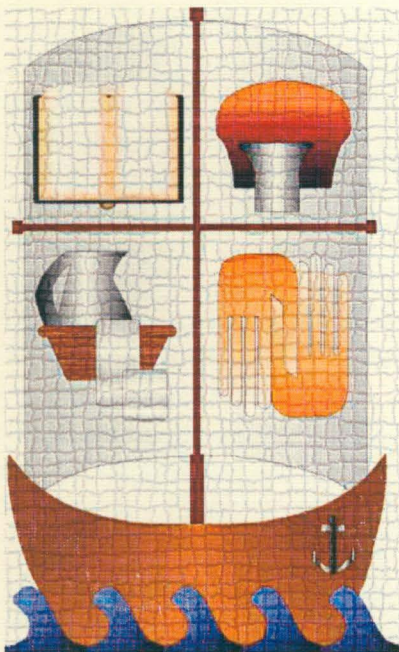


MINUTES

136TH ANNUAL SESSION OF UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Psalm 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the
righteous do?



**LOCATION: OAKS CAMP GROUND
GREENEVILLE, TN
DATE: AUGUST 15-16, 2008**

**MODERATOR: BRO. JESSE HARTGROVE
CLERK: REV. CARL CALLAHAN**



Reverend Doyle Pruett
302 Royce St
Greeneville TN 37743-4465

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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Roster of Officers

		(Term Expires)
Jesse Hartgrove	Moderator	2009
Chris Castle	Assistant Moderator	2009
Carl Callahan	Clerk	Indefinite
Tim Carson	Assistant Clerk	Indefinite
Brian Capps	Treasurer	Indefinite
Nathan Hagood	Assistant Treasurer	Indefinite

General Board

		(Term Expires)
Harold Blankenship	Eastern Quarterly Rep.	2009
	Northern Quarterly Rep.	2010
Larry Arrowood	Ordaining Council Rep	2010
Jeff Blake	Central Quarterly Rep.	2011
Jesse Hartgrove	Moderator	Ex-officio
Chris Castle	Assistant Moderator	Ex-officio
Brian Capps	Treasurer	Ex-officio
Carl Callahan	Clerk	Ex-officio
Chris Dotson	Minister's Conference	
	President	Ex-officio
Rodger Castle	Minister's Conf. Clerk	Ex-officio

WNAC OFFICERS

Amanda Kilgore	President
Faye Elliott	Vice President
Betty Fleshman	Secretary
	Treasurer

Proceedings Of WNAC

The Union District Women Active for Christ met on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at The Oakes in Greeneville, TN.

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Kilgore, President, with scripture reading from Hebrews 12: 1-3 and opened prayer by Jane Bailey. The Registration committee consisting of Betty Fleshman and Ina Page, Finance committee consisting of Glenda Mitchell and Jane Bailey, and Resolution committee consisting of Glenda Mitchell and Jane Bailey were appointed. The secretary's and treasure's report were given and approved as read.

After a short break, the session reconvened with a report from Frank Woods of FWB Family Ministries. The Registration committee gave a report of a total of 18 ladies in attendance, followed by the Finance committee. As of August 16, 2008, there was a \$572.67 balance in the treasury.

The Resolution committee submitted the following. Be it resolved:

1. Continue to support Luis Nunez financially and prayerfully.
2. Continue to support Berea Children's Home in Mexico financially for uniforms and school supplies,
3. Give a \$250.00 offering to missionary Mark Donohue along with offering from morning service.
4. Continue praying for WNAC leaders on all levels.
5. Pray for national election in November, and continue praying for our nation.

Ladies were also reminded of the TWAC retreat September 11-13, at Ridgecrest, NC which will also be our bi-yearly meeting. A nomination committee was appointed and new officer will be elected at our next Union WNAC meeting in 2009.

We were then dismissed in prayer for the morning missionary worship service with Bro. Mark Donohue, missionary to Spain, bringing the message.

The worship service was opened with congregational singing led by Glenda Mitchell, after which the Hardin Valley Trio blessed us with special music. Bro. Donahue brought a message from Genesis 12:1-3 about the "faith Abraham had". We learned Abraham blessed to be a blessing.

After a Spirit filled message in song and in the word, we were dismissed in prayer.

Submitted by Union WNAC Secretary: Betty Fleshman

WNAC Report

Union District Association of Free Will Baptists

From: Amanda Kilgore

Union District Women Active for Christ President

I bring you greetings from the Union District Women Active for Christ. Our business meeting will begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow morning, with the joint mission service at 11 a.m. Mick Donahue, which I believe many of you may have already met, will be our guest speaker, and we are looking forward to hearing about his and his wife, Rachel's, new field of service. It is exciting to see our

missions work reaching more groups of people around the world.

The WAC has changed much over the past few years. While still remaining true to our mission of helping women fulfill Christ's Great Commission, both locally and globally, we are striving to become better students of the Word through monthly Bible studies - written for women by women - as well as daring to tackle tough issues facing women, families and the church today.

I am proud of our members and the work they do. In the past year, \$13,104.65 was taken in and disbursed to the national office and many missionaries and ministries throughout the world and here at home. Over \$4,300 was given to International Missions, and over \$3,000 went to home mission works. We currently have 150 paying members in 18 auxiliaries, and we are working hard to see that number increase this coming year.

Thank you to those who supported our fundraising luncheon today. Begin praying now for the missions offering and service tomorrow. Help us be an encouragement to the Donahue's as they embark on this great adventure to which God has led them.

If your church does not have an active WAC group, maybe you just need a little boost, or your group is currently not a part of our Union Association WAC, I would love to come and speak to your ladies, as would our field worker, Jane Bailey. There is truly strength in numbers, and much can be accomplished when we work together to accomplish goals for God's Kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Kilgore

UDWAC President

PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION

Friday August 15, 2008

Congregational singing

Chris Dotson

Draw Me Nearer

Moderator's Devotion/Call To Order:

Is. 28: 16-17, The Stone is Jesus. The theme of the Union is on the principals of the Word of God. All the Scriptures are brought back to the Corner Stone of Jesus Christ.

Prayer by Brother Howard Munsey

Motion to move from the order to the program, seconded and passed.

Brother Chris Dotson and Mark Ousley. as parliamentarians.

Seating of the voting body:

27 Minister's

0 Deacons

6 Delegates

Reports From Quarterly Meetings:

Central: Jeff Blake

Eastern: Jeff Davis,

Northern: Chris Castle

Western: Darvin Oaks

MSC to adopt reports;

MSC Western Quarterly Meeting to State Association in November to the State by Brother Munsey with much regret.

Camp Report: MSC to adopt Union Assoc Camp report, Tim Carson.

MESF Report: David Reece, Oral Report Given

FWB Board of Retirement: Ray Lewis, motion, second, passed.

MSC to honor Brother Thurman Pate past 28 years of service as treasure.

MSC to give FWBFM gift of \$300.00

Nomination Committee/ Committee on Committees:

Rodger Castle

Treasurer: Brian Capps

Asst. Treasurer: Nathan Haygood

Clerk: Carl Callahan

MSC to adopt Union Treasurer Report, Brian Capps.

MSC to Recess.

Friday Morning-Worship:

Glenda Mitchell—Victory in Jesus (Western Meeting)

Prayer: Gerald Finder

Special Music, Trio from Hardin Valley FWB.

Preaching: Eddie Young

Title: "Our Foundation of Free Will, Free Grace, and Free Salvation."

Rev 22:18-21

Subject: What is Apostasy: We as FWB believe that apostasy is possible, but not probable.

TULIP: John Calvin

Total Depravity:

Unconditional Election

Limited Atonement

Irresistible Grace

Perseverance of The Saints

Man has a Choice: Rev. 3:20

Afternoon Devotion/Call to Order: Psalms 18:3 "So Shall I be Saved."

Ministers 26

Deacons

Delegates 7

WAC 1

Voting Body seated

Reports:

- FWBFM "Little Talk with Jesus"
- State Promotional Secretary
- FWBBC/Kevin Trimble
- TN Home Missions/Kevin Trimble
- Barnabas Connection/ No Report
- WAC/ Amanda Kilgore
- Berea Ministries/ Chris Dotson
- Visiting Missionary Report, Mick Donohue (sp)
Report from Spain/Creative Access Work (Hanna Project)

MSC adopt reports.

Committee on Committee's

- Appreciation Committee
- Obituary Report, motion to leave open to add names as needed.
- Resolution Committee, Howard Munsey

- Prayer Request, Ed Maynard

MSC to adopt reports as read.

- **MSC to have person who gave report to remove the names from the report of the men who did not participate in the report.**

NOTE FOR GENERAL BOARD JAN, 2009 Meeting:

- Have General Board to look at the consolidating the committees because of the representative nature of some of the committees.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- MS to purchase fire proof safe.
- MSC to keep cost at 1,000.00 or less. . One nay vote.
- MSC to adopt amended motion on safe.
- MSC to send Bro. Pate letter from Moderator in recognition of 28 years service as treasurer.
- MSC to have service for Bro. Pate at Tennessee State Association Meeting even if he can't come.
- MSC to purchase some type of accounting software for the treasurer.

MSC for moderator to appoint delegates to the State Association.

Saturday August 16, 2008

Saturday Morning:

- Brother Munsey Preached. Details in Minister's Conference Proceedings.

- Presentation to Berea for the completion for the Munsey Tabernacle. The offering in the amount of \$5,101.75.
- Rev 14:13, Jesse Hartgrove. The work that Brother James did is still going on and still bearing fruit.

WNAC Service:

- Opening service by Amanda Kilgore.
- Prayer: Brother Walter ?? (Did not say his last name)
- Congregation Song: Joy Unspeakable
- Offering
- Congregational Song: "O' How I Love Jesus!"
- Missionary: Mick Donahue, missionary to Spain (Creative Access). Purpose is to reach people who are migrating from N. Africa to Spain.
- Also work inside Morocco. Morocco is a closed country, can stay two weeks as a tourist, otherwise have to have a specific reason to enter the country. Morocco does not allow the Bible in their country. **The Purpose is To Plant Churches. When asked about why entering Morocco, they always tell the government they are there as Christians.**
- Presented video about the people group "Berber's (sp)." A web link to the project can be found at hannaproject.com
- **Preaching: Gen 12:1-3 "The Faith That Abraham Has"**
 - Verse 1, Abraham leave and I will show you. God tells Abraham take a step and I

will show you what I will do. We want to know what God is going to do and then we will take the step. Abraham depends on God and then God reveals His will to Abraham.

- Reason Why:
- Remove the dependence on Him.

Saturday Proceedings:

The Union Association was called to order on Saturday Morning at 11:45am to complete the business of the yearly session.

MSC for the 2009 annual meeting to be at *The Oaks*.

The report of the Registration Committee was received. MSC to adopt the report for inclusion in the 2008 minutes. (See "Reports" section for complete report.)

MSC to adjourn.

GREETINGS SECTION

Central Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association

Greetings from the Central Quarterly Meeting. We currently have a total of 39 churches. The total number of churches with full time pastors is 19, and the total of churches with bi-vocational pastors is 20.

We have seen a total of 132 baptisms this year, and a total of 119 new members were added. We have also seen a loss of 77 members, which gives us a total membership of 3,906. The total number of ordained ministers is 64 and the number of licensed ministers is 15. We have 96 ordained deacons.

We, of the Central Quarterly meeting, are looking forward to the opportunities and the challenges of the coming year. Currently, our one Hispanic church is doing very well, with Brother Luis working hard, as his church continues to grow.

We appreciate our churches and their commitment to serving Jesus Christ. May we always pray Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Central Quarterly Moderator

Jeff Blake

Eastern Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association

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. We give God thanks that the Siempre Gozosos Free Will Baptist Church has gone self-supporting.

During the past year, we lost 66 members and added 13 members, which gives us a total membership of 1225. We have a total of 15 ordained ministers and 2 licensed ministers.

We are sorry to report that the Roan Street Free Will Baptist Church in Elizabethton has withdrawn from our quarterly meeting.

The Eastern Quarterly will convene at the following places during 2008-2009:

October 10, 2008 - Unicoi Free Will Baptist Church in Unicoi, TN

April 10, 2009 - Embreeville Free Will Baptist Church in Erwin, TN

July 10, 2009 - Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church in Erwin,
TN.

Respectfully, Jackie Cole, Moderator

Northern Quarterly Moderator's Report

Statistically, the Northern Quarterly Meeting has:

-20 Churches (Includes the recent addition of Wayland
FWB Church, Gray, TN)

-4 Full time pastors

-16 Bi-Vocational pastors

-1 Licensed minister...Adam Castle

-1 Minister coming Ratification...Jason "Bo" Castle

Upcoming events for the Northern will include:

-Walk-a-thon for FWB International Missions. Sept. 20th,
2008 at MT. Carmel FWB Church.

-Jubilee Meeting Oct. 25, 2008 at Macedonia FWB Church.
We will be honoring the deacons of our churches at the
Jubilee Meeting.

Submitted,

Christopher S. Castle

Moderator: Northern Quarterly-Union

Western Quarterly Conference

2008 Moderator's report to the Union Association

Greetings to the Union Association of Free Will
Baptists. The Western Quarterly consists of 14 churches in
five counties. Eight of our churches have parsonages. The
total property value is over \$5,000,000. We have 21
ordained preachers and 32 ordained deacons serving a
membership of over 1,170.

Total enrolment is as follows:

Sunday School - 545

CTS - 192

WAC - 80

Master's Men - 41

In our Annual Meeting on August 2, 2008, the Western Quarterly Conference voted unanimously to form our own association under the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists.

We petition the Union Association of Free Will Baptist in their August, 2008, meeting to release us to the care of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists pending acceptance of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists in their yearly meeting in November, 2008.

REPORTS SECTION:

Report of the Appreciation Committee

1. Family Ministries and staff of the Oaks.
2. Moderator Jesse Hartgrove and the entire General Board for their hard work in planning the annual meeting.
3. Chris Dotson for his outstanding ability in directing the singing.
4. Harvey and Madge Crain for the wonderful meals.
5. Very special thanks to Thurman Pate Sr. for his many years service as Union Association Treasurer.
6. We appreciate the faithfulness of the churches of the Western Quarterly Meeting.
7. The U.S soldier boys who fight for our country.
8. Howard Munsey and Berea Ministries.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jackie Cole
Bobby Greene
Teddy Waters
Dennis Spears

General Board: January, 2008

In January the General Board met at Peace FWB Church in Morristown TN. The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jesse Hartgrove, and a devotion and prayer followed.

- The General Board chose for the theme of the 136th Annual meeting to be: "If The Foundations be Destroyed, what can the righteous do?" From Psalm 11:3.
- The agenda for the meeting was also set.
- The General Board voted to promote the, "James Munsey Memorial Fund." With the offering to be taken on August, 10th, Brother Munsey's birthday. The offering will be presented to Berea at the Union Meeting.
- The General Board voted to recognize the widow's of the ministers of the Union Association.
- The General Board voted to have a "Tent Revival" type meeting.
- Brother Pate gave the treasures report.

General Board: Thursday August 14, 2008

The General Board of the Union Free Will Baptist Association met on Aug. 14th, 2008 at the Oaks Campground to conduct any business that may come before the board. Members present were: Carl Callahan, Jesse Hartgrove, Chris Castle, Lynn Neas, Larry Arrowood, Rodger Castle. Also present were Edward Maynard and Brian Capps.

Moderator Jesse Hartgrove called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. He read from Acts 20:17-24 and 2 Tim. 4:6-8. His devotion centered on Paul finishing his course with joy. Paul determined to finish his course in Acts 20, and in 2 Tim 4 he said, "I have finished my course."

Brother Lynn Neas also read from John 15:11. Prayer requests were received and afterward prayer was offered.

Carl Callahan had on hand the minutes of the Union Free Will Baptist Association for every 10th year beginning in 1888.

Brian Capps gave the report of the Treasurer. Balance on hand as of Aug 1, 2008 was \$17,863.13.

MSC to present a motion from the General Board to the Association to purchase a fire proof safe to store past treasurer's records and also the collection of minutes.

MSC to make Brother Brian Capps a voting member of the board for the day.

MSC to make Brother Ed Maynard a voting member of the board for the day.

MSC to present a motion from the General Board to the Association to give Bro. Thurman Pate a plaque honoring his 27 years of faithful service as treasurer of the Union Association and also that he be given a personal gift of appreciation of \$1,000 from the Union Association.

MSC to present a motion from the General Board to the Association to set honorariums for the 2008 meeting as follows:

Moderator: \$450.00 Clerk: \$450.00 Treasurer \$850.00
Speakers \$250.00 each

MSC to present a motion from the General Board to the Association to give FWBFM \$300.00 in appreciation of hosting the Union Association.

MSC to present a motion from the General Board to the Association for the Oaks Campground to be the meeting location for the 2009 annual meeting of the Union.

Annual meeting dates for 2009 to be Friday, Aug. 14th and Saturday Aug. 15th.

MSC for the Moderator to appoint a committee to assist with the timely publication of the minutes of this year's meeting.

MSC to allow the moderator to appoint a committee to make necessary changes to the Union Association Constitution and bylaws. (These will include only changes

made necessary by the loss of the Western Quarterly Meeting and when completed must be approved by the Union Association voting body at the 2009 annual meeting.) Moderator Jesse Hartgrove appointed the following committee to this task: Carl Callahan, Chris Castle, and Larry Arrowood.

MSC to purchase long stem roses for each person receiving a certificate of appreciation from the Union FWB Association as widows of deceased Union Association ministers.

MSC to adjourn.

Memorial Committee:

Nominating Committee:

Union Free Will Baptist Association Report of 2008 Nominating Committee

General Board Member, Central Quarterly Meeting:
Nominee: Jeff Blake

Treasurer:	Nominee:	Brian Capps
Assistant Treasurer:	Nominee	Nathan Hagood
Clerk:	Nominee:	Carl Callahan

Committee On Committees:

Appreciation Committee:	Eastern:	Jackie Cole
	Central:	Bobby Greene
	Western:	Teddy Waters
	Northren:	Dennis Spears

Memorial Committee:	Eastern:	Gregory Sergent
	Central:	Gary Norton
	Western:	Bradley Capps
	Northern:	Gary Cavin

Registration Committee: Eastern: E.Y. Bailey
Central: Doyle Pruitt
Western: Harry Mintz
Northern: Derek Bell

Prayer Committee Eastern: Thurman Sullivan
Central: Dennis Caldwell
Western: Robert Hobbs
Northern: Edward Maynard

Resolution Committee: Eastern: Harold Blankenship
Central: David Reece
Western: Roger Hayley
Northern: Danny Willis

Respectfully Submitted Rodger Castle Sr. Chair
Howard Munsey
Jeff Davis
Bradley Capps

Prayer Request Committee:

**Prayer Committee Report
To
Union Association of Free Will Baptists August 15, 2008**

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 the success of the Union Association for the next year.
- Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Webb.
- Pray for Mick Donohue
- Standing vote of thanks to the FWBFM.

Respectfully Submitted: Ed Maynard, Dennis Caldwell

Registration Committee:

For the 136th Annual Session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist, the following names and numbers were submitted:

Ministers	50
Deacons	7
Delegates	6

Total Voting Body	63
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Visitors	74
WAC	18

This makes a grand total of 137 Registered.

We are sure there were some who failed to register.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Derek Bell
Rev. Doyle Pruett

*(**Note: Although the names of those registered are not printed in the minutes, they were submitted to the Clerk of the Union Association by the Registration Committee.*

Report of the Resolution Committee

Whereas: The Western Quarterly Meeting has expressed its desire to secede from the Union Association of Free Will Baptist, and, Whereas: This secession is under good terms, with no animosity nor ill will; Therefore be it resolved that this association extend to them our deepest regrets for our loss and our best regards for their future success for Christ's cause and Free Will Baptist.

Be it further resolved; that we express our thanks and gratitude for one hundred and thirty-six years of splendid fellowship and great effort to extend the Kingdom of God in the earth. Chairman: Howard Munsey

Central QM Clerk Report:

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

Meeting at Central to Union
(Name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association) (Name of District Association or State Association)
Meeting at Oaks Greenville Tn Church on August 15-16, 2003
(Date)
Period of time this report covers: From August 1, 2002 to August 1, 2003
Present Moderator's Name Ken Teit Blake Telephone (423) 636-130
Mailing Address 725 Old Newgate Hwy
City Greenville State Tn Zip 37743

DELEGATES:

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 38
2. Total number of churches in:
City/Town 2 Rural 32
3. Total number of churches reporting 38
4. Total number of churches with:
Full-time pastors 12
Bi-vocational pastors 26

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 132
2. Total members added 117
3. Total members lost 77
4. Total membership 3726

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income of all churches \$ 2,646,923.12
2. Total number of churches with budgets 214

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with parsonages 4
2. Total value of all church property, including parsonages \$ 13,554,944.91

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 64
licensed ministers* 15
2. Total number of ordained deacons 96
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 212
5. Total CTS enrollment 111
6. Total WNAC enrollment 179
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 18

Number of district association minutes requested 119

Number of state association minutes requested 116

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

Signed: Clerk's Name Tim Carlson Telephone (423) 637-6435

Mailing Address 210 Ryers Lane

City Greenville State Tn Zip 37743

*Attach names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

Order from Executive Office, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tennessee 37011-5002.

Please make a photocopy for your records.

Form 503 (Rev. 2/04)

Eastern QM Clerk Report:

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

Eastern Ql. Mt. of Union to Union Assoc.
(Name of Quarterly Meeting or District Association) (Name of District Association or State Association)

Meeting at The Oaks Church on Aug 15-16, 2008
(Date)

Period of time this report covers: From July, 2007 to June, 2008

Present Moderator's Name Jackie Cole Telephone (423) 477-8879

Mailing Address 108 McKinney Circle

City Gray State TN Zip 37615

DELEGATES:

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 10
2. Total number of churches in:
City/Town 7 Rural 3
3. Total number of churches reporting 10
4. Total number of churches with:
Full-time pastors 6
Bi-vocational pastors 4

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 31
2. Total members added 13
3. Total members lost 66
4. Total membership 1225

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income of all churches \$ 475,000.00
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 property,
including parsonages \$ 3,000,000.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 15
licensed ministers* 7
2. Total number of ordained deacons 30
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 625
5. Total CTS enrollment 50
6. Total WNAC enrollment 64
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 0

Number of district association minutes requested _____

Number of state association minutes requested _____

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

Signed: Clerk's Name Jeff Davis Telephone (423) 288-2538

Mailing Address 160 Kingsley Ave

City Kingsport State TN Zip 37660

*Attach names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

Order from Executive Office, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tennessee 37011-5002.

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Northern QM Clerk Report:

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 The Calcs Church on August 15-16, 2008
(Date)

Period of time this report covers: From July, 2007 to July, 2008

Present Moderator's Name Chris Castle Telephone (423) 502-3847

Mailing Address 628 Fordtown Road

City Full Branch State TN Zip 37656

DELEGATES: Trish Cradic Jim Phaten
Nona Lawson Rex Miller
Emmitt Smith
Larry Jennings
Peggy Jones

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Total number of churches 20
2. Total number of churches in:
City/Town 2 Rural 18
3. Total number of churches reporting 18
4. Total number of churches with:
Full-time pastors 4
Bi-vocational pastors 16

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total number of baptisms 56
2. Total members added 161
3. Total members lost 118
4. Total membership 1574

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total income of all churches \$ 971,244.00
2. Total number of churches with budgets 2

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total number of churches with parsonages 2
2. Total value of all church property, including parsonages \$ 4,871,400.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total number of ordained ministers* 42
licensed ministers* 12
2. Total number of ordained deacons 50
3. Total number of churches with:
Day Care —
Kindergarten —
Christian Day School —
Bible Institute —
College —
4. Total Sunday School enrollment 975
5. Total CTS enrollment 0-
6. Total WNAC enrollment 63
7. Total Master's Men enrollment 0-

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 Vacars (DEBRA VACARS) Telephone (423) 349-4839
Mailing Address 106 WINCHESTER DRIVE
City KINGSPORT State TN Zip 37663

*Attach names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

Order from Executive Office, P.O. Box 5002, Antioch, Tennessee 37011-5002.
Please make a photocopy for your records.

Form 503 (Rev. 2/04)

Union Association Clerk Report to State Association

ANNUAL REPORT FROM UNION FWB ASSOCIATION

TO

TENNESSEE STATE ASSOCIATION FWB

Meeting at Pigeon Forge, TN on November 10-12, 2008.

Period of time this report covers: From July, 2007 to July, 2008.

**Present Moderator's Name: Jesse Hartgrove Telephone:
423-247-5061**

Mailing Address: 1304 Ridgecrest Av.

City: Kingsport State: TN Zip: 37660

**Delegates: Harvey Crain
Madge Crain
Gale Eidson**

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

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|---|----|
| 1. Total Number of Churches | 69 |
| 2. Total Number of Churches in
City/Town 16 Rural 53 | |
| 3. Total Number of Churches
Reporting | 67 |
| 4. Total Number of Church with:
Full Time Pastors | 29 |
| Bi-Vocational Pastors | 40 |

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total Number of Baptisms	219
2. Total Members added	293
3. Total Members Lost	261
4. Total Membership	6,705

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Total Income of all Churches	\$4,093,147.12
2. Total Number of Churches with Budgets	8

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Total Number of Churches with Parsonages	10
2. Total Value of all Church Property, Including Parsonages	\$9,227,394.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Total Number of Ordained Ministers	121
Licensed Ministers	29
2. Total Number of Ordained Deacons	144
3. Total Number of Churches with:	
Day Care	0
Kindergarten	0
Christian Day School	0
Bible Institute	0
4. Total SS Enrollment (Only 2 QM Reporting)	1600
5. Total CTS Enrollment	50
6. Total WNAC Enrollment	306
7. Total Master's Men	19

Total Number of State Association Minutes:

Requesting 200

Clerk's Name: Carl Callahan
1514 Christian Bend Rd.
Church Hill, TN 37642
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Carlcallahan@earththink.net

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries

Report to the Union Association

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries has been caring for children since 1939, and we exist today only because of the continued support and prayers from friends like you. Allow us to share with you some great news of celebration. *Since the beginning of this year, 106 youth have been saved, 27 rededicated their lives, and 11 were baptized.* Through our child care services, many hurting boys and girls have found refuge in the loving, nurturing environment of our group homes and foster care program. *In 2007, God allowed us to see 101 young people accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, there were 52 rededications, 36 followed Him in Christian baptism and one young man announced his call to preach!* We thank you for your vital role in helping us meet the physical, emotional & spiritual needs of children & families.

The Hope Center, our crisis pregnancy/resource center, currently has a client base of 500+. On average, we are distributing 150+ packs of diapers & 100+ packages of baby wipes per month. In 2007, 69 babies were born to our clients. This year, the number continues to grow almost daily as we add clients who hear of our services and need help. Through our "Earn While You Learn" program, moms can earn "Mommy Dollars", (redeemable for baby items) by attending parenting, nutrition & GED classes & through volunteering at The Hope Center. Our current needs include: diapers-size newborn, 2, 3, 4 & 5, baby

wipes, baby wash, lotion, shampoo & used furniture (cribs, high chairs, toddler size car seats, etc.) For more information, contact Sharon Hodgens, at 423-638-5433.

Our Oaks Retreat Center is blessed with extraordinary natural beauty and fine facilities. This year round facility is budget friendly; an ideal place for vacations, retreats, reunions, celebrations, training, meetings, activities, camps and team building. Amenities include a Tabernacle, cabins, full-service RV sites, outside pavilion and prayer chapel, lodge & activities center. What a great opportunity from your senior youth to your senior citizens to enjoy activities any time of the year. For reservations or more information about the Oaks, contact Shari Oster at 423-470-2226.

The Laurels Retirement and Assisted Living Facility, in Wise, VA, continues to welcome residents to this beautiful and safe home, where they can build friendships, find peace of mind and any needed assistance with daily activities. This summer, our seniors have been busy enjoying weekly outings and fun activities. For more info, contact 276-393-7289.

Groundbreaking for our new assisted living facility, "The Governor's Bend", in Erwin, TN, was held on Wednesday, July 16th. This will be the first assisted living facility in Unicoi County, TN. The 45,000 sq. foot facility will consist of a 54-room assisted living residence. Because the county has not had such a facility, Erwin residents have had to move into another community when they need this type of care. Construction is to begin in the winter of 2008 with a completion date in the spring of 2010.

Catch the Vision! "Where there is no vision, the people perish ... " Prov. 29:18

We are looking for individuals/families to join us as we strive to reach our *vision* of raising \$1,000,000 to offset our annual operating budget. Consider becoming a partner in our "20/20 Vision" giving plan. We need 5,000 committed individuals to give just \$20 per month, (that's

less than 70 cents per day). Please unite with us in this mission, and help us reach our goal of ONE MILLION! Free giving envelopes available by calling 423-278-1564.

We are in need of House Parents. We are seeking those who are interested in taking on the role of meeting the direct needs of our youth. If God is tugging at your heart to care for young people, please call Suzy Cloyd, at 423-278-1573.

Contact Numbers: Note of interest to anyone who is planning a trip to our campus or bringing donations during the weekend. Because the administrative offices are closed on Saturday and Sunday, it is necessary to schedule your visit with one of the following contacts: Frank Woods, 423-470-2100 or Mary Crum, 423-278-1564.

Missionary Encouragement Support Foundation

Board of Retirement

Thank you for the opportunity to bring you greetings from the Board of Retirement and Insurance. I'd also like to thank those of you in the Union Association who have entrusted us with at least some of your retirement funds. It is a privilege we do not take lightly.

The Board of Retirement believes that God greatly cares about your financial future. For more than 39 years our main ministry, our mission has been to assist our ministers and lay employees in achieving long term financial well being.

It's been said that he who fails to plan, plans to fail. And nowhere is that concept illustrated more clearly than with retirement planning. A sound financial plan can be the difference between the retirement of your dreams and the nightmare of discovering you have too little money, too late to change your financial course.

Retirement planning is not always easy, especially if you wait till later. However, contributions made earlier in your career, even if small will grow into a nice nest egg by retirement time.

The Board of Retirement has a plan to help you to take care of your family and your financial needs during your latter years.

Our program is open to all Free Will Baptist ministers, including pastors, evangelists, and administrators. The plan is also available to any other church related staff, including employees of daycare facilities or schools operated by a Free Will Baptist church.

The Board of Retirement is set up to help you meet your retirement goals.

We now manage over \$43 million for almost 1600 individuals. We have 124 individuals receiving monthly income totaling \$78,440.23.

All of our funds are screened to eliminate stocks in companies that deal specifically in tobacco, alcohol, gambling, pornography and Hollywood entertainment.

If you have retirement funds someplace else, you can roll the funds over to the Board of Retirement.

The Board of Retirement offers a loan feature to not yet retired participants to borrow against their retirement account without any tax consequences.

While there is no secret formula to successfully retiring, the Board of Retirement is dedicated to helping you identify and reach your financial goals, making retirement comfortable for you and your loved ones.

Berea Ministries Inc. Report to the Union Association
Rev. Howard Munsey, President
Dr. Chris Dotson, Director

The Association of Free Will Baptist Churches in Mexico was held in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca July 25-27, 2008. More than 300 Free Will Baptists from across the nation gathered for that annual meeting. I had feared that the attendance would be low since we had never met this far south before. Chris Dotson's message on Saturday witnessed forty people at the altar, many of them young people devoting themselves to the task of reaching their own people for Christ. Howard Munsey preached on Sunday on "Paul's Farewell Address to the Ephesians." The emphasis again was on the Mexicans reaching Mexicans in order to build up and give them an inheritance among the sanctified.

Harvest Child Care Ministries' Orphanage is one of the brightest successes that I have witnessed on any mission field. They have superbly trained an administrator, funded one of the highest quality facilities and have the best satisfied, well behaved group of children that I have seen. It is a joy to be partners with them in reaching Mexico for Christ.

Five years ago, the state of Oaxaca did not have a single Free Will Baptist in it; but Free Will Baptists now have 19 churches and missions. The growing church at Ayotzintepc, pastored by Manuel Martinez Ortiz, is the largest Free Will Baptist Church in our Association.

Many of our churches are on the move for the Lord. Hilerino (Lalo) Gonzalez in Monterrey recently reported 38 saved during revivals. Costa Rican pastor Pablo Fernandez recently baptized 25 who had been won to Christ. Manuel Alvarez and wife Leydi, both graduates of El Seminario

Bíblico La Cruz, have recently acquired choice property with a building already on it in Mecatlan, Vera Cruz where they have been serving for two years.

We are grateful for the faithful support from Union Association churches, especially the recent James Munsey Memorial Offering Sunday. Our pastors are in continued need of your support, which may be mailed to PO Box 57, Morristown, TN 37815. For more information contact us at chris.dotson@bereaministries.org or (423) 318-2202.

Thursday Night Service:

On Thursday, Aug. 14th, 2008, an evening worship service was held at 7:00pm to kick off the 2008 Annual Union Association Meeting. This service was conducted in the Tabernacle at the Oaks Campground.

The service began with devotion and prayer. Music was conducted by Brother Chris Dotson. The message was delivered by Brother Jesse Hartgrove, having the subject, *Our Free Will Baptist Foundation: Observing the Ordinances of the Gospel*. The message focused upon the biblical criteria of an ordinance and the fact that the observance of feet washing meets these criteria.

Following the message, the Lord's supper and feet washing were observed with much rejoicing of the saints. Afterward, the Spirit of God moved upon many to sing and testify. The service was closed with the congregational singing of *Amazing Grace*. This service was such that it will not soon be forgotten by those who were in attendance. God be praised for the presence of His Spirit in this special service!

Tennessee State Office Report:

It is a pleasure to serve as the promotional director of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists. Thank you for the warm Christian welcome you give me each time

I attended your associational meetings. Every quarterly meeting of the Union Association has been very supportive of the work of our state. You have a long history of service to our Lord as well as being a strong defender of our doctrine as Free Will Baptists. You have also opened your pulpits to me and allowed me to preach the Word and promote the causes of missions, Christian education, denominational enterprises, youth work and other benevolent work God has allowed us to be a part of for His glory.

As Tennessee Free Will Baptists, you can be proud of the blessings God has poured out upon the extended ministries outside of our own church walls. Your participation has enabled Free Will Baptists to do greater things than we could have done alone in our individual churches. I am proud of our state sponsored ministries like the Free Will Baptists Family Ministries which ministers not only in the state of Tennessee but to neighboring states like Virginia and Arkansas. Our home and international missionaries are making great sacrifices to carry the gospel and build churches that will preach the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. Tennessee Free Will Baptists still lead the way in supporting our Bible College and other national agencies. The Don and Billie Sexton Missions Project has been a life saver for our missionaries for many years. The Union Association has been one of the most faithful supporters.

Most of the challenges in our state could be cured with greater unity. The great distances between our churches in the East, West, and Middle; our diversity in worship styles; and what each of us think us good music, sometimes makes us uncomfortable , but if we could worship together as a group more often, I believe we could learn from each other and even learn to appreciate one another. I invite you to come to our state association in Pigeon Forge in November and to our state retreat in March to get to know your denominational family.

Another great need among us gets back to how to fund our various ministries. The recent restructuring of the International Missions Department is a good example. Most of us realize there must be a better way to fund our ministries. Our representatives of the various ministries are wearing themselves out going from church to church to raise support. Our churches are often worn out by the number of appeals. I have come to believe strongly that some type of unified or cooperative fundraising is the answer. If churches would set aside a percentage of their offerings and give proportionately, all of our needs denominationally would be supplied. There will always be a desire for us to give extra to ministries that are "special" to us, but if every church would give a little to a plan like the "Unified Ministry Plan", working together we could do almost anything we wanted to do.

May God bless you. I thank God for all of our pastors and their wives. Please let me know how I can serve you.

Your Partner in Ministry,
Glenn Poston, Promotional Director

The Barnabas Connection Report

Most people love a "love story". You'll find a real one in the Old Testament Book of Ruth. Naomi with her husband had left Bethlehem during national famine. It was supposed to be just a short trip for a brief time (sojourn-Ruth 1:1), but it became a long journey that ended in sorrow and heartbreak. Naomi's husband died along with their two grown sons. You probably know how that Naomi's daughters-in-law wanted to go with her when she returned to Bethlehem. Naomi told them to go back to their families. One did but Ruth could not be persuaded

"And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I

will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"

Naomi returned home a widow. But God steps in with His marvelous grace and mercy. And the 'love story' begins! Naomi sends Ruth, the poor young widow, to the harvest fields to follow behind the reapers and gather the grain they dropped. This, called *gleaning*, was one of God's ways to provide for the poor and widows.

"When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands." (Deut 24:19)

A near-kinsman of Naomi's husband named Boaz meets Ruth while she's gleaning. It's 'love at first sight'. He has already heard of her faithfulness to her widowed mother-in-law and her personal faith in God. He tells her to eat with his female servants and not to go to any other fields during the harvest season. Wait till you hear this! He tells his reapers to ...

"... let fall also some of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them and rebuke her not." (Ruth 2:16)

Well, you know the rest of the story. Boaz and Ruth get married. And generations later they are listed in Matthew's list of the genealogy of Christ. Just read the 4-chapter Book of Ruth! It's great!

The precious truth I remind us of today is God's *promise* to take care of us. Sometimes, it's the *"handfuls" of purpose* that He uses to *provide*. We may think the 'blessings' just happen but not for one second! The little word, *"of"* shows the resource of the *"handfuls"*. They come by His choice of *"purpose"*. And

behind this "*purpose*" we know God has a *plan* for us. When we realize this, the "*handfuls of purpose*" from Him encourages us. And that encouragement brings such *peace*! And all put together, it is a reminder of His *presence* with us. How can we be truly needy? Nothing is without meaning, nor are we ever alone.

In closing, sometimes I see Churches, Ministries, (such as Bible Colleges and Child Care), Missionaries and Pastors, struggling to make ends meet, I ask, "Why?". But then I think of some of the men and women of old and see how they often struggled. I think of Peter and John who said they had no silver or gold. Then I think of our precious Savior Who said, "*Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.*" (Luke 9:58).

Yours for Biblical Encouragement,

Rodney

311 W. Doe Ave. Elizabethton, TN 37643 / (423) 542-9193 /
Encouraging Others To a "Barnabas Ministry

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Youth Camp:

WE HAD A GREAT TWO WEEKS OF CAMP THIS YEAR. OUR THEME WAS FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 9:24. *KNOW YE NOT THAT THEY WHICH RUN IN A RACE RUN ALL, BUT ONE RECEIVETH THE PRIZE? SO RUN, THAT YE MAY OBTAIN.*

WE HAD 76 SR. WITH 15 FIRST TIME CAMPERS AND IN JR. WEEK WE HAD 102 CAMPERS WITH 51 OF THEM AS FIRST TIME CAMPERS. AT THE END OF CAMP WE HAD A TOTAL OF 34 KIDS TO GIVE THERE HEARTS TO THE LORD AND MANY WERE ON THE ALTER EVERY NIGHT IN TEARS.

NEXT YEAR OUR THEME IS "LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIS JESUS" FROM PHILIPPIANS 2:5 WHICH WILL BE STUDIED FROM PHILIPPIANS 4:8 "FINALLY, BRETHREN, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE TRUE, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE HONEST, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE JUST, WHATSOEVER ARE PURE, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE LOVELY, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE OF GOOD REPORT; IF THERE BE ANY VIRTUE, AND IF THERE BE ANY PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS."

NEXT YEAR DATES: SR. WEEK JUNE 7-11 JR. WEEK JUNE 14-18

YOUR SERVANT, TIM CARSON

Union Association Financial Report May-July

Balance Forward	\$4520.45
Revenues	
Bethany	160.00
Community Chapel	400.00
Faith	168.00
Fellowship	120.00
First Newport	60.00
Harris Memorial	1,056.00
Jackson's Chapel	275.00
Liberty	2,100.00
McMillian	12.00
Mount Carmel	75.00
New Home	39.00
Pine View	65.00
St. Joseph	30.00
Surgoinsville	500.00
Union Chapel	238.15
White Pine	75.00
Van Hill	400.00
Western Quarterly Ministers Conference	25.00
Misc.	188.48
Total	\$5986.63
Disbursements	
Berea	\$ 225.00
Bible College	582.00

Camp	300.00
Co-Op	450.00
Family Ministries	418.00
Fees	75.00
Foreign Missions	2,529.15
Home Missions	539.00
National Executive Office	132.00
TN Promotional Office	307.00
Sexton's Medical Fund	30.00
Northern Quarterly	5.00
 Total Disbursements	 \$5,592.15
 Balance Forward	 \$4,520.45
Add funds designated to general	394.48
 Expenses	
Check Order	52.00
Postage Expense	7.72
 Balance as of August 1, 2008	 \$4,855.21
 Balance to Checking Account	 \$13,007.92
 Total in Account as of August 1, 2008	 \$17,863.13

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 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.
2. The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of and the President and Clerk of the Minister's Conference shall serve ex-officio (serveing on the General Board as long as they hold office).
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.

SECTION 6: QUALIFICATIONS

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.

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 speak, but in no case shall be allowed to vote.
7. The moderator shall allow discussion carried on in a Christian spirit, discussion which sows discord or division will not be tolerated.
8. Anyone refusing the admonition of the moderator shall be barred from participation until public repentance has been made and accepted.
9. Those desiring to speak shall rise to 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 in the Minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association shall be denied voting privileges in all in all business of the association of the association and will be prohibited from serving as officers or holding a standing committee position.
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. Parliamentary
 - A. Appointed by the President from among the membership for each session.
- 7. Any other officers that the Ministers' Conference deems necessary, provided such officers are elected by a majority vote of its members.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: PRESIDENT

- 1. Preside over all meetings.
- 2. Enforce order and decorum while demanding a rigid respect for the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the Ministers' Conference and the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
- 3. Ensure each member is given equal rights and privileges under the Constitution.
- 4. Be responsible for calling special sessions as necessary, setting the venue for such sessions, and notifying the members of such sessions.
- 5. Appoint all committees needful for the transaction of the 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 become 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 MinistryThe 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. CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION THAT HAVE EARNED PASTORAL DEGREES.

It is highly recommended that a candidate desiring credentials in the Union association enter the ordination process one year before graduation.

A candidate desiring the credentials of the Union Association as an ordained minister must satisfy the following requirements:

1. The candidate must be a graduate from Free Will Baptist College, Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Gateway Free Will Baptist College, or California Christian College. He must have a major in pastoral Training.
2. The candidate must meet all license requirements as detailed in Article VII, Section B.
3. The candidate must be licensed for a period of 1 year before being considered for ordination.
4. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a copy of his college manuscript.
5. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a completed Ordination exam.
6. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a letter of recommendation from his local church.
7. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a letter of recommendation from his Quarterly Conference.

SECTION F: 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*)

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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 15, 2008

Rev. Chris Dotson, Vice-President, called the Minister's Conference to order.

Rev. Larry Arrowood gave a partial report of the Ordaining Council.

The Ordaining Council recommended the following constitutional change:

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Section F: Restrictions on Ordination

Rev. Darvin Oakes submitted his written resignation from the Union Association Ordaining Council due to the Western QM withdrawing from the Union Association.

MSC to adopt the report.

MSC to lay on the table the proposed Constitution change.

MSC to adjourn until Saturday, August 16, 2008.

Friday evening Ordination Service - August 15, 2008

Singing "Just Over In The Gloryland", led by Rev. Chris Dotson, opened the service.

Rev. Dennis Daugherty, pastor First FWB Church, White Pine, TN led prayer.

Call to worship by Rev. Chris Dotson, reading from 1 Tim 1: 12-17.

Song, "*Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*"

Offering was received for the Minister's Conference.
Prayer by Rev. Kevin Trimble. Offertory song, "*Standing on the Promises of God*". Offering received was \$338.00.
Rev. Billy Gragg, chairman of the Ordaining Council presented the following members: Rev. Lynn Neas, Central; Rev. Jeff Davis, Eastern; Rev. Larry Arrowood, at-large member; Rev. Darvin Oakes, Western.

Rev. Billy Gragg introduced the following candidates:

Ratification: Jason "BO" Castle

Exchange: Robert "Junior" Shipley

Ordination: Jeff Daugherty

A special presentation was made to the widows of deceased ministers. A certificate of appreciation and a long stem red rose were presented to the following:

Wife	Husband
Charlsie Neas	Rev. Ray Neas
Sylvia Bradley	Dr. Burnie Bradley
Mary Cannon	Rev. Glenn Cannon
Maze Price	Rev. V. O. Price
Doris Holt	Rev. Richard Hall
Levada smith	Rev. Homer Ray Smith
Geraldine Stiles	Rev. J. B. Stiles
Wanda Whetsel	Rev. Earl Whetsel
Bernice Burkey Ward	Rev. Floyd Burkey
Vivian Renfro	Rev. Arthur Renfro
Eleanor Lawing	Rev. Pete Lawing
Francis Olterman	Rev. Robert Olterman
Dorothy Christian	Rev. R. C. Christian
Ruby Strickler	Rev. Herbert Strickler
Virginia Parker	Rev. Robert Parker Jr.
June Luster Roberts	Rev. Arthur Luster
Peggy Bowery	Rev. John Bowery
Rita Gardener	Rev. Bill Gardener
Roberta Kelly Estep	Rev. Jesse Kelly
Mary Hall	Rev. Glenn Hall
Mitzi Munsey Satterfield	Rev. James Munsey
Linda Hall Rolan	Rev. Ty Hall
Helen Margaret Davis	Rev. Charles Davis
Hilda Webb	Rev. Kenneth Webb

Song: "*Blessed Assurance*"

Special singing from Kevin Rose, Midfield FWB Church.

Ordination message by Rev. Billy Gragg. He read from Ex 4: 1-2, 6-9. The theme for the meeting is "Strengthening the

Foundation". Bro. Gragg preached on three (3) statements of God to Moses.

1. What's in your hand? VS 2
2. What's on your hand? VS 6
3. What is your hand doing? VS 9

At the conclusion of the message the candidates were invited forward and kneeled. Their wives knelt behind them. The Ordaining Council laid their hands on the candidates and Rev. Darvin Oakes led the ordination prayer.

Rev. Larry Arrowood presented the Ordination Credentials.

MSC to bring these men into the Minister's Conference.

MSC to dismiss until the Saturday morning meeting.

Saturday morning August 16, 2008

Rev. Norman Heath, President of the Minister's Conference, opened the meeting. Rev. Heath gave a devotion on "*Pray Without Ceasing*". Rev. Heath closed the devotion with prayer.

Rev. Larry Arrowood presented a complete Ordaining Council report.

The Western QM requested to be removed from the Union Association effective Nov 2008, pending approval of the Tennessee State Association.

MSC to approve the report.

MSC to remove the proposed constitutional change from the table.

MSC to amend item #1 to:

The candidate must be a graduate of a Christian College and possess a degree that satisfies the Ordaining Council's discretion.

MSC to adopt the amended Constitutional change.

MSC for Ordaining Council to look at item #1 and, if necessary, bring recommended changes to the 2009 meeting.

The Nomination Committee presented the following recommendations for officers:

President: Rev. Chris Dotson

Vice President: Rev. Ken Smith

Clerk: Rev. Rodger C. Castle Sr.

Asst Clerk: Rev. Ed Maynard

MSC to accept the above slate of officers

Nominating Committee for 2009 were appointed as:

Central - Rev. David Reece

Eastern - Rev. Harold Blankenship

Northern - Rev. Ed Maynard

MSC to approve recommendation from the Ordaining Council to transfer the list of ministers from the Western QM to the TN State Association of FWB.

MSC to adjourn the business.

Saturday morning Service - August 16, 2008

Preaching by Rev. Howard Munsey, "*Conditional Preservation and the Possibility of Apostasy*". Rev. Munsey read from Heb 6: 4-6; 10: 24-31, and Ezek 33: 12-16

Eternal security doctrine states that the saints are Preserved. FWB doctrine states that the saints Persevere. If we couldn't be lost, why did God waste so much space in Scripture warning against sin?

MSC to adjourn until the meeting in August 2009.

MSC = Moved, Second, Carried

Ordaining Council Report

1. Ordaining Council met on Aug 18, 2008 at The Oaks Campground, Greeneville, TN for re-organization as required by Minister's Conference Constitution.
 - A. Those present were: Rev. Darvin Oakes, Lynn Neas, & Larry Arrowood.
 1. Rev. Billy Gragg was re-elected as Chairman; Rev. Larry Arrowood was elected as Clerk and Billy Gragg to bring the Ordination message.
 - B. Ordaining Council Adjourned.
2. The Ordaining Council met on Aug 4, 2008 at Midfield Free Will Baptist Church.
 - A. Those present were Rev. Billy Gragg, Jeff Davis, & Larry Arrowood.
 - B. We discussed what the proper procedure should be when a candidate with a pastoral degree comes for license.
 - C. We will recommend a Constitutional Change.
 - D. We discussed the withdrawal of the Western Quarterly and the forming of a new Association if they would not have to request letters of recommendation for all

members of the Western QM, taking into consideration their credentials belong to the Union Association.

- E. We discussed how the move of the Western QM would affect their Candidates for Ordination. Taking into consideration that they have only one candidate, it would be better if he waited the few months for their Association to organize.
- F. Considering that we have only 3 candidates to meet with on August 11, 2008, we will begin at 4:00 PM; a time agreed to by all.
- G. The Ordaining Council adjourned.

3. The Ordaining Council met on August 11, 2008 4:00 PM, at The Oaks Campground, Greeneville, TN.

- A. Chairman Rev. Billy Gragg called the meeting to order with all members present. The meeting opened with Scripture by Rev. Lynn Neas and prayer by Rev. Jeff Davis.
- B. The council met with Candidates and set the agenda for the session.
- C. Rev. Billy Gragg welcomed the Candidates and introduced the Ordaining Council.
- D. Requirements for Constitutional Exceptions, Ratification and Exchange of Credentials and Ordination were presented.

4. Order of Candidate interviews were presented.

- A. For Exemptions:
 - 1. Rev. Dennis Spears
 - 2. Rev. Gary Gentry
 - 3. Rev. Roger Dykes
- B. Each Candidate was interviewed and granted the Exemption.

- C. Rev. Bo Ragon came for an Exemption, but in his situation he did not need an Exemption.
 - D. For Ratification: Rev. Jason "BO" Castle
 - E. For Exchange: Rev. Robert R. Shipley Jr.
 - F. For Ordination: Rev. Jeff Daugherty
5. We received the credentials of Rev. James Manis.
 6. We received the report from the **Central** Quarterly License Committee for Aug 9, 2008.
 - A. The committee met with the following men and this is our recommendation.
 1. Rev. Jeff Daugherty, from the White Pine Church, and recommended him for Ordination.
 2. Rev. Bard Seaton, from the Greeneville Church, recommends him for license for another year.
 3. Rev. Tim Broyles from the Limestone Church, recommend him for license for one year.
 4. Rev. Junior Shipley from the Piney Grove Church, Exchange of credentials.
 - B. Those pastoring churches outside FWB were supposed to report to the license counsel about their status. This was supposed to be done at the Aug meeting without exceptions.

Number of Minister: 66

Number of Ministers, Excused: 13

Number of Minister "not in good standing": 4

Rev. Lynn Neas, Chairman,

Northern QM Executive Committee

Rev. Hal Kirk for Rev. Kevin Trimble, Secretary

7. We received the **Eastern** Quarterly Meeting report.

- A. The following ministers have been Licensed by the Eastern QM:
 - 1. Manual Ruiz
 - 2. Samuel Ruiz
- B. We have no minister for Ratification.
- C. We have no minister “not in good standing”.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Jeff David, Clerk

Rev. Jackie Cole, Moderator

Rev. Greg Sergent

Rev, James Cox

- 8. We received the **Northern** QM License Committee.
 - A. We granted Adam Castle a license to preach, October 2007.
 - B. We received Rev. Jason Castle, an Ordained Minister in the Northeast District association, into fellowship of the Northern QM. We recommend him for Ratification of credentials in August 2008.
 - C. We notified by letter, Rev. George Winegar, that he needed to start reporting again, according to Section B, Part 3, of the Union Association Constitution and By-Laws. Rev. Winegar requested his name be removed from the Minister’s list.
 - D. We received a letter and Credentials from Rev. James Manis. He has transferred his ordination to another denominational association. We forwarded his letter and Credentials to Rev. Billy Gragg.
 - E. We also make the following recommendation. We recommend Rev. Jason “BO” Castle to the Ordaining Council for Ratification of Credentials.

Northern Quarterly License Committee
Rev. Danny Willis
Rev. Gary Hodges
Rev. Keith Williams

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Section F: Restrictions on Ordination

Minister's Conference Annual Financial Report

Financial statement fo Oct. 27, 2007 to Aug. 20, 2008

Receipts:						
Balance Forward from Aug 20, 2007						\$1,211.63
Northern QM Fees						\$240.00
Eastern QM Fees						\$170.00
Central QM Fees						\$520.00
Offering - Ordination Service						\$339.00
Returned check from Howard Munsey - Honorarium						\$250.00
Total Receipts:						\$2,730.63

Expenditures:						
135	Jan 5, 2008 Cartridge World					\$48.15
136	June 23, 2008 Cartridge World					\$29.54
137	June 23, 2008 WalMart					\$16.16
138	Aug 15, 2008 Rev. Billy Gragg - Honorarium					\$250.00
139	Aug 16, 2008 Rev. Howard Munsey - Honorarium					\$250.00
140	Aug 16, 2008 Rev. Rodger Castle Sr. - Clerk's Fee					\$450.00
141	Aug 19, 2008 - US Postal Service					\$8.40
Total Expenditures:						\$1,052.25
Balance on Hand						\$1,678.38

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L=Licensed
E=Excused
NG= Not Good
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RULES FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS

OBJECT:

MOTION NEEDED

TO MODIFY OR AMEND

1. AMEND
2. COMMITTEE

TO DEFER ACTION

1. POSTPONE TO A CERTAIN TIME
2. LAY ON TABLE

TO SUPPRESS DEBATE

1. PREVIOUS QUESTION
2. ORDERS LIMITING OR CLOSING DEBATE.

TO CONSIDERATE A QUESTION
THE SECOND TIME

1. RECONSIDER

ORDERS AND RULES

1. QUESTION OF ORDER
2. APPEAL
3. SPECIAL ORDERS
4. ORDERS OF THE DAY
5. SUSPENSION OF RULES.

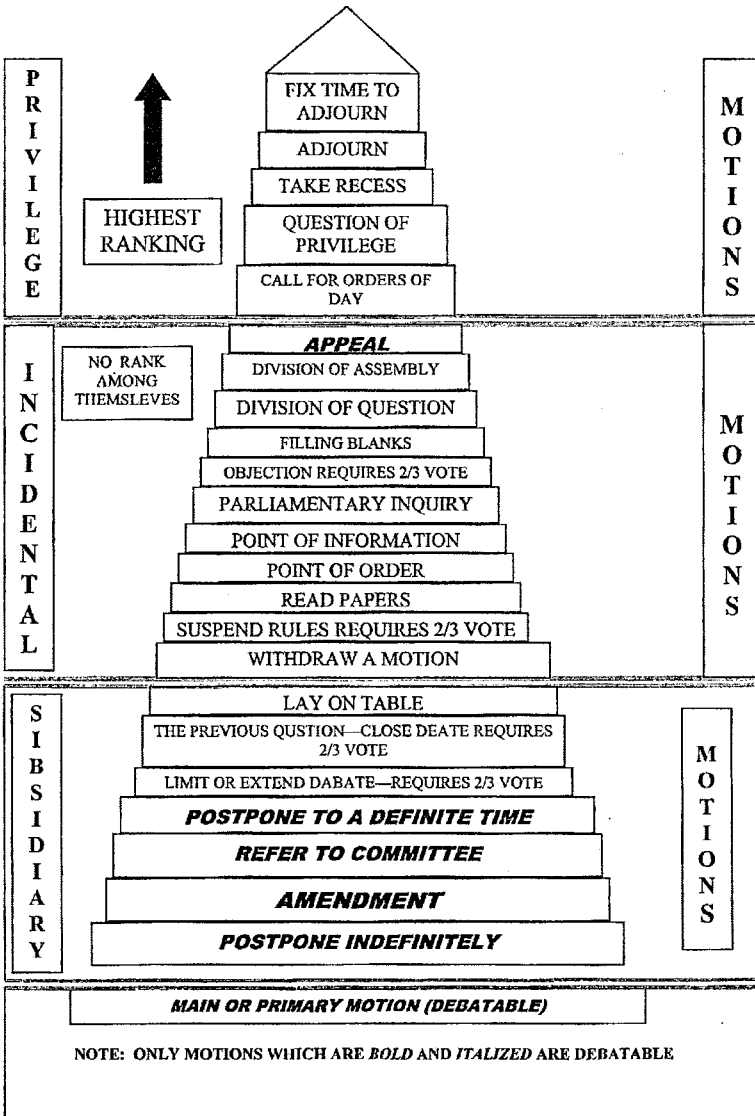
TO CLOSE A MEETING

1. FIX THE TIME TO ADJOURN
2. ADJOURN

MISCELLANEOUS

1. READING OF PAPERS
2. WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS
3. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

TABLE OF MOTIONS



For more instructions on how to use this read table go to page 90.

How To Read The Table Of Order Of Motions.

1. The main motion is at the bottom of table and all other motions ranks higher and is in order.
2. As you move up on the table, the motion higher ranks above the one below it and is in order.
3. The motion below a motion in the table is not permitted, and is out of order.
4. Only one main motion allowed on the floor at a time, and has to be acted upon before you can entertain another main motion, provided it has been seconded. Any of the motions on the table may be applied to main motion.
5. The first group of motions above the main motion is Subsidiary motions and every one of these is in order according to rank.
6. All of these can be debated until you reach the motion to Limit or extend debate, the motion of previous question, and the motion to lay on table. These three are not debatable. Also the motion to cut off debate requires a 2/3 vote in order to pass.
7. The next group of motions is the incidental motions and they outrank everything below them and are in order while one of the lower ranking motions is pending.
8. Among themselves, there is no rank in this group
9. The only motion in this group that is debatable is the motion to appeal.
10. The motion to suspend the rules and motion to object requires a 2/3 vote to pass, as well as the

motion of previous question and limit or extend debate in the subsidiary section.

11. The next group and highest ranking of all and the group of privileged motions.
12. This group of motions all is in order of rank.
13. No privileged motion is debatable.
14. All of the motions above the main motion outrank the main motion and if applied to main motion or made while main motion is on the floor has to be taken care of before the main motion can be voted upon.
15. The motion to object has to be made after another has been made but before it has been seconded.
16. After the main motion has been voted on and outcome has been announced by the chair, there are other motions can be applied the motion and are the motion to rescind, the motion to reconsider, and the motion to ratify. All three are debatable.
17. The motion to rescind requires a 2/3 vote without notice and a majority vote with notice to pass.
18. The motion to take from table can be made after the motion to lay on table has passed.

Rules For Parliamentary Procedure

1. When in business session, one must always stand to obtain the floor, but never speak until recognized by the chair.
2. One should be familiar with the Constitution and By-laws of the organization and always obey the rules stated there in.
3. One should never use a motion to accomplish something that the motion is not intended to do.

4. One should obey the chair at all times.
5. If you do not understand the motion you need to accomplish an item, just rise, get the floor and ask the chair what motion you need, because the chair knows the motion needed to use.
6. Only one person can have the floor, and one should never try to obtain the floor while another has the floor and is speaking.
7. Only one main motion at a time can be on the floor, but there are other motions such as subsidiary, incidental, and privileged motion can be introduced and must be considered before the main motion can be considered.
8. There is order of precedence and rank in the motions listed in item 7 above and must be in order (see motion table for details).
9. A person is never out of order, unless they are unruly, but the motion they make may be out of order.
10. One should never shout at another and Christian attitude must be carried on at all times.
11. Parliamentary procedure and rules is to give the minority their say in the meeting, and to protect their rights.
12. A committee may consist of one or more members.
13. Some motions in item 7 above are not debatable (see table of motions).
14. You do not need a motion to receive a report or information that has been read, if you have ears, you already have received the information.
15. A motion to adopt means you do what the motion says, and that the item gets printed in the minutes.

16. In elections, a motion that nominations cease and we proceed to elect requires a two-thirds vote to pass, because you have cut off someone.
17. Some motions require a two-thirds vote to pass and one should know the motions that require a two-thirds vote.
18. Every assembly has the right to eject a member from business and also the right to discipline their members.
19. Motions' coming from a committee does not require a second.
20. The person who makes the motion has the right to the floor first to speak.
21. After discussion has begun a person cannot speak the second time until everyone has had a chance to speak the first time. A person cannot just keep jumping up to get the floor and keep speaking over and over.
22. One must not speak longer than the allotted time stated in the constitution.
23. An item of new business is properly introduced by a motion and second, and announced by the chair, then discussion may begin. Discussion before a motion and second is not allowed.
24. After the vote has been taken the chair will announce the outcome of the vote whether it passed or failed.
25. Old business always comes before new business.
26. There is certain time limits on some motions and will be stated either in the constitution or Robert's Rules of Order.
27. During the discussion opposing view should be presented; one for and then one against the motion.

28. The way that the chair states the motion should be the way it is recorded in the minutes.
29. The motion to take a straw vote is always out of order.
30. Once a motion has been acted upon and vote taken and announced by the chair, there are limited motions that can be applied to that motion.
31. If a motion fails, it cannot be introduced the second time unless changes have been made to the motion.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS

Date	Time	Location
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Central

Sat. November 8, 2008	9:30 AM	Bridgeport
Sat. February 14, 2009	9:30 AM	Community Chapel
Sat. May 9, 2009	9:30 AM	East Greene
Sat. August 8, 2009	9:30 AM	Greeneville First

Eastern

Fri. Oct. 10, 2008	7:00 PM	Unicoi
Fri. Apr. 10, 2009	7:00 PM	Emerberville
Fri. July 10, 2009	7:00 PM	Evergreen

Northern

Sat. Oct. 25, 2008	10:00 AM	Macedonia
Sat. Jan. 24, 2009	10:00 AM	Midfields
Sat. Apr. 25, 2009	10:00 AM	Morrison City
Sat. July 25, 2009	10:00 AM	Mt. Carmel

Western

Sat. Nov. 1, 2008	9:00 AM	Forest Grove
Sat. Feb. 7, 2009	9:00 AM	Harden Valley
Sat. May 2, 2009	9:00 AM	Holston Hills
Sat. Aug 1, 2009	9:00 AM	Johnson's Chapel
Sat. Nov. 7, 2009	9:00 AM	Louden

2009 Union Association Annual Meeting

Friday, August 14th 2009-Saturday, August 15th 2009

Location: *The Oaks* Campground, Greeneville, TN