16-28

I am writing in response to your request for additional information. In block number 3 of the accident reporting form, I put, "Poor Planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully, and I trust that the following details will be sufficient.

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a ten-story building. When I completed my work, I discovered that I had about 500 pounds of bricks left over. Rather than carry them down by hand, I decided to lower them to the ground in a barrel by using a pulley which, fortunately, was attached to the side of the building at the tenth floor.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the roof, loaded the 500 pounds of bricks, then went back down to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 500 pounds of bricks. (You will note in block 11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh 135 pounds). Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the fifth floor, I met the barrel coming down. This explains the fractured skull and broken collarbone.

I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope in spite of my pain.

At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground, and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the bricks, the barrel now weighed approximately 30 pounds.

I refer you again to my weight in block 11 of the accident reporting form. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the building.

In the vicinity of the 5th floor, I met the barrel coming up again! This accounts for the two fractured ankles and lacerations of my legs and lower body.

The second encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks, and fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the bricks-in pain and unable to stand-watching the empty barrel ten stories above me-I lost my presence of mind-I LET GO OF THE ROPE!

At the time our text took place, things were at an all time low in the life of Jacob. Things had gone from bad to worse. He probably was resigned long ago to Murphy's Law: *If anything can go wrong it will, and at the worst possible time!*

For example, he had lost his beloved wife, Rachel, in child-birth. His favorite son, Joseph, had mysteriously disappeared. One of his sons was being held captive in Egypt, and Canaan was two years into one of the worst famines ever. Jacob summed it up pretty well in Genesis 42:36 when he said, *"All these things are against me!"*

Have you ever felt like that? Does it seem sometimes that everything is against you? Recently, during my devotional time, I read through this passage and stumbled over some interesting, but rather obscure words in verse 27- *"When he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived."*

Evidently there was something about those Egyptian wagons that revived the spirit and rallied the hope of that old patriarch, Jacob. For a discouraged, despondent, disheartened man those wagons represented more than a means of transportation. I'd like to suggest a few things those wagons symbolized.

First, the wagons were a picture of God's **SOVEREIGNTY**. According to verses 17-19, sending the wagons was Pharaoh's idea. In fact, it wasn't just an idea-it was a command! That's incredible when you realize that Pharaoh was probably a pagan idolater. It's doubtful that he believed

in or worshipped Jehovah. And yet, God used him to minister to Jacob and his family.

Isn't it reassuring to know that we serve a God who is sovereignly in control of our lives and the affairs of this world? Isn't it comforting to know that HE is in charge, and not kings, presidents and prime ministers? Proverbs 21:1 encourages us with these words—*"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water; he turneth it whithersoever he will."*

Second, the wagons were a picture of God's **SALVATION**. Notice the instructions in verse 20—*"Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt [is] yours."*

Isn't that beautiful! They did not have to worry about packing all their old stuff and taking it with them. They were totally outfitted with "new" stuff.

And so it is when we come to Christ for salvation. We do not bring our own righteousness (which Isaiah calls *filthy rags*) and ask God to fix them up and make them acceptable. He outfits us with brand new garments—he clothes us in the righteousness of Christ. *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things passed away; behold, all things are become new ... For he hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him."* (2 Cor. 5:17, 21)

Third, the wagons were a picture of God's **SUPPLY**. According to verses 21-23, Joseph gave them "*provision for the way.*" The writer goes on to list some of the things these provisions included: i.e. changes of raiment, pieces of silver, sacks of corn, loaves of bread and meat. He wanted to make sure they had plenty of supplies for their journey.

It kind of reminds me of God's promise to His children through the Apostle Paul in Phil. 4:19—*"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

But it's not just a promise of material provision. . . it's a guarantee of spiritual supply as well—*"His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue."* (2 Peter 1:3)

Fourth, the wagons were a picture of God's **SECURITY** (*Webster—something given, deposited, or pledged to make certain the fulfillment of an obligation.*) The Scriptures suggest that Jacob had a difficult time believing the incredible good news he initially received from his sons (*Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not."* V. 26.) However, when he saw the wagons, his spirit revived. Why?

I believe it was because he saw the wagons as more than a means of transportation for him and his family. He knew, down in his heart, these wagons and all the valuables they held, represented the promise, a guarantee, a security deposit that something far more wonderful awaited them in Egypt. Notice what Paul said in Ephesians 1:13-14, *"In whom ye also [trusted], after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."*

I want to wrap up our time together this morning by directing your attention to a statement Joseph made in verse 24. Actually, it's a word of warning.

As his brothers were preparing to depart with the wagons and return to Canaan for their father, Joseph said, *"see that ye fall not out by the way."* I see at least two potential applications in those words.

1. There is the danger of breaking **FELLOWSHIP**. The Contemporary English Version translates Joseph's statement like this- *"Don't argue on the way home!"* Joseph knew his older brothers and their tendency to quarrel among themselves. He knew if they were to be successful in their mission they would have to get along with one another.

In my opinion this is perhaps the greatest threat to the progress of the church today. Whenever God's children argue, quarrel and fuss among themselves they not only neglect the work of God-it is a "turnoff" to those outside the body of Christ. The hall mark for a true Christian hasn't changed since Jesus spoke the words of John 13:35- *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."*

2. There is the danger of losing **FOCUS**. "Falling out by the way" could have reference to getting sidetracked. Perhaps Joseph feared his brothers would be tempted to take a shortcut or get detoured, so he admonished them to stay "on-task!"

The same danger exists for us today. Most of us are not easily enticed by the allurements of sin. Rather, we are tempted to pursue projects that are *good* or *better* instead of that which is *best*. May God help us stay on track and not lose our focus!

So, the next time you feel like all these things are against you, take a good long look at the wagons. It might be just what you need to revive your spirit and carry you towards all the good things God has waiting for you ahead.

The Service was concluded by Rev. Jeff Davis calling us to prayer for Sister Donna Wright because of a heart condition and a pending heart cath. We then adjourned until 1:30pm.

Friday, August 19th 1:30 pm Business Session

Rev. Chris Dotson, who has done an outstanding job leading the music, led us in an opening song. Rev. Dennis Spears helped us to focus on the business session as he led us in prayer.

Moderator, Dr. Kevin Trimble, brought an outstanding devotion from Psalms 103 concerning our benefits. He then opened the floor for reports.

We then heard from a new ministry called **Missionary Encouragement and Support Foundation**. This ministry is operated by Rev. David and Miriam Reese of Limestone, TN. Rev. Reese shared from his heart about the ministry that the Lord has called him into for the express purpose of encouraging and supporting missionaries who are discouraged, disheartened or exhausted. He and his good wife will go to the field and take care of services, babysit children, lead singing, or anything else that the missionary family needs them to do. We heartily commend them to the churches of our association for support.

We then heard from Bro. Dwight Mitchell concerning the **Walk-a-Thon** and a report by Dr. Charles Thigpen, our **Tennessee State Promotional Director**. Reports were concluded with the **Union Association Treasurer's report** by Rev. Thurman Pate. The Treasurer's report received a Motion, second and carried. These reports are recorded in their entirety in the report section.

We then heard from the committees that were to report from the
Committee on Committees.

The report of the **Registration Committee** is as follows:

Ordained Ministers

Friday	40
Saturday	<u>16</u>
Total	56

Licensed Ministers

Friday	03
Saturday	<u>00</u>
Total	03

Delegates

Friday	07
Saturday	<u>05</u>
Total	12

Deacons

Friday	00
Saturday	<u>03</u>
Total	03

Visitors

Friday	26
Saturday	<u>04</u>
Total	30

Youth

Friday	70
Saturday	<u>46</u>
Total	116

Union District Women Active for Christ

Saturday	31
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Laymen

Saturday	07
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Total Present 258

Respectfully submitted,

Mila Laughlin, Gale Lee Eidson, Susan Street, Jamie Steele

The **Appreciation Committee** report was given by Rev. Jeff Blake.

We, the Appreciation Committee, appreciate God's Word, God's grace, Free Will Baptist doctrine, our military men and women-wherever they are in the world, the staff of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, speakers these two days, cooks and volunteers who have served us so splendidly, and the churches of the Union Association.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jeff Blake, Rev. Brad Capps, Dennis Spears, Chairman

The **Prayer Request Committee** report was given by Rev. Jesse Hartgrove. He submitted the following requests from the committee: our nation, our troops, our leaders, the lost, the youth, the senior saints, our pastors, our churches, Donna wright, Peggy Webb, home and international missions. "*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*" James 5:16.

Rev. Hartgrove then led us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Larry Arrowood, Rev. Roger Boone, Rev. Larry Mundy,
Rev. Jesse Hartgrove.

The Memorial Committee report was given by Rev. Carl Calahan. We, the Memorial Committee of the Union Association, beg leave to submit the following report:

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Mack Benton	Grassy Creek FWB
Johnny Mc David	Grassy Creek FWB
Brenda Stapleton	Grassy Creek FWB
Ewing Garber	Doran Addition FWB
Mary Lane	Goshen Valley FWB
Willie Bailey	1 st FWB Surgoinsville

Western Quarterly Meeting

Conoly Weiss	Hardin Valley FWB
Helen Gilpin	Hardin Valley FWB
Charlie Harrell	Faith FWB
Fred Wallace	Faith FWB
Sam Liford	Faith FWB
Edith Hensley	Wooddale FWB
Bess Monday	Forest Grove FWB

Central Quarterly Meeting

Rev. Bernie Bradley	Union Chapel FWB
Manley Franklin	Kingsley Ave. FWB
Marie Bowman	Kingsley Ave. FWB
Charlie Bradley	Kingsley Ave. FWB

Rev. Carl Calahan read Psalm 134:1-3, "*Behold, bless the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.*"

Rev. Calahan then asked us to stand and lift our hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord and to remain standing for a moment of silence to commemorate the lives of the saints passed on. Rev Calahan then led us in prayer.

Respectively submitted

Rev. Carl Calahan

Rev. Thurman Pate

Rev. Jeff Davis

Rev. Lynn Neas

The Resolution Committee presented the following report:

Whereas Bro. Larry Laughlin is the Promotional Secretary of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists, and because he performs a vital and necessary function for the Association, Be it resolved, we suggest that each church of the Union Association consider giving Bro. Laughlin an appointment to minister and receive a free will offering for his support. Be it further resolved, we suggest each church of the Union Association consider putting Bro. Laughlin in your church budget for monthly support of his work.

Resolution 2

Whereas the Union Association's 133rd session took place at the Oaks, and whereas the staff of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries have been exceptional in providing wonderful facilities and an unusual level of service to all in attendance, Be it resolved we give a cheerful and warm round of applause to thank each of them for their dedicated hard work and Christian love in all they have done.

Respectively Submitted

Rev. Rodger Castle, Sr.

Rev. Hal Kirk

Rev. Norman Heath

Rev. Jackie G. Cole

Friday Evening, August 18, 2005

Rev. Chris Dotson led us in a medley of songs about heaven. Rev. Jesse Hartgrove, Assistant Moderator presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. Derek Bell. We received an offering, which was blessed in prayer by Rev. Brian Capps.

Special Music was offered by the Duggers. They presented an enthusiastic program that was well received by all.

Rev. Ronnie Mitchell, president of the Minister's Conference, spoke from Gal. 2:20 on the topic of "Our Life In Christ."

Saturday Morning, August 20, 2005

Dr. Kevin Trimble introduced Shannon Little, missionary to Japan. She shared about her ministry and Japan, the largest unreached people group in the world.

A motion was made to remove constitutional changes from the table. Each was approved with a MSC.

We also looked at, and approved, the following budget as presented by Moderator Dr. Kevin Trimble:

INCOME

	Actual 04/05	Budget 05/06
Central Quarterly	\$22,328.24	\$23,000.00
Eastern Quarterly	\$ 1,660.00	\$ 1,700.00
Northern Quarterly	\$10,342.00	\$10,500.00
Western Quarterly	\$ 7,558.12	\$ 7,500.00
Walk-a-thon	\$50,814.17	\$50,000.00
Unified Giving		\$ 300.00
Misc. Gifts	\$ 672.61	\$ 600.00
Income from Fees	\$93,375.14	\$95,460.00
Total Income	\$93,375.14	\$95,460.00

EXPENSES**Designated**

Walk-a-thon	\$50,814.17	\$50,000.00
International Missions	\$10,367.34	\$10,000.00
Home Missions	\$ 7,482.80	\$ 7,500.00
State Ministries	\$ 1,389.00	\$ 1,350.00
FWBBC	\$ 3,155.49	\$ 3,200.00
FWBFM	\$ 5,666.53	\$ 5,600.00
National Co-op Fund	\$ 528.00	\$ 500.00

Non-Designated

State/National Dues	\$ 8,930.00	\$10,790.00
Promotional Secretary		
Honorarium		\$ 400.00
Retreat		\$ 250.00
Phone	\$ 480.00	\$ 300.00
Mileage	\$ 1,166.12	\$ 1,200.00
Treasurer		
Honorarium	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Mileage	\$ 565.09	\$ 600.00
Clerk		
Honorarium	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage	\$ 78.88	\$ 100.00
Moderator		
Honorarium	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Mileage	\$ 132.78	\$ 150.00
Union Meeting Expense		
Printing	\$ 1,009.58	\$ 1,000.00
Speakers		\$ 250.00
Host Church	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Board Expense		
Mileage	\$ 159.34	\$ 250.00
Meals	\$ 98.06	\$ 250.00

TOTAL	\$93,723.18	\$95,390.00	\$1666.83
	\$ (348.04)	\$ 70.00	

MSC

We then adjourned to the Minister's Conference and heard a great message from Dr. Charles Thigpen. We owe Dr. Thigpen thanks for the following outline of his message.

"BACK TO THE BASICS"

Eph. 4:1-16 (Note: Evangelists, pastors and teachers are to perfect the saints for the work of the ministry.)

1. Make sure that all are born again believers.
2. Make sure that you are a member/a vital part of a local church.

While a member of College Presidents I became acquainted with a former president of the University of Tennessee. He said there are some things I try to do every day:

1. Read the Bible every day.
2. Pray every day.
3. Help someone every day.
4. Attend church regularly.
5. Witness to someone about Christ every day.
6. Be faithful in tithing your income.
7. Love God supremely and love your neighbor as yourself every day.
8. Forgive all those who wrong you every day.
9. Yield yourself completely to God every day.

Dr. Thigpen also shared the following statistics with us. Three church growth experts, Chuck Arn, Winn Arn and Donald McGavaran made a study of over 10,000 people. The question they asked was this: "What was responsible for your coming to Christ and to this church?"

Here are their responses in percentages:

Special Need	2%
Walk-in	3%
Pastor	6%
Visitation	1%
Sunday School	5%
Evangelistic Crusades	$\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%
Programs	3%
Brought by friend or relative	79%

Other Research by the Barna Research Group:

In a survey of professed Christians; How often do you read the Bible?

- 13% read the Bible every day
- 32% read the Bible 3 times a week
- 43% do not read the Bible at all

Question # 2 was "How often do you witness for Christ?"

95% had never led a person to Christ

80 % had never witnessed to anyone about Christ

★ Surveys by the highly respected Barna Group show that one out of every three "born again Christians" in America *believes that Jesus actually sinned* during His life! That He was not physically resurrected. And that faith in Christ is not needed to go to heaven. One out of every three!

★ Barna discovered that 55% of our own evangelical churched youth have experimented sexually . . . and that once they are on their own, two of every three evangelical Christian kids will abandon church altogether.

★ In an acclaimed network TV special, ABC Journalist Peter Jennings allowed a series of so-called Biblical experts to openly attack the historical reality of the resurrection of Christ, suggesting Jesus' body may have been eaten by dogs. These same "Christian scholars" are commonly given popular credibility by other media, including *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines, misleading millions of people.

Make no mistake, you and I are witnessing an escalating, effective attack on Biblical Christianity in America and elsewhere-and too many Christians are too spiritually weak to fight back or even build up each other in the faith.

UNION DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST MINUTES

August 20, 2005
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The meeting was called to order by President Amanda Kilgore,
Sheila Mitchell led us in prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was submitted by Betty Hall. MSA. The following funds were earmarked through the UDWAC:

Dues @ \$10	\$3230.00	R. Bryan	\$250.00
CoLaborer	\$ 242.00	V. Anderson	\$300.00
Emphasis	\$ 359.00	Creech	\$ 30.00
Foreign Students	\$140.28	Sturgills	\$184.00
Provision Closet	\$ 85.00	Kids for Kamp	\$110.00
Global Link	\$ 60.00	J Snow State Pro	\$200.00
Dues @ \$25	\$ 29.50		

Home Missions

Minutes	\$ 32.02	General Fund	\$375.00
Reach That Guy	\$ 50.00	Pre-Thanksgiving	\$737.05
Unified Plan	\$100.00	Shane Wilson	\$240.00
		S Wilson Bldg	\$360.00

FWBBC

General Fund	\$ 60.00	D. Roy	\$ 70.00
P. Ketterman Fund	\$100.00	Crabtree	\$105.00
		C Purification Sys	\$300.00

International Missions

General Fund	\$225.00	Alfaro	\$220.00
Pre-Easter	\$325.00	D. Sweeney	\$ 50.00
D. Aycock	\$830.00		
J. Turnbough	\$105.00		
Clint Morgan	\$105.00		
D. Chamberlin	\$105.00		
B. Aycock	\$230.00		
Gibbs	\$714.00		

VA Childrens Home	\$ 80.00
TN Childrens Home	\$105.00

TOTAL	\$10,885.69
Balance on Hand	\$267.50

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Submitted by Mila Laughlin

WAC # groups in	2005	17
	2004	16 added 1
Membership in	2005	175
	2004	163 added 22

I am happy to report an increase in our membership and the addition of one WAC local. This is very exciting, we are growing. MSA

COMMITTEES

Appointed by the President

Nominating

Dennah Davis, Chair

Edna Franklin

Marian Reese

Registration

Mila Laughlin, Chair

Arlene Farley

Resolution

Faye Samms, Chair

Pearl Morgan

Appreciation

Betty Fleshman, Chair

Mildred Garland

Brother Frank Woods brought greetings from FWBFM. He reported that there have been more than 200 children saved- -14 of those in the last 3 months. He also thanked WAC for all they do, their help, their funds, but especially their prayers. He also reported that the Hope Center expects 24 babies by the end of the year, for which we praise God.

We were dismissed to committees and then to break.

OLD BUSINESS

President, Amanda Kilgore, entertained a motion to take 2 Resolutions off the table from last year from Arlene Farley, seconded by Mildred Garland. The first resolution for discussion was: *Be it resolved that we propose that each local WAC have a fund raiser or give a donation each year to help support the Union WAC.* During discussion it was brought out that we do not expect a small WAC group to be able to raise as much as a larger group, but we expect the best each can do. Resolution carried. The

money should be sent to the Treasurer and earmarked for the General Operating Fund of the UDWAC by June 1st of each year, starting in 2006.

The second resolution is: *Be it resolved to adopt a yearly Union project which will be decided each year at the annual meeting.* After discussion the resolution was defeated.

The Registration Committee report was given, submitted by Mila Laughlin and Arlen Farley. There were 29 members and 2 missionaries for a total attendance of 31.

The Appreciation Committee acknowledges appreciation for the following: *Free Will Baptist Family Ministries and the Oaks for allowing us to have our meeting at this wonderful place; the Northern, Eastern, Western, Central Quarterlies for coming together and preparing a wonderful meal; A special thank you goes to Susan Turnbough for being our speaker and doing such a wonderful job; and a special thank you to our officers for doing a great job and working so hard to make our Union WAC such a success.*

Submitted by Betty Fleshman and Mildred Garland.

The Resolution Committee presented the following resolutions: (1) We give a vote of thanks to Jeff and Susan Turnbough, our missionary speakers from Spain. (2) We give a rising vote of thanks to each Quarterly Meeting who willingly helped prepare the banquet meal. (3) We give a rising vote of thanks to Free Will Baptist Family Ministries for their hospitality for hosting our services. (4) We give a rising vote of thanks to each of the Union WAC officers for their hard work and preparation of the program. Submitted by Faye Samms, and Pearl Morgan.

Copies of the WNAC Resolution Committee Report were handed out and President Amanda Kilgore reviewed the report with the body. It was noted that the dues have increased from five dollars to the present amount of \$15.00 per member.

President Kilgore introduced Marian Reese to share with us the work of MESF (Missionary Encouragement and Support Foundation) with home missionaries. We also heard from Shannon Little, Missionary to Japan. Darla Trimble made a motion to give \$200 to Shannon's account, second by Betty Fleshman, MSA.

Prayer requests were taken for Ivory Coast Missionaries evacuating again, Missionary Shannon Little, David and Marian Reese and MESF, Shane Wilson and the Hispanic Work, Missionaries Jeff and Susan Turnbough. Betty Fleshman led in prayer.

Motion and second to adjourn were approved until next year, place to announced at the Union Meeting.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

President, Amanda Kilgore, led the congregation in singing "This is my Story." The offering was taken and Rebecca Dotson played "O How I Love Jesus". The morning offering was taken and given to the speaker (\$187). WAC President, Amanda Kilgore, introduced missionary to Spain, Jeff Turbough to bring the morning message.

Brother Turnbough gave some background about the work in Spain. It was interesting to learn that Protestant faith is considered a cult in Spain. He thanked God that he could see the hand of God at work in Spain.

Brother Turnbough read from Psalm 63 and spoke on the subject of "A Need For Safety". He reflected on the life of David, especially the times in his life when he needed to find a place of safety. Like David, there are times when we need a safe place. He said we could find safety in:

- (1) The Sanctuary, where God dwells. Sanctuary means a safe place.
- (2) God's unconditional love. God loves us unconditionally and wants us to show His unconditional love to others because people need Jesus.
- (3) The Church, a place to meet with God and His people, a safe place to commune with God.
- (4) The Home, a place of safety for the family and a place where Christian parents teach Christ to their children.

People need safe and sacred places to go today. Even Jesus wanted to bring His children under His wings to protect and keep them. Are you in the safe place? Are you under His wing? God is a refuge for us, a safe place.

Special music was performed by Dennah Davis, "So Much to Thank Him For". The meeting was dismissed with benediction given by Rev. Carl Calahan.

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

To the Brethren of the Union Association:

Free Will Baptist Bible College is pleased to present the following report on its ministry:

- The 2004-05 enrollment was the highest in 19 years; the spring enrollment was the highest in 20 years. The annual enrollment was 384. The college expects a growth in enrollment for 2005-06.
- The college's fastest growing program is that which prepares young men for pastoral ministry. Rev. Terry Forrest, who directs the program, spent 40% of his time traveling across the denomination to encourage young men who have answered God's call to preach and to show them how they can prepare for the Gospel ministry at FWBBC. He has recently spoken to some 60 young men.
 - The program includes 40 hours of Bible, eight hours of pastoral ministry courses, eight hours in preaching skills, eight hours in church planting and growth, and three hours in counseling. An internship under an experienced pastor gives each young preacher on-the-job exposure to the practical side of pastoring.
 - Please send the college information on any young people in your church who are approaching college age. This is especially true of young men God may be calling to preach. Call 1-800-76FWBBC or email recruit@fwbbc.edu. You may email Mr. Forrest at tforrest@fwbbc.edu.
- A new online version of FWBBC's Lifetime learning program is enabling people to experience classes in their own homes at their own convenience. Currently the college is discounting a course in Old Testament Survey: Poetry and Prophets taught by Dr. Garnett Reid. For information, log onto onlinelearning@fwbbc.edu and click the Online Learning icon. You must register by September 9 for the survey course.
- The college is shifting from two Welcome Days (for prospective students) each year to one Welcome Day (March 31-April 1, 2006) and four Senior Weekends (September 15-17, 2005; October 6-8, 2005; November 10-12, 2005; and February 9-11, 2006.)

• Senior Days will differ from Welcome Days in several important ways. Attendance will be limited to seniors and restricted in number, so it will be important to register in advance to attend. Each senior will be assigned a student guide for the weekend who will direct the senior through all the important activities. Also, visiting seniors will have a private interview with an advisor in their chosen field of interest and will attend a special luncheon with FWBBC President, Matt Pinson.

- For information, pick up a Senior Days brochure on the FWBBC literature table, or call 1-800-76FWBBC or email ryan@fwbbc.edu.

• Financial aid is available for students who need help. This is especially true for students from Tennessee! Last year the college dispensed \$2.8 million in financial aid. Pick up a financial aid booklet and a TSAC brochure on the literature table. For special assistance available to Tennessee students, email the director of financial aid, Jeff Caudill, at jcaudill@fwbbc.edu.

• Fourteen of the 50 top supporting churches are from Tennessee. Two (Limestone FWB and Fellowship FWB) are in East Tennessee. Please put the college in your budget for monthly support or plan an annual College Day in your church.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this information with you. By God's grace, FWBBC is changing the world, one student at a time. Your partnership makes that possible.

Free Will Baptist College
3606 West End Avenue
Nashville, TN 37205-2498
615-383-1340
Fax: 615-269-6028
www.fwbbc.edu

REPORT OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
TO THE UNION ASSOCIATION MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2005

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

It has been a great privilege and honor to serve you the past nine years as Promotional Secretary. Over the past year, I have enjoyed attending 15 quarterly meetings, the Leadership Conference in Nashville, as well as the National Association in Louisville, KY.

We coordinated the annual FWBBC tour to this area back in February and have already put together another one for next April 1st and 2nd. Also, coordinated two tours for Paul Parks so far this year and a third tour in the works for October. We are working on the Tri-State Christian Workers conference that will be October 29th at the First FWBC of Church Hill. We will offer 20 classes for teachers and pastors. This will be part of the TEAM church ministry of Randall House. We have had the opportunity to visit several churches this year and hope to visit many more this coming year.

We were pleased to help with camp this year and felt we had great success. Also, I have been able to help organize the first ever youth service for the Annual Association.

<http://home.earthlink.net/unionfwba> is the address for the web pages of the Union Association. We have several interesting pages for you including a place for church news and a separate place for church announcements. You can even give me your announcements from the site. Check this out and let me know what you think.

Union Free Will Baptist Association
Larry W. Laughlin
Promotional Secretary
3950 Memorial Blvd
Kingsport, TN 37664
(423) 245-1727

DON AND BILLIE SEXTON
2004 WALK-A-THON UNION ASSOCIATION TOTALS

Association Totals	\$134,690.96
Total # Churches	39
Total # Participating	53
Total # Non-Participating	31

NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING
Teddy Webb

Bethesda	\$50.00
Chimney Top	\$0.00
Christian's Bend	\$725.00
Doran Addition	\$597.00
Eastern Star	\$735.00
First FWB Church Hill	\$919.00
First FWB Morrison City	\$0.00
First FWB Surgoinsville	\$3,158.00
Goshen Valley	\$1,541.85
Grassy Creek	\$3,138.62
Horse Creek	\$446.00
Macedonia	\$220.00
Midfields	\$3,000.00
Mount Carmel	\$790.00
Overlook Drive	\$1,115.00
Phipps Bend	\$2,067.14
Pine Grove	\$120.00
Pine View	\$1,254.51
Pyburn	\$500.00
Van Hill	\$528.50
Total Funds Received	\$20,905.62
Total # Churches	20
Total # Participating	18

CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING

Dwight Mitchell

Bethany	\$2,658.35
Bridges Chapel	\$0.00
Bridgeport	\$0.00
Cedar Creek	\$0.00
Community Chapel	\$2,420.00
East Greene	\$1,000.00
Faithful View	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$0.00
First FWB Greeneville	\$2,050.00
First FWB Newport	\$0.00
First FWB White Pine	\$0.00
Fugate	\$2,850.00
Gethsemane	\$227.00
Greeneridge	\$0.00
Greystone	\$8,958.00
Harris Memorial	\$847.00
Hot Springs	\$1,200.00
Jackson's Chapel	\$1,970.00
Kingsley Ave	\$0.00
Liberty	\$0.00
Lick Creek Valley	\$0.00
Limestone	\$37,070.00
Lowe's Chapel	\$0.00
McMillian	\$0.00
New Bethel	\$651.00
New Home	\$705.00
New Jerusalem	\$0.00
Oak Grove	\$5,230.61
Peace	\$1,525.00
Piney Grove	\$2,100.00
Roadside Chapel	\$0.00
Shady Grove	\$2,600.00
St. Joseph Chapel	\$2,127.00
Truth	\$0.00
Union	\$0.00
Union Chapel	\$1,700.00
Union Temple	\$0.00
West Greene	\$2,700.00
Woods Memorial	\$0.00
Total Funds Received	\$80,588.96
Total # Churches	39
Total # Participating	20

EASTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Jeff Davis

Embreeville	\$791.00
Faith	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$10,182.77
Evergreen FWB	\$0.00
Glamorgan Chapel	\$350.00
Morning Light	\$0.00
Red Hill	\$600.00
Redeeming Grace	\$0.00
Roan Street	\$1,000.00
Unicoi	\$0.00
Total Funds Received	\$12,923.77
Total # Churches	10
Total # Participating	5

WESTERN QUARTERLY MEETING

Robert Hobbs

Burl's Chapel	\$457.48
East Sweetwater	\$0.00
Fairview	\$3,477.00
Faith	\$8,680.00
First, Knoxville	\$1,400.00
First, Oak Ridge	\$716.00
Harden Valley Community	\$1,000.00
Forest Grove	\$2,116.00
Holston Hills	\$0.00
Johnson's Chapel	\$632.32
Loudon	\$0.00
First, Madisonville	\$0.00
Valley View	\$840.00
Wooddale	\$953.00
Total Funds Received	\$20,271.80
Total # Churches	14
Total # Participating	10

FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES

FWBFM extends our gratitude for your prayers and support. During the course of the year, God allowed us to minister to over 400 children, with over 100 of our young people making decisions to live for Christ. We appreciate your role in caring for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

What makes us a ministry? Why the name FWB Family Ministries? What was established in 1939 as an orphanage known as the FWB Home for Children, has now grown into a diverse realm of ministries geared toward the whole family. Because we offer such a variety of programs under our umbrella of services, the name was changed in 1998 to FWB Family Ministries.

The mission of Family Ministries is to be a model of excellence in faith-based family, adult, adolescent and child care services which strengthen and preserve the family and provide dignity to those we serve. Your support ensures our children the best opportunity to live, work, and grow in the Lord. We appreciate your help, together we are "Changing America's Families, One Child at a Time."

We are committed to being a true MINISTRY-not just a child care agency. We believe in LIFE-FAMILY. We are a faith based ministry. Many of the services we provide are not state funded. Just a few examples of our faith in action-



What sets us apart is our family setting. We create a Christian family-type atmosphere. Our young people reside in a cottage with a set of house parents. A table is set with a place for each child to enjoy dinner as a family each night.

- ♥ Youth who live in our group and foster care homes attend several of our FWB churches. This ministry provides transportation so our children can attend and worship God.
- ♥ Our youths' families are invited to special church services in which their children are participating. As a result, many of these families have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, too.
- ♥ In home services-a ministry in which we go into the families' residences to follow up on the children's progress after they return home. Nothing restores a family greater than introducing them to Jesus and allowing God to put broken homes and families back together.
- ♥ Our ministry helps young people in our care who are already parents or soon-to-be parents in less than three months, providing counseling to prepare them for a future relationship with a happy family setting, breaking the cycle of unwanted children and broken homes.
- ♥ The Hope Center, our crisis pregnancy/resource center, provides free counseling, referrals to doctors and maternity homes, educational resources, and parenting and nutrition classes. We are also now an official GED testing site, with several of our clients having recently received their diplomas. The center is run solely on donations.

For more information, or questions concerning FWBFM, contact us at:

Telephone: 423-278-1564

Fax: 423-639-5087

E-Mail: info@fwbfm.com

SUMMER CAMP 2005

We had a wonderful camp this year. There were 48 campers during senior week and 16 workers. Junior week saw 83 campers, 15 adult workers, and 13 junior counselors. Rejoice from FWBBC was with us for senior camp and Scotty Curtis was our camp evangelist. Timmy York was our evangelist for junior week.

We sent \$1,000 to FWBBC and gave each member of Rejoice \$100, and paid our evangelists \$350 each. We have already reserved a group from FWBBC for both weeks next year.

We need extra bodies during junior week, including 4 cooks.

The camp committee is sponsoring youth services at the association this year with the help of First FWB Church in Church Hill, TN.

Larry Laughlin
Ronnie Mitchell
Brad Capps
Nathan Jennings
Roy Lester
Matthew Munsey

**Report of the Union Association Camp Committee
To the August Annual Meeting
August 18, 2005**

(This report starts after the 2004 Union Association meeting. Anything prior to that can be found in the 2004 minutes.)

	Credits	Debits	Balance
Balance as of 03/31/04			\$500.09
Deposit Petty Cash 9/1/04	\$104.00		\$604.09
Deposit 11/14/04	\$363.00		\$967.11
Check 526-Travel		\$30.00	\$937.11
Deposit 02/18/05	\$1,289.13		\$2,226.24
Check 502-T-Shirts		\$320.75	\$1,905.58
Check 503-Candy		\$54.75	\$850.01
Deposit 5/17/05	\$370.00		\$2220.91
Check 504-Freds		\$65.76	\$2155.15
Check 505-Sams		\$30.00	\$2125.15
Check 506-Sams		\$381.14	\$1,744.01
Check 507-WalMart		\$142.11	\$1601.13
Check 508-Ingles		\$87.17	\$1513.96
Check 509-Save-a-Lot		\$181.71	\$1332.25
Check 510-Frito Lay		\$167.00	\$1165.25
Check 511-Sams		\$532.19	\$633.06
Check 512-Shannons Produce		\$100.80	\$532.26
Check 513-WalMart		\$47.45	\$484.81
Check 514-Limestone FWBC (Pepsi)		\$338.52	\$146.29
Check 515-Walmart		\$42.54	\$103.75
Deposit	\$2,180.00		\$2283.75
Check 516-Ronnie Mitchell (gas/phone)		\$234.27	\$2049.48
Check 517-Food City		\$13.54	\$2035.94
Check 518-WalMart		\$22.59	\$2013.35
Check 519-Timmy York Evangelist		\$350.00	\$1663.35
Check 520-Matt Munsey Music		\$100.00	\$1563.65
Check 521-Ashley NortonActivities		\$100.00	\$1463.65
Deposit	\$6,982.00		\$8445.35
Check 527-Save-a-Lot		\$32.55	\$8412.80
Check 528-Ingles		\$24.19	\$8388.61
Check 529-Sams		\$323.51	\$8065.10

Check 530-WalMart	\$83.83	\$7,981.27
Check 531-Christian Book Shop	\$100.00	\$7881.27
Check 532-WalMart	\$128.93	\$7752.34
Check 533-The Oaks	\$7205.00	\$547.34
Check 534-Reimb/sply A. Norton	\$95.81	\$451.53
Check 535-Reimb/sply R. Mitchell	\$64.82	\$386.71
Deposit	\$2,102.50 (867.50 & 1235.00)	\$2489.21
Check 522-Modern Meats	\$281.89	\$2207.32
Check 523-Lynn's Bakery	\$155.72	\$2041.60
Check 536-BJ's T-Shirts	\$750.74	\$1290.86
Check 537-Union Temple Reimb	\$190.00	\$1100.86
Check 538 FWBBC	\$1,000.00	\$100.86
Deposit	\$320.00	\$420.86
Still to Deposit	\$172.00	\$592.86

PETTY CASH REPORT

Petty Cash Week One From Fees	\$1,096.00
Misc Income Sale of Extra Concession Cards/Cash Donations	<u>\$ 250.00</u>
	\$1,346.00
Scotty Curtis	\$ 350.00
Rejoice	\$ 600.00
L. Laughlin travel/phone	\$ 272.00
Misc. Paid Outs Milk/Groceries	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
	\$1,197.00
Start of Week from Week 1	\$ 149.00
Kept from fees	\$ 100.00
Misc/Concessions	\$ 120.00
T-Shirts	<u>\$ 95.00</u>
	\$ 464.00
Jamie Kilgore Music	\$ 50.00
L. Laughlin Travel	\$ 120.00
Pizza	\$ 95.00
Misc Groceries/Supplies	<u>\$ 391.07</u>
Petty Cash Still On Hand	\$ 72.93
Balance in Bank	<u>\$ 592.86</u>
	\$ 665.79

MISSIONARY ENCOURAGEMENT SUPPORT FOUNDATION

Missionary Encouragement Support Foundation is the ministry of encouragement to home missionaries by establishing a temporary presence and lifting the burden of the pastoral family.

MESF will assist in any role of church care. Our desire is to assist in a way that encourages and supports the missionary family itself. Our dream is that one day we will be able to touch every missionary work by supporting the missionary himself. Join us in this great work by financially supporting MESF as you can. If you would be interested in becoming an MESF representative, please contact David Reese at 623 Carson Creek Road, Limestone TN 37684, 423-257-4558, e-mail isrrhim@earthlink.net

You can also visit our website @ mesf.net.

ANNUAL LETTER FROM EASTERN QM TO THE UNION ASSOCIATION

Time Period This Report Covers July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005

Present Moderator Jackie Cole
108 McKinney Circle
Gray, TN 37615
Telephone: 423-477-8895

Church Characteristics

Total Number of Churches	11
Total in City/Town	7
Total Rural	4
Total Churches Reporting	9
Total Churches with Full-Time Pastors	6
Total Churches with Part-Time Pastors	5

Membership Information

Total Number of Baptisms	35
Total Members Added	40
Total Members Lost	19
Total Membership	1214

Stewardship Information

Total Income of All Churches	\$529,369
(6 Churches Reporting Income)	
Total Number of Churches with Budgets	4

Building Information

Total Number of Churches with Parsonages	4
Total Value of all Church Property, Including Parsonages	\$2,890,400
(6 Churches Reporting Value)	

General Information

Total Ordained Ministers	18
Total Licensed Ministers	2
Total Ordained Deacons	30
Total Number of Churches with Daycare	0
Total Number of Churches with Kindergarten	0
Total Number of Churches with Christian Day School	0
Total Number of Churches with Bible Institute	0
Total Number of Churches with College	0
Total Sunday School Enrollment	618
Total CTS Enrollment	110
Total WNAC Enrollment	84
Total Master's Men Enrollment	0

Number of 2005 Union Association Minutes Requested	12
Number of 2005 State Association Minutes Requested	12
Representation Fees Enclosed	\$0 Quarterly, \$200 District, \$100 State, \$1,000 National

Clerk Jeffrey W. Sams
8418 Greendale Road
Wise, VA 24293
Telephone 276-328-3445

ANNUAL LETTER FROM NORTHERN QM TO THE UNION ASSOCIATION

Time Period This Report Covers July, 2004, to July, 2005

Present Moderator Brian Capps
308 Valley Drive
Church Hill, TN 37642
Telephone: 423-357-3874

Church Characteristics

Total Number of Churches	20
Total in City/Town	3
Total Rural	17
Total Churches Reporting	20
Total Churches with Full-Time Pastors	4
Total Churches with Part-Time Pastors	19

Membership Information

Total Number of Baptisms	81
Total Members Added	121
Total Members Lost	46
Total Membership	1657

Stewardship Information

Total Income of All Churches	\$1,378,564
Total Number of Churches with Budgets	5

Building Information

Total Number of Churches with Parsonages	4
Total Value of all Church Property	\$5,532,449
(Including parsonages)	

General Information

Total Ordained Ministers	37
Total Licensed Ministers	17
Total Ordained Deacons	60
Total Number of Churches with Daycare	0
Total Number of Churches with Kindergarten	0
Total Number of Churches with Christian Day School	0
Total Number of Churches with Bible Institute	0
Total Number of Churches with College	0
Total Sunday School Enrollment	1012
Total CTS Enrollment	12
Total WNAC Enrollment	108
Total Master's Men Enrollment	35

Number of 2005 Union Association Minutes Requested	75
Number of 2005 State Association Minutes Requested	25
Representation Fees Enclosed	Quarterly-District-State-National Total \$2600
(Pyburn FWB Church)	

Clerk Debra Vickers
106 Winchester Drive
Kingsport, TN 37663-3274
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ANNUAL LETTER FROM WESTERN QM TO THE UNION ASSOCIATION

Period of Time This Report Covers July 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005

Present Moderator	Robert Hobbs
	9664 Curt Road
	Strawberry Plains, TN 37871
	Telephone: 865-933-1746
	E-Mail: raheph413@cs.com
Delegates:	Jennifer Oakes, Susan Stewart, Susie Anderson, Virginia Bacon
Church Characteristics	
Total Number of Churches	14
Total in City/Town	6
Total Rural	7
Total Churches Reporting	13
Total Churches with Full-Time Pastors	10
Total Churches with Bi-Vocational Pastors	3
Membership Information	
Total Number of Baptisms	50
Total Members Added	65
Total Members Lost	42
Total Membership	1278
Stewardship Information	
Total Income of All Churches	\$509,860
Total Number of Churches with Budgets	4
Building Information	
Total Number of Churches with Parsonages	8
Total Value of all Church Property	\$3,930,300
(Including parsonages)	
General Information	
Total Ordained Ministers	18
Total Licensed Ministers	10
Total Ordained Deacons	32
Total Number of Churches with Day Care	1
Total Sunday School Enrollment	497
Total CTS Enrollment	203
Total WNAC Enrollment	66
Total Master's Men Enrollment	9
Number of 2005 Union Association Minutes Requested	0
Number of 2005 TN State Association Minutes Requested	44
Clerk:	Darvin Oaks
	11017 Hughlan Drive
	Knoxville, TN 37934
	Telephone: 865-671-1717

TREASURER'S REPORT

Union FWB Association Annual Report

November 1, 2005

Balance Brought Forward \$3,218.15

Receipts

Central QM	\$ 8,654.20
Eastern QM	1,480.00
Northern QM	2,600.00
Western QM	2,869.00
Miscellaneous Funds	389.06
Sexton Walk-A-Thon	<u>\$24,691.01</u>
Total	<u>\$40,683.21</u>

Total Funds Available \$43,901.21

<i>Fund Allocations</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Disbursed</i>	<i>Balances</i>
Foreign Missions	1,903.50	1,903.50	0.00
Walk-A-Thon	24,691.01	24,691.01	0.00
Nat'l Home Missions	629.00	629.00	0.00
State Ministries	329.00	329.00	0.00
FWB Bible College	719.00	719.00	0.00
FWB F'mly Ministries	115.00	115.00	0.00
National Co-Op	134.00	134.00	0.00

Associational Funds

Assoc General Fund	14,842.70	2,983.90	\$11,858.80
Union Summer Camp	270.00	270.00	0.00
<u>State Home Missions</u>	<u>268.00</u>	<u>268.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Balances	\$43,901.21	\$29,058.51	\$11,858.80
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Respectfully Submitted,

Thurman Pate

6605 Cherry Drive

Knoxville, TN 37919

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE MINUTES

Officers

Ronnie Mitchell		President
Norman Heath		Vice President
Rodger Castle, Sr.		Clerk
Jeff Davis		Assistant Clerk

Ordaining Council Members

Billy Gragg, 2009		Northern QM
Thurman Sullivan, 2006		Eastern QM
Darvin Oakes, 2007		Western QM
Lynn Neas, 2008		Central QM
Larry Arrowood, 2010		(At-Large Member)

Proceedings

Friday Morning Session, August 19, 2005

The Minister's Conference was called to order by the president, Rev. Ronnie Mitchell, for the purpose of laying items on the table. These items will be considered in regular business for the Minister's Conference on Saturday, August 20, 2005.

MSC (Moved, seconded, and carried) to lay on the table the following items:

- Amend Article 12 by adding "present and voting."
- Amend Article 7, Section 2, Item 4, by adding "exceptions, and forfeiture of credentials."
- Amend Article 2, Section 2, Part 6, Item 3, by replacing "Ordaining Council" with "License Council annually."
- Proposed Constitutional change, Article IX, Sections C and D.

Rev. Ronnie Mitchell appointed the following as a Nominating Committee:

Rev. Jesse Hartgrove, Northern Quarterly
Rev. Chris Dotson, Central Quarterly
Rev. Ken Smith, Central Quarterly

The standing Book Committee was reappointed. This committee will continue their work of following acceptable books for the required reading list. If a book becomes no longer in print, the committee will recommend acceptable and available changes.

A partial report was given by the Ordination Council. Sixteen men were presented for ordination, radification, or exchange of credentials. The ordination service is to take place on Saturday afternoon, August 20, 2005.

MSC to close this session of the Minister's Conference.

Saturday Morning Session, August 20, 2005

This session was called to order by the president, Rev. Ronnie Mitchell.

Opened with singing "Trust and Obey."

Scripture reading by the vice-president, Rev. Norman Heath. Bro. Heath gave a devotion from Psalm 6:1-10.

Prayer by Rev. Lynn Neas.

MSC to remove from the table the items placed there the previous day. Each item was considered and voted on individually.

MSC to amend Article 12 by adding the phrase "of the members present and voting."

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

The constitution, bylaws and standing rules of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association may be amended at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a two thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting, provided the amendment is submitted in writing and laid on the table a minimum of one (1) day prior to the vote being taken.

MSC to amend Article 7, Section E, Item 4, by adding "exception, and forfeiture of credentials."

SECTION E: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSE COMMITTEE

The License Committee of the Quarterly Meetings shall submit an annual report to the Union Free Will Baptist Association Ordaining Council as to its work performed within the conference year. The report must be in the hands of the Clerk of the Ordaining Council no later than Monday morning of the week the Union Free Will Baptist Association convenes for the annual meeting, and shall include the following:

1. A list of all candidates examined, and the action taken as a result of the examination.
2. A list of all ministers who are in good standing.
3. A list of all ministers who are not in good standing, accompanied by a statement as to why such ministers are not in good standing.
4. A list of all ministers recommended for ordination, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials, exceptions, and forfeiture of credentials.
5. A list of all ministers who are excused from reporting.

MSC to amend Article 2, Section 2, Part 6, Item 3, by changing the report to License Council annually.

Part 6: Pastoring Non-Union Associational Churches

Ordained Minister, presently in good standing with the Union Association Minister's Conference, may be granted an exception by the Ordaining Council for the purpose of retaining their membership while pastoring a non-Union Associational church.

The process is as follows:

1. The minister shall petition the Ordaining Council, in writing, via the minister's current Quarterly Meeting License Council.
2. The minister must maintain the requirements for good standing members Article II, Section 2, Part 1, in his current quarterly meeting, but he will be exempt from required church membership (Article II, Section 2, Part??, Item 1.
3. He will report in person to the Ordaining Council annually.
4. If the minister fails to meet these expectations, he will forfeit his credentials.

Addendum

Article 2, Section 2, Part 1, Item 2

Add to the end "by the License Council", refer to Article 2, Section 2, Part 1, Item 3

MSC to amend Article IX, Section C, including Item #3

Old Way:

SECTION C: CANDIDATES FOR RATIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

When a minister or pastor from another recognized Free Will Baptist Association unites with a church that is a member of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, the following are required in order for the minister's credentials to be ratified:

1. The church of which he is a member shall provide a letter of recommendation to the License Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the church is a member.
2. The minister seeking ratification shall present a letter of good standing from the association in which his membership was previously held.
3. The minister seeking ratification shall be bound by items 1-5 and items 8-14 as listed in Article IX, Section E.
4. The minister seeking ratification shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its annual meeting, and shall bring his certificate of ordination with him for ratification.

Proposed Way:

SECTION C: CANDIDATES FOR RATIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

When a minister or pastor from another church/association affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists unites with a church that is a member of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, the following are required in order for the minister's credentials to be ratified:

1. The church of which he is a member shall provide a letter of recommendation to the License Committee of the quarterly meeting of which the church is a member..
2. The minister seeking ratification shall present a letter of good standing from the association which his membership was previously held.
3. The minister seeking ratification shall be bound by items 1-5, and items 8, 11-14, listed in Article IX, Section E..

4. The minister seeking ratification shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its annual meeting, and shall bring his certificate of ordination with him for ratification.

MSC to amend Article 9, Section D, including items #2 and #3.

Old Way:

SECTION D: CANDIDATES FOR EXCHANGE IF CREDENTIALS

in the event a church elects a pastor who has been a member in another church or denomination, he should be examined by the local church as to the soundness of his faith and doctrine. In order for the same said minister's credentials to be exchanged, the following requirements must be satisfied:

1. The church of which the minister is a member shall recommend him, by letter, to the quarterly meeting License Committee for exchange of his credentials.
2. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials must be a member of the church recommending him for a minimum of one (1) year prior to being considered by the quarterly meeting License Committee.
3. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall be subject to the same written and oral examination as those who come before the Ordaining Council for ordination.
4. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall be bound by items 1-6 and items 8-14, listed in Article IX, Section E.
5. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its annual meeting, and shall bring his current certificate of ordination. If an exchange of credentials is granted, the minister may keep his previous certificate of ordination as a keepsake.

Proposed Way:

SECTION D: CANDIDATES FOR EXCHANGE OF CREDENTIALS

A candidate, desiring the credentials of the Union Association, who has been ordained in any church/denomination not affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, should satisfy the following requirements:

1. The Union Association church, of which he is a member, shall recommend him at the next quarterly conference, by letter, to the quarterly meeting License Committee for exchange of his credentials.
2. The minister shall be subject to an oral examination from the quarterly License Committee. The questions can come from the ordination exam. In the event he does not provide adequate answers to the questions, it is recommended that he obtain the required books of study and is instructed to complete the written ordination exam and report back to the quarterly License Committee.
3. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall be bound by items 1-5 and items 7, 8, and 11-14 listed in Article IX, Section E.

4. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its annual meeting,, and shall bring his current certificate of ordination. If an exchange of credentials is granted, the minister may keep his previous certificate of ordination as a keepsake.

MSC to have the constitution reprinted with the changes made both this year (2005) and also last year (2004.)

No report was given by the Book Committee. Recommended that the Ordaining Council take on the additional duties of the Book Committee. MSC

MSC to pay an honorarium of \$250 for the Minister's Conference speaker.

Moved the Minister's Conference pay one third (1/3) of the cost of printing the minutes. An amended motion was presented to pay a percentage of the cost of printing relative to the number of pages used by the Minister's Conference reports. MSC

Nominating Committee presented the following list of the names for offices open:

President: Rev. Ronnie Mitchell

Vice President: Rev. Norman Heath

Ordaining Council: Rev. Larry Arrowood (At large member)

MSC to install this slate of officers.

Final ordination report was given. It was MSC to accept this report. *See Appendix.*

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Charles Thigpen, TN State Promotional Director, was the speaker. He spoke on the subject, "Our Work in Christ."

What do you do now that you are "In Christ?" (Saved)

Eph 4:4-15 "One body, one Spirit"

What should we be telling our believers?

- Read the Bible daily.
- Pray daily.
- Help someone daily.
- Attend church regularly.
- Witness to others.
- Be faithful in tithing your income.
- Love God supremely.
- Love those who despise you.
- Yield yourself completely to God.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Norman Heath.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH - ORDINATION SERVICE

Attendance: 187

Opened with singing "To God be the Glory" and "I am Resolved", led by Rev. Chris Dotson.

Greeting/Prayer by President Rev. Ronnie Mitchell.

Special Singing, "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "He's Been So Good to Me."

Offertory prayer by Rev. Hal Kirk. Offering: \$320.00

Chairman of the Ordaining Council, Rev. Billy Gragg, presented the other Council members: Rev. Lynn Neas, Rev. Darwin Oakes, Rev. Larry Arrowood, and Rev. Thurman Sullivan.

Rev. Billy Gragg presented the candidates for ordination, ratification, or exchange of credentials. Ordination is for men who have begun the process with the Union Association. Ratification is for men who have been ordained by another Free Will Baptist church (that is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists) and have elected to change to the Union Association. Exchange of credentials is for men who have been ordained by a church that is not a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and that have chosen to become a part of the Union Association.

For ordination:

Rev. (s) Jason McCoy, Brad Capps, Wayland Lowe, Luis Nunez, Elias Mendoza, and Brandon Broyles.

For ratification:

Rev.(s) Larry Nelson, Roger Hayley, R.C. Christian, John Browning, Gary Davis, David Reese, and Larry Monday.

For exchange:

Rev. (s) Randy Hawk, Roger Bumgarner, and Herby Powers.

Message/Charge given by Rev. Thurman Sullivan. He spoke on the topic "Truth in Christ," He spoke on the divine call to the ministry, using I Timothy 2:7, Mark 3:13-15, Romans 10:14-15, and I Corinthians 2:4.

Bro. Sullivan spoke on the divine call, divine assignment, and divine authority. Bro. Thurman gave the charge from I Timothy 6:11-14.

The candidates knelt for prayer and the Ordaining Council prayed with them with the "laying on of hands."

Prayer was led by Rev. Lynn Neas.

Ordination papers were presented by Rev. Larry Arrowood.

MSC to accept each of these men into the Minister's Conference.

MSC to adjourn.

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Our Purpose

We have purposed to:

- ▶ win the lost, educate and train them in the basics of discipleship.
- ▶ establish and build churches for their fellowship and growth.
- ▶ operate with financial integrity.

Training nationals to win their own people to Christ has been Berea Ministries' primary focus from the beginning. We propose to fortify our ministers by providing training and assisting with salary supplements, building materials, supplies and equipment. Our goal is to aid our pastors to plant churches which will then multiply themselves and extend the witness of our Lord into all areas of Mexico.

Missions Committee

Mr. Haskell Waddle	Greenville, TN
Mr. Wade Jernigan	Lexington, OK
Mr Woody White	Ashland, KY
Rev. David Reece	Limestone, TN
Mr. Leroy Lynch	Chuckey, TN

Missions Staff

Howard Munsey	President
Chris Dotson	Director
Mitzi Satterfield	Mission Support
Jeff Cates	Field Director
Luis Tijerina	Deputy Field Director
Bill Adkisson	Mission Support

"Rivers, Headhunters, & Sin"

The difficult ministry of one national pastor

The work of the Lord in parts of Mexico is very difficult. One such place is Cabeza de Tilpan in the southern mountain region. The only way to reach this village is by a two-hour boat ride up the river from Tuxtepec. There are no roads to this mountaintop village.

In addition, the neighboring community, which can be seen from the boat as you approach Cabeza de Tilpan, is full of headhunters who hate Christians. They are intent on killing anyone who tries to preach the gospel. Once Camilo Francisco Martinez, our Free Will Baptist pastor there, tried to go to the neighboring village to preach, but he was forced to flee for his life.

A third complicating factor is alcoholism. Drunkenness is rampant in Cabeza de Tilpan. In fact, Harvest ministers to a number of children who have been orphaned as a result of this sin. Often their parents drown in the river after getting drunk at night and attempt traveling to the mainland.

Recently a Volunteer Mission Team sponsored by Harvest Child Care Ministries traveled to this village to witness Pastor Camilo's work first-hand. To our knowledge, no Americans had ever visited this area before. Even though the group was three hours late, the community was patiently waiting on the rocks overlooking the river.

The children were given small toys, such as frisbees and jump ropes, which they thought were plates and clothes lines. But soon, after the team demonstrated how to use them, the hillside rang with laughter.

Please pray for the work of Cabeza de Tilpan. Pastor Camilo travels here regularly to preach the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. He has already established a small mission church in this community. In addition, Elias Perez and his crew make this trek at least monthly to minister to the needs of the orphaned children there.

Congratulations to

William and Laura (Munsey) Bosworth, who were married on Friday evening, May 6, 2005, in Nashville, Tennessee. Her grandfather, Howard Munsey, performed the ceremony. Earlier that same day Laura graduated from Free Will Baptist Bible College with her degree in education. William works as a real estate appraiser in the Nashville area, where the couple will make their home.

Harvest Child Care Ministries Update

Elias Perez, Project Coordinator

I am thankful for the opportunity to work with Berea Ministries and Harvest Child Care Ministries in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico. My mission is to care for children in their present situation while working towards providing them a permanent home.

Our desire is to establish a home that will give children food, clothing, and education but most of all a home of love. As they grow older, these children will learn how to function independently and contribute to the well-being of the community.

Let me introduce you to Saulo, an eleven-year-old boy who lives in the village of La Josefina. Saulo's mother died during childbirth; his father abandoned him with his grandmother. Tears well up in Saulo's eyes when he talks about his father, because he does not understand why his father didn't love him enough to stay and take care of him. His grandmother is old and no longer able to provide for him. Saulo is friendly and outgoing and is anxious for the children's home to be built so that he will have a place to live.

Even though some of the children's situations seem dire, you can become a part of the solution. With your continued help, we will be able to provide the needs of many children. Thank you for sharing with us. I trust you will experience joy as you give to the children.

Adkisson Joins Berea

Berea Ministries would like to welcome Bill Adkisson to our Mission Support Team. Mr. Adkisson has been a Free Will Baptist pastor and church planter for 43 years. A graduate of California Christian College, he and his wife, Peggy, have organized nine mission churches in Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, New Mexico, and California. Most recently, Bro. Bill pastored the Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church in Iola, Texas.

The Adkissons would like to have the opportunity to share the work of Berea Ministries with our church or association. For more information or to schedule a service, you may contact him directly at his office in East Prairie, MO at (573)233-4712.

Association Receives Final Registration

Luis Felipe Tijernia, Deputy Field Director

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After two and a half years, we finally received the official document for our registration with the Secretaria de Gobernacion. During the first week of June, I traveled to the Federal District to meet with Mexico's Secretary of Religious Affairs for the presentation. While there, I participated in an official ceremony in which our association was granted its registration status. Besides protecting Free Will Baptist assets within Mexico, this will also allow our pastors to receive social security benefits, including medical coverage.

Thanks To Our Volunteer Construction Teams

Jeff Cates, Field Director

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Reynosa

We want to thank the group from the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in McAlester, Oklahoma. They constructed the soffits on the new Sunday School building at the Temple Sendero de la Cruz, where Eric Perez Sanjuan is the pastor. They also installed and trimmed out new lights and doors for the building.

Cuidad Victoria

The Faith Free Will Baptist Church from Bartlesville, Oklahoma recently gave the Templo Camino, Verdad y Vida a facelift. They painted the exterior of the church building and sealed the roof over the Sunday School wing. They also cleared trees and financed a retaining wall to create a new parking area for the church. Pastor Guadalupe Macias Andrade and his congregation want to thank this willing group for their hard work.

Reynosa

Groups from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Ozark, Missouri, and the Red Bay Free Will Baptist Church in Red Bay, Alabama, continued the work at the Seminario Biblico La Cruz. First Church helped get the middle footer dug and poured on the married students building. Red Bay did a significant amount of block work for the structure. We appreciated the hard work of both of these groups, mixing and pouring concrete the hard way-by hand.

Please remember Berea Ministries in your monthly missions giving.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNION FWB ASSOCIATION

Preamble

The Union Free Will Baptist Association, having adopted the Covenant and Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, is organized to unify and promote the interests of its member Quarterly Meetings and the common cause of the Redeemer.

Article I: Name

This body shall be known hereafter as Union Free Will Baptist Association.

Article II: Membership

The Association shall be composed of ministers, deacons, and elected delegates from the member Quarterly Meetings. The Christian Education Convention and Women Active for Christ shall be represented by five (5) members, each respectively. Each Quarterly Meeting holding membership in the Association shall furnish the Association with a list of certified delegates or alternates from the various churches, each church being allowed one (1) delegate or alternate for every 20 members or fraction thereof.

Article III: Discipline

The Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or usage that may properly come before it from any of the Quarterly Meetings composing the said Association, or act upon any appeal made by any of the churches which constitute the various Quarterly Meetings, provided the principles of Matthew 18:15-17 have been followed. Such appeal shall be signed by the pastor and clerk of a local church or the moderator and secretary of a Quarterly Meeting. The above must be forwarded by mail or in person to the clerk of the Association at least ten (10) days prior to the next session.

Article IV: Officers

The officers of this association shall be moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, treasurer, assistant treasurer, and promotional secretary. Each officer shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee or from the floor of the Association, and elected by a majority vote of those present and voting at each regular session. Elected officers shall hold office until their

successors are duly elected and installed. The clerk and treasurer will serve indefinitely subject to satisfactory performance or resignation.

Article V: General Board

Section 1: Membership

The General Board shall be composed of eleven (11) members including the moderator, assistant moderator, secretary, promotional secretary, treasurer, and the president and clerk of the Minister's Conference, along with one representative from each Quarterly Meeting.

Section 2: Duties

The Duties of the General Board shall be as follows:

1. To act on behalf of the Association in matters demanding its consideration between regular sessions of the Association.
2. To arrange for meetings of the Association, provide programs, and change the time and place of meeting, if necessary.
3. To fill vacancies in the Association which may be caused by death, resignation, or any other cause, between regular sessions of the Association.
4. To make written reports of all its work and make such recommendations as deemed necessary to the Association.

Section 3: Meetings

It shall be the duty of the General Board to meet at each regular or called session of the Association and as often as the welfare of the cause may demand in extra sessions. No meeting of the General Board shall be allowed to transact business unless a majority of the members are present, but a minority may meet and adjourn for discussion of any subject which may be of vital interest. All members must have ten (10) days written notice, stating the purpose, time, and place of meeting. All transactions must be favored by the majority of those present. Written record shall be kept and presented to the Association.

Section 4: Proxy

No member shall delegate authority to another member of said board to cast his vote for him, but may send a proxy. A proxy must be a member in good standing of the Association and have written authority from the member for whom he acts.

Article VI: Board and Committees

This association shall appoint or elect such temporary or standing boards and committees as it may deem necessary for the conduct of its regular business.

Article VII: Meetings

The Association shall hold regular meetings at a time and place to be determined during the last regular session and made known before adjournment. The General Board may call special meetings when extreme necessity demands, provided the clerk of each quarterly meeting has been notified at least twenty (20) days before the date of the meeting. Twenty-five (25) delegates from at least three (3) of the quarterly meetings constitute a quorum for special meetings.

Article VIII: Duties of Officers

Section 1: Moderator

Preside over all meetings, see that the Constitution and By-laws are followed, insure discussions are carried on in a Christian spirit, and exercise all rights and privileges of any other member. The right to vote shall be exercised only to break a tie. While presiding, he shall only speak when providing explanation.

Section 2: Assistant Moderator

Assist the moderator in his duties and preside in the moderator's absence.

Section 3: Clerk

Keep a record of all meetings and publish this record for distribution to the various Quarterly Meetings.

Section 4: Treasurer

Receive and disburse all monies of the Association, keeping an accurate record of such transactions, and reporting the same to the Association and the General Board.

Section 5: Promotional Secretary

Promote and report the work of Free Will Baptists to the Association.

Article IX: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided the change is recommended in writing at least one (1) day before the vote.

BYLAWS

1. A portion of scripture shall be read and prayer offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the Association, and a prayer shall be offered as a benediction at the close of each session.
2. The moderator or the assistant moderator shall call the Association to order at the hour designated by the program committee.
3. Each Quarterly Meeting is required to present a report of the annual work of its churches. Refusal of the Quarterly Meeting to report serves as just cause for investigation and discipline at the discretion of the Association.
4. In the event a Quarterly Meeting desires membership in another Free Will Baptist association, a majority vote is required for a letter of good standing.
5. The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order shall serve as the final authority in parliamentary procedure.
6. Visitors may be invited to sit as advisory council and/or be granted permission by the moderator to speak, but in no case shall be allowed to vote.
7. The moderator shall allow discussion carried on in a Christian spirit. Discussion which sows discord or division will not be tolerated.
8. Anyone refusing the admonition of the moderator shall be barred from participation until public repentance has been made and accepted.
9. Those desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator as "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized.
10. No speaker shall be allowed to speak more than two (2) minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator, unless the program committee has established a longer time period.
11. This Constitution, By-laws, and Standing Rules supercedes all other revisions.
12. These By-laws may be amended at any regular session of the Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at least one (1) day before the vote.

STANDING RULES

1. A yearly representation fee to go to the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists shall accompany each church report to the Association.
2. The moderator, secretary, and treasurer will receive an annual honorarium to be determined by the Association.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Committee on Committees to also serve as the Nominating Committee.
4. The treasurer will be able to borrow monies from other funds to pay Associational bills.
5. General Board members shall receive reimbursement for each mile driven in the line of duty based upon the current IRS mileage allowance.
6. All meetings of the Association shall convene with open doors except when resolved into committee of the whole.
7. The Association shall convene annually on the Friday and Saturday following the second (2nd) Sunday in August.
8. Standing rules may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote of those present and voting.

2005 MINISTER'S CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

Status (O=Ordained; L=Licensed)

Standing (G=Good; N=Not Good; E=Excused)

Northern Quarterly

Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Home Phone	Status	Standing
RICK ADAMS	14240 HORTON HWY	GREENVILLE	TN	37745	423-234-0529	O	G
STEVE ALLEY	147 KING MTN DR	CHURCH HILL	TN	37642	423-357-1615	O	G
DEREK BELL	307 OAK DR	CHURCH HILL	TN	37642	423-256-9816	O	G
NATHANIEL BEGLEY	RR 3 BOX 209B	GATE CITY	VA	24251	276-956-7050	L	G
JESSIE BISHOP	468 E MAIN ST	CHURCH HILL	TN	37642	423-956-7050	L	G
WELDON BOWMAN	420 CIRCLE DR	ROGERSVILLE	TN	37857	423-272-4918	O	E
JAMES BYFORD	364 CEDAR BRANCH RD	KINGSPORT	TN	37664	423-323-0419	O	G
CARL CALAHAN	1514 CHRISTIAN BEND RD	CHURCH HILL	TN	37642	423-345-4701	O	G
BRIAN CAPPS	308 VALLEY DR	CHURCH HILL	TN	37642	423-357-3854	O	G
GARY CAVIN	345 WOODCREST DR	KINGSPORT	TN	37663	423-239-5994	O	G
RODGER CASTLE SR	5905 COCHISE TR	KINGSPORT	TN	37664	423-323-9234	O	G
R C CHRISTIAN	4358 W CARTERS VALLEY RD	CHURCH HILL	TN	37642	423-357-3893	O	E
CLIFFORD CRIGGER	422 ALEXANDER AVE	CHURCH HILL	TN	37642	423-357-6254	O	E

Northern Quarterly, Cont.

STEVE DAVIS	191 KEYS RD	LIMESTONE	TN	37681	423-257-7897	O	6
GARY DAVIS	318 MOHAWK ST	KINGSPORT	TN	37665	423-247-8815	O	6
JERRY DAVENPORT	1759 ROCK SPRINGS RD	KINGSPORT	TN	37664	423-349-5709	O	6
ROGER DYKES	11980 HORTON HWY	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-234-5461	O	6
CARL FERRELL	1282 MILLERS BLUFF RD	CHURCH HILL	TN	37642	423-345-2741	O	E
JAMES FRAZIER	434 CYPRESS ST	MT CARMEL	TN	37645	423-357-6557	O	6
BILLY GRA66	1821 GANBY RD	KINGSPORT	TN	37665	423-245-8330	O	6
MIKE HARMON	727 UNION RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-636-8812	O	6
JESSE HARTGROVE	1304 RIDGECREST AVE	KINGSPORT	TN	37665	423-247-5016	O	6
WILLIAM HICKERSON	127 HOLLOW TIMBERS DR	GRAY	TN	37615	423-467-9985	O	6
GARY HODGES	560 BORING CHAPEL RD	GRAY	TN	37615	423-477-7660	O	6
G W JOBE						O	E
ROY LESTER	446 INDEPENDENCE DR	KINGSPORT	TN	37660	423-246-9365	O	6
JAMES MANIS	1011 LAUREL WOOD DR	KINGSPORT	TN	37660	423-239-7393	O	6
RANDALL MATTHEW'S	50 MULBERRY RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-234-0809	O	6
JACK MORELOCK	4221 SULLIVAN GARDENS DR	KINGSPORT	TN	37660	423-349-7265	O	E

TIMOTHY MORELOCK	436 GRASSY CREEK RD	ROGERSVILLE	TN	37857	423-357-7827	L	6
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LARRY NELSON	319 EASTERN STAR RD	KINGSPORT	TN	37663	423-349-6800	O	6
BOBBY OLTERMAN	1021 LAKE ST	KINGSPORT	TN	37660	423-246-4855	O	E
ROBERT PARKER JR	241 PARKER LN	KINGSPORT	TN	37660	423-378-5353	O	E
RAYMOND PERRY	950 SUGAR BOWL RD	CHUCKEY	TN	37641	423-234-2811	O	6
TRAVIS PHILLIPS	3600 ERWIN HWY	AFTON	TN	37616	423-329-7915	O	6
HERBIE POWERS	240 GRANDVIEW CT	KINGSPORT	TN	37664	423-323-1624	O	6
PAUL RAGAN	3675 CHUCKEY HWY	LIMESTONE	TN	37681	423-257-5591	O	6
ROGER SMITH	277 R.C. BARRETT RD	KINGSPORT	TN	37660	423-348-6803	O	6
DENNIS SPEARS	112 DILLOW CT	KINGSPORT	TN	37663	423-239-3586	O	6
DWAYNE STEELE	1995 JOCKEY RD	LIMESTONE	TN	37681	423-257-2323	O	6
TEDDY WEBB	798 GRASSY CREEK RD	ROGERSVILLE	TN	37857	423-357-7536	O	6
KEITH WILLIAMS	1420 GRAYSBURG RD	CHUCKEY	TN	37641	423-234-0265	O	6
DANNY WILLIS	815 NELSE ROBERTS RD	CHUCKEY	TN	37641	423-348-6580	O	6
GEORGE WINEGAR	110 PALMER CT	SURGOINSVILLE	TN	37873	423-345-2595	O	E
TODD JENNINGS	493 POND SPRINGS RD	KINGSPORT	TN	37664	423-247-9894	O	6
CHRIS CASTLE	628 FORDTOWN RD	FALL BRANCH	TN	37626	423-348-6490	O	6

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LARRY ARROWOOD	179 MASTER CT	TELFORD	TN	37690	423-257-6558	O	G
DONNIE BAILEY	121 SMITHDALE BLVD W	LIMESTONE	TN	37661	423-257-2971	O	G
RODNEY BAILEY	311 W DFOE AVE	ELIZABETHTON	TN	37643	423-542-9193	O	E
LEE BATES	153 FALCON WAY	PARROTTSVILLE	TN	37843	423-623-2364	O	G
JEFF BLAKE	725 OLD NEWPORT HWY	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-636-1307	O	G
BRANDON BROYLES	130 LORA HENLEY RD	CHUCKEY	TN	37641	423-257-2059	O	G
JOHN BUCHANAN	1242 PISGAH RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-639-2981	O	G
ROGER BUMGARNER	1232 MURTRELL RD	MORRISTOWN	TN	37814	423-317-0763	O	G
DENNIS CALDWELL	355 LAKOTA WAY	NEWPORT	TN	37821	423-623-0985	O	G
TIM CARSON	210 AYERS LN	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-639-6435	O	G
SCOTT CLINE	1555 PHAGAN STORE RD	TALBOT	TN	37877	865-475-2209	O	6-E-A
CHRIS COMPTON	1259 D BRITTANY DR	FLORENCE	SC	29501	843-676-9176	O	G
ALFRED CUTSHAW	1108 HIXON AVE	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-798-9224	O	6-E
DOLPHUS CUTSHAW	977 OLD MOUNTAIN RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-639-2720	O	G
WAYNE DALTON	136 FULLINGTON WAY	NEWPORT	TN	37821	423-623-6300	O	G
DENNIS DAUGHERTY	1088 BETH DR	RUSSELLVILLE	TN	37860	423-586-0032	O	G

RALPH DINGUS	155 LAKE DR	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-638-6179	O	G
CHRIS DOTSON	1646 BOARDWALK CT	MORRISTOWN	TN	37814	423-585-5559	O	G
DAVID DU66ER	1106 SUN VALLEY DR	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-636-3659	O	G
STEVE FREEMAN	185 LEHIGH DR	NEWPORT	TN	37821	423-623-0183	O	E
GARY GASS	3210 OLD BAILEYTON RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-234-2403	O	N
GARY GENTRY	724 URBANA RD	LIMESTONE	TN	37681	423-257-6036	O	G
BOBBY GREENE	125 BIRD CT	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-638-1130	O	G
CARL GREGG	391 STONE MOUNTAIN LN	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-230-1160	O	E
ROGER CROSS	3405 BLUE SPRINGS PKWY	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-639-8640	O	G
NATHANIEL HAGOOD	362 MOUNT ZION RD	WHITESBURG	TN	37891	423-235-5611	L	2 nd Yr
MIKEL HENSLEY	105 PARK LN	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-639-2150	O	G
CHRIS HOWELL	640 DUMPLIN VALLEY RD	JEFFERSON CITY	TN	37780	423-397-9242	O	G
LEE ROY HURST	735 POTTERSTOWN RD	MIDWAY	TN	37809	423-422-7264	O	G
VAN JOHNSON	1690 WATTENBARGER GAP RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-234-6224	O	E
DAVID KEMPER	6035 SCHATER RD	LANSING	MI	48911	517-393-4510	O	G
JAMES KILGORE	90 STANLEY LN	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-639-9449	O	G
DOUG KING	4896 BROOKVIEW DR	RUSSELLVILLE	TN	37860	423-587-1846	O	G

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HAL KIRK	55 MT HOPE RD	MOHAWK	TN	37810	423-235-5620	O	G
PAUL LAMB	1141 ROCKTOWN RD	TALBOTT	TN	37877	423-475-9249	O	E
T F LEWIS	279 SAND VALLEY RD	JONESBOROUGH	TN	37569		O	E
WAYLAND LOWE	7835 LONESOME PINE TR	MOSHEIM	TN	37818	423-422-7482	O	G
JIMMIE LOWE	302 ARROWHEAD LOOP	MIDWAY	TN	37809	423-422-4874	O	E
OSCAR MCAMIS	15765 KINGSPORT HWY	CHUCKEY	TN	37641	423-348-7758	O	G
JASON MCCOY	1185 HOLLY CREEK RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-639-7693	O	G
TIMOTHY MCDANIEL	170 BURNETTS CHAPEL LN	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-470-2214	L	1 st Yr
BUFORD METCALF	2216 CAMP CREEK RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-639-2778	O	G
RONNIE MITCHELL	103 SMITHDALE BLVD E	LIMESTONE	TN	37681	423-257-5886	O	G
DAVID MORELOCK	566 GATEWOOD RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-234-0326	O	N
HOWARD MUNSEY	359 PANTHER SPRINGS RD	MORRISTOWN	TN	37814	423-586-6088	O	E
MATTHEW MUNSEY	417 FAIRGROUNDS ROAD #15	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-608-5453	L	1 st Yr
DONALD P MYERS	525 TERRANCE VIEW DR	BEAN STATION	TN	37706	865-933-7728	O	G
RAY MYSSINGER	60 GABY CI	GREENEVILLE	TN	37746	423-639-1820	O	G
LYNN NESS	15 BROYLES RD	CHUCKEY	TN	37641	423-257-6817	O	G
GARY NORTON	509 DUNBAR RD	CHUCKEY	TN	37641	423-257-4204	O	G

DOYLE PRUETT	302 ROYCE ST	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-796-0714	O	G
JOHNNY RAGON	184 MCWILLAN HOLLOW RD	MOSHEIM	TN	37818	423-422-4323	O	G
DAVID REECE	623 CARSON CREEK	LIMESTONE	TN	37681	423-257-4558	O	G
BARRY REED	6765 HORTON HWY	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-234-0251	O	G
TIMOTHY ROACH	60 BEVERLY HILLS DR	MOSHEIM	TN	37816	423-422-0090	O	G
DAVID ROY	AX-33 CALLE 44	RIO GRANDE	PR	745	787-809-6214	O	G
RANDY RUNIONS	340 MCGAHA CHAPEL RD	NEWPORT	TN	37281	423-625-8888	O	G
MAX SUALS	145 JAYBIRD LN	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-639-4786	O	G
ERNEST SAWYER	1181 FUGATE RD	DEL RIO	TN	37727	423-623-6308	O	G
JESS F SHERROD	2359 WALKER RD	TALBOTT	TN	37877	865-471-0285	L	2 nd Yr
LEON SIMONS	1816 RIDGEMONT DR	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-639-3664	O	G
KEN SMITH	3580 SUNNYDALE RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-638-8735	O	G
MARK STARNES	1013 ASHEVILLE HWY	GREENEVILLE	TN	37743	423-639-6022	O	G
GENE SWATZELL	2342 BUCKINGHAM RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-639-8289	O	G
KEVIN TRIMBLE	247 MAYOR AVE	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-639-9774	O	G
WAYNE WAYCASTER	166 BARKLEY RD	GREENEVILLE	TN	37745	423-234-9551	O	G
KENNETH WILSON	351 CARSON SPRINGS RD	NEWPORT	TN	37821	423-623-3154	O	G

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WILLIAM WINTERS	276 RIVERA DR	NEWPORT	TN	37821	423-625-8005	O	G
EDDIE YOUNG	187 JIMTOWN RD	NEWPORT	TN	37821	423-613-5208	O	G

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HARLEY BROWN	7736 DODSON RD	KNOXVILLE	TN	37920	8865-573-9019	O	E
JOHN BROWNING						O	G
BRADLEY CAPPS	2080 ROUND BARN RD	POWDER SPRINGS	TN	37848	865-497-3358	O	G
TOMMY CAYLOR	2227 SYLVANIA AVE	KNOXVILLE	TN	37920	865057305948	O	E
DAVID COX	153 WOODY MEADOW RD	KINGSTON	TN	37663	865-376-6298	O	G
MIKE DOTSON	POB 53	SWEETWATER	TN	37874		O	G
DOUGLAS EASTER	8000 SIMPSON RD	LOUDON	TN	37774	865-458-2817	O	G
DARRELL GWIN	1132 TELICO ST S	MADISONVILLE	TN	37354	423-442-2213	O	E
GLENN HALL	794 BLOCK HOUSE VALLEY RD	CLINTON	TN	37716	865-463-85051	O	E
RANDY HAWK	3408 LAKESHORE CHURCH RD	LOISVILLE	TN	37777	865098107918	O	G
ROGER HAYLEY	160 S JEFFERSON CT	OAK RIDGE	TN	37830	863-483-7201	O	G
NORMAN HEATH	14792 VONORE RD	LOUDON	TN	37774	865-458-6568	O	G

ROBERT HOBBS	9644 CLIFT RD	-	STRAWBERRY PLAINS	TN	37871	865-933-1746	O	6
MICHAEL JACOBS JR	355 LAKESIDE RD #16		VONORE	TN	37885	865-408-1665	O	6
STEVEN JENKS	3101 RIVERSIDE DR		KNOXVILLE	TN	37914	865-521-3820	O	6
EARNEST JOYCE	147 N BEVERLY CI		OAK RIDGE	TN	37830	865-483-9840	O	E
HARVEY MARLOW	934 LAKE CITY HWY		CLINTON	TN	37716	865-457-5521	O	6
HARRY MINTZ	805 LITTLE VALLEY RD		LOUDON	TN	37774	865-458-0611	O	E
RONALD L MITCHELL	1728 HITCHING POST DR		KNOXVILLE	TN	37931	865-539-1223	O	6
LARRY MONDAY	7201 HODGES FERRY RD		KNOXVILLE	TN	37920	865-577-2083	O	6
WILLIAM R MOORE	6304 RACCOON VALLEY RD		KNOXVILLE	TN	37938	865-922-2794	O	E
RICHARD NICHOLS							O	E
DARVIN OAKES	11017 HUGHLAN DR		KNOXVILLE	TN	37922	865-671-1717	O	6
THURMAN PATE	6605 CHERRY DR		KNOXVILLE	TN	37919	865-588-3857	O	6
ALLEN PRESLEY	266 CR 728		RICEVILLE	TN	37370	423-462-2134	O	6
TEDDY WATERS	214 KEY KILE RD		SWEETWATER	TN	37874	423-337-2083	O	6
JEFF WILKINS	221 KEY KILE RD		SWEETWATER	TN	37874		O	6

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E Y BAILEY	801 BATTLE LN	ERWIN	TN	37650	423-743-6740	O	G
DAREN BARNETTE							N
HAROLD BLANKENSHIP	422 GREENBROOK CT	UNICOI	TN	37692	423-735-3092	O	G
ROGER BOONE	50 BOONE TR	WEAVERVILLE	NC	28787	828-645-3322	O	G
JACKIE COLE	108 MCKINNEY CT	GRAY	TN	37615	423-477-8895	O	G
JAMES COX	13614 E CARTERS VALLEY RD	GATE CITY	VA	24251	276-225-6451	O	G
JEFF DAVIS	160 KINGSLEY AVE	KINGSPORT	TN	37660	423-288-2558	O	G
RANDY HOWELL	POB 115	UNICOI	TN	37692	423-743-9795	O	G
LARRY LAUGHLIN	3950 MEMORIAL BLVD	KINGSPORT	TN	37664	423-245-1727	O	G
JONATHAN LEWIS	116 CHELSEA DR	ERWIN	TN	37650	423-743-9441	O	G
JOSE LUIS NUNEZ	1502 VIRGINIA STAR	JOHNSON CITY	TN	37604	423-22-1838	L	G
ELIAS MENDOSA	428 CATAWBA ST	ERWIN	TN	37650	423-735-2557	L	G
IVERY PADGETT	162 LESTER HEIGHTS RD	GRAY	TN	37615	423-282-6569	O	E
MARK POTTER	112 FRANKLIN LN	ELIZABETHTON	TN	37643	423-543-3329	O	G
WM DONNIE ROBERTS	311 LITTLE GERMANY RD	ERWIN	TN	37650	23-743-7481	O	G
GREGORY SERGENT	POB 1601	WISE	VA	24293	276-328-2316	O	G

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JEFFREY SAMS	8418 GREENDALE RD	WISE	VA	24293	276-328-3445	O	G
TONY SHELTON	45 OLD SHEPARD BRANCH RD	WEAVERVILLE	NC	28787	828-658-1181	O	G
THURMAN SULLIVAN	203 MARBLETON RD	UNICOI	TN	37692	423-734-4709	O	E
STEVE TOLLEY	105 ROUSE PRIVATE DR	ELIZABETHTON	TN	37643	423-542-5759	O	G
SHANE WILSON	105 WOODLAND DR	ERWIN	TN	37650	423-743-8546	O	G

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

The Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, having adopted the Covenant and Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, is organized to unify and promote the interests of its members and the common cause of the Redeemer by providing opportunities for ministerial fellowship, promoting efficiency among its members, and safeguarding the integrity and honor of its members.

ARTICLE I: NAME

This body shall be known as *the Ministers' Conference of the union Free Will Baptist Association*.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: MEMBERS

The membership shall be comprised of all ordained and licensed ministers who are members of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, and who maintain good and regular standing in the Ministers' Conference. Each member's rights are freely protected in accordance with the *Treatise of Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists*. A member of the Ministers' Conference desiring to serve as the pastor of a church that is not a member of the Union Association, may petition the Ordaining Council for an exception so his membership in the Ministers' Conference may continue.

SECTION B: STANDING

PART 1: GOOD STANDING

All members, including licensed ministers, shall be issued a card of good standing signed by the President and Clerk of the Minister's Conference. The requirements for obtaining a card of good standing are as follows:

1. Preach a minimum of twelve (12) sermons per calendar year, unless otherwise excused.

2. Report in person to a minimum of two (2) of his respective Quarterly Meetings, and report to each of his respective Quarterly Meetings in writing, unless otherwise excused by the Licensing Council.
3. Maintain membership in a local Church that is a member of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.
4. Maintain moral character and sound doctrine.

PART 2: NOT IN GOOD STANDING

All members failing to meet the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1, shall receive the status of not in good standing with the Ministers' Conference, and shall be denied all privileges of membership including voting on Minister's Conference business.

PART 3: EXCUSED MEMEBRS

Ministers who are invalid or retired may petition the Ministers' Conference to be excused from fulfilling the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1, with the exception of numbers four (4) and five (5).

PART 4: ANNUAL REPORT

The Licensing Council of the Quarterly Meetings will be responsible for collecting the quarterly reports of each minister and then forwarding such reports to the Union Association Ordaining Council and the Clerk of the Ministers' Conference prior to the annual Union Meeting.

PART 5: CARD OF GOOD STANDING

Annually, at the beginning of each Union Association Meeting, each minister will pay the membership dues in an amount determined by the Ministers' Conference to the Ministers' Conference Clerk. Ministers in good standing pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules will receive a card of good standing. Such card will not be issued without the payment of necessary fee. This card is good for a one year period, provided the minister remains compliant to the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. Ministers who are not required to submit an annual report 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, By-Laws, and Standing Rules.

PART 6: PASTORING NON UNION ASSOCIATION CHURCHS

Ordained Ministers, presently in good standing with the Union Association Ministers' Conference may be granted an exception by the Ordaining Council for the purpose of retaining their membership while pasturing a non Union Association Church. The process is as follows:

1. The minister shall petition the Ordaining Council in writing via the minister's current Quarterly Meeting License Council.
2. The Minister must maintain the requirements for a Good Standing Member (Article II, Section B, Part 1) in his current Quarterly Meeting, but he will be exempt from Required Church Membership (Article II, Section B, Part 1, item 3).
3. He will report in person to the Licensing Council annually while pasturing a non Union Association Church.
4. If the minister fails to meet these expectations, he will forfeit his credentials.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

The Ministers' Conference shall convene for its annual session at the venue of the Annual Meeting of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, and at the time designated by the Union Free Will Baptist Association on the program.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Clerk
4. Assistant Clerk
5. Ordaining Council
 - A. Consisting of five (5) members.
 - B. Members of the Ordaining Council shall be elected for a (5) year term with one member being elected each year in order of expiration of term.
6. Parliamentary
 - A. Appointed by the President from among the membership for each Session.
7. Any other officers that the Ministers' Conference deems necessary, provided such officers are elected by a majority vote of it's members.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: PRESIDENT

1. Preside over all meetings.
2. Enforce order and decorum while demanding a rigid respect for the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the Minister's Conference, and the Union Free Will Baptist Association.
3. Ensure each member is given equal rights and privileges under the Constitution.
4. Responsible for calling special sessions as necessary, setting the venue for such sessions, and notifying the members of such sessions.
5. Appoint all committees needful for the transaction of the Ministers' Conference business, unless otherwise provided for by the By-Laws.
6. Vote only in the instance of casting the deciding vote to break a tie, unless he relinquishes the Chair to another.

SECTION B: VICE PRESIDENT

1. Assume all of the duties of the President in the President's absence, or if the office of the President is vacated.
2. Assist the President in the duties of his office.

SECTION C: CLERK

1. Keep a concise record of all proceedings, read them at the direction of the President, and have them printed in booklet form as the minutes, to be distributed among the members.
2. Receive and disburse all monies raised by the Ministers' Conference in accordance with the direction of the Conference and submit a financial report each year at the annual meeting.
3. Responsible for all correspondence as directed by the Ministers' Conference for communication with its members.
4. Keep a record of all members' last known address and notify them of any special sessions at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.
5. By certified mail, notify any member who is not in good standing and/or whose credentials are revoked, and distribute a copy of same letter to the President.

SECTION D: ASSISTANT CLERK

1. Assume all duties of the Clerk in the absence of the Clerk, or if the clerk is vacated.

2. Assist the Clerk in the duties of his office.

SECTION E: ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. Immediately following the election of a new member at the Annual Meeting the Council shall meet and select from their number a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary who shall serve through the next session.
2. Investigate and question any and all candidates seeking admission to the Ministers' Conference and make recommendations for acceptance to the Ministers' Conference. An Ordaining Council decision to reject a candidate shall be final and need not be ratified by the Ministers; Conference.
3. Examine, recommend, and publicly ordain and/or recognize all candidates who have met the requirement of Article IX, Section E, unless otherwise stipulated.
4. Investigate all charges brought against a member, call the accused to a hearing, and make recommendations to the Minister's Conference regarding the outcome of the hearing.
5. The actions of the Ordaining Council must be reviewed and ratified by the Ministers' Conference, except of in the case of its rejecting a candidate for ordination, in its annual session or a special session may be called for that purpose.
6. No member of the Ordaining Council shall delegate authority to another member of the Ordaining Council to cast his vote for him on any matter. Any member of the Ordaining Council may, however, send a proxy on his behalf. The rules for proxies are as follows:
 - A. A proxy must be a Free Will Baptist from the same Quarterly Meeting as the Ordaining Council member, and have a card of good standing from the Ministers' Conference.
 - B. Said proxy shall have the same authority as the Ordaining Council member.
 - C. Said proxy must have a written authorization from the Ordaining Council member for whom he acts.
 - D. The Clerk of the Union Free Will Baptist Association shall be a standing proxy on the Ordaining Council in the case of absence of any Ordaining Council member, provided the absent member has not sent a proxy in his stead.

ARTICLE VI: CREDENTIALS

SECTION A: OWNERSHIP OF CREDENTIALS

All certificates of ordination issued by the Ministers' Conference are the property of the Union Free Will Baptist Association and are held in trust by the minister while he satisfies the requirements of good standing as stated in Article II, Section B, Part 1. The credentials of any member shall not be revoked until said minister has been examined by the Ordaining Council, and found guilty of failure to comply with the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1.

SECTION B: VALID CREDENTIALS

All certificates of ordination shall be of indefinite duration with the provision that such certificate is only valid when accompanied by the annual card of good standing from the Ministers' Conference or, if the certificate is ratified by another recognized Free Will Baptist Association, at which time it becomes the property of that Association.

ARTICLE VII: QUARTERLY MEEETING LICENSE COMMITTEE

SECTION A: PURPOSE

The License Committee of each Quarterly Meeting shall examine all candidates seeking a license to preach the Gospel as to their Christian experience, faithfulness to Christ and the local church, and their divine call to the ministry, and grant such license as it deems appropriate; and shall examine the written reports of the licensed and ordained ministers in their respective Quarterly Meeting.

SECTION B: REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING LICENSE

1. When a local church is assured of the validity of a candidate's call to the ministry, the church is to send a letter of recommendation to the License Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the church is a member.
2. The candidate must be a member of the church recommending him for a period of no less than one (1) year, and attend such church faithfully unless fulfilling a preaching appointment elsewhere.
3. The candidate for licensure will complete an application for license that will be reviewed and acted upon by the Quarterly Meeting License Committee. The completed application, along with references and written work shall be placed in a file that will be presented in its entirety to the Union Association Ordaining Council prior to the candidates examination for ordination.

4. The candidate must conform to the standards established in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.
5. In addition to the completion of the license application, each candidate for licensure as a Free Will Baptist Minister within the Union 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 the 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 and review will disqualify the candidate from the ordination process.
6. Upon the candidate being granted a license to preach, his ministerial activity comes under the watch care of the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which he is a member.
7. The licensed minister must report by letter to all four (4) sessions of his respective Quarterly Meeting, and the Annual Meeting of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.
8. Each licensed minister will be required to attend the following two (2) Seminars prior to his examination for ordination:
 - A. Free Will Baptist Doctrine
 - B. Practical Ministry

The date, time, and location of these seminars will be posted 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.
9. The schedule for the seminars, and the required reading list will be determined by the Ministers' Conference, and will be made available to each minister upon his completion of the license application.
10. Whereas the ministry of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association includes ministries that utilize foreign languages, ministers from such ministries will be subject to comparable licensure and ordination requirements. For each foreign work, a panel of leaders will be appointed by the President of the Ministers' Conference, and such panel shall institute comparable procedures based upon materials available in the language of such ministries and will conduct seminars in the language of such ministries.

SECTION C: MAINTAINING LICENSE

The Quarterly Meeting License Committee grants the licensee a license to preach, subject to annual review by the License Committee, and is bound by the following requirements:

1. Hold a License for a minimum of two (2) years, within the year of the Union Association Annual Meeting, before being considered for ordination.
2. Appear before the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting at each anniversary of his license in order to renew such license until he is ordained.
3. Adhere to all the provisions of Article VII, Section B, of this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules.

SECTION D: AUTHORITY OF THE LICENSE COMMITTEE

The License Committee may refuse to recommend a candidate for ordination for any reason it deems appropriate, or they may ask a licensee to serve an additional year under license. All such decisions are entirely at the discretion of the License Committee, and may not be appealed to the Ordaining Council.

SECTION E: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSE COMMITTEE

The License Committee of the Quarterly Meetings shall submit an annual report to the Union Free Will Baptist Association Ordaining Council as to its work performed within the conference year. The report must be in the hands of the Secretary of the Ordaining Council no later than Monday morning of the week The Union Free Will Baptist Association convenes for the Annual Meeting, and shall include the following:

1. A list of all candidates examined, and the action taken as a result of the examination.
2. A list of all ministers who are in good standing.
3. A list of all ministers who are not in good standing accompanied by a statement as to why such ministers are not in good standing.
4. A list of all ministers recommended for ordination, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials.
5. A list of all ministers who are excused from reporting.

SECTION F: RECOMMENDING A LICENSEE FOR ORDINATION

Quarterly Meeting License Committees are prohibited to recommend any Candidate to the Ordaining Council for ordination who:

1. Has not completed the required courses of study, written reports, or seminars.

2. Has not served at least two (2) consecutive years under license.
3. Does not maintain a card of good standing within the Ministers' Conference.
4. Has been married more than one (1) time and his former wife is still living.
5. Has married a woman whose former husband is still living.
6. Fails or refuses to appear before the Ordaining Council at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: LICENSED MINISTER AS PASTOR

It is recommended that churches elect an ordained minister as pastor. However, a church may elect a licensed minister as pastor, subject to the following rules and limitations:

1. The licensee may, by virtue of being an elected pastor, moderate all church business meetings, and receive members into the church.
2. The licensee may administer all the ordinances of the Gospel except baptism. He may administer baptism if an ordained Free Will Baptist minister is present to assist him.
3. The licensee may not ordain deacons unless an ordained Free Will Baptist minister is present to assist him.
4. The licensee may not, under any circumstance, perform a marriage ceremony.
5. The licensee, as pastor, must satisfy the requirements of Article VII, Section B; additionally, he must attend two (2) of his respective Quarterly Meetings to remain in good standing, and he is expected to attend the annual meeting if possible.

ARTICLE IX: UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ORDAINING COUNCIL

SECTION A: PURPOSE

The Union Free Will Baptist Association Ordaining Council shall examine all Candidates for ordination, including those seeking to exchange or ratify their Credentials, that have been recommended to them by the Quarterly Meeting License Committees as to the candidates' Christian experience, faithfulness to Christ and the local church, and their divine call to the ministry; and examine the annual reports of the Quarterly Meeting License Committees in order to make a determination as to a member's standing within the Ministers' Conference.

SECTION B: MEETINGS

The regular annual meeting of the Ordaining Council will take place Monday morning, beginning at 9:00 am at the venue of the Annual

Meeting of the Union Free Will Baptist Association for each particular year, for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials. One member from each Quarterly Meeting License Committee is invited to participate with the Ordaining Council during the interview of candidates, but he will not have voting privileges in the decisions of the Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council has the authority to call special meetings, as it deems necessary to carry out its business.

SECTION C: CANDIDATES FOR RATIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

When a minister or pastor from another church/Association affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists unites with a church that is a member of *the Union Free Will Baptist Association*, the following are required in order for the minister's credentials to be ratified:

1. The church of which he is a member will provide a letter of recommendation to the License Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the church is a member.
2. The minister seeking ratification shall present a letter of good standing from the association in which his membership was previously held.
3. The minister seeking ratification shall be bound by items 1-5, and items 8, 11-14, listed in Article IX, Section E.
4. The minister seeking ratification shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its' annual meeting, and bring his certificate of Ordination with him for ratification.

SECTION D: CANDIDATES FOR EXCHANGE OF CREDENTIALS

A candidate desiring the credentials of the Union Association that has been ordained in any church/denomination not affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists, must satisfy the following requirements:

1. The Union Association church of which he is a minister shall recommend him at the next quarterly Meeting, by letter to the Quarterly meeting License Committee for exchange of his credentials.
2. The minister shall be subject to an oral examination from the Quarterly Meeting License Committee. The questions asked can come from the Ordination exam. In the event he does not provide adequate answers to the questions, it is recommended that he obtain the required books of study and

is instructed to complete the written ordination exam and report back to the Quarterly meeting License Committee.

3. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall be bound by items 1-6, and items 7, 8, and 11-14, listed in Article IX, Section E.
4. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its' annual meeting, and shall bring his current certificate of ordination. If an exchange is granted, the minister may keep his previous certificate of ordination as a keepsake.

SECTION E: RESTRICTIONS ON ORDINATION

The Ordaining Council is not permitted to ordain any candidate who:

1. Does not display conclusive evidence of conversion.
2. Does not display reasonable and convincing evidence of a divine call to the ministry.
3. Has divorced a wife and married another, while his divorced wife is still living.
4. Has married a divorcee whose husband is still living.
5. Has not been a member of the local church recommending him for a minimum of one (1) year.
6. Has not served under license for a minimum of two (2) years within the year of the annual meeting.
7. Has not been recommended by the License Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.
8. Has not completed the prescribed reading course listed in Article X.
9. Has not passed the written exam given by the Ordaining Council with a minimum of 75% of the responses being correct.
10. Uses or sells alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
11. Is a practicing homosexual or is involved in any other form of sexual perversion.
12. Advocates or speaks in modern day tongues, i e., the charismatic gift of tongues.
13. Advocates the New Age Movement or any cultic philosophy.

ARTICLE X: BOOKS AND STUDY COURSES FOR CANDIDATES

SECTION A: REQUIRED READING

1. The Bible
2. Constitution and By-Laws of the Union Association and Ministers' Conference.

3. Treatise of Faith and practices of Free Will Baptists (included in FWB Handbook listed below).

SECTION B: REQUIRED STUDIES WITH REPORT

- 1ST Quarter: *Minister's Handbook*, Leadership Ministries.
- 2nd Quarter: *Basic Bible Interpretation*, Roy Zuck.
- 3rd Quarter: *How to Prepare Bible Messages*, James Braga.
- 4th Quarter: *Free Will Baptist Handbook*, Matt Pinson.
- 5th Quarter: *Practical Christian Theology*, Floyd Barakman.
- 6th Quarter: *Grace, Faith and Free Will*, Robert Picirilli.
- 8th Quarter: *Life in the Son*, Robert Shank.

SECTION C: SUGGESTED READING

Biblical Ethics, Leroy Forlines
Christ Centered Preaching, Bryan Chapell
Christian Ethics in a Postmodern World, James Eckman
Church Administration Handbook, Bruce Powers
Competent to Counsel, Jay E. Adams
Four Views on Eternal Security, Matt Pinson
Lifestyle Evangelism, Joe Aldrich
Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage, Jay E. Adams
My Utmost for His Highest (updated), Oswald Chambers
Power Through Prayer, E. M. Bounds
Quest for Truth, Leroy Forlines
Spiritual Leadership, J. Oswald Sanders
Surprising Insights From the Unchurched, Tom Ranier
Teaching to Change Lives, Howard Hendricks
The Soul Winner, Charles H. Spurgeon
The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview, James W. Sire
Why Revival Tarries, Leonard Ravenhill

SECTION D: SUGGESTED TOOLS FOR SERMON PREPARATION

New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Nelson
A good Bible dictionary: *Unger's*; *New Nelson's*; *Holman*, etc.
(included in PC Study Bible)
International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (included in PC Study Bible)
Randall House Commentaries
Wuest Word Studies (NT, 4 Vol. Set)
PC Study Bible Version 4 Advanced (Includes many of study tools listed plus more)
Beacon Bible Commentary (10 Volume Set)
Preacher's Sourcebook, Robert Morgan (Annual Publication from Nelson)

Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament, Merrill Unger
Barnes Notes on the Old and New Testaments (included in the
PC Study Bible)
Naves Topical Bible (included in the PC Study Bible)
Treasury of Scripture Knowledge (Included in the PC Study
Bible)

ARTICLE XI: DISCIPLINE OF MINISTERS

SECTION A: THE LOCAL CHURCH

The local church may discipline an ordained or licensed minister with respect to his standing within the local church. However, the local church cannot nullify an ordained or licensed minister's standing in the Ministers' Conference, as such status is determined solely by the Ordaining Council.

SECTION B: THE MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The following rights are vested in the Ministers' Conference:

1. Discipline of its' members.
2. Settle any and all questions of conduct, doctrine, usage, behavior, and character.
3. Making the determination of whom, and under what condition its' members may be found in good standing.
4. All credentials are subject to recall by the Ministers' Conference, who, through its' Ordaining Council, may call for them at their discretion.

No appeal may be made regarding disciplinary action.

SECTION C: CHARGES AGAINST A MINISTER

A minister against whom charges are presented shall be presumed innocent of such charges until proven guilty beyond any reasonable doubt. The full consideration of the charged minister's standing as a Christian brother must be made prior to submitting charges. Therefore, no charge may be considered which does not conform to the following:

1. Charges against a member by another member shall not be heard until the person submitting the charges has dealt with the accused according to the principles of Matthew 18:15-18, and the charges must bear the signature of a minimum of one (1) other member in good standing.
2. Charges against a member by a non-minister, or a non-member minister, shall not be heard unless such charges are confirmed by a minimum of two (2) ministers in good standing, and the charges must bear the signature of same said two (2) members in good standing.

3. Charges against a member by a local church shall not be heard until the majority of the members of that church have confirmed such charge, and approved the bringing of such charge to the Ministers' Conference.
4. A written notice containing the specific charges and identifying the time and place of a hearing pertaining to the charges must be furnished to the accused minister via certified mail no less than one (1) month prior to his hearing before the Ordaining Council.

SECTION D: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN CHARGES

PART 1: THE ACCUSERS

The burden of proof of any accusation shall be upon the accusers and shall not devolve upon the Ordaining Council or the minister(s) who sign the charges. However, the minister(s) who signs such charges must be prepared to support his reasoning for affirming the charges.

PART 2: THE ACCUSED

A minister who is not willing to defend himself before his accusers forfeits his right to retain his credentials.

SECTION E: REINSTATEMENT

A minister who has been deposed may be reinstated if he provides sufficient evidence of true repentance and obtains a recommendation from the Ordaining Council.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

The Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the Minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association may be amended at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided the amendment is submitted in writing and laid on the table a minimum of one (1) day prior to the vote being taken.

ARTICLE XIII: RESOLUTIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION A: TOBACCO AND SECRET ORGANIZATIONS

Whereas, the Ministers' Conference has no official ruling pertaining to tobacco and secret organizations, we resolve that each member is to prayerfully consider the effect that his use of tobacco and his membership in any secret organization will have on his personal testimony and on the effectiveness of his ministry.

SECTION B: RIGHTS OF MINISTERS FROM MISSION CHURCHES

Whereas, the Ministers' Conference wholeheartedly supports the ministry and work of both Home and International Missions, and wishes to encourage those who are faithfully serving in mission work, be it resolved that a mission church that is within our Associational fellowship shall have the same rights in recommending men for licensing, ordination,, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials as the organized member churches. Be it further resolved that faithful service in a mission church that is within our Associational fellowship shall earn a candidate the same rights as membership in an organized member church.

BY-LAWS

1. A portion of Scripture shall be read from the King James Version of the Bible by the President and prayer offered at the beginning of each session, regular or called, and all meetings shall be closed with prayer or a benediction.
2. The President or Vice President shall call the meeting to order at the venue determined by the program committee of the Union Free Will Baptist Association. In the event that both are absent, the Clerk shall take charge of the election of a *President pro tem* to serve until one or both are present, or until a regular presiding officer has been elected and installed.
3. The most recent version of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall serve as the final authority in parliamentary procedure.
4. All ministers serving churches in the Union Free Will Baptist Association are encouraged to become affiliated with the Ministers' Conference. A non-member minister, being called to a pastorate, may assume charge of work within the Ministers' Conference , but it is requested that he submit his credentials to the Ordaining Council for approval and receive an endorsement for the position which he holds at the next annual meeting.
5. Any member moving his membership to another denomination without first securing a letter of recommendation from the Ministers' Conference, shall be dropped from the rolls and shall be considered in contempt. Notification of such contempt shall be published in the minutes of the Ministers' Conference.

6. All questions of faith, practice, moral conduct, and spiritual conduct, shall be decided and disposed by the Ministers' Conference, upon the recommendation of the Ordaining Council.
7. Any member who fails to attend two(2) consecutive annual sessions of the Ministers' Conference, unless retired or excused due to illness or other providential hindrance shall be investigated and, if found to be careless; the Ordaining Council shall admonish such member. If he refused to accept the prescribed disciplinary action, the member shall be excluded from the body.
8. Visitors to the Minister's Conference may be seated as advisory council and may be permitted to speak. Under no circumstance will a visitor be permitted to cast a vote on Ministers' Conference Business.
9. The presiding officer shall not allow any discussion that is not carried on in Christian spirit.
10. The License Committee of each Quarterly Meeting must report any ordained minister who is not in good standing to the Ordaining Council with reasons stated as to why the minister is in bad standing. .
11. This Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules shall supersede any and all other rules that have passed in previous session.
12. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Minister's Conference by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at least one (1) day prior to vote.

STANDING RULES

1. Twenty (20) percent of the Ministers' Conference members shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.
2. An honorarium, in an amount to be determined by the Ministers' Conference, shall be given to the featured speaker(s) at the annual session of the Ministers' Conference.
3. Standing rules may be amended at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a majority vote of those present and voting.

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