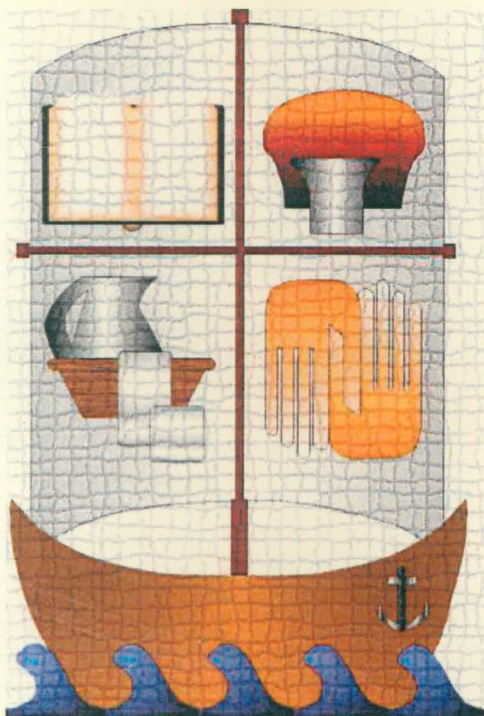


135TH ANNUAL UNION

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

*"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,
saith the LORD of Hosts"*

Zech. 4:6



LOCATION: OAK GROVE FWB CHURCH
GREENEVILLE, TN - AUG 17TH-18TH, 2007

2008 LOCATION: "THE OAKS" CAMP GROUND
GREENEVILLE, TN - AUG 15TH -16TH, 2008

Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to faithfully discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel: nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the Church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2007 Theme: “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of Hosts” Zech. 4:6

Roster of Officials

		(Term Expires)
Jesse Hartgrove	Moderator	2009
Chris Castle	Assistant Moderator	2009
Mark Ousley	Clerk	Indefinite
Tim Carson	Assistant Clerk	Indefinite
Thurman Pate	Treasurer	Indefinite
Brian Capps	Assistant Treasurer	Indefinite

General Board

		(Term Expires)
Lynn Neas	Central Quarterly Rep.	2008
Harold Blankenship	Eastern Quarterly Rep.	2009
Carl Callahan	Northern Quarterly Rep.	2010
John Browning	Western Quarterly Rep.	2011
Larry Arrowood	Ordaining Council Rep.	2010
Jesse Hartgrove	Moderator	Ex-officio
Chris Castle	Assistant Moderator	Ex-officio
Thurman Pate	Treasurer	Ex-officio
Norman Heath	Minister's Conference	
President		Ex-officio
Rodger Castle	Minister's Conf. Clerk	Ex-officio
Mark Ousley	Clerk	Ex-officio

Proceedings

Friday Morning, Aug. 17th, 2007

9:00 AM.

The 135th Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association met in regular session to conduct all business coming before the association. The morning session was called to order by Moderator Jesse Hartgrove at 9:00 AM. Bro. Chris Dotson led in the singing of "Living by Faith". Bro. Hartgrove read scripture from Ex.33:12-16 from which he delivered the following devotion concerning the need for the presence of God:

"In this passage, we find Moses doing what we find Moses doing so often in the scriptures; talking with the LORD. His people had sinned a great sin. Only a few weeks before, God's voice had thundered his commandments from Mt. Sinai, and all the people heard and feared. They said to Moses, "Speak thou unto us, and we will hear, but let not God speak with us lest we die." Moses drew near to the presence of the LORD and received additional commandments which he in turn spoke unto the people. In Ch 24, v.3 we read *"And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do."* But now the people had committed the sins of idolatry. They had made a graven image; they had put another god before JEHOVAH. In Chapter 32, the LORD would have consumed the children of Israel because of their sin, but Moses interceded. May I say that we should take a lesson from Moses. So often, we act as though we desire the overthrow of those who are fallen, but may we have a heart to intercede!

The LORD told Moses that he would not destroy the people, but bring them into the land of promise. But there was a statement of the LORD that so troubled Moses. In Ex 33 v.3, we read, *"for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee*

in the way." Would to God that we, as Moses, would be devastated at the very prospect of doing any thing without the presence of the LORD! We cannot preach without his presence, we cannot worship except we are in his presence, without his presence nothing can be accomplished. In our text Moses says, "If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence." Brothers and Sisters, our theme for this Association Meeting is from Zech. 4, v.6: "Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of Hosts." Oh, without his presence, without his Spirit, let us proceed no farther! But thanks be to God for his grace! That he would say to us this very day as he said to Moses so many centuries ago, "My presence shall go with thee." Let us all now pray together, as many of us have been praying for so long, "LORD, go in our midst in the very work of this Association, in this very meeting of the Union Association."

Following the devotion, Bro. Hartgrove called Bro. Jackie Cole to lead in prayer.

Seating of the voting power of the association for the morning session revealed the presence of 33 ministers, 0 deacons and 5 delegates, and 3 WNAC delegates. M.S.C. to seat the voting power of the Union Free Will Baptist Association for the morning session.

There were 8 visitors present. M.S.C to seat visitors in advisory capacity.

M.S.C to allow the moderator to deviate from the program when and as needed.

Bro. Hartgrove dismissed the Committee on Committees to complete their work and advised that their report would be due at 10:30 AM.

Bro. Tim Carson, clerk, read a motion from the General Board to adopt the following changes to the Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules:

Proposed Change 1: Additions to Article IV

Current reading: "...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.

Proposed reading: "...Elected officers shall hold office until their successors are duly elected and installed. *The moderator and assistant moderator will serve a term of three (3) years and shall not succeed themselves until they have set out for a period of one (1) term.* The clerk and treasurer *and their assistants* will serve indefinitely subject to satisfactory performance or resignation."

(*note: The three year term for the moderator was passed in the 2003 session but was never included in the Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules)

Proposed Change 2: Addition to Article V

(New section to be added following current section 4: Proxy)

"Terms of Service"

Part 1: The four members of the General Board who represent each Quarterly Meeting 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. These General Board members shall serve a term of four (4) years with one member coming off of the General Board each year and being replaced by a person from the same Quarterly Meeting. Quarterly representatives to the General Board may succeed themselves.

Part 2: The moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, and the president and clerk of the Minister's Conference shall serve ex-officio (serving on the General Board as long as they hold office).

Part 3: The member of the Ordaining Council serving on the General Board shall be the member at large and shall serve as long as he holds that position on the Ordaining Council.

Part 4: All ministers serving on the General Board shall carry a Card of Good Standing from the Minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association."

Proposed Change 3: Additions to Standing Rules

"All ministers not in good standing in the Minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association shall be denied voting privileges in all business of the association and will be prohibited from serving as officers or holding a standing committee position."

"All speakers assigned to the program of the association will be asked by the program committee to use the Authorized King James Version of the Bible"

(* note: These two additional Standing Rules would be inserted between the current Standing Rules #6 and #7, and the Standing Rules re-numbered accordingly)

M.S. to adopt changes to the Constitution, By-laws, and Standing Rules.

M.S.C. to lay these changes on the table for action on Aug. 18th.

Greetings from the QM moderators will be printed in the greetings section. The greetings were read by Central QM assistant moderator Jeff Blake, Eastern QM moderator Jackie Cole, Northern QM moderator Chris Castle, and Western QM moderator Norman Heath.

M.S.C to adopt all four greetings for printing in the 2007 minutes.

The moderator recessed the association at ~9:45.

10:00 AM

Moderator Jesse Hartgrove called the association back into session. Bro. Tim Carson, clerk, read a recommendation from the General Board to set honorariums as follows:

Moderator	\$400.00
Clerk	\$400.00
Treasurer	\$800.00
Speaker	\$250.00

Host Church \$200.00

M.S.C to adopt.

Bro. Thurman Pate gave the Treasurer's Annual Report, which will be printed in the "Reports" section of these minutes.

M.S.C. to adopt.

Bro. Glenn Poston gave the Tennessee State Promotional Director's Report.

M.S.C. to adopt.

The 135th session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association was recessed to give way for the business of the Minister's Conference until 10:30 AM.

Friday Morning

Aug. 17th, 2007

10:30 AM.

The Union Free Will Baptist Association was called back to order to hear the report of the Committee on Committees. (Report will be included in the "Reports" section of these minutes)

M.S.C to adopt the report given by Brian Capps.

Bro. Brian Capps gave the report of the Nominating Committee for officers for 2008. (Report will be included in the "Reports" section of these minutes)

M.S.C. to adopt complete slate of officers.

Bro. Lynn Neas gave information concerning a couples retreat to be held in Pigeon Forge, Jan. 25-26, 2008. The cost will be \$40.00 per couple and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Moderator called Bro. Larry Laughlin to the podium to present a plaque from the Union Association recognizing and honoring his faithful work for the association.

The 135th annual session was recessed until 1:30 PM.

Friday Morning Worship Service

Brother Chris Dotson led the congregation in singing "*Take My Hand, Precious Lord*." Brother Ken Smith led in prayer. Brother Tim Carson was introduced to bring the morning message after an offering of \$205.00 was received for the Union Association general fund.

Bro. Carson read from Zech. 4:6 the theme of this year's association meeting. Bro. Carson laid a pair of cotton gloves on the communion table in front of the pulpit, and began to preach the message "*Communicating with God*". The following are some highlights of that message:

The message began with the introductory thoughts that the power of God can remove sin, and the power of God can make changes in lives.

As Bro. Carson brought the message, he turned toward the empty gloves on the communion table, and spoke to them, as if to command them to do the work of the Lord. Of course, the gloves remained still, unable to do anything. Then Bro. Carson put the gloves on, "filling" them with his hands. Then the gloves moved as his hands moved. Bro. Carson made the point that we must be filled with the Spirit of God to be able to do anything. It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to:

I. Build up and pastor a church and to do the Lord's work.

II. Have energy and strength for ministry.

III. Forgive others.

IV. Finish the work

Conclusion: "Let us give ourselves to God and the Holy Spirit to let them minister through us."

Bro. Carson's message was very well delivered and very timely.

Friday Afternoon
Aug. 17th, 2007

1:30 PM.

Moderator Jesse Hartgrove called the Union Free Will Baptist Association back to order. He opened the session by reading from Ps. 133:1-3. He spoke from this scripture of the unity which only the anointing of the "oil" of the Holy Ghost can bring. The same oil that anointed the head (Christ is the head of the Church!) ran down upon every part of the body, even down to the "skirts of the garment." Every member of the body of Christ has the same Spirit. The very least at the skirt of the garments is empowered by the same Spirit as the one who is most highly esteemed. Through the Holy Spirit, countless members with different abilities, different gifts, different functions in the body, and different personalities may all come together in unity, bound together in one body by that One Spirit.

Following the scripture and comments, Bro. Howard Munsey led the congregation in prayer. Bro. Chris Dotson then led in the singing of "*The Old Rugged Cross*."

In consideration of the fact that the voting body of the afternoon session may not be the same as in the morning session, the voting power of the association was re-seated. The count revealed 27 ministers, 7 delegates, and 1 WAC present for a total of 35. There were also 6 visitors. M.S.C. to reseat voting body.

M.S.C. to seat visitors in advisory capacity.

The following reports were given and may be found in the "Reports" section of these minutes.

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| • Free Will Baptist Bible College | Terry Forrest |
| • Free Will Baptist Family Ministries | James Kilgore |
| • TN State Home Missions | Wayne Wagner |
| • Hispanic Missions | Shane Wilson |
| • Missionary to France | Jerry Gibbs |
| • MESF | David Reece |

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| • Barnabas Connection | Rodney Bailey |
| • Union Association WAC
Kilgore | Amanda |
| • Berea Ministries | Chris Dotson |
| • Harvest Child Care Mexico | George Hyatt |
| • FWB Board of Retirement | Ray Lewis |

M.S.C. to adopt all reports.

Bro. Tim Carson, Clerk of the Union Association, read a motion from the General Board for the Oaks Campground to be the location for the 2008 Union Association Annual meeting on Aug. 15th and 16th, 2008. Motion carried.

M.S.C. allow the Moderator of the Union Association to appoint the delegates to the 2007 TN State Meeting. The State Association will be Nov. 12-14 at New Hope FWB Church,

3:30 PM.

Union Association was recessed to reconvene at 9:00 AM Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning

Aug. 18th, 2007

9:00 AM.

At sharply 9:00 AM, Moderator Jesse Hartgrove called the Union Free Will Baptist Association to order to continue the business of the association. Bro. Hartgrove led the congregation in singing "*Love Lifted Me.*"

Bro. Edward Maynard was introduced to bring the devotion. He read from Acts 5:39 and Ps. 124:1-8. Following the scripture, prayer was offered.

The voting body of the Union Free Will Baptist Association was re-seated, with the following numbers: 27 ministers, 1 Deacon, 5 Delegates, 6 WAC for a total voting body of 39.

M.S.C. to seat the voting body.

M.S.C. to seat the 4 visitors present in advisory capacity.

Home Missionary Tim Osborne, Oakland, TN, brought greetings which may be found in the "Greetings" section of these minutes.

The body heard the following committee reports:

- Appreciation Committee Billy Gragg
- Memorial Committee Darvin Oaks

M.S.C. to allow the Clerk of the association to add other names which may be turned in to this report.

- Registration Committee Jeff Blake
- Prayer Request Committee Howard Munsey

There was an alter of prayer following the report of the Prayer Request Committee, particularly remembering every request of this report.

M.S.C. to adopt all of the above reports, which may be found in the "Reports" section of these minutes.

Bro. Jeff Davis reported that there were no resolutions turned in to the Resolution Committee, so therefore, there is no report.

M.S.C. that the motion for the constitutional changes which was laid on the table on Friday be removed from the table.

The motion passed with a 100% vote. (Note: 2/3 majority is required for constitutional changes.)

M.S.C. to allow the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the Association, and Bro. Carl Callahan, to make these changes to the Constitution, By-laws, and Standing Rules, and to correct the lettering and numbering of these documents. Also, to ensure that the updated Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules are printed in the 2007 minutes.

The Association was recessed to give way for the Minister's Conference and WAC.

11:45

Following the WAC morning service, the Union Association was called back to order by Moderator Jesse Hartgrove to receive an item of appreciation from Bro.

David Reece, which will be included as part of the Appreciation Committee Report. Bro. Reece asked all veterans to stand and to march to the front of the church while "*Onward Christian Soldiers*" was played. After reading his item of appreciation, Bro. Reece asked the congregation to stand and to pledge allegiance to the American Flag. A list of these veterans will be found in the "Reports" section of these minutes.

M.S.C. to adopt.

M.S.C. the final adjournment of the 135th Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, to meet at The Oaks Campground, Aug. 15th-16th, 2008.

**Un-official Prayer Meeting
Union Free Will Baptist Association
Thursday Evening, Aug. 16th, 2007**

7:00 PM

The 2007 annual association was one of the best in several years. The Thursday evening un-official prayer meeting was very stirring, and set the tone for the whole meeting. The highlights of this prayer meeting follow.

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church gave welcome to the Union Association. Union Moderator Jesse Hartgrove presided at the service. Bro. Chris Dotson led in the congregational singing.

Bro. Teddy Webb gave the devotion. He exhorted the congregation concerning the importance of prayer. All were blessed and encouraged by Bro. Webb's message, in which the presence of the Lord was evident.

The Youth Choir from Union Temple FWB church offered the special music. What a blessing! The same Spirit that was present in the devotion was present in the special singing.

Following the singing, Bro. Jesse Hartgrove read from 1 Tim. 2:1 concerning the "intercessions" that should be made for all men. He called men from the congregation to offer intercessory prayer for particular needs such as churches, pastors, families, missions, and our nation.

Again, the Holy Spirit was manifest as these men shared testimonies and led in prayer.

The service was closed with a time of prayer requests from the congregation, and a gathering to the altar for prayer.

UNION ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY REPORTS

Central Quarterly

Rev. Jeff Blake reported for the Central Quarterly Meeting. The Central has 39 churches and one Hispanic Home Mission Church. There are 19 full time pastors and 20 Bi-Vocational Pastors. We have a total membership of 3892. This year we have added 144 members and lost 43. We have 67 ordained ministers and 13 licensed ministers. As many of you know the work of the Siempre Gozosos that was started at the Oak Grove with Pastor Luis Nunez. The Central Quarterly along with other supporters have continued supporting this work and Roadside Chapel FWB Donated there building and land to the Central Quarterly Meeting

so that the Hispanic work could move to this location. Since this time Pastor Luis and his people have moved to this location.

Since this time there has been a service to organize the church and ordained two deacons Thanks to everyone that has helped in one way or many to make this happen and continue to support and pray for this work of the Lords.

Eastern Quarterly

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 its meeting. During the past year, we lost 22 members and added 58 members, which gives us

a total membership of 1278. We have a total of 17 ordained ministers.

We praise God that we have a Home Mission work of the Spanish-speaking churches. Brother Shane Wilson and his team are doing a great work for God. The Johnson City work, the Kingsport work and the Bristol work are doing well. We will be privileged to hear from Brother Shane later in this Associational Meeting.

The Eastern Quarterly will convene at the following places during 2007-2008.

October 12, 2007 Roan Street FWB Church

April 11, 2008 Siempre Gozosos FWB Church

July 11, 2008 Unicoi FWB Church

Northern Quarterly

Rev. Chris Castle reported for the Northern Association. This quarterly consist of 19 churches all with pastors. We are praying for revival in our churches. Walk-on-thou Sept. 15, 2007, will be meeting at Mt. Carmel FWB. Jubilee meeting Sat. Oct. 20, 2007 at Eastern Star FWB Church. Hispanic work is doing greet.

Western Quarterly

Rev. Norman Heath reported for the Western Quarterly. It is a pleasure to bring greetings from the Western Meeting. We have had good fellowship together and are thankful to be a part of the Union Association. The Western has 14 churches.

REPORTS SECTION

Tennessee State Promotional Director

Rev. Glenn Poston gave us his report as Promotional director.

He told of the up coming meeting at Woodbine FWB Church August 24-25 in Nashville, TN. And the TWAC retreat in Pigeon Forge Sept. 27-29. and about the web site tnfwb.org., and told anyone that is not getting ONE

Magazine or ECHO to please sign up. No written report was given to the clerk.

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Dr. Forest gave a verbal report for the College. No written report was given to the clerk.

FWBBC graduated the largest class in 23 years this spring when 78 students from 17 states and 4 foreign countries received degrees during commencement exercises.

Relocation plans for a new campus continue to move forward as the college performs due-diligence inspections on a Middle Tennessee land site. Plans to sell the West End Avenue campus continue with 35 potential buyers have now stepped forward expressing interest in purchasing the current campus.

President Matt Pinson completed his graduate work at Vanderbilt University this spring and received the Doctor of Education degree on May 11. Under Dr. Pinson's leadership these past five years, FWBBC enrollment surged to a 22-year high with 420 students, and net revenues for the college rose 43 percent.

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries

At Family Ministries we have 36 young people to be saved, 14 rededications, 10 followed in baptism. Since January 2006, God has allowed us to serve 1,439 children and families through our various programs. This is a harsh reminder that our families in America are in trouble.

We are in critical need of HOUSE PARENTS. We are seeking Christian couples who are interested in taking on the role of meeting the direct needs of our children. If God is tugging at your heart to care for hurting children, please call Brandy Maltsburger.

The HOPE CENTER currently has a client base of 350+. During May and June of this year, we had 251 office visits, 30 calls on the Hope line, gave out 208 packs of diapers, as well as 102 packs of diaper wipes. Already in

2007, 24 babies have been born to our clients and 20 more on the way.

What began over three years ago as a desire and dream, THE LAURELS and ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, in Wise, VA.

Is now a beautiful, safe place to retire, and for those who need it, receive assistance with daily activities. The Laurels is 37,000 square feet that includes six companion suites that are almost 600 square feet each, 39 regular units at over 300 square feet each. There is a chapel, barber shop and salon, multi-media activity room, private dining room, gift shop, library, spa, physical therapy room, and two beautiful inside courtyards and solarium. For more info, contact Rebecca Woods.

Because the OAKS has become a year round retreat center, the JACK'S CREEK LODGE has upgraded to include a Heating/Cooling System. The Lodge features a restful lounge area with fireplace, large gym, climbing wall, game tables, kitchen, restroom facilities and separate meeting room. It also includes a huge front porch with fireplace, rocking chairs and a great view private lodge rooms with two double beds (some with queen), private baths and private outside entrances. What a great opportunity from your senior youth to your senior citizens to enjoy activities any time of year.

We are in need of the list below to complete a new 2100 square feet cabin at the Oaks Retreat Center.

- 1 Septic System
- 6 Shower Stalls
- 6 Commodes
- 6 Vanities

We can also use work groups to help with labor of completing this new cabin. If you can assist us in this way, contact Shari at 423-470-2226.

Tennessee State Missions Reports

You have heard of the patience of Job and have seen the end of the Lord. James 5:11.

It is a real blessing to be able to share this fine report with you concerning the Home Missions work in Tennessee. We are thankful for those who have come to know the Lord this past year. Thank you and God bless your for praying and giving to the work.

1. Shane Wilson and his family is the State Home missionary in Johnson City, TN. Where he is the Missionary Pastor of the Simprez Gozosos, Always Rejoicing Free Will Baptist Church. This year they have averaged 110 for their Sunday Morning services. There are other Spanish Missions churches in the Union Association in East TN. Where Shane Wilson helped them get started.
2. The Mission Church in Greeneville, TN. Luis Nunez is the pastor. The Central Association in the Union Association is paying his salary. The following Churches are Satellite Churches where Shane Wilson has helped them get started.
3. The Mission Church in Bristol, VA. & TN. Hector Perez is the missions director. They meet in the fellowship hall of a church building and it is rent free.
4. The Spanish church in Kingsport, TN has its own church building. The pastor, along with his family, is Miguel Marias and the work there is doing well. Shane Wilson told me they have bought the building and financed it from National Home Missions.
5. Bristol, TN. Started a Spanish Church, Sunday August 20, 2006. They had a wonderful first service. Bristol is a city that has well over 1000 Hispanics who live there. The pastor is Hector Perez.
6. Clayton Hampton and his family are our TN. FWB Home Missionaries in Clarksville, TN. We praise the Lord that he has purchased 4 ½ acres of land

and has financed it with a loan from National Home Missions. The property is located on Trenton Road off Exit 1 on I-24. The Missions Church paid \$300,000.00 for the property and paid \$80,000.00 down and are trying to get 500 people to give \$500.00 by the end of 2007.

7. We have a new missionary couple, Tim and Robin Osborn and their six children. Five of them are living at home, ages 16 to 1 to the Memphis area in West Tennessee. The oldest child attends FWBBC. Please help him raise his support.
8. We have a new couple, Michael and Holly Hutton and their two children, as our missionaries to the Springhill area, close to Columbia, TN. This is the fastest growing area in the State of Tennessee. He came on board March 1st to begin raising his funds. Pastors, we encourage you to help him raise his support

International Missions

Brother Jerry Gibbs gave an oral report but no written report was submitted.

Missionary Encouragement Support Foundation

Rev. David Reese and his wife Miriam make up MESF. Greetings from MESF. We have had a year of difficulty, providential, deliverance from the Lord, and Blessings. We want to thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement.

We will have an annual golf tournament at Twin Creeks Gold Course in Greeneville, TN. Sept. 22, 2007. We are looking forward to a great year and expanding future.

The Barnabas Connection

The purpose of The Barnabas Connection Ministries is to encourage by cards, notes, letters, E-mails and above all prayer. Anybody can be a Barnabas. Brother Rodney spoke of John 17:3 "That you know Him" and to desire fruit. Moderator Jesse Hartgrove asked that the prayer committee add Brother Rodney to the prayer list.

Women Active for Christ

Sister Amanda Kilgore gave the following report:

Greetings from the Union District Women Active for Christ. I am honored to be a part of this group of mission-minded ladies who take seriously the role of fulfilling their part of the Great Commission.

Last year was one of transition that included change of several officers, illnesses and other factors. But we have persevered, and I believe we are stronger for it.

In 2006, we had 18 auxiliaries reporting with 172 members. As of today, we have 18 auxiliaries that have reported with 143 members. Even though we lost one auxiliary in the Eastern Quarterly, we made a significant gain and added an auxiliary in the Central Quarterly. My prayer is that we can regain that auxiliary and more.

As pastors and church leaders, especially in the Northern Quarterly, please encourage your woman to come and see what we are all about. I have information packets and materials that explain exactly what Women Active for Christ is accomplishing all around the world. We have been called the "mission are of the church," and I think the name fits. We help underwrite various Accounts of foreign, home and local missionaries.

I also want to ask that you begin praying now about our joint missions service tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. with Brother Luis

Nunez as our missionary speaker. As you know, the offering goes to our missionary, and the proceeds from our banquet would be given to our luncheon speaker. We are

not hosting a banquet this year, so I hope you will support Brother Luis through our offering in the morning. The Union WAC ladies are bringing special gifts and offerings specifically for the Nunez family, and we will be glad to take any donations for them. I want to challenge you to give to one of our own. We have promised to assist Luis and his family, and here is an opportunity to do so. I know of no one working harder to win souls for the Kingdom, and he and his family deserve our support and encouragement. Please give with your heart as the Holy Spirit leads, and we hope to see all of you in the morning.

Berea Ministries

Brother Chris Dotson gave the report for Berea and they had copies of there new letters for everyone to get a copy.

Brother Chris spoke of the many works that continue in Mexico and he spoke of many new doors that the Lord had opened for Berea in Chile. They have established the first ever Free Will Baptist Church in that country, a very effective work in that city of six million souls and a national population of more than fifteen million. This work is lead by Pastor Ricardo Ulloa.

A similar situation has occurred in the Central American country of Costa Rica where Free Will Baptist Pastor Pablo Fernandez is now serving.

Chris spoke of the many doors that have been opened for the Gospel however with the expanding work there is a \$30,000.00 deficit. Berea needs your prayers and support so that these works can be supported.

Harvest Free Will Baptist Child Care Ministries

Brother George Hyatt gave the following report.

Project Mexico. I am happy to say that on July 28, 2007 sixteen boys and sixteen girls moved into their new home in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico. Each of these children has his/her own bed with house parents to take care of them.

Most of the children arrived with only the clothes on their backs. This brings up the need to purchase more clothes in Tuxtepec. In their previous abode, when they were living in the villages and jungles we were feeding them one meal a day. In their new home they are being fed three meals a day. Unlike their villages, they now have access to healthcare in the city. In a couple of weeks these children will be going to the public school system for the first time. They are required to have uniforms, another expense that we will have. We need to purchase two uniforms at \$35.00 per child. Please pray for this new experience for which they will need to make adjustments. We would like to continue feeding one meal a day to the orphans still left in the villages.

Please pray for the new staff which is already in place. When the children moved in, the only problem encountered was the fact that they all wanted to sleep on the top bunk. Our coordinator, Elias Perez, lined them up and told them where they would sleep. These kids have to learn the techniques of hygiene such as using the rest room and brushing their teeth. In southern Mexico it is hot or warm year round. Because of the frequent rain, it is very humid also. We need to purchase some fans in Tuxtepec. Many of the children are having difficulty sleeping because of the heat since they are use to being in the mountains and having a breeze.

We are really thankful to the supporters from the Union Association of Tennessee and our partner, the Berea Ministries with Brother Howard Munsey. The Berea pastors down in Oaxaca banded together to make this building process a success. In March, 2007 Brother Munsey took a group from the states to the orphanage and built all of the bunk beds for the children.

Please pray that our needs to continue feeding the children three meals a day, to provide clothing for them, purchase uniforms for their schooling, and buy fans will be met. Your help in these matters would be greatly appreciated.

Remember these are children for whom Christ died. Keep in mind what Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Board of Retirement

An oral report was given by Bro. Ray Lewis. No written report.

Union Camp Report

We had a total of 76 for senior week. This was a increase of 20 from last year. At junior week we had 102 kids. This was a increase of 49 over last year. It was a great two weeks of camp and we seen many young people saved and many on the alter each night making commitments to the Lord. After all expenses paid we had a balance of around \$800.00 to start on for next year.

Thanks to all of the pastors and quarterly meetings that let us come to speak about camp and for sending your kids.
Respectfully Submitted by Bro. Tim Carson

Home Mission' Report

11 am Worship Service

Dr. Chris Dotson led us in singing. We received and offering of \$205.00.

Following is parts of the message from Tim Carson

Text: Zechariah 4:6

Christ first wants to do something in us.

Christ wants to do something through us, and He will supply the

power for both to be done.

1. Power to Edify
2. Power to Exhort
3. Power to be broken
4. Power to overcome

Report of Committee on Committees 2007 Union Association

Prayer Request Committee:

Central: Harold Munsey, Chairman
Eastern: Larry Laughlin
Northern: Dennis Spears
Western: Thurman Pate

Resolution Committee:

Central: Ken Smith, Chairman
Eastern: Jeff Davis
Northern: Chris Castle
Western: Norman Heath

Obituary Committee:

Central: Tim Roach, Chairman
Central: Larry Arrowood
Northern: Steve Davis
Western: Roger Haley

Appreciation Committee

Central: David Rease,
Central: Dennis Caldwell
Northern: Billy Gragg, Chairman
Western: Brad Capps

Respectfully submitted: (Committee on Committees
Members)

Brian J. Capps, Chairman
Robert A. Hobbs
Doyle T. Pruett

Report of the Nominating Committee:

Assistant Moderator:	Chris Castle
Assistant Treasurer	Brian Capps
Assistant Clerk	Tim Carson
General Board Member (Western)	John Browning
General Board Member (Eastern)	Expire: 2009
Harold Blankenship	

Clerk of the Association
Respectfully Submitted:

Mark Ousley
Brian Capps, Chairman
Robert A. Hobbs
Doyle T. Pruett

Union Association Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward _____ \$3,218.15

Receipts:

Central Quarterly _____ \$19284.00

Eastern Quarterly _____ \$2050.00

Northern Quarterly _____ \$11815.80

Western Quarterly _____ \$8157.35

Miscellaneous Fund _____ \$624.29

Sexton Walk-a-thon _____ \$50,265.95

\$92,197.39

Total Funds Available _____ \$95,415.54

Fund Allocations	Available	Disbursed	Balances
International			
Foreign Missions	11,684.35	11,684.35	0
Walk-a-Thon	50,265.95	50,265.95	0
Natl-Home Missions	3,855.00	3,855.00	0
State Ministries	368.00	368.00	0
F.W.B. Bible College	2,528.00	2,528.00	0
F.W.B. Family Min.	3,499.00	3,499.00	0
National Co-op	503.00	503.00	0

Associational Funds:

Association General

Fund 20,881.24 14,365.95 6,515.29

Union Summer Camp 1,240.00 1,240.00 0

Camp Oaks 115.00 115.00 0

Sexton Med. Fund 30.00 30.00 0

State Home Missions 246.00 246.00 0

Berea Ministries 200.00 200.00 0

Balances: \$95,415.54 \$88,901.25 \$6,515.29

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

We the Union Association would like to thank:

- Oak Grove F.W.B. for providing the facilities
- The church secretary, Lisa, for fine work for the Ordaining Council
- Jesse Hartgrove for his work preceding the meeting and during the meeting as moderator.
- Chris Dotson for his outstanding ability in directing the singing.
- The talented musicians in Friday night's service.
- Harvey Crain and Madge for the wonderful meals.
- The Youth Choir of Union Temple Church in Thursday night's service.
- To the Veterans who are still carrying not only the mental stress and emotional anguish of wars and battles gone by. With deep appreciation and loving regard we commend them for loving us enough to be willing to die if necessary for family and country.

Respectfully Submitted:

David Rease

Dennis Caldwell

Billy Gragg, Chairman

Brad Capps

THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Western Quarterly

Vicki Houston

Hubert Foster

Harden Valley

Harden Valley

Central Quarterly:

Clide Inscore

Pauline Jones

Dorothy Barham Cooter

Linda Feezell

Elizabeth Freshour

Madge King

Kingsley Avenue

Kingsley Avenue

Kingsley Avenue

Kingsley Avenue

Cedar Creek

Peace

Northern Quarterly:

Rev. Reginald R. C. Christian	Phipps Bend
Rev. Robert Olterman	Midfields
James Presley	Surgoinsville
Lessie Williams	Surgoinsville
Hazel Cradic	Surgoinsville
Wilma Fish	Midfields
Faye Gott	Midfields

Respectfull submitted by the obituary committee:

Bro. Tim Roach

Bro. Larry Arwood

Bro. Steve Davis

Bro. Roger Haley

Registration Committee Report

For the 135th. Annual session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, the following names and numbers were turned in:

Veterans	15
Email addresses	36
Regular Addresses	110
Telephone Numbers	102
Voting Body of Association	
Ministers	54
Deacons	2
Delegates	<u>10</u>
Total Voting Body	66
Visitors	33
WAC	12

This makes a grand total of 110 who registered. There were several more who did not register.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeff Blake, Charman

Jackie Cole
Edward Maynard
Darvin Oakes

Prayer Committee Report
To

Union Association of Free Will Baptists August 18, 2007

It is the will of God that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. That supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men; For kings, and all that are in authority; that we might live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. Included in these petitions must be the leaders whose actions and decisions affect the lives of the body politic of the nation, the longsuffering military personnel whose devotion to duty shields us from the hostility and oppression of the enemies of freedom and for the people of God, that a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord will come to revive our longing spirits with the Holy Ghost. May the God of all grace, raise up a prophet among us who will effectively call the church and nation to repentance and a renewed commitment to faithful service. The following prayer requests are urgent to the future success and survival of a viable and effective church:

- Pray for students returning to school to withstand the pressure of the social liberals to impose their philosophy upon their impressionable minds.
- Ask God to enable Christians to reverse the nations increasing dependence on legend drugs and alcohol, whose adherents include younger children every year.
- Beseech God to remove from the nation the scourge of abortion and the slaughter of innocent children in their mother's wombs.
- Pray for genuine revival and a sense of unity among all true Christians, especially within our own Free

Will Baptist denomination.

- Petition God daily for success of missionary efforts to reach the lost around the world. Select your own missionaries and mention them by name daily.
- The church is losing its brightest minds of our youth to secular education. This trend must be reversed. Pray that parents and students alike will avail themselves of the many excellent opportunities to get a Christian education so that secular humanism can be effectively refuted.
- Pray for Bridges Chapel pastor, Rev. Gary Gass and his wife Pat who has a chronic problem and has lost 80% of the use of her arms due to a rotator cuff injury.
- A request for prayer has been received for Rev. T. F. Lewis and Rev. Lowal Ramsey. Also for Rev. Danny Dwyer and his grandson Darin Dwyer.
- Pray for Kathy Liford of the Faith Church in Knoxville who has been afflicted with multiple tragedies.
- Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Webb, Mr. & Mrs. Sayhab Spears and a Mr. & Mrs. Perry.
- The encouraging ministry of the Barnabas Connection needs your prayers and support. Also hold up the physical needs of Rev. Rodney Bailey in prayer
- Standing vote of thanks to the Oak Grove Church

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Thurman Pate
 Rev. Larry Laughlin
 Rev. Dennis Spears

Rev. Howard Munsey, Chairman

CLERK'S REPORTS

ANNUAL LETTER FROM QUARTERLY MEETING TO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OR DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Central Quarterly _____ to Union Association _____
(name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association) (Name of District Association or State Association)

Meeting at Oak Grove FWB _____ Church August 16-18 _____

Period of time this report covers: From July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007

Present Moderator's Name: Dr. Hal Kirk Telephone: 423-235-5620

Mailing Address: 55 Mt. Hope Rd. _____

City Mohawk _____ State TN _____ Zip 37810 _____

Delegates _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 39
2. Total number of churches in
City/Town 7 Rural 32
3. Total number of churches reporting 39
4. Total number of churches with:
Full time pastors 19
Bi-Vocational Pastors 20

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with
parsonages NA
2. Total Value of all church property
including parsonages \$12,859,374

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained
ministers* 67
Licensed ministers* 13
2. Total number of ordained deacons 101

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms NA
2. Total members added 144
3. Total members lost 43
4. Total membership 3892

3. Total number of churches with:
Day Care 0
Kindergarten 0
Christian Day School 0
Bible Institute 0
College 0

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total Income of all churches \$2,580,676
2. Total number of churches with
Budgets NA

4. Total Sunday School Enrollment NA
5. Total CTS Enrollment NA
6. Total WNAC enrollment 179
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 36

Number of district association minutes requested 39

Number of state association minutes requested 39

Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ _____ National \$ _____

Signed: Clerk's Name Tim Carson Telephone 423.639.6435

Mailing Address 210 Ayers Lane _____

City Greeneville _____ State TN _____ Zip 37445 _____

ANNUAL LETTER FROM QUARTERLY MEETING TO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OR
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Eastern Quarterly to Union Association
(name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association) (Name of District Association or State Association)

Meeting at Oak Grove FWB Church August 16-18, 2007

Period of time this report covers: From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Present Moderator's Name: Jackie Cole Telephone: 423-477-8895

Mailing Address: 108 McKinney Circle

City Gray State TN Zip 37615

Delegates _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 11
2. Total number of churches in
City/Town 7 Rural 4
3. Total number of churches reporting 11
4. Total number of churches with:
Full time pastors 6
Bi-Vocational Pastors 5

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 36
2. Total members added 58
3. Total members lost 22
4. Total membership 1278

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total Income of all churches \$467,000
2. Total number of churches with
Budgets 6

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with
parsonages 4
2. Total Value of all church prop
including parsonages \$2,900,000

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 17
Licensed ministers 0
2. Total number of ordained deacons 27
3. Total number of churches with:
Day Care 0
Kindergarten 0
Christian Day School 0
Bible Institute 1
College 0
4. Total Sunday School Enrollment 600
5. Total CTS Enrollment 68
6. Total WNAC enrollment 84
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 0

Number of district association minutes requested 12

Number of state association minutes requested 12

Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ _____ National \$ _____

Signed: Clerk's Name Jeff Davis Telephone 423.288.2558

Mailing Address 160 Kingsley Av.

City Kingsport State TN Zip 37660

ANNUAL LETTER FROM QUARTERLY MEETING TO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OR
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Northern Quarterly _____ to Union Association _____
(Name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association) (Name of District Association or State Association)

Meeting at Oak Grove FWB Church August 16-18 _____, 2007

Period of time this report covers: From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Present Moderator's Name: Chris Castle Telephone: 423-502-8847

Mailing Address: 628 Fordtown Rd.

City Fall Branch State TN Zip 37656

Delegates	<u>Trish Cradic-Grassy Creek FWB</u>	<u>Jim Roten-Van Hill Fwb</u>
	<u>Becky Bishop-Grassy Creek FWB</u>	<u>Doug Reeves-Van Hill FWB</u>
	<u>Joe Seabolt-Pyburn FWB</u>	
	<u>Becky Seabolt-Pyburn FWB</u>	
	<u>Tempie Pheton-Van Hill FWB</u>	

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 19
2. Total number of churches in
City/Town 3 Rural 16
3. Total number of churches reporting 18
4. Total number of churches with:
Full time pastors 3
Bi-Vocational Pastors 15

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 68
2. Total members added 101
3. Total members lost 49
4. Total membership 1696

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total Income of all churches \$1,168,575
2. Total number of churches with
Budgets 3

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with
parsonages 3
2. Total Value of all church property
including parsonages \$5,396,397

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 42
Licensed ministers* 14
2. Total number of ordained deacons 55
3. Total number of churches with:
Day Care 0
Kindergarten 0
Christian Day School 0
Bible Institute 0
College 0
4. Total Sunday School Enrollment 1097
5. Total CTS Enrollment 0
6. Total WNAC enrollment 57
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 55

Number of district association minutes requested 50

Number of state association minutes requested 25

Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ _____ National \$ _____

Signed: Clerk's Name Debra Vicars Telephone 423.349-4839

Mailing Address 106 Winchester Dr

City Kingsport State TN Zip 37663

**ANNUAL LETTER FROM QUARTERLY MEETING TO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OR
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION**

Western Quarterly

(name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association)

to Union Association

(Name of District Association or State Association)

Meeting at Oak Grove FWB Church August 16-18, 2007

Period of time this report covers: From July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Present Moderator's Name: John Browning Telephone: 865-933-3605

Mailing Address: 712 Wooddale Church Rd

City Knoxville State TN Zip 37924

Delegates _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 14

2. Total number of churches in _____

City/Town 6 Rural 8

3. Total number of churches reporting 14

4. Total number of churches with: _____

Full time pastors 12

Bi-Vocational Pastors 2

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 15

2. Total members added 42

3. Total members lost 63

4. Total membership 974

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total Income of all churches \$447,180

2. Total number of churches with _____

Budgets 6

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with _____

parsonages 7

2. Total Value of all church property _____

including parsonages \$4,120,000

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 22

Licensed ministers* 0

2. Total number of ordained deacons 29

3. Total number of churches with: _____

Day Care 1

Kindergarten 0

Christian Day School 0

Bible Institute 0

College 0

4. Total Sunday School Enrollment 462

5. Total CTS Enrollment 162

6. Total WNAC enrollment 82

7. Total Master's Men enrollment 41

Number of district association minutes requested 42

Number of state association minutes requested 20

Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ _____ National \$ _____

Signed: Clerk's Name Darvan Oakes Telephone 865-671-1717

Mailing Address 11017 Hughlan Dr.

City Knoxville State TN Zip 37934

ANNUAL LETTER FROM QUARTERLY MEETING TO DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OR
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Union Association _____ To Tennessee State Association of FWB
Meeting at Oak Grove FWB _____ Church August 16-18 _____ 2007

Period of time this report covers: From July _____, 2006 to July _____, 2007
Present Moderator's Name: Jesse Hartgrove _____ Telephone 423.247.5061
Mailing Address: 1304 Ridgecrest Av. _____
City: Kingsport _____ State TN _____ Zip 37660 _____

Delegates: _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 83
2. Total number of churches in:
City 23 Rural 60
3. Total number of churches reporting 82
4. Total number of churches with:
Full-time pastors 40
Bi-Vocational pastors 42

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 119
2. Total members added 345
3. Total members lost 177
4. Total membership 7840

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income for all churches \$4,663,430.81
2. Total number of churches with
Budgets 15

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with
parsonages 14
2. Total value of all church property
Including parsonages \$ 25,275,771

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers 148
licensed ministers 27
2. Total number of ordained deacons 213
3. Total number of churches with:
Day Care 1
Kindergarten 0
Christian Day School 0
Bible Institute 1
College 0
4. Total Sunday School enrollment 2389
5. Total CTS enrollment 230
6. Total WNAC enrollment 402
7. The Master's Men enrollment 132

Number of district association minutes requested 143
Number of state association minutes requested 96
Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District _____ State _____ National _____

Signed: Clerk's Name Mark Ousley _____ Telephone 865.684.8985
Mailing Address 7220 Forrest Grove Circle _____
City Knoxville _____ State TN _____ Zip 37920 _____

Names of Veterans

At the close of the 2007 Union Free Will Baptist Association, the following people stood at the front of the church for the pledge of allegiance and to hear an appreciation from the body. The name, address, City, State, telephone number and email address will be listed so that the group can draw strength not only from the Lord, but these fellow soldiers.

Larry Arrowood
179 Masters Circle
Telford, TN 37690
423-257-6538
Larrowood@world.net

Howard Munsey
359 Panther Springs Rd
Morristown, TN 37814
423-586-6088

E. Y. Bailey
801 Bailey Ln.
Erwin, TN 37650
423-743-6740

Lynn Neas
15 Broyes Rd.
Chuckey, TN 37641
423-257-6817

Carl Callahan
1514 Christian Bend Rd
Church Hill, TN 37642
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carlcallahan@earthlink.net

Larry Nelson
319 Eastern Star Rd.
Kingsport, TN 37663
423-349-6800

Rodger Castle, Sr.
5907 Cochise Tr.
Kingsport, TN 37664
423-323-9234

William Presley
203 Patterson Rd.
Kingsport, TN 37660
423-246-2256

Wayne Dalton
136 Fullington Rd.
Newport, TN 37713
423-623-6300

Doyle Pruett
302 Royce St.
Greeneville, TN 37743
423-798-0714

Bobby Greene
125 Bird Cir
Greeneville, TN 37743
423-638-1130

David Reece
623 Carson Creek Rd.
Limestone, TN 37681
423-257-4558
davidLC@tn.net

Nathan Hagood
362 Mt. Zion Rd.
Whitesburg, TN 37891
423-235-5611

Ken Smith
3580 Sunnydale Rd.
Greeneville, TN 37743
423-638873

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George T. Hyatt
Washington Ridge Way
Knoxville, TN 37917
george@harvestccm.org

Report of the General Board

1. The General Board received letter of resignation from Dr. Roy Lester as Clerk. MSC to accept his resignation. Recommend that Union FWB Association accept his resignation.
2. Recommend that past items concerning constitutional changes that were passed but never printed in the Constitution be added to the Constitution. Action will not require a vote because these items have already been voted on by the body and were passed.
3. The General Board is recommending the changes to the Constitution which may be found in the "Proceedings" section of these minutes.
4. The General Board is recommending the following honorariums be given: \$400 to the Clerk, \$400 to the Moderator, \$800 to the Treasurer, \$250 to the Friday Morning speaker,
\$200 to Oak Grove FWB Church as host church.

5. Date set for 136th Annual Meeting to be Aug. 15th-16th, 2008.

6. The General Board recommends that the Union Association accept the invitation from FWBFM to host the 2008 Annual Meeting at the Oaks Campground.

7. The General Board met four times in the past year: at the 2006 Annual Session to organize the new board, Jan. 16th 2007 to work on the 2007 program, May 1st, 2007 to complete work on 2007 program, and on Aug. 16th, 2007 to address needs and concerns for the 2007 annual session.8. Some members of the General Board are working on putting together a web site for the Union FWB Association.

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 Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall serve a term of three (3) years and shall not succeed themselves until they have set out for a period of one (1) term. The clerk and treasurer and their assistants shall serve indefinitely subject to satisfactory performance or resignation.

SECTION 1: LIMITS ON OFFICERS

Officers of the Union Free Will Baptist Associational Organization shall not be permitted to hold additional offices or standing committee positions in the Association.

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.

SECTION 5: TERM LIMITS

1. The four members on the General Board which are representatives from each Quarterly Meeting shall serve on the General Board for a period of four years, with one (1) coming off each year, and their replacement will be from the same quarterly meeting.
2. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of the Minister's conference, and Clerk of the Minister's Conference will be ex-officio and serve as long as they hold office.
3. The Member from the Ordaining Council shall be the Ordaining Council Member at large.

SECTION 6: QUALIFICATIONS

All ministers serving on the General Board shall carry a Card of Good standing in the Minister's Conference of the Union Association.

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 the 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 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

7. The moderator shall allow discussion carried on in a Christian spirit, discussion which sows discord or division will not be tolerated.
8. Anyone refusing the admonition of the moderator shall be barred from participation until public repentance has been made and accepted.
9. Those desiring to speak shall rise to 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 and to the Union Association General Fund 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. All Ministers not in good standing with the Minister's Conference shall be denied voting privileges in the business of the Union Association and shall not serve on Boards or Committees of the Association.
8. All speakers assigned to the program of the association will be asked by the program committee to use the Authorized King James Version of the Bible.
9. The Association shall convene annually on the Friday and Saturday following the second (2nd) Sunday in August. Standing Rules may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote of those present and voting.
10. 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, promoting efficiency among its members, and safeguarding the integrity and honor of its members.

ARTICLE I: NAME

This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Union 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 privileges of membership, including voting on Ministers' Conference business.

Part 3. Excused Members:

An ordained minister desiring to retain his credentials in the Union Association and having need to be excused from attending and/or submitting his report long term must:

- A. Be retired from preaching and/or physically disabled.
- B. Petition the License Committee to recommend him to the Minister's Conference Ordaining Council.

Temporarily Excused Members

Due to unforeseen circumstances, an ordained minister needing to be excused from attending and/or reporting to his Quarterly Meeting temporarily must petition his License Committee and maintain the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1, numbers three (3) and four (4).

When able to preach, he forfeits his excused status and he must resume reporting and attending his Quarterly Meetings.

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 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 good standing (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 member being elected each year in order of expiration of term.
6. Parliamentarian
 - 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 Ministers' Conference business, unless otherwise provided for by the By-Laws.
6. Vote only in the instance of casting the deciding vote to break a tie, unless he relinquishes the Chair to another.

SECTION B: VICE PRESIDENT

1. Assume all 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 disburse all moneys raised by the Ministers' Conference in accordance with the direction of the Conference and submit a financial report each year at the annual meeting.
3. 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 minister has been examined by the Ordaining Council and found guilty of failure to comply with the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1.

SECTION B: VALID CREDENTIALS

All certificates of ordination shall be of indefinite duration with the provision that such 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 becomes the property of that 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 respective candidate's Quarterly Licensing Committee. Information revealed on this 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's being granted a license to preach, his ministerial activity comes under the watch care of the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which he is a member.
7. The licensed minister must report by letter to all four (4) sessions of his respective Quarterly Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
8. Each licensed minister will be required to attend the following two (2) seminars prior to his examination for ordination:
 - A. Free Will Baptist Doctrine
 - B. Practical Ministry

The date, time, and location of these seminars will be posted in advance of the sessions. Additionally, each candidate will be required to submit one written synopsis of one of the required texts at each meeting of his respective Quarterly Meeting.

9. The schedule for the seminars and the required reading list will be determined by the Ministers' Conference and will be made available to each minister upon his completion of the license application.
10. Whereas the ministry of the Ministers' Conference of the Union 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 and will conduct seminars 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 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 courses of study, written reports, or seminars.
2. Has not served at least two (2) consecutive years under license.
3. Does not maintain a card of good standing within the Ministers' Conference.
4. Has been married more than one (1) time and his former wife is still living.
5. Has married a woman whose former husband is still living.
6. Fails or refuses to appear before the Ordaining Council at its annual meeting.

On his initial appearance before the Ordaining Council, the licensee brings the following:

- a. His completed packet.
- b. A completed ordination examination.
- c. A letter of recommendation from the Union Association Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member.

The licensee must also ensure that he is on the Quarterly Meeting License Committee annual report recommending him for ordination.

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 candidates' 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 member from each Quarterly

Meeting's Licensing Committee is invited to participate with the Ordaining Council during the interview of candidates, but he will not have voting privileges in the decisions of the Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council has the authority to call special meetings as it deems necessary to carry out its business.

SECTION C: CANDIDATES FOR RATIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

When a minister or pastor from another church or association affiliated with the Nation 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.

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.
- (8) Has not been recommended by the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.

(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.

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 Licensing Committee for exchange of credentials.
2. The minister shall be subject to an oral examination from the Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committee. The questions asked can come from the Ordination exam. In the event that he does not provide adequate answers to the questions, it is recommended that he obtain the required books of study and is instructed to complete the written ordination exam and report back to the Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committee.
3. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall be bound by items 1-6, and items 7, 8, and 11-14 listed in Article IX, Section E.

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.
- (8) Has not been recommended by the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.
- (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.

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

SECTION E: RESTRICTIONS ON ORDINATION

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

1. Does not display conclusive evidence of conversion.
2. Does not display reasonable and convincing evidence of a divine call to 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 seventy-five percent (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: BOOKS AND STUDY COURSES FOR CANDIDATES

SECTION A: REQUIRED READING

1. The Bible.
2. Constitution and By-Laws of the Union Association and Ministers' Conference.
3. Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists (included in FWB Handbook listed below).

**SECTION B: REQUIRED STUDIES WITH
REPORT** (See addendum.)

SECTION C: SUGGESTED READING (See
addendum.)

**SECTION D: SUGGESTED TOOLS FOR
SERMON PREPARATION** (See addendum.)

ARTICLE XI: DISCIPLINE OF MINISTERS

SECTION A: THE LOCAL CHURCH

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

SECTION B: THE 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.

No appeal may be made regarding disciplinary action.

SECTION C: CHARGES AGAINST A MINISTER

A minister against whom charges are shall presented shall be presumed innocent of such charges until proven guilty beyond any reasonable doubt. The full consideration of the charged minister's standing as

a Christian brother must be made prior to submitting charges. Therefore, no charge may be considered which does not conform to the following:

1. Charges against a member by another member shall not be heard until the person submitting the charges has dealt with the accused according to the principles of Matthew 18:15-18, and the charges must bear the signature of a minimum of one (1) other member in good standing.
2. Charges against a member by a non-minister or a non-member minister shall not be heard unless such charges are confirmed by a minimum of two (2) ministers in good standing, and the charges must bear the signature of 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 such 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 shall not devolve upon the Ordaining Council or the ministers who sign the charges. However, the ministers who signs such charges must be prepared to support their reasoning for affirming the charges.

Part 2: The Accused

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

SECTION E: REINSTATEMENT

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

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

The Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the 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 tobacco and secret organizations, we resolve that each member is to prayerfully consider the effect that his use of tobacco and his membership in any secret organization will have on his personal testimony and on the effectiveness of his ministry.

SECTION B: RIGHTS OF MINISTERS FROM MISSION CHURCHES

Whereas the Ministers' Conference wholeheartedly supports the ministry and work of both Home and International Missions and wishes to encourage those who are faithfully serving in mission work, be it resolved that a mission church that is within our associational fellowship shall have the same rights in

recommending men for licensing, ordination, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials as the organized member churches. Be it further resolved that faithful service in a mission church that is within our associational fellowship shall earn a candidate the same rights as membership in an organized member church.

BY-LAWS

1. A portion of Scripture shall be read from the King James Version of the Bible by the President and prayer offered at the beginning of each session, regular or called, and all meetings shall be closed with prayer or a benediction.
2. The President or Vice President shall call the meeting to order at the venue determined by the program committee of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists. In the event that both are absent, the Clerk shall take charge of the election of a *President pro tem* to serve until one or both are present or until a regular presiding officer has been elected and installed.
3. The most recent version of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall serve as the final authority in parliamentary procedure.
4. All ministers serving churches in the Union 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 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. The Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules shall supercede any and all rules that have 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.

ADDENDUM

SECTION B: REQUIRED STUDIES WITH REPORT

1st Quarter: *Minister's Handbook*, Leadership Ministries.

2nd Quarter: *Basic Bible Interpretation*, Roy Zuck.

3rd Quarter: *How to Prepare Bible Messages*, James Braga.

4th Quarter: *Free Will Baptist Handbook*, Matt Pinson.

5th Quarter: *Church Administration Handbook*, Bruce Powers.

6th Quarter: *Biblical Preaching*, Haddon Robinson.

7th Quarter: *Grace, Faith and Free Will*, Robert Picirilli.

8th Quarter: *Biblical Ethics*, Leroy Forlines

SECTION C: SUGGESTED READING

Christ Centered Preaching, Bryan Chapell

Christian Ethics in a Postmodern World, James Eckman

Competent to Counsel, Jay E. Adams

Four Views on Eternal Security, Matt Pinson

Lifestyle Evangelism, Joe Aldrich

Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage, Jay E. Adams

My Utmost for His Highest (updated), Oswald Chambers

Power Through Prayer, E. M. Bounds

Quest for Truth, Leroy Forlines

Spiritual Leadership, J. Oswald Sanders

Surprising Insights From the Unchurched, Tom

Rainer

Teaching to Change Lives, Howard Hendricks

The Soul Winner, Charles H. Spurgeon

The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview, James

W. Sire

Why Revival Tarries, Leonard Ravenhill

SECTION D: SUGGESTED TOOLS FOR SERMON PREPARATION

New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance for the Bible, James Strong, Thomas Nelson

A good Bible dictionary: *Unger's*; *New Nelson's*; *Holman*, etc. (included in the *PC Study Bible*)

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia
(included in the *PC Study Bible*)

Randall House Commentaries

Wuest's Word Studies (NT, 4 Vol. Set)

PC Study Bible Version 4 Advanced, BibleSoft
(includes many of study tools listed plus more)

Beacon Bible Commentary (10 Vol. Set)

Preacher's Sourcebook, Robert Morgan (Annual
Publication from Nelson)

Unger's Commentary on the Old Testament, Merrill
Unger

Barnes' Notes on the Old and New Testaments,
Albert Barnes (included in the *PC Study Bible*)

Nave's Topical Bible, Orville J. Nave (included in
the *PC Study Bible*)

Treasury of Scripture Knowledge, Charles Spurgeon
(included in the *PC Study Bible*)

Official Document of Governance
As Amended and Adapted
Union Association of Free Will Baptists
Ministers' Conference
August 18, 2007

Minister's Conference Minutes

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Norman Heath, President
Chris Dotson, Vice-President
Rodger C. Castle Sr, Clerk

Ordaining Council Members

Jeff Davis	2011	(Eastern QM)
Darvin Oakes	2007	(Western QM)
Lynn Neas	2008	(Central QM)
Billy Gragg	2009	(Northern QM)
Larry Arrowood	2010	(At-Large Member)

Proceedings:

Friday Morning Session - August 17, 2007

The Minister's Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. Norman Heath. The following items were presented for consideration:

2. Recommending a licensee for ordination:

On his initial appearance before the Ordaining Council, the licensee brings the following:

- A. His completed packet.
- B. A completed ordination examination.
- C. A letter of recommendation from the Union Association Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member.

The licensee must also ensure that he is on the Quarterly Meeting License Committee annual report recommending him for ordination.

2. Excused Members

An ordained minister desiring to retain his credentials in the Union Association and having need to be excused from attending and/or submitting his report long term must:

D. Be retired from preaching and/or physically disabled.

E. Petition the License Committee to recommend him to the Minister's Conference Ordaining Council.

3. Temporarily Excused Members

Due to unforeseen circumstances, an ordained minister needing to be excused from attending and/or reporting to his Quarterly Meeting temporarily must petition his License Committee and maintain the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1, numbers three (3) and four (4).

When able to preach, he forfeits his excused status and he must resume reporting and attending his Quarterly Meetings.

In accordance with the Minister's Conference By-Laws, it was MSC these proposed changes be tabled until the next days meeting.

Rev. Larry Arrowood reported the following complete Ordaining Council Report:

1. Ordaining Council met on August 19, 2006 at The Oaks Campground, Greeneville, TN for re-organization as required by Minister's Conference Constitution

- A. Those present were: Rev(s). Darwin Oakes, Lynn Neas, and Larry Arrowood.
- 1. Rev. Billy Gragg was re-elected as Chairman, and Rev. Larry Arrowood was elected as Clerk.
- 2. Rev. Lynn Neas was selected to bring the Ordination message.

B. Ordaining Council adjourned.

2. After the General Board Meeting of the Union Association, the Ordaining Council met on January 16, 2007 at Peace Free Will Baptist Church.

- A. Those present were Rev. Billy Gragg, Lynn Neas, and Larry Arrowood.
- B. We discussed the charges against Herbert Powers of the Northern Quarterly. After his hearing enough evidence was found that they bound him over to the Grand Jury.
- C. We agreed to call for his Credentials.
- D. Ordaining Council adjourned.
- E. "Note" Action taken
He was sent a Letter of request for his Credentials January 18, 2007.
Another letter was sent on May 2, 2007.

3. The Ordaining Council met on August 6, 2007 at Midfield Free Will Baptist Church.

- A. Those present were Rev(s). Billy Gragg, Lynn Neas, Jeff Davis, and Larry Arrowood.
- B. We discussed that which each candidate must carry with him when coming before the Ordaining Council. We recommend the following Constitutional change to Article VII, Section F.
 - 1. He must have his packet.
 - 2. A completed ordination examination.

3. A letter of recommendation from the licensing council.
 4. A letter of recommendation from The Union FWB Church in which he maintains membership.
- C. We examined the book list and decided to publish the revised list.
- D. Having been questioned concerning Excused Ministers. To clarify, we recommend the following constitutional change to Article II, Section B, Part 3:
- Excused Minister
- Ordained Ministers having a need to be excused from attending his Quarterly meeting and/or reporting, may petition his License Council, to recommend him to the Minister's Conference Ordaining Council. He must maintain the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1 numbers three (3) and four (4).

Exceptions:

1. The initial exception the Minister shall petition, in person, the Ordaining Council of the Union Association.
 2. For the remainder of his tenure at the non-Union Church, he must meet with his Licensing Council annually.
- E. The Ordaining Council met with Brother David Nathaniel Begley of the Northern Quarterly. Having fulfilled all requirements, the Ordaining Council recommends Brother Begley to be ordained.

4. The Ordaining Council met on August 15, 2007 at Oak Grove FWB Church, Greeneville, TN for regular business.

A. Members present were Rev.(s) Billy Gragg, Lynn Neas, Larry Arrowood and Darvin Oakes. Rev. Jesse Hartgrove was given voting rights in the absence of Rev. Jeff Davis.

B. Non-member was Rev. Carl Callahan.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Rev. Billy Gragg.

2. Opened in prayer by Rev. Lynn Neas.

3. The Ordaining Council met with Candidates and set the agenda for this session.

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

b. Requirements for Constitutional Exception, Ratification and Exchange of Credentials and Ordination were presented.

5. Order of Candidate interviews was presented:

A. For Exchange:

1. Rev. Luther Charles Church

B. For Ratification

1. Edward Maynard

2. Ted Reynolds

C. We interviewed each candidate and Bro. Luther Charles Church for exchange of credentials.

D. We recommend Bros. Edward Maynard and Ted Reynolds for ratification of credentials.

We discussed what each candidate must carry with him when coming before the Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council

recommends the following as a Constitutional change:

The Ordaining Council recommends the following constitutional change be added following number six (6) in Article II, Section F.

Article VII, Section F: Recommending a License for Ordination

On his initial appearance before the Ordaining Council, the licensee brings the following:

1. He must have his packet.
2. A completed ordination examination.
3. A letter of recommendation from the Union Association Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member.

The Ordaining Council recommends the following Constitutional change:

Article II, Section B, Part 3: Excused Members

Ordained ministers desiring to retain his credentials in the Union Association and having need to be excused from attending and/or submitting his report long term must:

1. Be retired from preaching and/or physically disabled.
2. Petition his License Committee to recommend him to the Minister's Conference Ordaining Council.

Temporarily Excused Members

Due to unforeseen circumstances, an ordained minister needing to be excused from attending and/or reporting to this Quarterly Meeting temporarily must petition his

License Committee and maintain the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1, numbers three (3) and four (4).

When able to preach, he forfeits his excused status and he must resume reporting to and attending his Quarterly Meeting.

We discussed the Excused member George Winegar. We received reports that he is pasturing while in an excused status. We recommend that his Licensing Council contact Bro. Winegar and recommend him to the Ordaining Council.

The Ordaining Council recommends the following constitutional change be added following number six (6) in Article II, Section F.

Article VII, Section F: Recommending a License for Ordination

On his initial appearance before the Ordaining Council, the licensee brings the following:

4. He must have his packet.
5. A completed ordination examination.
6. A letter of recommendation from the Union Association Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member.

The Ordaining Council recommends the following Constitutional change:

Article II, Section B, Part 3: Excused Members

Ordained ministers desiring to retain his credentials in the Union Association and having need to be excused from attending and/or submitting his report long term must:

3. Be retired from preaching and/or physically disabled.
4. Petition his License Committee to recommend him to the Minister's Conference Ordaining Council.

Temporarily Excused Members

Due to unforeseen circumstances, an ordained minister needing to be excused from attending and/or reporting to this Quarterly Meeting temporarily must petition his License Committee and maintain the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1, numbers three (3) and four (4).

When able to preach, he forfeits his excused status and he must resume reporting to and attending his Quarterly Meeting.

We discussed the Excused member George Winegar. We received reports that he is pasturing while in an excused status. We recommend that his Licensing Council contact Bro. Winegar and recommend him to the Ordaining Council.

The Ordaining Council was dismissed in prayer.

6. The Ordaining Council met Thursday evening, August 16, 2007.

- A. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Billy Gragg with prayer.
- B. We met with Bro. Milford Byrd, Pastor of Sweet Water FWB Church. After examination, we recommend Bro. Milford's Credential's be ratified.
- C. We interviewed Bro. Mark Ousley for ratification of Credentials, and recommend ratification.
- D. We have concerns about those coming for Exchange and Ratification of credentials.

- Should they have a background check to prevent the embarrassment we suffered in Kingsport because of one of our members?
- E. We received the reports of each Quarterly.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Billy Gragg, Chair

Rev. Darwin Oakes

Rev. Lynn Neas,

Rev. Jeff Davis

Rev. Larry Arrowood

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

Friday evening Ordination Service - August 17, 2007

The service was opened with singing "*I'm Going That Way*" and "*Each Day I'll Do*", led by Rev. Chris Dotson.

Welcome was given by President, Rev. Norman Heath

An offering for the Minister's Conference was received of @286.00.

The Union Association of Free Will Baptist Ordaining Council was presented by Rev. Billy Gragg, Chairman. The members are:

Northern - Rev. Billy Gragg

Central - Rev. Lynn Neas

Central at-large - Rev. Larry Arrowood

Eastern - Rev. Jeff Davis

Western - Rev. Darwin Oakes

The following candidates were introduced:

Ordination - David Nathaniel Begley

Ratification - Edward Maynard

Ted Reynolds

Exchange - Charlie Church

Congregational singing of "*I'm Living In Canaan Now*" and "*Blessed Assurance*", led by Rev. Chris Dotson.

The Ordination message was presented by Rev. Lynn Neas from 1 Cor 4: 1-2 - The Minister of the Master

FWB were found to be:

- Friendly
- Fervent
- Fruitful
- Faithful
- Fundamental
- Fanning the Flames of Freedom

Bro Neas covered

1. Preaching Life of the Minister
2. Personal Life of the Minister
3. Pulpit Life of the Minister
4. Pastoral Life of the Minister
5. Public Life of the minister

The Charge was given:

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that all your fruit should remain: That whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give you.

1 Tim 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil,

Where do you go from here?

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

A dedication prayer was given by the Ordaining Council with the laying on of hands. Other ministers were invited to join in the prayer. Prayer was led by Rev. Jeff Davis.

Certificates were presented to the candidates by Rev. Larry Arrowood.

MSC to receive these men into the Minister's Conference. Passed 100%

MSC to adjourn this session of the Minister's Conference. Dismissal prayer by Rev. Darvin Oakes.

Saturday Morning Session - August 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President, Rev. Norman Heath. Bro Heath gave devotions from Acts 3:1 Ministers were asked to stand together and hold hands as a means of encouragement to each other while we prayed. Prayer was led by Rev. Tim Carson.

Dr. Rev. Terry Forest, Coordinator of Pastoral Ministry students at the National Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN brought the morning message. Dr. Forest preached on "*The Relationship of Pastors & Deacons in the Church*". He read from Acts 6: 1-4. Dr. Forest looked at Titus 1: 5-7 and Acts 20: 17-28 in his biblical presentation of the offices of elder and bishops.

MSC to remove recommended changes to the Constitution and By-Laws from the table. MSC to adopt each recommended change.

Officers were elected for the Minister's Conference. The following positions were elected individually:

President - Norman Heath

Vice-President - Chris Dotson

Clerk - Rodger C. Castle Sr.

Asst Clerk - Carl Callahan (elected)

Ralph Dingus (not elected)

Ordaining Council - Darvin Oakes (Western - replaces himself)

Nominating Committee for 2008 for the Minister's Conference

Western - Thurman Pate

Central - Jeff Blake

Eastern - Jeff Davis

Northern - Carl Callahan

MSC to adjourn

MSC = Moved, Seconded and Carried

Closed in prayer by Rev. Jeff Davis.

Minister' Conference Annual Financial Report

Financial statement for Oct. 27, 2006 – Aug. 25, 2007

Receipts:

<u>Balance Forward from Oct. 27,</u>	<u>\$1,300.69</u>
<u>Northern QM Fees, Partial Fees Turned in on July 28, 2007</u>	<u>170.00</u>
<u>Northern QM Fees – Additional fees</u>	<u>90.00</u>
<u>Western QM Fees</u>	<u>140.00</u>
<u>Eastern QM Fees</u>	<u>170.00</u>
<u>Central QM Fees</u>	<u>520.00</u>
<u>Offering – Ordination Service</u>	<u>286.00</u>

Total**Receipts** **\$2,676.69****Expenditures:**

<u>123 – Nov. 10, 2006 Check Point Service</u>	
<u>(Background check)</u>	<u>\$17.80</u>
<u>124–May 25,2007 Cartridge World</u>	<u>48.15</u>
<u>125 – July 20, 2007 Walmart</u>	<u>27.10</u>
<u>126 – July 20, 2007 Cartridge World</u>	<u>38.30</u>
<u>127 – July 20, 2007 Union Association of FWB</u>	
<u>Treasury (Rev. Thurman Pate)</u>	
<u>Printing of 2006 minutes (Minister's Conf, share)</u>	<u>339.30</u>
<u>128 – July 27, 2007 USP (Postage for Flyer & Agenda</u>	
<u>2007 meeting)</u>	<u>41.71</u>
<u>129 – Aug. 10, 2007 USP (Stamps)</u>	<u>8.20</u>
<u>130 – Aug. 10, 2007 Walmart Supplies (envelopes,</u>	
<u>Card stock, etc.</u>	<u>12.52</u>
<u>131 – Aug. 10, 2007 Cartridge World</u>	<u>31.98</u>
<u>132 – Aug. 17, 2007 Rev. Lyn Neas (Honorarium)</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<u>133 - Aug,18,2007 Rev.Dr.TerryForest(Honorarium)</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<u>134 – Aug,20,2007 Rev Rodger Castle Sr. (Clerk'sFee)</u>	<u>400.00</u>

Total Expenditures: **\$1,465.06****Balance on Hand:** **\$1,211.63**

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Union Association WNAC Proceedings

The Union District Women Active for Christ met on Saturday, August 18, 2007, at Oak Grove FWB Church in Greeneville.

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Kilgore, president, with scripture reading and prayer. Registration, finance and resolution committees were appointed. Secretary's and treasurer's reports were given and approved as read.

After a short break, the session reconvened with a report from Dr. James Kilgore, Executive Director of FWB Family Ministries. The registration committee gave a report, followed by the finance committee. As of August 18, there is a \$1,386.42 balance in the treasury. Auxiliaries were reminded of the price of dues and the importance of getting reports to the various officers in a timely manner.

Quarterly treasurers were asked to get reports in by the 10th of each month.

The resolutions committee submitted the following:

Be it resolved –

- 1) That each local WAC group support Bro. Luis Nunez financially and prayerfully;
- 2) That consideration be made to help supply money for uniforms and school supplies for children at the children's home in Mexico;
- 3) That WAC continue to support The Hope Center and Family Ministries with our prayers and gifts;
- 4) That the local WAC groups join together in a season of prayer for new WNAC President Rebecca Pugh and other national and state officers. Also, we should be in prayer for the replacement for our National Executive—Secretary, as Mrs. Marjorie Workman will be retiring next year;
- 5) That we also pray daily for our Free Will Baptist ministries, pastors and leaders worldwide.

After some discussion, it was voted to send \$300 each to missionaries Chris Fannin and Tim Osborn. The motion was also made, seconded and carried to make a \$500 donation for uniforms and school supplies for the children's home in Mexico. After these disbursements, our ending balance is \$489.17.

It was noted that, although one auxiliary dropped from the Eastern District, an auxiliary was added to the Central District. Ladies were also reminded of the TWAC Retreat September 27-29 in Pigeon Forge, TN, which will also be our bi-yearly meeting.

We were then dismissed in prayer for the morning missionary worship service with Bro. Luis Nunez bringing the message.

The worship service was opened with congregational singing. Sister Esmerelda Nunez blessed us in song during the offering, after which Glenda Mitchell blessed us with a beautiful rendition of "Find Us Faithful." Bro. Luis then brought a message, aided by Shane Wilson as translator, from the book of John about loving and supporting our brothers and sisters and the godly way to treat each other in the Lord.

As a special project, the Union WAC brought monetary and food gifts to the Nunez family. The financial gifts alone totaled \$1,030, and his ministry work in the Hispanic community in Greene County received the morning's offering of \$208.

After a wonderful message in song and in the Word, we were dismissed in prayer.

About The Free Will Baptist Logo On The Cover

The logo of the Free Will Baptists incorporates four symbols used by the earliest communities in Christendom: the **ship**, the **fish**, the **anchor**, and the **cross**.

In the four corners of the ship's sail, the symbols of earliest Christianity are enhanced by modern emblems of a vital, living faith — the **HOLY BIBLE**, the **LOAF and CUP**, the **BASIN and TOWEL** and **CLASPED HANDS** — the symbols of Free Will Baptists.

The SHIP symbolizes the Church and represents all the members pulling in one direction, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Seeking to fulfill Christ's last command to the Church, Free Will Baptists unite in one purpose with one priority to proclaim the good news of the gospel throughout the world.

The FISH , represented in the symbol by the space between the bottom of the sail and the top of the ship's body, is one of the most popular symbols for Jesus Christ. Many believe that it was a secret symbol which identified Christians during periods of persecution. The word "fish" in the first century Greek (ichthus) is an acrostic for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.

The ANCHOR on the bow of the ship symbolizes the Christian hope of salvation, "the sure, strong and steadfast anchor of the soul."

The CROSS forms the emblem in the mast of the ship. It is the most familiar symbol in the history of the world. The CROSS — an instrument of execution and death turned into a worldwide emblem of hope and love by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The BIBLE has always been at the heart of our life as Free Will Baptists, the centrality of the scriptures. Free Will Baptists adopt the Word of God as our only rule of faith and practice. We believe the scriptures to be inspired, inerrant, infallible and immutable.

The LOAF and CUP represent the Lord's supper, one of the gospel ordinances. This ordinance commemorates the death of Christ for our sins in the use of the bread which He made the emblem of His broken body and the cup the emblem of His shed blood. Participation in this ordinance expresses love for Christ, faith and hope in Him, and serves as a pledge of perpetual fidelity and faithfulness to Him.

The BASIN and TOWEL historically symbolize the service and outreach of the church, but for us it has an added significance of representing our practice of washing the saints' feet.

The CLASPED HANDS symbolize many things to us: fellowship, brotherhood and the warmth of our faith. Perhaps the most important thing symbolized by the clasped hands is our commitment to reach out to people around the world with the good news.

NOTES

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS

Date

Time

Location

Central

Sat. November 10, 2007	9:30 AM	Union Temple
Sat. February 9, 2008	9:30 AM	West Greene
Sat. May 10, 2008	9:30 AM	White Pine
Sat. August 9, 2008	9:30 AM	Betheny

Eastern

Fri. Oct. 12, 2007	7:00 PM	Roane Street
Fri. Apr. 11, 2008	7:00 PM	Siempre Gozosos
Fri. July 11, 2008	7:00 PM	Unicoi

Northern

Sat. Oct. 27, 2007	10:00 AM	Eastern Star
Sat. Jan. 26, 2008	10:00 AM	Goshen Valley
Sat. Apr. 26, 2008	10:00 AM	Grassy Creek
Sat. July 26, 2008	10:00 AM	Horse Creek

Western

Sat. Nov. 3, 2007	9:00 AM	Wooddale
Sat. Feb. 2, 2008	9:00 AM	Harden Valley
Sat. May 3, 2008	9:00 AM	Valley View
Sat. Aug 2, 2008	9:00 AM	Fairview
Sat. Nov. 1, 2008	9:00 AM	Forest Grove