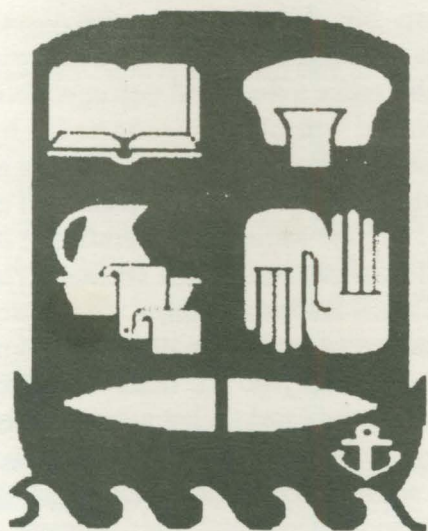


134th ANNUAL

UNION

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



August 19-20, 2006

Greeneville, Tennessee

The Making of a Legend

Of necessity a legend for preachers must be of different stuff than that of ordinary heroes. Over the years we have been served by a man that has shown a selflessness born of a desire to be our servant. When he spoke we listened. We had learned from his wisdom as we watched him through the years. He demonstrated love as he served our denomination through service at Free Will Baptist Bible College, eventually becoming the President of that fine institution. It was there that he first touched my life. But for us preacher boys in Tennessee, it was his service as our State Promotional Director where he really did make a deep and unforgettable imprint upon our lives. He led with authority and he led by example. When he rarely made a mistake, he was quick to make it right. We mourned with him and his family when God called home a son that was cut from the same kind of stuff that his father was, a born leader and a deeply committed servant. There is a line in a song about Daniel Boone that says, what a Boone, what a doer, what a dream come truer. No other legend has done more (What a doer), and certainly no one has ever led more people to fulfill their dreams in the Lord (What a dream come truer) than Dr. Charles Thigpen. We Love you, because like the Lord, you first loved us. I am reminded of Jude 22, "And of some have compassion, making a difference." Dr. Thigpen you have demonstrated compassion and you really did make a world of difference to us and for us. We love you, and are going to miss your presence. Bro. Glenn Poston, we love and welcome you to our state, you have tremendous shoes to fill, you have our prayers and friendship.

The 134th session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association was begun on Friday Morning as Bro. Chris Dotson Led us in singing At Calvary. Bro. Jeff Blake Led us in Prayer.

Dr. Kevin Trimble declared the session open for business and asked for a motion to deviate from the program at the digression of the moderator. MSC

Dr. Trimble appointed Rev. Carl Calahan to serve as parliamentarian. We then had the roll call of ministers, deacons, and delegates. Motion followed to seat the voting body. A second was secured and the motion carried.

Dr. Trimble appointed the Committee on Committees, Rev. Larry Laughlin was the chair. Dr. Trimble then shared from Genesis 3:1-6 and then shared from hymn histories, especially from the hymn "God Leads Us Along. He led us in prayer and then Rev. Chris Dotson led us in singing the doxology.

We then received reports from the moderators of the quarterly associations.

Rev. Darvin Oakes reported for the Western Association. "Greetings to the Union Association of Free Will Baptists. The Western Quarterly consists of 13 churches in five counties. Eight of our churches have parsonages. The total property value is over \$3, 564,000. We have 21 ordained preachers and 32 ordained deacons serving a member ship of 1,127. Last year we had 15 baptisms, 53 new members, lost 24 members. Our total income was over \$501, 678. We had 611 enrolled in Sunday School, 242 in CTS, 85 in WAC and 52 in Master's Men.

Four of our ministers, Rev. Roger Hayley, Rev. Robert Hobbs, Rev. Ronald Mitchell, and Rev. Darvin Oakes are

currently writing a daily devotional entitled, *An Upward Look*, which is found on the internet @ www.SonShineNet.com."

Rev. Jackie Cole reported for the Eastern Quarterly meeting. "Greetings from the Eastern Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists. The Lord has truly blessed this year in our quarterly meeting.

The Eastern Quarterly meeting has 10 churches and one mission associated with it's meeting. During the past year, we lost 18 members and added 46, which gives us a total membership of 1,242. We have a total of 18 ordained ministers and 1 licensed minister.

We praise God that we have a home mission work of the Spanish speaking churches. Rev. Shane Wilson and his team are doing a great work for God. Both the Johnson City work and the Kingsport work are doing well. We will be privileged to hear from Brother Shane later in this meeting.

The Eastern Quarterly meeting will convene at the following places during 2006-2007:

October 13, 2006 (Red Hill FWB Church)

April 13, 2007 (Redeeming Grace FWB Church)

July 13, 2007 (Roan Street FWB Church)

October 12, 2007 (Siempre Gozosos FWB Church)"

Rev. Brian Capps reported for the Northern Quarterly Meeting. "Greetings from the Northern Quarterly of the Union Association. We have 20 churches in our meeting and presently two of our churches are without a pastor. We have 1,792 members. We praise the Lord that we added 117 new members this year and only lost 14. We have 42 ordained ministers and 16 ministers who are under license."

Rev. Hal Kirk reported for the Central Quarterly. "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We have sponsored Siempre Gozosos which is totally underwritten by the Central Quarterly and has a very capable Pastor, Rev. Luis Nunez. He radiates a servant attitude and spirit. We added one new church this year, Muddy Creek Free Will Baptist Church. The Central meeting is composed of 40 churches and is about evenly split with 19 full time pastors and 21 bi-vocational. The total member ship is 3,904. This year there were 55 members added and 19 members lost from our roles. We have 67 ordained ministers and 18 licensed ministers."

Dr. Trimble opened the floor for items to be laid on the table to be voted on tomorrow in the business session for the association. The items presented were:

1) We, the General Board, recommend that the association abolish the position of the Promotional Secretary and Assistant Promotional Secretary and redistribute their duties to the quarterly meeting moderators. We further recommend that the Clerk make all necessary constitutional changes to reflect this adjustment.

2) The following constitutional changes were laid on the table from the ordaining council:

(1) Article X, Section B and C

A. Remove "Practical Christian Theology" by Floyd Barakan and replace with "Free Will Baptist Doctrines" by J. D. O'Donnell

B. Remove "Life in the Son" by Robert Shank and replace with "Biblical Ethics" by Leroy Forlines.

3) Corrections to the Minister's Conference Constitution and By-Laws.

Types of correction needed:

Spelling, Punctuation, References and to make consistent.

Rev. Thurman Sullivan gave a partial report of the Ordination Council.

We then received reports from the following:

Union Promotional Secretary Report

Over the past 12 months I have worn many hats, put in hundreds of miles and worked with numerous churches to find a pastor. We hosted the Bible College tour and two Paul Park tours. I represented the Union Association at the Leadership Conference and at the National Association. I have kept in constant contact with Dr. Thigpen and all the national offices.

In 1994 I was elected Clerk of the Union Association. In 1996, upon the death of Bro. Edward Hall and his assistant stepping down, I also assumed the role of Promotional Secretary. I continued with both roles until 2002 when I was asked to make a choice between the two. I have always been one who enjoys a challenge. Over the past 10 years that I have been Promotional Secretary, I have logged thousands of miles and made many phone calls for our Association in the service of our Lord and Savior.

I now feel that it is time for this phase of my ministry to end. Since I had to take a job in March of this year and I am chairman of the State International Missions Board, I had to make a choice as to where God wanted me. My prayers will be that God sends us the right person, but I must move on to take the International Missions Board to the next level.

Respectfully submitted

Larry Laughlin

Union Camp Report

We had a total of 56 for senior week. This was an improvement from 43 last year. Four youth made salvation decisions and most everyone was on the altar at some point.

We had 53 for junior camp, which was down from 83 last year, but not too far out of line from an average of 65 for the past several years.

After we paid the evangelists \$350.00 each and the lifeguards \$200.00, food was around \$3,000.00; we paid Free Will Baptist Family Ministries \$6055.00, T-shirts were \$938.75, leaves a balance of \$818.83 in camp account and will only be able to send Free Will Baptist Bible College \$500.00 this year. This includes all money received through August 17th with one church still owing for two campers.

We plan a more vigorous campaign for next year with applications being sent to all churches by January 1, 2007. We have a video of camp and people available to show it in our churches. Our goal is 100 campers for each session of camp next year. The committee will meet Saturday after the Union Association for a short meeting.

I recommend the following people to serve with me on the committee: From the Central Quarterly meeting, Noraline Hensley; Eastern Quarterly meeting, Roger Boone; Northern Quarterly Meeting, Mark Ford; Western Quarterly meeting, Nancy Lewelling; Tim Carson will serve as Camp Director ; Ashley Norton will serve as Activities Coordinator.

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Laughlin

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries

We are honored again this year to host the yearly conference meeting. We appreciate the friendship of the members of the Union Association who have faithfully supported Family Ministries in our efforts to meet the Physical, emotional and spiritual needs of hurting youth. **Your contributions since January 2006 total just over \$51,200.00.**

If there is ever a time that we need you, it is today! Let me tell you why. Since the beginning of 2006 until the first of August, we report that **42 youth have asked the Lord to be their personal Savior, 21 rededicated their lives to the Lord and 19 youth have been baptized.**

Over the past 5 years, Family Ministries has won over 100 children per year to the Lord Jesus. We contribute that to the steadfast prayers and financial giving of our supporters. **Your involvement** is a major part in winning these precious souls. It is only through your faithfulness that we can continue to care for and minister to hurting children and families. We need you now; **your partnership with us is crucial** if we are to continue helping those who are in desperate need of a Savior.

The Laurels Retirement & Assisted Living Facility, in Wise, VA, is coming along very well. We are scheduled to open the doors November 1, 2006. We are excited about the vision and dream God gave Family Ministries for this ministry to our seniors. Where would Free Will Baptists be without our senior saints and those who have been so faithful over the years? They deserve a beautiful, safe place in which to spend their golden years, and we are honored to be able to step up and care for them in this way.

Dr Kilgore mentioned a young man named J.J. who 4 months ago did not believe there was a God. He also mentioned a young man at the Bristol Boys Home who was an atheist when he came to the home. Both now know the Lord.

Dr. Kilgore and Frank Woods presented certificates to the churches in the Union Association who contributed to the Mother's Day Appeal. Dr. Kilgore gave an appeal to the churches of the Northern Quarterly to host a rally for family ministries.

We then received reports from **Free Will Baptist Bible College** by Garnett Reid. He spoke about why he has been there for 25 years, and the joy that has accompanied that tenure watching young men and women mature in their ministry efforts for the kingdom of God.

Tennessee State Promotional Director

Dr Charles Thigpen gave us his last report as our Promotional Director.

Dr. Thigpen informed us that his favorite verses are Philippians 4: 12-19, "I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. 17 Not

because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God. 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Dr. Thigpen expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve as our Promotional Director for 15 years. He mentioned that we have the most outstanding Pastors, the most wonderful church members and fine churches. He told us that Rev. John Gibbs served as Full Time Promotional Director for 3 years; Rev. Wallace Hayes served full time for 3 years; then Rev. Raymond Riggs served in part time capacity for 10 years; followed by Dr. Thigpen serving with part time pay but in full time capacity for 15 years.

Dr Thigpen informed us that the Tennessee Executive Committee has chosen Rev. Glenn Poston as the new Promotional Director. He will begin mid October or November. He asked us to please pray for him.

He then mentioned some things we need to continue. Reach more people for Christ. Each one should reach friends and relatives for Christ. We should urge more young people to yield their lives fully to Christ. We should make sure that we have health coverage and retirement for every full time pastor. He also mentioned that we need to contribute more to the Unified Ministry Plan.

He closed with an appeal to make sure that each family receives the Echo, and One magazine.

Tennessee State Missions Report

We have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord (James 5:11).

1. Shane Wilson and his family are the State Missionaries in Johnson City, TN. He is the leader responsible for getting the other satellite Spanish churches started in East Tennessee.
2. There is a Spanish Church in Greeneville, Tennessee meeting at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Jose Louis Nunez and His wife Esmeralda are the pastoral team. The church is doing well.
3. The Spanish Church in Kingsport have their own church property and the pastor, along with his family is Miguel Loresa and it is doing well.
4. The church in Dungannon, Virginia meets on Wednesday evening and those who attend come to the church in Kingsport Sunday Morning and Evening.
5. Bristol, Tennessee is ready to start a church next Sunday. Kingsport's Pastor, Miguel Loresa and the other pastors will be helping in that work.
6. Clayton Hampton and his family are our Tennessee Home Missionaries in Clarksville, Tennessee. We praise the Lord that he has found some land. Earnest money has been given and the process of getting the finances together is taking place at this time. The owner wants 90 days to vacate the property and he will

pay \$1000.00 per month rent during that time. The property is located at Trenton Road off Exit 1 on I-24.

7. Please pray for what we are doing to reach people for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wayne Wagner, Representative for Tennessee Free Will Baptist State Home Missions. Psalms 84:11

Women Active for Christ

Greetings from the Union District Women Active for Christ. When we met last year, we reported having 17 local auxiliaries and 175 members. I am happy to report today that we have added 2 local auxiliaries for a total of 19, and we added 17 new members for a total of 192. We praise God for the increase.

As you know our meeting is tomorrow. At that time we will elect new officers and conduct our business.

One of the goals is for every church in the Union Association to have an active women's group as part of the UDWAC. Pastors, I ask that you please encourage your ladies. The main goals of WNAC, TWAC, UDWAC, Eastern, Central and Western QWAC and every local group is to help women fulfill their part in the Great Commission and to make us all more mission-minded and more aware of the needs of our missionaries – foreign, home and local.

I also want to extend a special invitation to join us for our luncheon tomorrow. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from Mila Laughlin in the morning. The money

from the ticket sales will be used to pay our Missionary speakers and also as an offering for all other missionaries present. So, please support the UDWAC and our missionaries. Jill Warren will be speaking during the luncheon.

On a personal note, as Program and Development Director of The Hope Center, I want to thank the churches of the Union Association for their support of our ministry. It is a continual struggle to provide the necessities to our ever increasing client base; and your financial and prayer support make a huge difference. I appreciate all you do and ask that you continue to remember us in your prayers.

Report given by Amanda Kilgore.

Shannon Little shared with us briefly about her call to Japan. An appeal was made for Union churches to have her come to speak and raise support.

There were 61 present for the morning session. We then dismissed for the 11 am worship service.

11 am Worship Service

Rev. Chris Dotson led us in singing "I Know Whom I have believed." Derek Bell led us in prayer, Bro. Dotson led us in singing "Living By Faith."

Rev. Bobby Greene presided at this session. He read from Col. 3:16 and Joshua 1:8, then led us in prayer. We received an offering (\$139.56), Rev. Jesse Hartgrove asked the Lord's blessing on the offering. Before the message,

Rev. Chris Dotson led us in singing “I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary.”

Following is the transcript of Rev. David Reese’s sermon entitled **Blessed For Another’s Sake**, Taken from Genesis 39:1-5, 20-23; Psalm 105:16:24.

Analysis

1. God Providentially (sovereignly) prepared for Israel through Josephs circumstances- “God meant it for good.”
2. (v.2) Joseph was God’s man. “God sent me before you to preserve you” (45:7).
3. (39:9) Joseph had great resolve against sin.
4. God indirectly blessed others through Joseph.
 - a. (v.2) “The Lord was with Joseph.”
 - b. (v.3) “The Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.”
 - c. (v.5) “the Lord blessed others through Joseph.”

The Bigger Story

The Objective of God “was to exalt the one whom men had rejected, and then produce in those same men a sense of their sin (conviction) in rejecting him, while all the while he was working to deliver them.”

Joseph was; Jesus was:

1. The one in the pit.
2. The one rejected "disallowed of men" (1 Peter 2:4).
3. The one separated from his brethren.
4. The one "laid in irons" (Ps 105:18).
5. The one exalted (Acts 2:22-24).
 - a. To Dignity.
 - b. To Glory.
 - c. To Power.
6. The one married with a stranger.
 - a. The strange wife shadows the church.
 1. Gather by the Holy Spirit as the body of Christ.
 2. Both Jew and Gentile.
 3. To be united with Him in heavenly glory.
 - b. The Bride was immediately associated with Joseph and his glory.
 1. Became a part of himself.

2. Shared all that is his.

-Rejection

-glory

3. Occupied a place of nearness and intimacy known only to himself.

4. Privileged to bring forth fruit for His glory.

7. The one revealed as sent by the Father.

a. Whom they rejected.

b. Whom they put to death.

c. Whom God raised up in dignity.

d. Who takes a bride.

e. Who reveals himself to his brethren when they are thoroughly broken and prostrate before him (Zac. 12:10).

f. Who tranquilizes their hearts and brings them into blessings.

G. Who becomes the channel of blessing for the whole world.

8. Through him comes a great sense of conviction: Joseph's brothers—"We are all guilty"; "We would not hear"; "Therefore this distress is brought upon us";

“His blood is required”; “What shall we say?”; “How shall we clear ourselves?”: “God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants.”

The Blessing of true Conviction:

- a. It breaks the pride of the heart.
- b. It grips the mind and soul.
- c. It produces the opportunity of redeeming love.

Closing Illustration: Brothers:

Living in sin

7 years of plenty

7 years of famine

Finally their hunger brought them to the feet of the one they pierced (Zac. 12:10).

Friday Afternoon Session

Dr. Kevin Trimble, Moderator opened the session with prayer and a verse of Scripture. We then proceeded to receive reports.

The Barnabas Connection

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Union Association,

It is a distinct blessing of God to be able to greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I read a little card once that said, **“when it all comes down to it, all that really matters is Jesus.”** How true it is! As Jude, I lift up my heart in praise and prayer for you.

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” (Jude 24-25)

The abiding purpose of **The Barnabas Connection Ministries** is to exalt our heavenly Father through seeing lost people saved and saved people serving Him faithfully. My day-to-day and week-to-week burden is to encourage by cards, notes, letters, E-mails and above all by prayer: our Home and Foreign Missionaries, Teachers and Staff of our 4 colleges, House parents and staff of our 4 homes for children and Denominational Leaders on all levels; but especially Pastors and their wife and family. The Ministry has given and sent out hundreds of cards, books and Bibles, and thousands of Scriptures to cities throughout the United States and other countries. It was a special blessing to recently send Spanish Scriptures to the works in Johnson City, Kingsport, and Greeneville. Oh how great it would be if my “want to’s” & “intend to’s” would match my “do’s”! How little it is ; but may it be much in His hands.

As we help the “front line” to be encouraged and faithful, then we become a part of their ministry. The writer in Hebrew 10:25 instructed us to be , **“...exhorting** (encouraging;

same word) **one another: and so much the more as ye see the day approaching.**" We are in the last days of the last days and may be in the last minutes of the last hours.

Encouragement is timeless and precious. Timeless, because it is always in demand; and today, even more so, because discouragement is at 'epidemic proportions.' It is precious, because it is a much needed commodity and in short supply.

The Word says, "**And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, the son of consolation {encouragement})...**" (Acts 4:36) Joses was nicknamed Barnabas. May each of us strive to be so named.

The Barnabas Connection Ministries needs your prayer support. Please pray for me and the ministry.

Walking together with Him

Rodney Bailey

The neuromuscular disease continues to progress in crippling and pain; but the tumor in my head has not grown since I came for prayer at the close of the State meeting at Grace in Johnson City and I give God thanks and honor for His all sufficient grace! Rejoice with me. Be faithful. Be encouraged in the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

Rodney Bailey, 311 W. Doe Ave., Elizabethton, TN 37643/ (423) 542-9193/ barconn@earthlink.net
Encouraging Others to a Barnabas Ministry.

Missionary Encouragement Support Foundation

Rev. David Reese and his dear wife Miriam make up MESF, a ministry to discouraged missionaries. Bro. David will go to any missionary who is discouraged and preach for them, pray for them, lead their music, play with their children or do anything else that that Pastoral family needs. He shared that he has assumed the Pastoral role at Limestone Church, but that MESF will continue. He now has a board of directors in place for the ministry and some impressive men who are willing to go and do what he has been doing for the workers on the field.

Union Association Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward _____ \$3,218.15

Receipts:

Central Quarterly _____ \$20,548.20

Eastern Quarterly _____ \$ 1,960.00

Northern Quarterly _____ \$10, 874.33

Western Quarterly _____ \$ 8,002.02

Miscellaneous Funds _____ \$ 898.48

Sexton Walt-a-thon _____ \$54,727.26

_____ \$97,010.29

Total Funds Available _____ \$100,228.44

Fund Allocations	Available	Disbursed	Balances
Foreign Missions	\$10, 608.12	10,608.12	0.00
Walk-A-Thon	\$54,727.26	54,727.26	0.00
Natl' Home Missions	\$ 4,362.00	4,362.00	0.00
State Ministries	\$ 1,382.00	1,382.00	0.00
FWB Bible College	\$ 2,968.00	2,968.00	0.00
FWB Family Min.	\$4,483.16	4,483.16	0.00

National CO-OP	\$1,317.00	1,317.00	0.00
Berea Ministries	\$ 200.00	200.00	0.00
Associational Funds:			
Assn General Fund	\$17,996.90	14,870.75	3,126.05
Union Camp	\$ 1,280.00	1,280.00	0.00
Sexton Med. Fund	\$ 120.00	120.00	0.00
<u>State Home Missions</u>	<u>\$ 784.00</u>	<u>784.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Balances \$100,228.44 97,102.39 \$3,126.05

Some of the Larger Disbursements from General Fund:

Tennessee & National Dues _____ \$9,150.00

Printing of Minutes _____ \$ 745.00

Union Promotional Secretary _____ \$1, 884.10

Honorariums: Moderator, Clerk, Promo

at \$400 each & Treasurer at \$800 _____ \$2,000.00

Report made By Rev. Thurman Pate. MSC to receive the report.

Clerk's Report

The Clerks report was given by Dr. Roy Lee Lester.

Church Characteristics:

1. Total number of churches 83.
2. Total number of churches in:
City/Town 22 Rural 61
3. Total number of churches reporting 83
4. Total number off Churches with:
Full-Time Pastors 38
Bi-Vocational Pastors 42

Membership Information:

1. Total Baptisms 296
2. Members Added 271
3. Members Lost 75
4. Membership 8,065

Stewardship Information:

1. Income of all churches \$4,405,090.04
2. Churches with Budgets 12

Building Information:

1. Churches with Parsonages 22
2. Value of all Church Property Including Parsonages
\$24,472,289

General Information:

1. Ordained Ministers 148
Licensed Ministers 39
2. Ordained Deacons 213
3. Churches with:
Day Care 1
4. Sunday School Enrollment 5275
5. CTS Enrollment 647
6. WNAC Enrollment 523
7. Master's Men Enrollment 146

Dr. Roy Lee Lester, Clerk of the Union Association.

We then received a report From Shane Wilson about the present Hispanic works that are going on in Greeneville, Kingsport, Bristol and Dungannon, VA. No report was given to the clerk for publication.

Berea Ministries and Harvest Child Care Report

(Portions of this report were given by Rev. Chris Dotson and Rev. George Hyatt.)

The mission of Harvest Child Care Ministries has been extended in a partnership effort with Berea Ministries to help meet the need of orphaned children in the southern most part of Mexico. The desire to help them was birthed in the heart of a Free Will Baptist pastor who knew what it was like to be alone, afraid, and hungry. Manuel Perez Palma was orphaned, through abandonment as a very young child. He lived on the streets and had to fend for himself. Farmers would take him home only to beat him after he had performed the needed chores. One of these beatings was so bad that it required his lung to be removed. He suffers cardio-pulmonary problems today as a result.

Before Harvest learned about the orphaned street children in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, Pastor Palma attempted to feed the orphaned children once a week. He took his own resources, which were very meager, and bought food for them.

Since Harvest's involvement, the children are now receiving a meal each day. Recently the Harvest team visited a village where several orphaned children live. One young man, who lives with his prostitute mother, upon learning who we were, thanked us for the food that helped sustain him and siblings.

Bro. Palma has been recently joined in his ministry by his son, Elias. This is a dream come true for both father and son. They have always wanted to minister together in some way. Elias now is our Project Mexico Coordinator. With Elias's organizational skills and pastor Palma's heart, they make a fantastic team.

Currently, we are feeding the children, but would like to provide something more for them—a home. Property has already been purchased and architectural plans have been drawn. The cost for a two-story dormitory-style building that will house thirty children is \$65,000.

Project Mexico is literally off the ground. Two volunteer groups from the United States traveled to Tuxtepec, Oaxaca to help construct two buildings on the property. The first group, headed by Bill and Peggy Adkisson, consisted of eighteen members from Free Will Baptist Churches in Illinois and Missouri.

The second group, headed by Gary Adkins, hailed from Fairview Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia. All of these men and women paid their own expenses to come and help work on this project. Mexican Free Will Baptist Pastors, as well as other Mexican nationals volunteered their time and efforts. They worked beside the American volunteers mixing mortar and cement, sifting sand, hauling rock, and laying blocks.

The American teams were under the direction of Brad Owens. He organized the labor and assigned duties based on their abilities. Some were concrete workers by trade, while

others were more familiar with wood framing, plumbing or electrical work.

Bro. Chris shared about the work that he and Dr. Trimble are doing in training the Mexican pastors.

Resolution Committee

Resolution #1 (Motion, Seconded and carried)

Whereas Free Will Baptists have historically never believed the doctrine of repeated regeneration, although many outside our ranks think that we espouse this doctrine. Be it resolved that we go on record as stating we do not believe nor teach the doctrine of repeated regeneration. We feel that it is important for the sake of the young licensee that attend our classes and meet the requirements for ordination that we clarify this issue. This does not mean that we espouse the doctrine of unconditional eternal security, for we do fear for the security of the backslider that he may tend toward apostasy and should he progress to apostasy he will be lost without remedy.

Respectfully Submitted

Roy L. Lester

Derek Bell

There was a lot of discussion before a vote was taken on this resolution. Brother Howard Munsey ended the discussion with a call for previous question. There were 4 no votes but the resolution passed.

Resolution #2 (Motion, seconded and carried)

Whereas Brother George Dunbar served the Union Association many years as Clerk and started a collection of the minutes of the Association and,

Whereas Brother Dunbar passed his collection of minutes to Brother E. M. French who added to the collection and as he grew older he felt the need to put the minutes into the hands of someone who would take care of and preserve them, he then passed the minutes to Brother I.L. Stanley, and

Whereas Brother Stanley was glad to have the collection, he did his best to take care of them. He too grew older and wanted to pass the minutes along, he gave the minutes to Brother Carl Callahan, and whereas, when Carl Callahan, who was Clerk of the Union Association and Minister's Conference, received the collection, there were only nine minutes missing from the beginning of the Union Association. It was the privilege of Carl Callahan to read the minutes of the past 128 years and enjoy all the information of this great Union Association. All these years this collection has been a private collection, and,

Whereas Brother Callahan passed the collection along to the present Clerk of the Union Association, Dr. Roy Lee Lester, and his desire is to make this collection the property of the Union Association,

Be it therefore resolved that these minutes be preserved by the Union Association and that the collection continue and that the minutes of all the past Associations be available to anyone who would need information contained in the minutes. The utmost care of these minutes must be taken, as some of the paper is

over 100 years old and will break or tear easily and will be destroyed if handled roughly. May these minutes be a blessing to others, as they have been to Brother Callahan.

Respectfully Submitted by Carl Callahan. (MSC)

Resolution #3

Whereas the Union Association's 134th session took place at the Oaks Camp and Conference Center, and whereas the staff of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries has been exceptional in providing wonderful facilities and have provided an unusual level of service to all in attendance, be it resolved that we give a warm round of applause to thank each of them for their dedication and hard work and Christian love for all they have done to make this meeting a success.

Respectfully submitted by the Resolution Committee: Bobby Greene, Gale Eidson, Dennis Spears. (MSC).

Prayer Committee Report

The following prayer requests were made by the Prayer Committee; Peggy Webb for pain; Pastor Teddy Webb for physical and spiritual needs; Harold Raines; Pastor Roy Lester; Shirley Castle has cancer; Pastor Billy Gragg; All Union Association Pastors; the Nation of Israel; Service Men and Women; Trula Cronk; Doyle Pruitt's Grand Daughter.

Respectfully submitted by the prayer committee: Teddy Webb, Hal Kirk, Jose Nunez. Brother Kirk led us in prayer (MSC)

Appreciation Committee Report

We the Union Association would like to thank Free Will Baptist Family Ministries for once again hosting the Union Association Meeting.

We the Union Association would like to thank Dr. Kevin Trimble for his service to the Union Association as moderator.

We the Union Association would like to express our thanks and undying gratitude to Dr. Charles Thigpen for his 15 years of service as State Promotional Director, and his decades of service to our denomination.

The report was given by Derek Bell. (MSC)
Respectfully submitted by the Appreciation Committee: Brad Capps, Shane Wilson, and Derek Bell.

Union Association Budget

Income:

Central Quarterly	\$21,000
Northern Quarterly	\$11,000
Eastern Quarterly	\$ 2,000
Western Quarterly	\$ 8,000
Walk-a-thon	\$55,000

Unified Giving	--
Misc. Gifts	\$ 900
Total Income	\$97,900

Expenses:

Designated

Walk-a-thon	\$55,000
Foreign Missions	\$10,600
National Home Missions	\$ 4,400
State Ministries	\$ 1,400
FWBBC	\$ 3,000
FWBFM	\$ 4,000
National C0-op Fund	\$ 1,300
Berea Ministries	\$ 200
Total Designated	\$80,400

Non-designated

State/National Dues	\$ 9,150
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Treasurer:

Honorarium	\$ 800
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Mileage	\$ 600
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Clerk:

Honorarium	\$ 400
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Mileage	\$ 100
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Moderator

Honorarium	\$ 400
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Mileage	\$ 150
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Union Meeting Expense

Printing	\$ 800
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Speakers	\$ 250
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Host Church	\$ 100
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Board Expense

Mileage	\$ 250
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Meals	\$ 250
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Total Non-designated	\$13,250
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Total Expenses	\$93,650
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Delegates to state were selected by Moderator: Gale Eidson, Amanda Kilgore, Madge Crane, Mrs. Larry Arrowood, Betty Fleshman.

A motion was received to set the fee schedule the same as last year. A second was obtained and motion passed.

A motion was made to remove motion from the table concerning the abolition of the offices of Union Promotional Secretary and assistant. The motion received a second and passed.

Considerable discussion followed about moving the location of the Annual meeting to another location. A motion was made to move to the Annie Byrd Hogan Building at Tusculum, a neutral site. After receiving a second the motion was rescinded by vote. Rev. Chris Dotson made the motion that we meet at Oak Grove next year. The motion was seconded and vote carried.

Report of the Nomination Committee

The nominating committee's slate of officers was presented and approved by the voting body with a motion, second and a vote.

Moderator: Rev. Jesse Hartgrove.

Asst. Moderator: Rev. Jackie Cole

Clerk: Dr. Roy L. Lester

Asst. Clerk: Rev. Tim Carson

Treasurer: Rev. Thurman Pate

Asst. Treasurer: Rev. Brian Capps

The General Board Members are as follows:

Eastern Quarterly Representative: Rev. Roger Boone

Central Quarterly Representative: Rev. Lynn Neas

Northern Quarterly Representative: Rev. Carl Calahan

Western Quarterly Representative: Rev. Norman Heath

Ordaining Council Representative: Rev. Larry Arrowood

Obituary Committee

The following names were submitted by the Obituary Committee. Their report was received and prayer was made for the families and churches of these who have departed this life. Appreciation was expressed for their testimonies and productiveness for the Kingdom of our Lord.

Carolyn Weiss	Hardin Valley
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Helen Gilpin	Hardin Valley
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Rev. Glenn Hall	Fairview
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Cecil Stooksbury	Fairview
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Harold Graves	Fairview
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Ray Dodson	Forest Grove
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Ed Hale	Forest Grove
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Homer Perry	Forest Grove
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Rev. Robert Parker	Macedonia
Shirley Castle	Doran Addition
Paul Bible	Oak Grove
Evelyn Conner	Oak Grove
Ruth Johnson	Oak Grove
Rev. R. C. Christian	Phipps Bend

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS & STANDING RULES OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

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 interest of its member Quarterly Meetings and the common cause of the Redeemer.

ARTICLE I: NAME

This body shall be known hereafter as the 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 Women Active for Christ shall be represented by five (5) members. 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 twenty 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 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 clerk 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 and assistant treasurer. 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, clerk, treasurer, and the president and clerk of the Ministers' Conference, along with one (1) representative from each Quarterly Meeting, and one (1) member from the Ordaining Council

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 all 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 of good standing of the Association and have written authority from the member for whom he acts.

ARTICLE VI: BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The 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 and Standing Rules 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: ASSISTANT CLERK

Assist the Clerk in his duties and assume such duties in the absence of the Clerk.

SECTION 5: 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 6: ASSISTANT TREASURER

Assist the Treasurer in his duties and assume such duties in the absence of the Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by 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 day before the vote.

BY-LAWS

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 General Board.
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. Any one 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 their 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.
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, clerk, 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.

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

Preamble

The Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists, 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, promotional 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 Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: MEMBERS

The membership shall be comprised of all ordained and licensed ministers who are members of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists 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 Ministers' 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 Committee.

3. Maintain membership in a local church that is a member of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
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 the privileges of membership, including voting on Minister's Conference business.

Part 3: Excused Members

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 three (3) and four (4).

Part 4: Annual Report

The Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meetings will be responsible for collecting the quarterly reports of each minister and then forwarding said reports to the Union Association Ordaining Council and the Clerk of

the Ministers' Conference prior to the annual Union Association 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 the necessary fee. This card is good for a one (1) 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 need not be renewed each year, provided said minister continues to comply with the standards established by this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules.

Part 6: Pastoring Non-Union Association Churches

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 pastoring 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 Licensing Committee.
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 Committee annually while pastoring 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 Association of Free Will Baptists and at the time designated by the General Board.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Clerk

4. Assistant Clerk
5. Ordaining Council
 - A. Consisting of five (5) Members
 - B. Elected for a five (5) year term with one (1) 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 its 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 Ministers' Conference and the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
3. Ensure each member is given equal rights and privileges under the Constitution.
4. Be 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 Minister's 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 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, which are to be distributed among the members.
2. Receive and disperse all moneys raised by the Ministers' Conference with the direction of the Conference and submit a financial report each year at the annual meeting.
3. Be responsible for all correspondence as directed by the Ministers' Conference for communication with its members.
4. Keep a record of all members' last known addresses 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 this letter to the President.

SECTION D: ASSISTANT CLERK

1. Assume all duties of the Clerk in the absence of the Clerk or if the office of 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 Clerk 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 requirements 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 Ministers'

Conference regarding the outcome of the hearing.

5. The actions of the Ordaining Council must be reviewed and ratified by the Ministers' Conference, except in the case of its rejecting a candidate for ordination, either in its annual session or a special session which 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 written authorization from the Ordaining Council member for whom he acts.
 - D. The Clerk of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists shall be a standing proxy on the Ordaining Council in 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 Association of Free Will Baptists 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 member 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 certificates are only valid when accompanied by the annual card of good standing from the Ministers' Conference or if the certificates are ratified by another recognized Free Will Baptist Association, at which time they become the property of the Association.

ARTICLE VII: QUARTERLY MEETING LICENSING COMMITTEE

SECTION A: PURPOSE

The Licensing 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 they shall examine the written reports of the licensed and ordained ministers in their respective Quarterly Meetings.

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 Licensing 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 said 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 Licensing 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 candidate's 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. This background check and subsequent report will be held in the strictest confidence. The report will only be read by the President of the Ministers' Conference with any pertinent information being shared only with the candidate's respective Quarterly Licensing Committee. Information revealed on the 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 Meetings and the Annual Meeting of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

8. Each licensed minister will be required to submit one (1) written synopsis of one (1) of the required texts at each meeting of his respective Quarterly Meeting.
9. 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 Association of Free Will Baptists 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.

SECTION C: MAINTAINING LICENSE

The Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committee grants the licensee a license to preach, subject to annual review by the Licensing 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 the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules.

SECTION D: AUTHORITY OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Licensing 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 Licensing Committee and may not be appealed to the Ordaining Council.

SECTION E: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meetings shall submit an annual report to the Union Association of Free Will Baptists 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 that the Union Association of Free Will Baptists convenes for the Annual Meeting, and it shall include the following:

1. A list of all candidates examined and the action taken as a result to 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, or exchange of credentials.
5. A list of all ministers who are excused from reporting.

SECTION F: RECOMMENDING A LICENSEE FOR ORDINATION

Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committees are prohibited to recommend any candidate to the Ordaining Council for ordination who:

1. Has not completed the required reading and written reports.
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 ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ORDAINING COUNCIL

SECTION A: PURPOSE

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists Ordaining Council shall examine all candidates for ordination, including those seeking to exchange or ratify their credentials, as to the candidate's Christian experience, faithfulness to Christ and the local church, and their divine call to the ministry, and they shall examine the annual reports of the Quarterly Meeting Licensing

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 Association of Free Will Baptists for that particular year, for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials. One (1) member from each Quarterly Meeting's Licensing Council 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 or association affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists unites with a church that is a member of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists, 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 Licensing 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. 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 be 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 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 ministry.
3. Is morally or mentally unfit.
4. Has divorced a wife and married another while his divorced wife is still living.
5. Has married a divorcee whose husband is still living.
6. Has not been a member of the local church recommending him for a minimum of one (1) year.
7. has not served under license for a minimum of two (2) years within the year of the annual meeting.

8. Has not been recommended by the licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.
9. Has not completed the prescribed reading course listed in Article X.
10. Has not passed the written exam given by the Ordaining Council with a minimum of 75% of the responses being correct.
11. Uses or sells alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
12. Is a practicing homosexual or is involved in any other form of sexual perversion.
13. Advocates or speaks in modern day tongues, i.e. the charismatic gift of tongues.
14. Advocates the New Age Movement or any Cultic Philosophy.

ARTICLE X: REQUIRED READING FOR CANDIDATES

SECTION A: REQUIRED READING

1. *The Bible*
2. Constitution and By-laws and Standing Rules of the Union Association and Ministers' Conference.
3. *Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists.*
4. *The remaining required booklist will be kept and updated by the Ordaining Council.*

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 church cannot nullify an ordained or licensed minister's standing in the Ministers' Conference, as such status is determined by the Ordaining Council.

SECTION B: THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The following rights are vested in the Ministers' Conference:

1. Discipline of its members.
2. Settlement of any and all questions of conduct, doctrine, usage, behavior, and character.
3. 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, which, through its Ordaining Council, may call for them at its discretion.
5. 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 Matt. 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-member or a non-minister shall not be heard unless charges are confirmed by a minimum of two (2) Ministers in good standing, and the charges must bear the signature of the 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 charges and approved the bringing of the 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 PARTIES INVOLVED IN CHARGES

Part 1: The Accusers

The burden of proof of any accusation shall be upon the accusers and not devolve upon the Ordaining Council or the minister(s) who sign the charges. However, the minister(s) who sign 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 accuser(s) 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: ADMENDMENTS

The Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists 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 the use of Tobacco and membership in 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 General Board of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists. In the event that both are absent, the Clerk shall take charge of an 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 Association of Free Will Baptists are encouraged to become affiliated with the Ministers' Conference. A non-member minister, being called to a pastorate, may assume charge of the work within the Ministers' Conference, but it is requested that he submit his credentials to the Ordaining Council for approval and receive an endorsement at the next annual meeting for the position which he holds.
 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 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, admonished by the Ordaining Council. If he refuses to accept the prescribed disciplinary action, the member shall be excluded from the body.
8. Visitors to the Ministers' 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 a Christian spirit.
10. The Licensing 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 not in good standing.
11. This Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules shall supercede any and all rules that have been passed in previous sessions.
12. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a 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 the vote.

STANDING RULES

1. Twenty percent (20%) 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.

Official Document of Government as amended, revised, &
Adopted by authority of the Union Association of
Free Will Baptists & the
Union Association Ministers' Conference
August 2006

(Revisions and corrections made by appointed revision
committee: Rev. Darvin Oakes, Rev. Carl Calahan and
Dr. Roy Lee Lester)

Minister's Conference Minutes

Officers

Norman Heath, Vice-President
Rodger Castle Sr., Clerk
Jeff Davis, Asst Clerk

Ordaining Council Members

Thurman Sullivan	2006	(EQM)
Darvin Oakes	2007	(WQM)
Lynn Neas	2008	(CQM)
Billy Gragg	2009	(NQM)
Larry Arrowood	2010	(At-Large Member)

Proceedings:

Friday Morning Session – August 18, 2006

In the absence of the Vice-President, Rev. Darvin Oakes called the Minister's Conference to order.

Rev. Thurman Sullivan presented a partial report of the Ordaining Council. This partial report was for the purpose of laying on the table the following items:

1. Grammatical errors in the Constitution and By-Laws.
2. Constitutional change concerning the book list for ordination candidates.

It was MSC (Moved, second, and carried) to lay these items on the table.

It was MSC to adjourn this session of the Minister's Conference.

Saturday Session – August 19, 2006

Rev. Lynn Neas called this session to order.

Rev. Kevin Trimble opened the meeting with singing "*Amazing Grace*."

Rev. Lynn Neas gave Scripture reading. Bro. Neas gave a devotion from II Sam 19: 42.

Prayer by Rev. Darvin Oakes.

Dr. Garnett Reid, Professor, FWBCC, presented a message to the Minister's Conference on "*Being Blessed For Someone Else's Sake*." Bro. Reid gave a definition of blessing as, "*The will of God to act toward us and loving favor so we enjoy fellowship with him.*"

This blessing involves salvation. Bro. Reid read Acts 3: 25 7 26 as a description of the blessing of God. Through Jesus, all the world will be blessed.

Bro. Reid encouraged preachers to not give up but stay faithful. God's blessings will come.

Bro. Reid read Psalms 105: 16 – 22 and presented three tests of faithfulness.

1. **Adversity** – VS 17 & 18

A. Adversity is meant to refine and shape you; not defeat you.

2. **Allurement** – VS 18

A. Potiphar's wife lured Joseph, but he said no. Joseph stayed faithful to God.

3. **Anticipation** – VS 19

A. Look forward to God doing what he has already said he will do.

Break-

Singing "*Standing On The Promises*", led by Rev. Chris Dotson, opened this business session.

MSC to remove from the table the items placed there on Friday, August 18, 2006.

MSC to amend the Constitution and By-Laws grammar errors. These changes have been made by Rev. Darwin Oakes, and will be presented for printing.

MSC to eliminate the required seminars for ordination candidates.

A discussion was made on the book list for ordination candidates. Suggestions were made to replace the Power's book with FWB Doctrine.

MSC that a committee is formed to select books and that the list of required books is eliminated from the Constitution and By-laws. This change is to

eliminate the need to change the Constitution and By-Laws every year or two.

MSC the following offices for the next year:

President: Rev. Norman Heath
Vice-President: Rev. Chris Dotson
Clerk: Rev. Rodger C. Castle Sr.
Ordaining Council: Rev. Jeff Davis.

MSC to appoint a Nominating Committee for 2007 for the Minister's Conference. The committee consists of:

Rev. Thurman Pate, Chair
Rev. Timothy Roach
Rev. Nathaniel Hagood

MSC to receive the partial report of the Ordaining Council be received as a full report without including the part of the report concerning Rev. Ronnie Mitchell. This part shall not be part of the public record.

The second hour of preaching was a continuation by Dr. Garnett Reid. Bro. Reid read from Gen 46: 1 – 4. Bro. Reid made the following points:

1. God is faithful – He has a long track record of faithfulness.
2. God honors commitments (Jacob made an offering)
3. God can take our greatest hurt and turn it into our greatest strength.

MSC to adjourn

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dr. James Kilgore.

Ordination Service – Saturday August 19, 2006

Service was opened with "*Wonderful Grace of Jesus*", led by Rev. Chris Dotson.

Scripture reading and prayer by Re. Larry Arrowood. Bro. Arrowood read from
St. John 3: 16.

Song, "*Where The Soul Never Dies*", led by Rev. Chris Dotson.

Rev. Arrowood as a member of the Ordaining Council introduced the other members of the council.

Rev. Jesse Hartgrove (proxy for Rev. Billy Gragg)

Rev. Lynn Neas

Rev. Darvin Oakes

Minister for Ordination:

Rev. Nathaniel Hagood

Rev. Jess Sherod

Ministers for Ratification:

Rev. George Hyatt

Rev. Paul Presley

Singing led by Rev. Chris Dotson included, "*I Must Tell Jesus*" and "*I'd Rather Have Jesus*".

A special prayer, led by Rev. Darvin Oakes, was given for Sis. Pearl Morgan who had fallen on the steps of the chapel today. Sis. Morgan was taken to the hospital by EMS.

Rev. Darvin Oakes gave ordination message. Rev. Oakes gave a message "*God Always Sends A Man*", from PS 105: 17 and 2 Tim 2: 1-2. He made 2 points from these Scripture.

1. We have a heritage of faithful men.
2. We must all leave something behind.

From 1 Tim 2:7, Bro. Oakes made a point that "*I am ordained a preacher.*" He gave four points about a preacher.

1. The Call.

- A. God still calls and anoints men.
- B. Settle the call.
- C. Never doubt the call.
- 2. The Commission.
 - A. We are commissioned to preach the Word.
- 3. The Commitment.
 - A. We need more commitment
 - B. 1 Cor 9:22 – I am made all things to all men.
 - C. 2 Tim 2: 15 – Be biblical.
 - D. 2 Thess 3: 7 – Be disciplined
- 4. The Crown.
 - A. We get crowns by doing the will of God as he gives it to us.
 - B. We can see others we have won that are still in the work of God.

Special Singing by Sis. Glenda Mitchell, "*Find the Faithful.*"

The charge is given by Rev. Darwin Oakes.

The candidates and their wives kneel for prayer. The ministers of the Ordaining Council and other ordained minister lay on the hands and pray for the new ordained and ratified ministers.

The usual offering for this service was not received.

MSC to adjourn.

Ministers' Conference Annual Financial Report

Receipts:

Balance Forward from Nov. 1, 2005	\$1,088.73
Central Quarterly Fees	560.00
Eastern Quarterly Fees.....	190.00
Northern Quarterly Fees	320.00
Western Quarterly Fees	170.00

Note: An offering was not received during
Ordination service August, 2006.

Total Receipts.....\$2,328.73

Expenditures:

4/30/2006 Printing of Minutes	300.17
7/1/2006 WalMart (supplies)	26.66
7/1/2006 Cartridge World (Computer printer refill) ...	25.73
8/19/2006 Honorarium – Dr. Garnett Reid	250.00
8/19/2006 Rodger Castle Sr. – Clerk's Fee	400.00
10/23/2006 WalMart (Supplies)	10.54
10/23/2006 Stamps and Certified Mail Charges	14.94

Total Expenditures \$1,028.04

Balance on Hand \$1,300.69

2006 Ministers' Conference Membership

Central Quarterly Meeting

Name	Address	City	State	Zip	Phone	Status	Standing
Larry Arrowood	179 Masters Circle	Telford	TN	37690	423.257.6558	Ordained	Good
Donnie Bailey	121 Smithdale Blvd W.	Limestone	TN	37661	423.257.2971	Ordained	Good
Jonathan Bailey	155 Oak Grove Road	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.798.2856	Licensed	1 st year
Rodney Bailey	311 W. Defoe Ave.	Elizabethton	TN	37643	423.542.9193	Ordained	Excused
Lee Bates	153 Falcon Way	Parrottsville	TN	37843	423.623.2364	Ordained	Excused
Jeff Blake	725 Old Newport Hwy	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.636.1307	Ordained	Good
Brandon Broyles	130 Lola Hensley Rd.	Chuckey	TN	37641	423.257.2029	Ordained	Good
John Buchanan	1242 Pisgah Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.639.2981	Ordained	Good
Roger Bumgarner	1232 Murtrell Rd.	Morristown	TN	37814	423.317.0763	Ordained	Good
Dennis Caldwell	355 Lakota Way	Newport	TN	37821	423.623.0895	Ordained	Good
Tim Carson	210 Ayers Lane	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.639.6435	Ordained	Good
Scott Cline	1555 Phagan Store Rd	Talbot	TN	37877	865.475.2209	Ordained	Good Ex. Att
Chris Compton	1259 Brittany Drive	Florence	SC	29501	843.676.9176	Ordained	Good
Alfred Cutshall	1108 Hixon Avenue	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.798.9224	Ordained	Good-Excused
Dolphus Cutshall	977 Old Mountain Rd	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.639.2720	Ordained	Good
Wayne Dalton	136 Fullington Way	Newport	TN	37821	423.623.6300	Ordained	Good
Dennis Daugherty	1088 Beth Drive	Russellville	TN	37860	423.686.0032	Ordained	Good
Ralph Dingus	155 Lake Drive	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.638.6179	Ordained	Good
Chris Dotson	16146 Boardwalk Circle	Morristown	TN	37814	423.585.5559	Ordained	Good
David Dugger	1106 Sun Valley Drive	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.636.3659	Ordained	Good
Steve Freeman	185 LeHigh Drive	Newport	TN	37821	423.623.0183	Ordained	Excused
Gary Gass	3210 Old Baileyton Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.234.2403	Ordained	Good
Gary Gentry	427 Urbana Rd.	Limestone	TN	37681	423.257.0536	Ordained	Good
Bobby Greene	125 Bird Circle	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.638.1130	Ordained	Excused
Carl Gregg	391 Stone Mountain Lane	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.230.1160	Ordained	Excused
Roger Gross	3405 Blue Springs Parkway	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.639.8640	Ordained	Good
Nathaniel Hagood	362 Mt. Zion Rd.	Whitesburg	TN	37891	423.235.5611	Ordained	Good
Mikel Hensley	105 Park Lane	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.639.2150	Ordained	Not in Good
Chris Howell	640 W. Dumplin Valley Rd.	Jefferson City	TN	37780	423.397.9242	Ordained	Excused
Lee Roy Hurst	735 Pottertown Rd	Midway	TN	37809	423.422.7264	Ordained	Good
Van Johnson	1690 Wattenbarger Gap Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.234.6224	Ordained	Excused
James Kilgore	90 Stanley Lane	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.639.9449	Ordained	Good

Central Quarterly (cont.)

Doug King	4896 Brookview Drive	Russellville	TN	37860	423.587.1846	Ordained	Good
Hal Kirk	55 Mt. Hope Rd.	Mohawk	TN	37810	423.235.5620	Ordained	Good
Paul Lamb	1141 Rocktown Rd.	Talbot	TN	37877	423.475.9249	Ordained	Excused
T. F. Lewis	279 Sand Valley Rd.	Jonesborough	TN	37659		Ordained	Excused
Wayland Lowe	7835 Lonesome Pine Trail	Mosheim	TN	37818	423.422.7482	Ordained	Good
Jimmy Lowe	302 Arrowhead Loop	Midway	TN	37809	423.422.4874	Ordained	Excused
Oscar McAmis	15765 Kingsport Hwy	Chucky	TN	37641	423.348.7758	Ordained	Good
Jason McCoy	1185 Holly Creek Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.639.7693	Ordained	Good
Timothy McDaniel	170 Burnetts Chapel Lane	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.470.2214	Licensed	1 st year
Buford Metcalf	2216 Camp Creek Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.639.2778	Ordained	Good
Ronnie Mitchell	103 Smithdale Blvd. E	Limestone	TN	37681	423.257.5886	Ordained	Good
David Morelock	566 Gatewood Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.234.0326	Ordained	Not in Good
Howard Munsey	359 Panther Springs Rd.	Morristown	TN	37814	423.586.6088	Ordained	Excused
Matthew Munsey	417 Fairgrounds Rd. #15	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.608.5453	Licensed	1 st year
Donald P. Myers	5525 Terrace View Drive	Bean Station	TN	37706	865.993.7728	Ordained	Good
Ray Mysinger	60 Gaby Circle	Greeneville	TN	37746	423.639.1820	Ordained	Good
Lynn Neas	15 Broyles Rd.	Chucky	TN	37641	423.257.6817	Ordained	Good
Gary Norton	509 Dunbar Rd.	Chucky	TN	37641	423.257.4204	Ordained	Good
Jose Luis Nunez	135 Stanley Lane	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.639.0136	Ordained	Good
Doyle Pruett	302 Royce St.	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.796.0714	Ordained	Good
Johnny Ragon	184 McMillian Hollow Rd	Mosheim	TN	37818	423.422.4323	Ordained	Good
David Reece	623 Carson Creek Rd.	Limestone	TN	37681	423.257.4558	Ordained	Good
Timothy Roach	60 Beverly Hills Drive	Mosheim	TN	37816	423.422.0090	Ordained	Good
David Roy	Ax93 Calle 44	Rio Grande	PR	745	787.809.6214	Ordained	Good
Randy Rumions	340 McGaha Chapel Rd.	Newport	TN	37281	423.625.8888	Ordained	Good
Max Sauls	145 Jaybird Lane	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.639.4786	Ordained	Good
Ernest Sawyer	1181 Fugate Rd.	Del Rio	TN	37727	423.623.6308	Ordained	Good
Jess F. Sherrod	2359 Walker Rd.	Talbot	TN	37877	423.471.0285	Ordained	Good
Leon Simmons	1816 Ridgmont Drive	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.639.3664	Ordained	Good
Ken Smith	3580 Sunnydale Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.638.8735	Ordained	Good
Mark Starnes	1013 Ashville Hwy	Greeneville	TN	37743	423.639.6002	Ordained	Good
Gene Swartzell	2342 Buckingham Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.639.8289	Ordained	Good-Ex.-Alt
Kevin Trimble	247 Mayor Avenue	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.639.9774	Ordained	Good
Wayne Waycaster	166 Barkely Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.234.9511	Ordained	Good
Kenneth Wilson	351 Carson Springs Rd	Newport	TN	37821	423.623.3154	Ordained	Good
William Winters	276 Rivera Drive	Newport	TN	37821	423.625.8005	Ordained	Good
Eddie Young	187 Jintown Rd.	Newport	TN	37821	423.613.5208	Ordained	Good

Eastern Quarterly

E. Y. Bailey	801 Bailey lane	Erwin	TN	37650*	423.743.6740	Ordained	Good
Harold Blankenship	422 Greenbrook Circle	Unicoi	TN	37692	423.735.3092	Ordained	Good
Roger Boone	50 Boone Trail	Weaverville	NC	28787	828.645.2322	Ordained	Good
Jackie Cole	108 McKinney Circle	Gray	TN	37615	423.477.8895	Ordained	Good
James Cox	13614 E. Carters Valley Rd.	Gate City	VA	24251	276.225.6451	Ordained	Good
Jeff Davis	160 Kingsley Avenue	Kingsport	TN	37660	423.288.2558	Ordained	Good
Randy Howell	P. O. Box 115	Unicoi	TN	37692	423.743.9795	Ordained	Good
Larry Laughlin	3950 Memorial Blvd.	Kingsport	TN	37664	423.245.1727	Ordained	Good
Jonathan Lewis	116 Chelsea Drive	Erwin	TN	37650	423.743.9441	Ordained	Good
Miguel Marias						Licensed	Good
Elias Mendosa	428 Catawba St.	Erwin	TN	37650	423.735.2557	Licensed	Good
Ivory Padgett	162 Lester Heights Rd.	Gray	TN	37615	423.282.6569	Ordained	Excused
Mark Potter	112 Franklin Lane	Elizabethton	TN	37643	423.543.3329	Ordained	Good
William Donnie Roberts	311 Little Germany Rd.	Erwin	TN	37650	423.743.7481	Ordained	Good
Gregory Sergeant	P. O. Box 1601	Wise	VA	24293	276.328.2316	Ordained	Good
Jeffrey Sams	8418 Greendale Rd.	Wise	VA	24293	276.328.3445	Ordained	Good
Tony Shelton	45 Old Sheppard Branch Rd.	Weaverville	NC	28787	828.658.1181	Ordained	Good
Thurman Sullivan	203 Marbleton Rd.	Unicoi	TN	37692	423.743.4709	Ordained	Good
Steve Tolley	105 Rouse Private Drive	Elizabethton	TN	37643	423.542.5759	Ordained	Good
Shane Wilson	105 Woodland Drive	Erwin	TN	37650	423.743.8546	Ordained	Good

Northern Quarterly

Rick Adams	14240 Horton Hwy	Greeneville	TN	37745	423.234.0529	Ordained	Good
Steve Alley	147 King Mountain Drive	Church Hill	TN	37642	423.3571.615	Ordained	Good
Derek Bell	307 Oak Drive	Church Hill	TN	37642	423.256.9816	Ordained	Good
Nathaniel Begley	Rt. 3 Box 209B	Gate City	VA	24251	423.956.7050	Licensed	Good
Jessie Bishop	468 East Main Blvd.	Church Hill	TN	37642	423.612.4914	Licensed	Good
Weldon Bowman	420 Circle Drive	Rogersville	TN	37857	423.272.4918	Ordained	Excused
James Byford	364 Cedar Branch Rd.	Kingsport	TN	37664	423.323.0419	Ordained	Good
Carl Calahan	1514 Christians Bend Rd.	Church Hill	TN	37642	423.345.4701	Ordained	Good
Brian Capps	308 Valley Drive	Church Hill	TN	37642	423.357.3874	Ordained	Good
Gary Cavin	345 Woodcrest Drive	Kingsport	TN	37663	423.239.5994	Ordained	Good
Chris Castle	628 Fordtown Rd.	Fall Branch	TN	37656	423.348.6490	Ordained	Good
Rodger Castle	5905 Cochise Trail	Kingsport	TN	37664	423.323.9234	Ordained	Good
R.C. Christian	4358 W. Carters Valley Rd.	Church Hill	TN	37642	423.357.3893	Ordained	Excused
Clifford Crigger	422 Alexander Ave.	Church Hill	TN	37642	423.357.6254	Ordained	Excused
Steve Davis	191 Keys Rd.	Limestone	TN	37681	423.257.7897	Ordained	Good
Gary Davis	318 Mohawk St.	Kingsport	TN	37665	423.247.8815	Ordained	Good

Northern Quarterly (Cont.)

Jerry Davenport	1759 Rock Springs Rd.	Kingsport	TN	37664	423,349,5709	Ordained	Good
Roger Dykes	11980 Horton Hwy	Greeneville	TN	37745	423,234,5461	Ordained	Good
Carl Ferrell	1282 Millers Bluff Rd.	Church Hill	TN	37642	423,345,2741	Ordained	Excused
James Frazier	434 Cypress St.	Mt. Carmel	TN	37645	423,357,6557	Ordained	Good
Bill Gragg	4111 E. Eastley Court	Kingsport	TN	37660	423,245,8330	Ordained	Good
Jesse Hartgrove	1304 Ridgcrest Ave.	Kingsport	TN	37665	423,247,5061	Ordained	Good
William Hickerson	127 Hollow Timbers Dr.	Gray	TN	37615	423,467,9985	Ordained	Not in Good
Gary Hodges	560 Boring Chapel Rd.	Gray	TN	37615	423,477,7660	Ordained	Good
Todd Jennings	493 Pond Springs Rd.	Kingsport	TN	37664	423,247,9894	Ordained	Good
G. W. Jobe						Ordained	Excused
Roy Lester	446 Independence Dr.	Kingsport	TN	37660	423,246,9365	Ordained	Good
James Manis	1011 Laurelwood Drive	Kingsport	TN	37660	423,239,7393	Ordained	Good
Randal Matthews	50 Mulberry Rd.	Greeneville	TN	37745	423,234,0809	Ordained	Good
Jack Morelock	4221 Sullivan Garden Dr.	Kingsport	TN	37660	423,349,7265	Ordained	Excused
Timothy Morelock	436 Grassy Creek Rd.	Rogersville	TN	37857	423,357,7827	Licensed	Good
R. L. McLain	111 Reynolds Rd.	Surgoinsville	TN	37873	423,345,2964	Ordained	Excused
Larry Nelson	319 Eastern Star Rd.	Kingsport	TN	37663	423,349,6800	Ordained	Good
Bobby Oltelman	1021 Lake St.	Kingsport	TN	37660	423,246,4855	Ordained	Excused
Raymond Perry	950 Sugar Bowl Rd.	Chuckey	TN	37641	423,234,2881	Ordained	Good
Travis Phillips	3600 Erwin Hwy	Afton	TN	37616	423,329,7915	Ordained	Not in Good
Paul Ragan	3675 Clay Hwy	Limestone	TN	37681	423,257,5591	Ordained	Good
Barry Reed	6765 Horton Hwy	Greeneville	TN	37745	423,234,0251	Ordained	Good
Roger Smith	277 R. C. Barrett Rd.	Kingsport	TN	37660	423,348,6803	Ordained	Good
Dennis Spears	112 Dillow Circle	Kingsport	TN	37663	423,239,3586	Ordained	Good
Dwayne Steele	1995 Jockey Rd.	Limestone	TN	37681	423,257,2323	Ordained	Good
Teddy Webb	798 Grassy Creek Rd.	Rogersville	TN	37857	423,357,7536	Ordained	Good
Keith Williams	1420 Graysburg Rd.	Chuckey	TN	37641	423,234,0265	Ordained	Good
Danny Willis	815 Nelse Roberts Rd.	Chuckey	TN	37641	423,348,6580	Ordained	Good
George Winegar	110 Palmer Ct.	Surgoinsville	TN	37873	423,345,2595	Ordained	Excused

Western Quarterly

Harley Brown	7736 Dodson Road	Knoxville	TN	37920	865,573,9019	Ordained	Excused
John Browning						Ordained	Good
Bradley Capps	2080 Round Barn Rd.	Powder Springs	TN	37848	865,497,3358	Ordained	Good
Tommy Caylor	2227 Sylva Avenue	Knoxville	TN	37920	865,573,5948	Ordained	Excused
David Cox	153 Woody Meadow Rd.	Kingston	TN	37763	865,376,6298	Ordained	Good
Douglas Easter	8000 Simpson Rd.	Loudon	TN	37774	865,458,2817	Ordained	Good
Darrell Guinn	1132 Tellico St. S.	Madisonville	TN	37354	423,442,2213	Ordained	Excused

Western Quarterly (Cont.)

Randy Hawk	3408 Lakeshore church Rd.	Loisville	TN	37777	865.981.7918	Ordained	Good
Roger Hayley	160 S. Jefferson Circle	Oak Ridge	TN	37830	865.483.7201	Ordained	Good
Norman Heath	14792 Vonore Rd.	Loudon	TN	37774	865.458.6568	Ordained	Good
Robert Hobbs	9644 Clift Rd.	Strawberry Plains	TN	37871	865.933.1746	Ordained	Good
Michael Jacobs, Jr.	355 Lakeside Rd. #16	Vonore	TN	37885	865.408.1665	Ordained	Good
Steven Jenks	3101 Riverside Dr.	Knoxville	TN	37914	865.521.3820	Ordained	Good
Ernest Joyce	147 N. Beverly Circle	Oak Ridge	TN	37830	865.483.9840	Ordained	Excused
Harry Mintz	805 Little Valley Rd.	Loudon	TN	37774	865.458.0611	Ordained	Excused
Ronald L. Mitchell	1728 Hitching Post Dr.	Knoxville	TN	37931	865.539.1223	Ordained	Good
William R. Moore	6304 Racoon Valley Rd	Knoxville	TN	37938	865.922.2794	Ordained	Excused
Richard Nichols						Ordained	Excused
Darvin Oakes	11017 Hughlan Dr.	Knoxville	TN	37922	865.671.1717	Ordained	Good
Thurman Pate	6605 Cherry Drive	Knoxville	TN	37919	865.588.3857	Ordained	Good
Allen Presley	266 Country Rd 728	Riceville	TN	37370	423.462.2134	Ordained	Good
Teddy Waters	214 Key Kile Rd.	Sweetwater	TN	37874	423.337.2083	Ordained	Good

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Our meeting was opened by President Amanda Kilgore who led us in prayer and called the meeting to order.

Treasurer's Report

Arlene Farley gave the treasurer's report due to the absence of Betty Fleshman. This past year we have paid out \$8,268.80 and have an ending balance of \$300. MSA

Secretaries Report

The report was given by Mila Laughlin.

WAC Groups in 2006...18

2005...17

Membership in 2006...172

2005...175

I am happy to report the addition of 1 WAC local. I am sad to report the loss of 1 local WAC group and the loss of three of our members.

The Following Committees were appointed by Amada Kilgore:

Registration

Mila Laughlin, Chair

Janet Rouse

Resolution

Jennifer Oaks, Chair

Dorothy Copus

Faye Elliott

Finance

Arlene Farley

Brother James Kilgore gave a wonderful report concerning Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. He gave us a big thank you for supporting the home with our prayers and finances. "Thank you" for believing in us! The children are learning, getting their GED's, and even special education is included. But most of all, lives are being changed by Jesus. This year 42 conversions were witnessed at family ministries. There have been many babies rescued from abortion through the ministry of the Hope Center. Prayer is a huge part of this ministry and now many diapers are needed.

Brother Luis and Sister Esmeralda Nunez came to speak about the Hispanic work in Greeneville, TN. Luis expressed his call to be a fisher of men. He quoted from Psalm 103, "And forget not all His benefits..." They have a burden for the Hispanic people and he wants to follow the Lord's plan to reach them. They asked for our continued prayer.

Shannon Little, missionary to Japan reported that her cash requirement has been met but that she still needs \$2,700 in faith promises so that she can return to Japan by Thanksgiving.

Annette Aycock, missionary to Brazil reported that they have been in Brazil for ten years now and are planning to build a new church on the west side of the city.

Judy Hyatt shared her burden for the ministry of Harvest Child Care which is partnering with Berea Ministries to build an orphanage in Mexico. They desire to let the orphans know that they have worth too.

We were dismissed for a short break for our committees to meet. This session was dismissed by prayer.

Old Business

Amanda Kilgore brought to our attention a resolution was passed last year that each local WAC group would have a fund raiser to support the general fund of the Union District Women Active for Christ. The purpose is to make the banquet easier for all, help with the printing of the minutes, and mailings. The resolution was not supported by everyone. Discussion followed which aired ideas that would alleviate the burden placed upon local groups, making it easier for them to participate. Some ideas were: that each member could give an extra dollar per month; each group could send \$10 dollars a month to ease the financial burden faced at the end of the year. It was suggested that the monies need to be to the Treasurer by June 1st of each year. Everyone was encourage to represent the program to their local group.

New Business

Sine there was no report from last years nominating committee, nominations were taken from the floor for the election of officers. Betty Hall had sent word that she would be stepping down from her current position as treasurer. Darla Trimble stated that she

would be stepping down as Vice president and Mila Laughlin stated that she was no longer available to serve as Secretary.

Nominations were made from the floor as follows:

Amanda Kilgore; President by acclamation

Fay Elliott; Vice-President by acclamation

Betty Fleshman; Secretary by acclamation

Glenda Mitchell; Treasurer by acclamation

Jane Bailey; Field Worker

Sara Kilgore; Study Chairman

Darla Trimble; Prayer chairman

Jennifer Oakes; Action Chairman

Registration Committee Report

There were 19 members present and 9 missionaries for a total of 28.

Resolution Committee Report

Be it resolved that:

1. The banquet ticket money be distributed among the missionaries at the board's discretion.
2. An appreciation plaque be given to Betty Hall for her many years of service to the UDWAC.
3. The local WAC groups join together in a season of prayer for the WNAC, International and Home Missions, Family Ministries, Harvest Ministries, Berea Ministry, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Pastors and their wives and families, deacons, teachers, all church leaders, and our youth.
4. The Lord give us laborers for the harvest and help us win souls to Christ.

Finance Committee Report

We recommend that all available money be distributed to the missionaries who are attending our meeting: Jill Warren, Luis Nunez, the Aycocks, and Shannon Little.

We were then dismissed to attend the missionary worship service in the main auditorium.

Morning Worship

Amanda Kilgore led the congregation in singing Higher Ground. Rev. Doyle Pruett opened in prayer and an offering was received in the amount of \$181.00 and given to our speaker. Special music was sung by Mila Laughlin, No Other Word for Grace But Amazing. Amanda Kilgore introduced our speaker for the service, Sean Warren, M-Team, Missionary to France. Today we did something different, "Ride along with me and see what I've seen" was the theme of the speaker.

He stated that God has done wonderful things in the world and is doing amazing work in the Muslim world today. Muslims are coming to Christ. A Postal Worker was screening the mail for religious material to keep it from reaching the people. One day he was over taken by his curiosity and he opened some religious mail. He is now a believer because of his curiosity and now lets the mail through.

If you have given one dollar to International Missions, you have made it possible for people to go and reach the world for Christ. A necessity for the success of missionary ministry is prayer for the missionary and the people they are trying to reach.

The missionaries were in a village giving vaccinations, and they discovered that they only had one vile of medicine left that contained about one hundred vaccinations. After consulting with the Lord they continued and vaccinated 376 people. God gave the increase.

We were dismissed in prayer until our next meeting, August 18th 2007 at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Greeneville, TN.

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