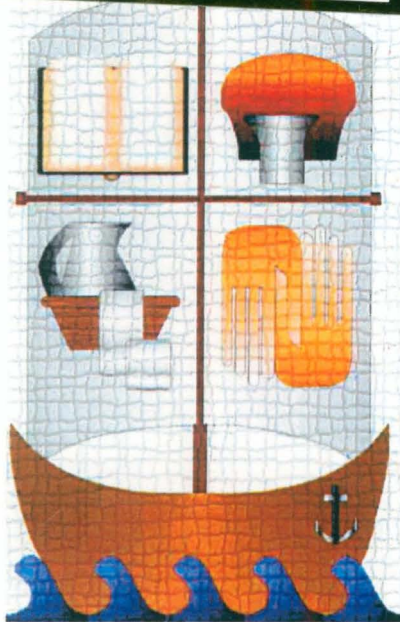


MINUTES

137TH ANNUAL SESSION OF UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Theme: We Shall Be Changed
I Corinthians 15:52



LOCATION: OAKS CAMP GROUND
GREENEVILLE, TN
DATE: AUGUST 15-16, 2009

MODERATOR: BRO. CHRIS CASTLE
CLERK: REV. CARL CALLAHAN

THESE MINUTES
DEDICATED TO THE
MEMORY OF

REV. HOWARD T. MUNSEY
(1926-2009)

PASTOR, TEACHER,
EVANGELIST,
MISSIONARY, AND
FRIEND OF PREACHERS



REV. HOWARD AND MILDRED
MUNSEY

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Roster of Officers (2009-2010)

		(Term Expires)
Chris Castel	Moderator	2012
Tim Roach	Assistant Moderator	2012
Carl Callahan	Clerk	Indefinite
Tim Carson	Assistant Clerk	Indefinite
Brian Capps	Treasurer	Indefinite
Nathan Hagood	Assistant Treasurer	Indefinite

General Board

		(Term Expires)
Harold Blankenship	EQM Moderator.	Ex-Officio
Edward Maynard	NQM Moderator	Ex-Officio
Larry Arrowood	Ordaining Council	Ex-Officio
Jeff Blake	CQM Moderator.	Ex-Officio
Chris Castle	Moderator	2012
Tim Roach	Assistant Moderator	2012
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

Mitzi Satterfield	President
Faye Elliott	Vice President
Betty Fleshman	Secretary
	Treasurer

Voting Body for 137th. Session

Central QM

Ministers	Deacons	Delegates
Larry Arrowood	Zackie Charles Tullock	Dorthy J. Copus
Rodney Bailey		Gale Eidson
Jeff Blake		Betty Fleshman Timothy
Carson		Brenda Harris
Scott Cline		Amanda Kilgore Alfred
Cutshall		Anita Winchell Eddie
Dalton		Brenda Winters
Christopher Dotson	Ministers	Ministers
Winford French	Garry Gass	James Kilgore
Hal Kirk	Wayland Lowe	Lynn Neas
Gary Norton	Doyle Pruett	David Reece
Ted Reynolds	Timothy Roach	Bradley Seaton
Ken Smith	Gene Swatzell	William Winters

Eastern Fellowship

Ministers

Dr. Jeff Davis

Northern QM

Ministers

Carl Callahan
Rodger Castle, Sr.
Edward Maynard
Danny Willis

Ministers

Brian Capps
Dakota Chase
Larry Nelson

Ministers

Chris Castle
Jesse Hartgrove
Dennis Spears

WNAC REPORT

Date: August 14, 2009

To: Union District Yearly Meeting

From: Amanda Kilgore, Union District Women Active for Christ
President

Greetings from the Union District Women Active for Christ. It is a joy to be a part of a group of women with common goals and purpose - to spread the message of the Gospel around the world.

We are excited about the various directions the Lord is leading Women Nationally Active for Christ (or WNAC), and we look forward to sharing some of that with all of you tomorrow during our morning service. It will be a little different than usual, but I think you will enjoy it. We will be introducing our new slate of officers, as well as sharing other information about WNAC.

The Union District WAC currently has 11 active auxiliaries - 5 in the Eastern Quarterly and 6 in the Central with 55 total members. We are expecting to see that number rise as we work to bring more ladies' groups into our district. As pastors, church leaders and women involved in the ministries of your church, I encourage you to have an active WAC group and join with us in our work to support Free Will Baptist missions.

As with the rest of the Union Association, we have had to make some changes due to the Western Quarterly leaving to form the Smoky Mountain Association. I personally want to say how much I appreciate the ladies of the Smoky Mountain and their commitment to WNAC.

Please pray with us as we continue to labor together for the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Kilgore

UDWAC President

Proceedings of Union FWB Association

Friday AM August 14, 2009

The 137th. Annual meeting of the Union Free Will Baptist Association was called to order by our outstanding Moderator, Jesse Hartgrove. We met at the Oaks Campground, Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Greeneville, Tennessee. The express purpose of the meeting is to carry out any and all business which may properly come before the voting body. Brother Brian Capps lead singing, "Victory in Jesus."

A count of the voting body was taken and seated. There were 18 ministers, no deacons, and 4 delegates, with 2 ladies from the WNAC. **MSC** that those standing compose the voting body of the association.

Brother Gentry opened the service with a very fine devotion, reading from I Peter 5:1-9.

MSC to seat all visitors as advisory and council, but not to vote.

MSC to allow the moderator to deviate from the program when and if necessary to do so.

Brother Carl Callahan, chairman of committee to make necessary constitutional changes because the Western Quarterly Meeting pulling out of the Association last year made the following report.

Report of Constitutional Changes

The committee to recommend necessary changes to constitution begs leave to submit the following report:

Proposed Constitution Changes

To Constitution and By-laws

Page 40, 2008 minutes

Change #1

Article V: General Board, Section 1: Membership

The General Board moves to amend the first sentence to read, "The General Board shall be composed of ten (10) members including the moderator, assist moderator, clerk, treasurer, president and clerk of Minister's Conference, moderator of each Quarterly Meeting, and one (1) member from the ordaining council.

1. If the Quarterly Meeting moderator already serves on the General Board, then the assist moderator of the Quarterly shall serve as the Quarterly Meeting representative.
2. If both moderator and assist moderator of the quarterly meeting already serve on the General Board, then the quarterly meeting moderator will appoint a proxy.'

The constitution now reads," The General Board shall be composed of eleven (11) members, including the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, and president and clerk of the Minister's Conference, along with one (1) representative from each Quarterly Meeting, and one (1) member from the ordaining Council."

Change # 2

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Section5: Term Limits

The General Board moves to amend by sticking the entire section 5, Term Limits, item 1, 2, and 3 from the constitution and that Section 6: Qualifications become Section 5: Qualifications.

Change # 3

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Article VII: Meetings

Second sentence of Article VII

The General Board moves to amend the second sentence by changing the wording to read," The General Board may call special meetings when extreme necessity demands, provided the clerk of each quarterly meeting has been notified at least fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting. The delegates present shall constitute a quorum for special meetings."

The constitution now reads," 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.

Change #4 (typographical only)

Page 45, Standing rule 9

The General Board moves to amend by striking the following words, "Standing rules may be amended at any regular session of the Association by

a majority vote of those present and voting.” That is a repeat of standing rule #10.

Respectfully submitted by Carl Callahan, Chris Castle, and Larry Arrowood.
MSC to lay changes on table.

Brother Brian Capps gave the treasurer’s report which shows a balance of \$15,076.31. The report will be found in the report section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

Brother Carl Callahan gave the General Board report which will be found in report section of minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

Brother Edward Maynard gave the report of the resolution committee which will be in the report section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt the report.

Brother Larry Arrowood gave the report of committee on committees which will be in the report section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt report with 13 yes and 2 no votes.

Brother Glenn Poston, Tennessee State Promotional secretary, gave the report of the state work asking churches to use the unified giving plan to support the state office and made announcement of the date of the Tennessee State Association of FWB and location. Dates are Nov. 2-4, 2009 meeting in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Report will be in greeting section of minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

Dr. James Kilgore gave the report of FWBFM along with the location of the Hope center, which is 1007 Tuscan Blvd., Greeneville, Tennessee. He talked about the winter jamboree sponsored by the home. Report will be in report section of minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

An offering of \$83.00 was received for the home for children, and Brother Jeff Blake offered prayer for family ministries and the offering.

Brother Barry Simpson, representative for international missions, gave a fine report of the work of our overseas missionaries. He shared information about a book, “Into the Darkness,” at a cost of \$49.95 which was in printing at present. Brother Thigpin states that every Free Fill Baptist should read this book. He also talked about the GO10, the route our first missionary took on route to the field of service and how the steps will be re-enacted before the National Association with the walkers walking finishing their walk at the

start of the 2010 convention. Something great for the youth to take part in as they will be walking through the state of Tennessee on route to the National convention. Report will be in greeting section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

Brother Keith Krimmer, Randall House Publications, had a great many books on display and for sale at the association gave a report of the work they are doing and spoke about the "Clear" Sunday School literature they publish. Report will be in greetings section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

Brother Dennis Spears gave the prayer request committee report. As he gave his report, word came to us that Brother Howard Munsey, a dear beloved brother, had passed away. His passing brought much sadness to the association and his family was included in his request with the altar full of people praying for the need that were presented. It sure is good to see all the people gather around the altar and offer up spirit filled prayer to the God who hears and answers prayer. Report will be in the report section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

Just a note concerning Brother Munsey. He lost the battle of cancer and his body. He won the victory of living faithful for the Lord 83 years and is in a better land today because he trusted the Lord to save him. He passed at 1:30 in the morning of August 14, 2009. Only last year, he stood to preach the message at the Friday service and did a wonderful job of preaching, just one year to the day he passed away.

Brother Thurman Pate, who served the Union Association for 28 years as treasurer, and will be 90 years old in February, 2010, has had a battle with cancer, has been cancer free for the past 8 months. God is so good. We praise God that he is alive and well and that he still touches his people who trust and believe in him.

The moderators of each QM gave their reports and will be in the report section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt all three reports.

Brother David Brown, Free Will Baptist Foundation, gave his very first report to the Union Association of the work they do and the different places to invest money to draw interest. Report will be in the greetings section of the minutes. The foundation web site is www.fwbgifts.org

MSC to adopt report.

Brother Jesse Hartgrove gave the moderator's message, reading from Eccl.4:8-12. His message was centered on fellowship among the church and churches, with brethren. He expressed his appreciation of the fellowship he

has had in the Union Association all these years with all the good men and women of God and stated that it has been wonderful. He has enjoyed being the moderator and part of the organization.

Brother Carl Callahan read the names of those who have passed away this past year of all the churches of the association, along with their age, and number of years they were members of the church.

MSC to adopt memorial report which will be in report section of minutes.

Clerk asks to be able to add the names of those he will get later.

The morning session was recessed to give way for the 11:00 o'clock preaching service with Brother Rodger Castle brings the message. His message, along with the message of Frank Woods will be in the message section of the minutes.

Friday Afternoon, August 14, 2009

The afternoon session was called to order, after a wonderful meal provided by FWBFM persone,l by moderator Jesse Hartgrove. Brother David Reese gave a very good devotion reading from Isaiah 59:1-2, and 19-20. Brother Billy Gragg offered prayer after the devotions. The moderator seated the voting body again and we had 18 ministers, 4 delegates, and 3 ladies from WNAC present.

MSC for ones standing to be the voting body of the association.

We had several visitors as well.

MSC to give all visitors an advisory and council seal in the assembly. The names of those who would serve as state delegates were read.

MSC to use these people to represent the Union association at the Tennessee State Association of FWB.

MSC to meet at the Oaks Campground, FWBFM, Greeneville, Tennessee for the 138th annual meeting of the Union Association. The date of the next meeting will be August 13-14, 2010.

MSC to give the following honorariums for 2009:

Moderator	\$450.00
Clerk	\$450.00
Treasurer	\$850.00
Speakers	\$250.00 each for two speakers
FWBFM	\$300.00

Brother Terry Forest from FWBBC gave a report concerning the Bible College and the spring preaching tours in East Tennessee where young preachers from the Bible College come to the churches of the Union for a

week end the minister to our churches. This preaching tour is the end of April, 2010. His report will be in the greetings section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt his report.

Brother Chris Castle gave the NQM moderator's report. His report will be in report section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

One of the projects that were chosen for the association this year was a pastor's conference in Mexico for the local pastors. Dr. Chris Dotson, director of Berea Missions, talked about the cost of one pastor to attend of being \$250.00 per person. This cost includes lodging, food, study materials, travel to site, instructors, and a number of other things and the training last for one week. This is for the pastors to get one week of pastoral training for one week free of charge. Be sure to turn your sponsorships in to the treasurer of the Union Association and ear mark for Mexico pastor Training project. Dr. Dotson thinks there will be 50 local pastors and their wives who will attend. This training takes place in January, 2010. Also we need to be much in prayer for the work in Mexico.

MSC to recess the afternoon session to give way to the Minister's Conference with Doug Little.

Saturday Morning, August 15, 2009

The 137th. Annual session was called back into order to conduct any and all business which may come before the voting body. Brother Jesse Hartgrove called session to order at 8:40 am. The purpose is set forth in the constitution and By-laws of our organization. We also are to give glory to the Lord of Lords and King of Kings and finish up any remaining business of the association. Seating of the voting body revealed 17 ministers, 5 delegates, and 6 ladies from WNAC present.

MSC for the people standing to be the voting power of the association.

Brother Doug Little who did wonderfully on the seminars yesterday lead the assembly in singing, "My Jesus, I Love Thee". He is very gifted in worship and praise and has been a real blessing to our meeting this year. Thanks to Dr. Chris Dotson and the Minister's Conference for a wonderful session as well.

Brother Tim Roach gave the morning devotions reading from Psalms 103. He talked about the benefits; I. God's Care, II. Forgiveth all iniquities, and III. Healeth all our diseases. Prayer was offered at close of his devotions.

MSC to remove constitution changes from table that was laid on table yesterday.

MSC to consider item by item each change proposed.

MSC to adopt item # 1.

MSC to adopt item # 2.

MSC to adopt item # 3.

MSC to adopt item # 4.

Mrs. Kilgore gave the WNAC report which will be in the WNAC section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

Brother Tim Carson gave the camp report and also asks permission to renegotiate the contract with the FWBFM which is to expire this year to use the camp for the Union Association and the children.

MSC to adopt his report.

Brother Carson's report confirmed the presence of the Lord was in the camps every night with the children on the altar, children praying through, and dedicating their lives to the Lord. Of which we are very thankful for the mighty hand of the Lord. He thanked all the parents who sent their children to camp and for all the workers who helped.

MSC to adopt report and that Brother Tim Carson and Jesse Hartgrove to work with FWBFM to get a new contract for the use of the camp.

Dr. Chris Dotson gave the report of Berea Ministries and the Union Association special project of purchasing the mattresses for the new girl's cabin in the Oaks camp. He also talked about the sponsorship of Mexico pastors to attend the training in January, 2010 at \$250.00 per person sponsorship. He would like to receive the monies this fall. Please send to the treasurer, Brian Capps. Mitzi Satterfield gave a partial report of the Berea Ministries stating that the work will continue even after the passing of the founder, Rev. Howard Munsey. The goal set by Brother Munsey of seeing 50,000 souls saved was still the goal of Berea and that it will happen. Plans were in place well before he passed to continue the work. Berea's report is in the Reports Section of the Minutes.

MSC to adopt report which will be in the report section.

Brother Rodney Bailey was present in his motorized wheel chair to give his report of Barnabas Connection. He spoke of encouragement happening after something happens and that exhortation happening before something happens. Brother Bailey reports some things happening in his personal life as well and that he is on the way to visit the Mayo Clinic. The people gave a standing ovation to Brother Bailey and the good work he continues to do, even during the times of his sickness.

MSC to adopt his report.

MSC to give \$800.00 to Brother Bailey and his wife to help with the expense of traveling to the Mayo Clinic at the end of August, 2009, which he needs for medical and health reasons. Brother Bailey did not ask for help, but they sure are thankful.

Brother Callahan offered two more resolutions to be added to the report of the resolution committee report as follows:

Resolution #1

Whereas our hearts was saddened early Friday Morning, August 14, 2009 when word came that our good friend and brother in the Lord Howard Munsey graduated from his walk on earth to a better land on the other side, and;

Whereas, he was devoted to the Union FWB Association and all of the work where he served as clerk moderator ordaining council member and every position of the association and served well. He loved everyone, and;

Whereas, he was much of a preacher man in spirit and in deed, was a church builder, pastor, worked with the training of young preachers both in the United States and Mexico and loved God with all his soul.

Be it therefore resolved and known that we honor him by dedicating the 137th annual meeting minutes to him and that a picture of him be printed in the front of the minutes along with a memorial be written by the pastor which he trained, Dr. Chris Dotson, so we can forever have his love and memory in our minutes as well as our hearts. To God be the glory for all that Brother Howard Munsey accomplished.

Resolution # 2

Whereas Brother Jesse Hartgrove has served the Union FWB Association and served well for the past three years as moderator, and;

Whereas, the constitution only allows him to serve one three year term and he is serving the last year of his term now, and

Whereas, he has given us good leadership, direction, and dedication, and it has been a great joy working with him as clerk of the association.

Be it therefore known that we let him know that we certainly appreciate all that he has done in the past three years and that we print in the minutes our upmost respect and confidence for him and that we honor you as a great moderator of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

Signed: Carl Callahan

MSC that both resolutions be adopted.

Brother Carl Callahan gave the registration report which will be in the report section of the minutes.

MSC to adopt report.

MSC for the final adjournment of the 137th annual session of the Union FWB Association to meet next year at the Oaks campground on August 14 and 15, 2010.

Note: Flowers were purchased for Brother Howard Munsey by the treasury of the association at a cost of \$65.00. The name of the association was used on the arrangement. The family requested that money be given to Berea Ministries in place of flowers and we may want to consider a gift to the ministry at a later date.

GREETING SECTION

Tennessee State Promotional Office Report

To The Union Association

The Oaks, Greeneville, Tennessee

August 13- 15, 2009

Greetings from the Tennessee State Office! Thank you for your faithfulness to the cause of Christ. I appreciate all you do for the Lord. You consistently preach the gospel and faithfully try to win souls for Him.

Of course, the economy is on everyone's mind these days, and when a nation has a financial recession, the church and God's people suffer right along with the rest of the nation. I am thankful to say, God is true to His Word and He will sustain His work. Though many ministries are taking a "hit" at the present time, most of our people have looked on the positive side and are finding increased ways to reach out to the lost and minister to their community. Often, the church experiences revival in hard times. More of our people are recognizing the value of cooperating on the state level to fund our various ministries. Though most of our churches designate the bulk of their outside giving to our "anchor" ministries (Missions, Bible College and Children's Home), some are finally recognizing money is needed to operate our state boards, committees and a variety of other ministries needed to undergird our state work. Churches supporting the *Tennessee Unified Plan* can know that they are supporting every level of Free Will Baptists work. Additionally, 5% of all Unified Giving goes into the pastor's retirement account and if a church gives at least 5% of their general offerings to the Unified Plan, every student from that church receives a scholarship to Free Will Baptist Bible College, currently \$400 per semester. We are grateful for all of your giving whether it is designated or undesignated. Our state meeting will be held in Pigeon Forge November 2-4, and we have another seniors retreat planned for March 15- 17, 2010. I believe we are seeing more unity among the preachers and laity from various parts of the state. More of our churches are sending their offerings through our state treasurer which I

believe is raising awareness of our interdependence, and our identity as a state. I encourage every church to do this. Every gift is acknowledged personally and in Echo and promptly distributed to its intended target. There are great needs to be sure, but please be assured God is at work among us. Many churches are regularly experiencing salvation decisions. God is still calling our young men and women to follow His call and they are responding. Many good things are happening with *Free Will Baptist Family Ministries* with the anticipated opening of *Governors Bend* in Erwin and *The Laurels* is now almost at capacity. Children are being saved and lives are being changed. *TN Home Missions* is having success and experiencing victories in our mission churches. Clayton Hampton will begin his building soon, now that the land is paid in full. The *TN Christian Board Education* has a retreat planned for the youth of the state November 6 - 8 in Gatlinburg. Information will be mailed next week. Our *TN International Missions Board* will assist in the 2500 mile "*Go Ten*" Walk next summer celebrating Laura Belle Barnard's call to the mission field. The walk will climax at the 2010 National Association in Oklahoma City and will celebrate 75 years for International Missions. May God continue to use the Union Association! Thank you once again for all you do for the Lord. If I can be of service to you in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

Glenn Poston, Promotional Director

- Every organization needs someone to take responsibility for the meetings, events, etc. of the particular organization. Every team needs a coach. The PTA needs a president. A grocery store needs a manager. The city needs a mayor. The state needs a governor. The orchestra needs a conductor. The choir needs a leader. I'm sure you get the point. It's not that any particular person is more important than the other; it's just that someone has to plan the meetings} organize the committees} promote the training} and see that the goals of the organization are carried out. Without a designated person (or group)} nothing will get done; if it is done} it will be done poorly or with great chaos. Can you imagine the annual Christmas play occurring without someone in charge?

The role of the Tennessee State Office can be understood in this context; the state promotional director is a facilitator, a servant of the state association. It is his job, along with the Executive *Committee*, to see that the organization functions in an orderly way! to see that the *work*, the goals, and the wishes of the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists are carried out in an organized and efficient manner. We have well over 200 churches and 20,000 members in our organization. *Wouldn't* you think a state office is not only needed but that it makes good sense to have one? *Wouldn't* you think every church would be showing good stewardship to contribute to its support? Your church can support the state office by giving undesignated gifts to the Unified Ministry Plan. (The state office receives a portion of undesignated gifts to the UMP.) You may also support the state office by "designating" to the office.

When you plan your next budget} please prayerfully consider one of these options.

**Convention Fund Gifts
Union Association
(Through July 31, 2009)**

Fellowship Church, Kingsport	\$250.00
Midfields FWB Auxiliary	\$200.00
Oak Grove, Greeneville	\$250.00
Peace, Morristown	\$250.00
Shady Grove, Bulls Gap	\$250.00
Unicoi	\$250.00
Union Chapel, Chuckey	\$250.00
West Greene, Moshdim	\$ 80.00

**Tennessee State Office
Gifts from the Union Association
October 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009
(11 Months)**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Unified Ministry Plan Designated Gifts to the State Office</u>
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Bethany	-----	\$90.00
Doran Addition	-----	\$353.00
Fellowship, Kingsport	\$500.00	-----
First, Church Hill	\$200.00	\$700.00
Fugate	-----	\$100.00
Harris Memorial	-----	\$594.00

Jackson Chapel	-----	\$50.00
Limestone	-----	\$225.00
Muddy Creek	-----	\$100.00
New Bethel	-----	\$200.00
Oak Grove	\$1025.00	-----
Unicoi	-----	\$250.00
Union Chapel	\$26.32	\$50.00
Union EQM	-----	\$200.00
West Greene	\$2165.25	-----
Totals	\$6522.25	\$3379.00

**Report: Free Will Baptist Bible College
By: Brother Terry Forest**

1. I want to thank all of you for the support you give to the Free Will Baptist College and the students you send us

2. Please pray for the students who want to come to the college but are affected by the economy.

A. If you know of a such a student please talk to me

B. We are especially encouraging pastoral students because we have an increasing shortage of pastors.

3. We are still continuing to move toward relocation.

A. The seventy acres have been appraised for almost twice what we gave for it.

B. We are still looking for a buyer for the present campus.

Pray for us. Respectfully submitted, Bro. Terry Forest

Free Will Baptist Bible College

August 13, 2009

Dear Union Association Friends

Thank you for your many years of support and encouragement for Free Will Baptist Bible College. Your faithful prayers and your financial commitment to the college are two of the reasons why FWBBC is able to fulfill its mission to educate leaders to serve Christ, His Church and His world through biblical thought and life.

FWBBC is dedicated to shaping students into the Christian leaders God has called them to be. We are as committed as ever to preparing men and women to lead the church in local church ministries and global missions. We are continuing the college's tradition of expanding our academic offerings so that more Free Will Baptist men and women can extend the kingdom of Christ in education, the marketplace, healthcare, and other fields.

Our strong ministry programs prepare pastors to fill Free Will Baptist pulpits and plant new churches, prepare pastors' wives to serve alongside their husbands in the community, prepare missionaries for cross-cultural evangelism around the world, prepare youth leaders and Sunday School teachers to engage the constantly changing American culture.

We believe things are coming together to relocate FWBBC to the newly purchased property in Gallatin. And more good news—one of Nashville's premier, old-line real estate development firms wants to work toward a purchase of our existing campus on the West End Avenue.

These are exciting days at FWBBC. The fall semester begins in a few weeks, and we expect to register students from more than 25 states. I hope you will encourage young men and women from Union Association churches to visit our campus this year, perhaps during one of our Welcome Days or Senior Days. This year, college, and we're here to serve you.

May God bless you during this time of worship, fellowship, and association business.

Sincerely yours,

Matt Pinson
Matt Pinson
President

Free Will Baptist International Missions

GOIO Walk for the World

- At International Missions we are excited about the upcoming 75th anniversary of the sending of our first missionary in the modern era. Laura Belle Barnard departed for India in 1935 and began our current efforts to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.
- International Missions has a number of significant events planned to celebrate this milestone during the year 2010. Among them is a

major event for FWB young people - G010 *Walk/or the World*.

- G010 is: An invitation to young people to experience a life-changing commitment to missions through a 2,500 mile walk for the world.
- The highlights of this project are:
 1. A 2,500 mile walk through 13 states and the District of Columbia retracing a portion of Laura Belle Barnard's intrepid journey - culminating at the 2010 National Association meeting in Oklahoma City.
 2. Young people challenged to walk a 10-mile segment of the route as a symbol of their commitment to be like Laura Belle Barnard and advocate for the cause of missions in their generation.
- Joe Wilson, former youth worker and later senior pastor, has agreed to serve as Special Project Leader for 14 months organizing, planning, and leading this major effort.
- Everyone is encouraged to visit www.go10walk.com for information and updates on the event.
- IM has secured a donor who has agreed to give \$500,000 as a matching gift for the G010 Walk.
- Each 10 mile leg is to be walked by 4 teens who have agreed to raise \$500 each in sponsorship funds.
- With the matching gift, this will raise a total of \$1,000,000 for world missions.
- G010 Walk is divided into five major segments:
 1. Segment 1 begins on Easter Sunday 2010 at the Glenville FWB Church (Glenville, GA) - Miss Barnard's home church and proceeds to Columbia International University (Bible College back then) in Columbia, SC, where Miss Barnard was trained for missions
 2. The next stop is Black Jack FWB Church (Greenville, NC) where Miss Barnard was commissioned for missionary service.
 3. The walk then proceeds to the Hephzibah House and the docks in New York City - where Miss Barnard stayed and then departed for India in 1935.
 4. Walkers will then journey to FWBBC in Nashville where Miss Barnard taught missions and inspired many to follow her and take His name among all nations.

The final destination is the Cox Business Services Convention Center in Oklahoma City where we will all be celebrating our 75th anniversary together.

Greetings from your missionaries around the world. I am humbled to be able to stand before you and represent them and greet you on their behalf.

Thank you for your support of the Don & Billie Sexton mission project each year and for your overall financial and prayer support of the work of **International Missions.**

While I have much I could talk with about concerning the work of IM, I will only mention a few things.

1. Our 75th anniversary is 2010 and we will be celebrating at the national next year in Oklahoma City, OK. You don't want to miss this celebration.

- All of our current missionaries will be at the convention
- There will be "Internationals" from all the countries where we have works, possibly as many as 150 international guests.
- We are producing a lovely coffee table book *Into The Darkness*. This 196 page chronicles the 75 year history of the mission with captivating stories and many photos. This is a must for all Free Will Baptists.
- The books can be purchased for \$49.95 and can be ordered on line or by filling out the information in one of the brochures on the back table.

2. A part of the 2010 celebration is an exciting youth initiative, *G010 Walk for the World*.

- This is a 2500 mile walk which will connect our young people with the radical commitment of Laura Belle Barnard to go to India as a young, single, woman.

The walk will retrace some of Mrs. Barnard's steps

- Glennville, GA Mrs. Barnard's home town and home church
- Columbia, SC where Mrs. Barnard attended college
- Greenville, NC where Mrs. Barnard was commissioned by Free Will

Baptists to go to the regions beyond

- New York, NY where Mrs. Barnard set sail for India
- Nashville, TN where Mrs. Barnard taught school during the war years
- Oklahoma City, to end the walk at the national
- Each young person will walk 10 miles and raise \$500 dollars. Over a 1000 people will walk resulting in \$500,000 being raised for our international church planting efforts. When this amount is raised there is an anonymous donor who is going to match that with a \$500,000 planned gift to IM.
- The walk will begin next Spring and end in July at the National Association.

3. We now have over 1,100 churches around the world with nearly 40,000 people in attendance each Lord's day.

4. Please pray for the following

- A Hanna Project team that is currently on the ground in Morocco doing important humanitarian work.
- A new couple that has officially opened the field of Morocco for IM
- A new couple that is in Laos as English teachers

Again, thank you for all you do for our missionaries and our efforts to win people and plant churches among unreached people around the world.

Barry Simson
Director of Development

**Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement
UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
August 13-15, 2009**

Thank you for the opportunity to bring greetings from the Board of Retirement. I also want to thank those of you who have entrusted us with your retirement funds and encourage those of you who are not in the program, to consider joining.

In 1969 the National Association established the Board of Retirement to serve as the channel through which Free Will Baptists can provide retirement and life insurance benefits for our pastors, missionaries, and employees of our churches, schools, and denominational agencies. It is a retirement plan, not a savings account; investing for retirement is long-term.

We exist to serve those who serve us. Our goal is to see every eligible Free Will Baptist enrolled in the Plan.

The last year and a half has been a real challenge for us. But in spite of the economic crisis, 2008 was still a good year for the Board of Retirement. We closed 2008 with over \$32 million in assets. We added 74 new participants. We closed the year with 1,488 active participants. We have helped 2,394 individuals save for retirement.

We received \$2,671,882.42 in contributions in 2008. This is the third highest total of new contributions in our history. We now have 152 people receiving a total of \$97,916.38 monthly income from us.

Let me encourage you today, if you don't have a plan for retirement, start planning now. Let the Board of Retirement help you start your personal retirement "action plan."

With thousands of investment options available to ministers and church employees, you might ask "why should I use this plan?"

- First of all, there is our track record. Our lifetime average earnings (40 years) is 7.63%.
- In our plan you may be able to reduce your taxable income.
- Retired ordained participants may exclude 100% of their

monthly benefits from Federal taxes, up to allowable limits, the amount spent towards housing expenses during retirement.

- We can accept contributions in the form of rollovers or transfers from other retirement plans such as IRAs, 401(k)'s or other 403(b)'s.
- Our plan is portable. It is your account, not the churches, so when you change churches, you don't have to open up a new account.
- One more advantage is our socially responsible investment policy. We do not invest in any business whose principal income is derived from the sell of:

Alcohol
Tobacco
Gaming
Pornography

Do you know where your other retirement funds are invested? Ask your insurance company or bank or where ever you have your funds for a list of where your money is invested. You may be surprised.

Free Will Baptists have a great program and my goal as the director of the Board of Retirement is to see every Free Will Baptist pastor and lay employee reach retirement and have adequate resources to retire.

Let our office help you develop a strategy for retirement planning so that when you reach that point in life, your needs will be met.

Again, let us serve you! That's what we're here for.

Thank you again.

Union Association Financial Report: August 08 to July 09

Balance Forward	\$17,863.13
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Revenues

Bethany	\$610.00
Central Quarterly	\$5,070.00
Community Chapel	\$1,100.00
Eastern Quarterly	\$1,300.00
Eastern Star	\$160.00
Faith	\$200.00
Family Ministry Offering	\$418.00
Fellowship	\$720.00
Goshen Valley	\$80.00
Greystone	\$1,000.00
Harris Memorial	\$936.00
Horse Creek	\$45.00
Jackson's Chapel	\$825.00
Jimtown Road	\$120.00
Kingsley Avenue	\$100.00
Liberty	\$4,100.00
Limestone	\$100.00
McMillian	\$34.00
Mount Carmel	\$125.00
New Home	\$156.00
New Port	\$60.00
Northern Quarterly	\$2,600.00
Pine View	\$390.00
St. Joseph	\$90.00
Surgoinsville	\$715.72
Union Chapel	\$360.00
Van Hill	\$1,411.00
white pine	\$225.00
Misc	\$577.80
Charged Ryan's Twice	\$117.36
 Total Revenues	 \$23,745.88

Disbursements

Annual Fees	\$7,610.00
Berea	\$362.50
Bible College	\$1,317.00
Camp	\$1,204.00
dues	\$420.00
family ministries	\$1,281.84
Foreign Missions	\$3,257.00
Home Missions	\$1,133.00
Matress Project	\$2,070.72

National Exec office	\$192.00
Sexton Medical fund	\$120.00
TN Promotional Office	\$467.00
Together program	\$1,191.00

Total Disbursements	\$20,626.06
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Balance Forward	\$17,863.13
Add funds designated to general	\$3,119.82

Balance in Account	\$20,982.95
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Expenses

Honorariums	
Speaker Eddie Young	\$250.00
Speaker Jesse Hartgrove	\$250.00
Treasurer Brian Capps	\$425.00
Treasurer Thurman Pate	\$425.00
Moderator Jesse Hartgrove	\$450.00
Clerk Mark Ousley	\$450.00
Family Ministries Facility	\$300.00
Special Honor-Thurman Pate	\$1,000.00
Computer software	\$98.69
Flowers	\$75.00
Mileage-Brian Capps to Western Quarterly	\$144.00
Minutes for meeting	\$310.00
Programs	\$155.12
Website setup	\$448.48
January Meeting Expense/Ryans	\$117.36
Mileage for committee members	\$126.50
Postage	\$56.87
Secretary of State Inc. Fees	\$210.00
Ryan's meeting expense	\$97.36
Rogersville Office (safe)	\$497.79
Suntrust (stamp)	\$19.47

Total Expenses	\$5,906.64
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Total in treasury as of July 31, 2009	\$15,076.31
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Special projects

Walk a thon	\$18,068.01
Children's home mattress project	\$2,070.72
Berea James Muncey memorial	\$979.00

Budget 2009-2010

<u>Last year actual</u>		<u>Projected totals</u>
Revenues	\$ 2 640.39	Revenues \$ 2,630.00
Expenses		Expenses
Speaker Eddie Young	\$250.00	Speakers for meetings \$ 500.00
Speaker Jesse Hartgrove	\$250.00	Treasurer \$ 350.00
Treasurer Brian Capps	\$425.00	Moderator \$ 450.00
Treasurer Thurman Pate	\$425.00	Clerk \$ 450.00
Moderator Jesse Hartgrove	\$450.00	Family Ministries for facility \$ 300.00
Clerk Mark Ousley	\$450.00	General Board meeting expenses \$ 250.00
Family Ministries Facility	\$300.00	Misc Union meeting expenses \$ 240.00
Special Honor-Thurman Pate	\$1,000.00	Minutes \$ 350.00
Computer software	\$98.69	Postage \$ 60.00
Flowers	\$75.00	Total 2010 projected expenses \$3 450.00
Mileage-Brian Capps to Western Quarte	\$144.00	
Minutes for meeting	\$310.00	
Programs	\$155.12	
Website setup	\$448.43	
January Meeting Expense/Ryans	\$117.36	
Mileage for committee members	\$126.50	
Postage	\$56.87	
Secretary of State Inc. Fees	\$210.00	
Rogersville Office (safe)	\$497.79	
Suntrust (stamp)	\$19.47	Projected deficit for 2010 \$ (820.00)
Total Expenses	\$5 800.28	

2009 General Board Report Union Association of FWB

The General Board of the Union Association Free Will Baptist begs leave to submit the following report:

August 16, 2008

The General Board meet briefly to set the time and date of our next meeting , which will be held at Peace FWB church, Morristown, Tennessee, on January 13,2009. Notice will be given to each member and others who will need to attend. The meeting will start at 9:00 A.M.

MSC to adjourn meeting.

January 13, 2009

The General Board of the Union Free Will Baptist Association met at Peace FWB church for the purpose of working on the program for the 2009 annual meeting. The meeting started at 9:00 AM. Members present were Chris Dotson, Carl Callahan, Jesse Hartgrove, Rodger Castle, Brian Capps, Larry Arrowood, and Jeff Blake. Also present were Edward Maynard, Lynn Neas, Frank Woods, and Ken Smith. Brother Hartgrove called the meeting to order and read from I Cor. 4:1-5 and Matthew 25 about the servants who were given 5, 2, and 1 talents. He asks the question whose servant are we? And of course the answer is that we are the Lord's Jesus Christ's servants. It is required of a servant that he is found faithful. After a short devotion, prayer was offered.

MSC to give voting rights to Edward Maynard, Lynn Neas, and Ken Smith.

MSC to print only two copies per church of the 2009 Union FWB Association of the minutes with electronic minutes to be made available also.

Carl Callahan gave clerk's semi-annual report.

Brian Capps gave semi-annual treasurers report. Included in his report was the proposed 2009 budget.

Chris Dotson gave Minister's Conference report and noted that that constitutional changes needed because of the Western QM leaving would be made in the future and ready to present to Minister's Conference. He is going to be meeting with all the officers of the conference.

MSC to allow the Minister's Conference to make their own program for the up-coming meeting in August, 2009.

We hope to have the entire program printed up and ready to go by July 1, 2009. Clerk will be in touch with ladies to get and include their program also.

Brother Larry Arrowood gave the ordaining council report.

MSC to allow moderator to select time when the members of General Board who work will not need to miss work to attend the meeting.

Camp dates for this year will be June 7 – 11, 2009 for senior camp, and June 14 – 18, 2009 for the junior camp. Information will be available electronically to all pastors by clerk.

Chris Dotson gave Berea Mission report.

Frank Woods gave the WNAC report and the FWBFM report. Information includes the use of the Oaks campground by Quarterly Meetings and churches or groups for a fee. The camp has several hook-ups for the large campers. A tour of the new girl's youth cabin will be arranged during the annual meeting of the Association for anyone who wants to see the new facilities. The new cabin will need to purchase 32 new mattresses at a cost of \$2,500.00 for the beds which were made by prison workers in Mt. City, TN.

MSC to adapt the theme for this association as, "We Shall Be Changed" taken from I Cor. 15:52.

MSC that Brother Frank Woods preach at the Thursday night service, August 13, 2009, and his assigned subject to be, "God changes Not."

MSC that Rodger Castle preaches the Friday Morning message, August 14, 2009, and his topic will be "Salvation and Justification."

Dr. Jeff Davis will be preaching the ordination message on Friday night, August 14, 2009. There is no subject assigned to him.

MSC that the General Board recommends to the Minister's Conference that Dr. Chris Dotson do the seminars on Saturday, August 15, 2009, and his subject be, "Sanctification and Glorification."

MSC that program be fine tuned by moderator and be put together by moderator and clerk.

MSC that the music for the association be arranged by the QM moderators and the Central QM be in charge of Thursday night, Northern QM is in charge of Friday, but not Friday night, and Eastern QM is in charge of the music for Saturday.

Carl Callahan will get flyers of the association together and out to the QM in April/May, 2009.

The committee on committees was selected by board as follows:
Larry Arrowood, chairman, Jackie Cole and
Larry Nelson.

For the up-coming association.

MSC that this committee be empowered to select and appoint personnel who will be serving on the various committees for the association and instruct them to meet before hand to make out their report and be ready to report when the program calls for their report. The committees will be put in place by April 15, 2009 so they will have plenty of time to meet before the association. The committee on committees also serves as the nominating committee for the election of officers of the association. This committee on committees will select the committees for the next year, 2010, and make known at the annual meeting. The 2010 committees will have one year to put together their report.

MSC that Union FWB Association Incorporation papers are filed with the State of Tennessee and back fees be paid. The Incorporation forms were not filed or renewed since 2004 and back fees come to a total of \$210.00 to get up to date.

MSC to allow moderator or clerk to be in touch with Missionary Shane Wilson and Thurman Pate to express our appreciation to them for a job well done. Brother Wilson left the work in Johnson City, Tennessee in good shape and the work is very orderly today because of him.

MSC to combine the appreciation committee and resolution committee into one and call it the resolution committee of the Union FWB Association.

MSC that the work of the registration committee is done by the clerk and we no longer have a registration committee.

MSC that the work of the memorial committee is done by the clerk and that the committee is dissolved. The clerk will ask each QM clerk to include this information on their annual report and that the clerk of the association makes a list of names to be read at the association meeting.

MSC that the committee on committees meet and make their selection and notify the personnel serving on 2009 committees by April 15, 2009, and to make their selection of personnel serving on the 2010 committees at the annual meeting in August, 2009.

MSC that moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant treasurer meet with the treasurer to look over the treasurer's books and report their findings to the association.

All officers of the Union FWB Association are to write down a complete job description and turn in to clerk so we will have to give to new officers when the time occurs.

MSC that General Board recommend the adaption of two projects for this year and are as follows:

1. That we try to get as many of our churches to purchase mattresses for the girl's youth cabin at the Oaks campground. The cost is around \$80.00 each, and they will need 32 each. Letters will be sent to each church with a return envelope to our treasurer and check should be earmarked, "mattress fund."
2. We want to sponsor as many pastors and their wives in Mexico to attend seminars conducted by Berea Missions in January, 2010. The cost per person is around \$200.00 each. The training will be a tremendous tool for the pastors and their wives and will help them be better pastors to their churches. The seminars will be conducted in Mexico.

MSC to adjourn General Board meeting until August 13, 2009.

2009 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Resolution Committee

Northern: Ed Maynard, Chairman

Central: Nathaniel Haygood

Eastern: William Donnie Roberts

Prayer Request Committee

Northern: Dennis Spears, Chairman

Central: Donnie Bailey

Eastern: James Cox

The following personal are to serve for the 2010 term

Resolution Committee

Central: Leroy Hurst, Chairman

Eastern: Greg Sargent

Northern: Bo Castle

Prayer Request Committee

Central: Jason McCoy, Chairman

Eastern: Jeffery Sams

Northern: Jerry Davenport

The following offices to be elected and serve a term or three years at the 2009 annual meeting.

Moderator: Chris Castle (term expires 2012)

Assistant Moderator: Tim Roach (term expires 2012)

Respectfully submitted:

Larry Arrowood, (Central) Chairman)

Jackie Cole (Eastern)

Larry Nelson (Northern)

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: 2009

Resolution 1:

Whereas our country has for years allowed millions of babies to be murdered with the legalization of abortions and is accepting the homosexual movement as normal and because of the harm it is doing to the stability of the family and morality of our country. Be it resolved that the Union Association of Free Will Baptist will stay true to the Bible and its teaching on abortion and homosexuality. We will continue to teach and preach against these sins which are an abomination in the eyes of God.

Resolution 2:

Whereas many of our states have sanctioned and made legal same sex marriages and are not taking in consideration the Biblical teaching on marriage. Be it resolved that the Union Association the on of Free Will Baptist will stand on the truth of God's Word concerning marriage and will only recognize marriage to be between one man and one woman. Be it further resolved that a letter stating our stand on these issues be sent to the U. S. Senators from Tennessee and to the U. S. Congressmen representing the districts in which the Union Association churches are located.

Resolution 3:

Whereas the 137th Session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist was hosted by the Oaks, and whereas the Oaks staff's hospitality has be exceptional, and whereas, great diligence has been given by the staff to the needs and comfort in those in attendance. Be in resolved that the Association appreciation be expressed by a hardy round of applause for the staff of the Oaks. Be it further resolved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the staff of the Oaks by the clerk of the Union Association.

Resolution #4

Whereas our hearts was saddened early Friday Morning, August 14,2009 when word came that our good friend and brother in the Lord Howard Munsey graduated from his walk on earth to a better land on the other side, and; Whereas, he was devoted to the Union FWB Association and all of the work where he served as clerk moderator ordaining council member and every position of the association and served well. He loved everyone, and; Whereas, he was much of a preacher man in spirit and in deed, was a church builder, pastor, worked with the training of young preachers both in the United States and Mexico and loved God with all his soul. Be it therefore resolved and known that we honor him by dedicating the 137th annual meeting minutes to him and that a picture of him be printed in the front of the minutes along with a memorial be written by the pastor which he trained, Dr. Chris Dotson, so we can forever have his love and memory in our minutes as well as our hearts. To God be the glory for all that Brother Howard Munsey accomplished.

Resolution # 5

Whereas Brother Jesse Hartgrove has served the Union FWB Association and served well for the past three years as moderator, and; Whereas, the constitution only allows him to serve one three year term and he is serving the last year of his term now, and Whereas, he has given us good leadership, direction, and dedication, and it has been a great joy working with him as clerk of the association. Be it therefore known that we let him know that we certainly appreciate all that he has done in the past three years and that we print in the minutes our upmost respect and confidence for him and that we honor you as a great moderator of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.
Signed: Carl Callahan

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Maynard, Chairman
Nathaniel Hagood
William Donnie Roberts

PRAYER REQUEST COMMITTEE REPORT

It is the will of God that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without doubting or wrath. That prayers and giving of thanks be made for all men; and for all authority; that we might live a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness. Included in these petitions must be the leaders whose actions affect the lives of the body politic of the nation and longsuffering military personnel. May the God of all grace, raise up a prophet among us who will effectively call the church and nation to repentance and commitment to faithful service. The following prayer requests are urgent to the future success and survival of a viable and effective church:

- Pray for the students returning to school.
- Ask God to enable Christians to reverse the nations increasing dependence on drugs and alcohol.
- Beseech God to remove from the nation abortion and the slaughter of innocent children in their mother's wombs.
- Pray for revival and unity among all true Christians.
- Pray for the success of missionary efforts to reach the lost around the world.
- Pray for the parents and students to get a Christian education.
- Pray for the Bridges Chapel pastor, Rev. Gary Gass and his wife Pat who has a chronic problem and has lost 80% use of her arms.
- Pray for Rev. T. F. Lewis, Rev. Lowal Ramsey, Rev. Danny Dwyer and his grandson Darin Dwyer.
- Pray for Kathy Liford of Faith Church in Knoxville.
- Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Teddy Webb, Mr. & Mrs. Sayhab Spears and Mr. & Mrs. Perry.
- Pray for the ministry of Barnabas Connection for prayer and support. Also pray for the physical needs of Rev. Rodney Bailey.
- Standing vote of thanks to Oak Grove Church.

Respectfully Submitted: Chairman Rev. Dennis Spears
Rev. Donnie Bailey
Rev. James Cox

Prayer Requests:

Berea Ministries
Mexican Missionaries

Howard Munsey – Cancer
 Chris Dotson
 Free Will Baptist Family Ministries
 James Kilgore & Frank Woods
 International Missionaries & Board Members
 Home Missionaries & Board Members
 Free Will Baptist Bible College Staff & Students
 Thurman Pate
 World & Nations Leaders
 State & Local Leaders
 Our Military Around the World
 Military Families
 Free Will Baptist Denomination & Denominational Leaders
 Union Association of FWB and each church which makes up the Union
 All FWB church pastors & congregations
 Bethany FWB Church, members that are sick Mrs. Clyde White – Cancer,
 Byrd Deatherage – Blood loss, Marvin & Denise Odom – Heart Problems,
 Freddie Pierce – Breathing Problems, Bobby Roberts – Back Problems,
 Charles White, Done White – Leukemia
 Family Ministries & Harvest Childrens Ministry
 Bible Colleges & their Staff – FWBBC, Southeastern, Hillsdale
 Alfred Dotson
 Spanish Churches & Pastors
 Peggy & Teddy Webb, Jennings Dotson

FWB Family Ministries

FWB Family Ministries began in 1939 as a dream of a group of ladies to start a Free Will Baptist orphanage. Out of that dream has grown a multi-faceted and diverse ministry that is making a positive difference, from protecting the lives of the unborn to caring for our senior citizens. We serve young people **through residential homes in Tennessee, Virginia and Arkansas**, as well as an intensive alcohol and drug treatment program, **Foster Care, The Hope Center** crisis pregnancy/resource center, **The Oaks Retreat Center, and the Laurels Retirement and Assisted Living**. For 70 years, Family Ministries has been nurturing hurting young people and encouraging them to begin building their personal legacy of a vital relationship with Jesus Christ, while giving them the hope and love they need to rebuild the broken pieces of their lives.

Allow us to share with you some great news of celebration. In 2008, we served 1,050 children and families through our ministry. **God allowed us to see 184 young people accept Jesus Christ as their Savior, there were 33 rededications, and 14 followed Him in Christian baptism.** During the past year, we had the opportunity to open "Carolina" cottage where eight additional children currently reside, and renovations have just been completed on the "Virginia" cottage, which will be home to eight also.

Though 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. 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 654**. On average, we are distributing 150+ packs of diapers & 125+ packages of body wipes per month. **In 2008, 96 babies were been born to our moms.** Through a great program that we offer "Earn While You Learn", 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, (especially sizes 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. For more info, contact **276-393-7289**.

Exciting days are ahead with our new project, the **assisted living facility, "The Governor's Bend", in Erwin, TN.** This will be the first assisted living facility Unicoi County, TN. The 45,000 sq. feet 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 soon with a projected completion date in the fall of 2010.

Nominating Committee

The Committee on the Committees, acting as the Nominating Committee, Nominates the following for their respective offices: Moderator, Bro. Chris Castle, (term expires 2012), Assistant Moderator, Bro. Tim Roach (term expires 2012).

Respectfully Submitted: Larry Arrowood, (Central, Chairman), Jackie Cole (Eastern), and Larry Nelson (Northern).

UNION CAMP REPORT 2009

The Lord blessed us again this year in camp. The group from the Bible College that came for senior week blessed us greatly and was used of the Lord. The preachers that did the services and all of the workers that gave their time, camp is what it is. We had a total of 174 campers for both weeks, with a total of 51 first time campers. We had 12 to rededicate and 12 to be saved that we know of and many filled the altar every night in both weeks. The power of God was present in each service.
Your Servant,

Tim Carson

BEREA MINISTRIES REPORT

BEREA MINISTRIES INC. has ministered in Latin America for more than 50 years, since our founder Rev. Howard T. Munsey made his first mission trip beneath the border of the United States. Today Berea is directly affiliated with more than 60 Free Will Baptist churches and missions in three countries (Mexico, Chile, and Costa Rica).

Today, I present this report with mixed emotions, as early this morning Bro. Munsey was called home to his eternal reward. We are saddened by our loss, but we rejoice that he has entered into that place he has longed for since he gave his life to the Lord at the "Block Church." As you know, Pr. Munsey died from inoperable liver cancer; but he lives because His Savior rose from a borrowed tomb.

This year the Association has chosen to partner with Berea in an effort to honor the memory of Pr. Munsey and provide national pastors the opportunity to continue their education. Berea Ministries will host in January 2010 its annual Pastors Training Conference at the Seminary of the Cross in Reynosa, Tamaulipas. We expect at least 50 pastors from across the country to attend. Our moderator, Bro. Jesse Hartgrove, and general board has selected this event as a Union Association project for 2009. So we are inviting every Union Association church to help sponsor this event with a single contribution of \$250, which will provide a pastor his travel, room and board, academic materials, and training for an entire week. Contributions to this project may be designated through the treasury.

With the passing of one generation, I am encouraged by the vision of the Mexican pastors for the future. Together they have selected 32 young men and women from across Mexico to serve as an advisory committee and ministry to team to their nation's young people. As these folks were presented at their Annual Convention two weeks ago, my heart rejoiced to know that the work Bro. Munsey began will continue. I had the privilege of

sharing this with him before he passed away; we wept together for the mercy and grace of Almighty God in sustaining His work!

On behalf of our pastors, I am thankful for your ongoing and systematic support of the work. If I can assist you or your church in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on my cell at (423) 523-2887 or at chris.dotson@bercaministries.org.

Dr. Chris Dotson gave the report of Berea Ministries and the Union Association special project of purchasing the mattresses for the new girl's cabin in the Oaks camp. He also talked about the sponsorship of Mexico pastors to attend the training in January, 2010 at \$250.00 per person sponsorship. He would like to receive the monies this fall. Please send to the treasurer, Brian Capps. Mitzi Satterfield gave a partial report of the Berea Ministries stating that the work will continue even after the passing of the founder, Rev. Howard Munsey. The goal set by Brother Munsey of seeing 50,000 souls saved was still the goal of Berea and that it will happen. Plans were in place well before he passed to continue the work.

MSC to adopt report which will be in the report section.

Barnabas Connection Report

To the Union Association, August/2009

Her death was coming soon. Without stop. She was too young. I had known her all my life. I knew her when I was a child and she was a teenager. I was a teenager and she was a young married woman. I knew her when I was married- and she now, she was dying.

My first letter of encouragement was to her. *The 'Barnabas Connection : Ministries* was in 'seed' form. And from that 'seed' much was to follow. I want to share portions of that letter:

Dear ...

M ... told me the other day about you being sick. My mind immediately went back to those years of growing up at Church.

Then D ... and you got married and to me you were always the perfect couple. D ... will never know how much it meant to Bobbie and me when he came to Nashville,(on business), and took us out for supper.

Memory is very precious but we must live in the present and live the future a day at a time. In times like these we need more than the everyday quips, fffKeep your chin up", or, nIt could be a lot worse". In

times like this we need something that is solid, strong and trustworthy.

We all have the failures of the past, frustrations in the present, and fears for the future; but, in the midst of all of this, J ... , we have our faith. Faith that believes in GOD in spite of all things.

Faith in His faithfulness, not ours. Faith in His wisdom, not ours. And also faith in His Will, not ours.

Faith does not always remove pain, sorrow and hurt, but it always triumphs through CHRIST.

Sometimes I wish I knew how many letters, cards and notes, (thousands), that have been sent out. Also, the number of books, Bibles, Scriptures and tracts, (thousands), that have been given and sent. I could go on about the other Ministries. But why should I know? God in so many different ways has provided and we trust that God's good and great hand will use it all for His will, glory, and honor.

I must note how Bob and Jane Tigner are completely handling The Card Ministry. Without them and many others there would no 'Barnabas Connection : Ministries.

Walking together with Him, Rodney Bailey

{I'm going to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, August 6, 2009. One of my Dr.s thinks I have P.O.E.M.S. Syndrome. This is a very rare medical issue and I may start an experimental chemo-therapy. Pray for God's hand to work in all.

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Registration Report

The clerk begs leave to submit the following report to the Union FWB Association of the number of people who registered at the 137th annual session:

Number of ministers	34
Number of Deacons	1
Number of delegates	7
Number of WNAC	5
Number of SS teachers	1
Number of State & National officers	7
Number of visitors	52

The clerk of Union FWB Association respectfully submits the above report.
Signed: Carl Callahan

2009 Memorials

Name	Church	Years member	age	Date died
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Central Quarterly Meeting

C.E. Strange	Bridges Chapel	5	71	
Bob Renner	Bridge Port	35	77	8/26/08
Jackie Kimmins	Community Chapel	13		3/26/09
Clyde Cox	Community Chapel	26		2/7/09
Francis Gibson	East Greene	33	77	2/28/09
Esther Roberts	Greene Ridge			
Steven A Hopson	Greystone	38	50	7/29/08
Stanley Bowman	Greystone	8	62	8/2/08
Elizabeth Bowman	Harris Memorial	50		8/13/09
Dave Whittenburg	Jackson Chapel	48	71	3/7/09
Josephine Bishop	Kingsley Avenue			
Richard Collins	Kingsley Avenue			
Dave Thomas	New Home			
Jimmy Legg	New Home			11/30/08
Robert Matthews	New Home			12/3/08
Howard Munsey	Peace	24	83	8/14/09
Bud Perry	Peace		76	8/8/09
Varris Jennings	Piney Grove	45	74	10/19/08
Ramond Harris	Shady Grove	35	68	3/27/08
Laretta Dunn	Union			12/14/2008
Hermon Holdway	White Pine	59	79	4/28/09

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Name	Church	Years member	age	Date died
Mary Manis	Phipps Bend	43	78	1/6/09
Carlie W Fender	Pine Grove	72	85	7/16/08
Jimmy Limbaugh	Pine View	27		6/09
Virginia Ward	Surgoinsville	7		11/08
Jim Ford	Surgoinsville	54		2/3/09
Jim Noe	Surgoinsville	16		6/8/09

Moderator's Report: Central Quarterly Meeting.

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 number of churches with bi-vocational pastors is 17

We have seen a total of 63 baptisms this year, and a total of 123 new members were added. We have also seen a loss of 126 members, which gives a total member ship of 3,802. The total number of ordained ministers is 62 and the number of licensed ministers is 16. We have 98 ordained deacons.

Our total Sunday School enrollment is 2815. Our total CTS enrollment is 208. Our total WNAC enrollment is 197 and our Master's Men is 13.

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

We will try in the coming year to hold to the high standards set for us in the Word of God.

May we always be found doing His will and not our own. Our prayer is that the Lord continue to bless the Central Quarterly as well as the Union Association. Thank you Central Quarterly Moderator, Jeff Blake.

CQM ANNUAL LETTER

Letter from the Central Quarterly meeting to the Union Association when meeting at the Oaks on August 14 and 15, 2009

Present Moderator: Jeff Blake
725 Old Newport Hwy.
Greeneville, TN 37743
Phone: 423.636.1307

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS: 1. Churches 39. 2. In City/Town 3, Rural 36.
3. Churches Reporting 39. 4. Full time Pastors 19. 5. Bi-Vocational Pastors 17.

B. MEMEBERSHIP: 1. Baptisms 63. 2. Members added 123. 3. Members Lost 126
4. Total Membership 3808

STEWARTSHIP INFORMATION: 1. Income of all Churches \$2,579,577.03.
2. Churches with budgets 8

D. BUILDING INFORMATION: 1. Churches with parsonages 8. 2. Total value of church property including parsonage \$13,729,944.91

E. GENERAL INFORMATION: 1. Ordained Ministers 62, Licensed Ministers 16.
2. Ordained Deacons 98. 3. No Churches have day care, kindergarten, Christian day School, Bible Institute, or College. 4. Sunday School enrollment 2815. 5. CTS enrollment 208. 6. WNAC enrollment 197. 7. Master's Men enrollment 13.

District association minutes requested 0. State Association minutes requested 0.
Representation fees enclosed: \$5070.00.

Clerk's Name: Tim Carson
P. O. Box 381
Mosheim, TN 37818
Phone: 423.639.6435

Moderator's Report: Eastern Fellowship

Eastern fellowship of the Union Association
Rev. Harold Blankenship, Moderator

Greetings from the Eastern Fellowship of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists. The Lord has truly blessed this year in our quarterly fellowship.

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting has 10 churches. Eight of those 10 churches reported this year. The Faith FWB Church in Johnson City and the Redeeming Grace FWB Church in Erwin did not report or send in their fees. Therefore, they are not in good standing with our conference. Four of the churches are located in the city, and four are located in rural settings. The total number of churches with full time pastors is 3 and the total number of churches with bi-vocational pastors is 5.

We have seen a total of 32 baptisms this year, and a total of 35 new members. We have seen a loss of 11 members, which gives us a total membership of 1,249.

The Eastern Fellowship has 13 ordained ministers and one licensed minister. Bro Chris Edmonds will be ordained at this year's meeting.

Our Eastern Quarterly re-organized this year. We elected Rev. Harold Blankenship as Moderator. Our meetings were renamed The Eastern Fellowship, and our meeting time was moved to the first Monday of July and October for 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Eastern Fellowship will convene at the following places during 2009-2010:

October 5, 2009 at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church,
Kingsport, TN
March 1, 2010 at Morning Light Free Will Baptist Church, Johnson
City, TN
June 7, 2010 at Red Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Marshall, NC
August 2010 Annual Meeting of the Union Association

Respectfully,

Harold Blankenship, Moderator

EASTERN FELLOWSHIP YEARLY REPORT:

Eastern Fellowship to the Union Association when meeting at the Oaks on August 14-15, 2009. This report covers from July, 2008, to July, 2009.

Present Moderator: Harold Blankenship
422 Greenbrook Circle
Unicoi, TN. 37692
423.735.3092

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS: 1. Churches: 10 2. City 4, Rural 4
3. Churches reporting 8. 4. Full Time Pastors 3 5. Bi-Vocational Pastors 5

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: 1. Baptisms 32 2. Members added 35
3. Members lost: 11 4. Total Membership 1249

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION: 1. Total income of all Churches: \$500,000.00. 2. Churches with budgets 5.

D. BUILDING INFORMATION: 1. Churches with parsonages 4. 2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$3,000,000.00.

E. GENERAL INFORMATION: 1. Ordained ministers 13. Licensured ministers 1. 2. Ordained deacons 13. 3. No churches with Day Care, Kindergarten, Christian Day School, Bible Institute, or College. 4. Sunday School Enrollment 630. 5. CTS Enrollment 50. 6. WNAC Enrollment 50. 7. Master's Men Enrollment 0.

Number of district association minutes requested 0. Number of state association minutes requested 0. Representation fees enclosed.

Clerks Name: Jeff Davis
160 Kingsley Av.
Kingsport, TN 37660
Phone: 423.288.5835

Moderator's Report: Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Greetings from the Northern Quarterly Meeting. Meeting at the Oaks August 13-14, 2009. We are blessed that our Quarterly Meeting is comprised of 20 churches. We have 3 churches that don't have pastor's: Midfields, Goshen Valley and Mt. Carmel. Our Walk-a-Thon was a great success. We will be participating again on September 19, 2009. We will walk from the Mt. Carmel FWB Church to the Van Hill FWB Church and back to the Mt. Carmel FWB Church a total of 11 miles. Our Jubilee Meeting will be at the October Quarterly Meeting. Respectfully Submitted, Christopher S. Castle, Moderator of the Northern Quarterly Meeting of the Union.

Annual Letter From the Northern Quarterly Meeting to District Association

Name: Northern Quarterly to the Union Association when meeting at The Oaks on August 14-15, 2009. Period of time from: July, 2008 to July, 2009.

Present Moderator's Name: Edward Maynard
268 Stewart Hills Dr. Rogersville, TN. 37857
Telephone # 423.921.0010

Delegates: **Bethesda FWB:** Wilma Conkin, **Chimney Top FWB:** Wanda Bailey, Helen Colman, Bobby Colman. **Doran Addition FWB:** Eriestine Lester, Roger Pendleton. **Eastern Star FWB:** George Amburgey, Betty Amburgey, **Grassy Creek:** Nona Lawson, **Midfield:** Joan McMillian, Betty Webb. **Macedonia FWB:** Larry Jennings. **Midfield FWB:** Joan McMillian, Betty Webb. **Morrison City:** Wanda Head, Elbert Fair, Helen McCracken. **Mt. Carmel FWB:** Licille Martin, Wanda Morelock, Betty Light. **Phipps Bend FWB:** Nathan Castle, Kay Ford, Tammy McPeck. **Pine Grove FWB:** Doris Tate, Stella Ward, Luther Roberts. **Pine View FWB:** Virgie Hurd, Naomi Rutherford. **Pyburn:** Marie Hawk. **Surgoinsville First FWB:** Shirley Vaughn, Kerry Rose. **Van Hill FWB:** Lola Wilcox. **Wayland FWB:** Brad Scott.

A. Church Characteristics: 1. Total number of Churches 20, 2 City or Town and 18 in Rural Area. Total number of churches reporting 18. 3. 4 churches have Full time Pastors and 12 with bi-vocational pastors.

B. Membership information: 1. Baptisms 57: 2. Members Added: 91, 3. Members Lost: 26, 4. Total Membership: 1655.

C. Stewardship Information: 1. Income of all Churches: 1,005,725.00. 2. Churches with Budgets: 3.

D. Building Information: 1. Churches with Parsonages: 2, Value of Property including Parsonages: 3,950,000.00.

E. General Information: 1. Number of Ordained Ministers: 47 2. Licensed Ministers: 15. 2. Deacons: 50. 3. No churches with daycare, Kindergarten, Christian Day School, Bible Institute, or College. 4. Sunday School Enrollment: 1046, 5. CTS Enrollment: 6. WNAC Enrollment: 53, 7. Master's men Enrollment Enrollment: 0

District Association Minutes requested: 35. State Association Minutes requested: 20. Representation fees will be sent by the Quarterly Treasurer.

Signed: Clerk's Name: Penny Capps,
308 Valley Drive,
Church Hill, TN 37642.
Phone: 423.357.4143

Treasurer's Audit Report

The committee on auditing the treasurer's financial records begs leave to submit the following report at the request of the treasurer:

Brian Capps laid out the past 12 statements from the bank with all the checks written and deposits made. We reviewed these statements, and made comparison to the treasurer's report in 136th minutes of the balance then and now. The bank statements showed a balance of \$13,998.31 at the close of this past month of July, 2009. His report in the minutes this year will show a balance of \$15,076.31.

He has made a deposit of \$2,302.00 and has in four different accounts the following:

Camp	\$200.00
Sexton Medical Fund	\$150.00
Dues	\$13.00
Fees	\$420.00

Brother Capps has one outstanding check of \$441.00. So when the math is done, the correct balance comes to \$15,076.31 which agrees with his report this year.

Having looked at the books of the treasurer, we the committee on auditing the books find them to be what the report says they are and agreeing with the bank statements. We certify that the treasurer's report is what he says it is.

His balance at the close of 2008 was \$17,863.13.

We the audit committee submits the above report to the Union FWB Association.

Signed: Carl Callahan, Clerk and Jesse Hartgrove, Moderator.

Annual Report to Tennessee State Association FWB

A. Church Characteristics

1. Total # of churches	69
2. Total # of churches in city	9
Total # of churches in rural	58
3. Total # of churches reporting	65
4. Total # of churches with full time Pastors	26

B. Membership Information

1. Total # of Baptisms	152
2. Total of members added	249
3. Total # members lost	163
4. Total membership	6,706

C. Stewardship Information

1. Total income of all churches	\$4,085,302.06
2. Total number of churches with Budget	16

D. Building Information

1. Total # of churches with parsonages	14
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2.	Total Value of all church property	\$20,679,944.91
E.	General Information	
1.	Total # of ordained ministers	116
	Total # of licensed ministers	32
2.	Total # of ordained deacons	178
3.	Total # of churches with daycares	0
4.	Total SS enrollment	4,491
	Total CTS enrollment	258

5.	Total WNAC enrollment	300
6.	Total Master's men enrollment	13

Number of Union Association minutes printing	200
Number of Tennessee State Association FWB ordering	125
Representation Fee enclosed with report	\$7,610.00

Name of Moderator	Rev. Chris Castle 628 Fordtown Road Fall Branch, Tn 37656
Telephone number	423 502-8847 cell
Email address	revnurse@comcast.net
Name of Clerk	Carl Callahan 1514 Christian Bend Road Church Hill, TN 37642
Telephone	423 345-4701
Email address	carlcallahan@earthlink.net

Delegates to Tennessee State FWB Association

1. Gale Eidson
2. Jeannie Arrowood
3. Harvey Crain
4. Madge Crain
5. Teresa Blake
6. Judy Castle (alt.)

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 ten (10) members, including the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, and the president and clerk of the Ministers' Conference, moderator of the Quarterly Meeting and one (1) member from the Ordaining Council

1. If the Quarterly Meeting moderator already serves on the General Board, then the assistant moderator of each Quarterly Meeting shall serve as the quarterly meeting representative.

2. If both moderator and assistant moderator of the Quarterly meeting already serve on the General Board, then the Quarterly Meeting moderator will appoint a proxy.

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: 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 fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting. The delegates present shall 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 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 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.

10. Standing Rules may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Ministers Conference Roster of Officers

Officers

Chris Dotson, President
Ken Smith, Vice-President
Rodger C. Castle Sr, Clerk
Edward Maynard, Asst Clerk

Ordaining Council Members

Lynn Neas **2010** (Central QM)
Jeff Davis **2011** (Eastern QM)
Danny Willis **2012** (Northern QM)
Larry Arrowood **2010** (At-Large Member)

Proceedings:

Fri Afternoon Session - August 14, 2009

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

Recommendations for Constitutional and By-Law changes were presented to be laid on the table until the Saturday session. MSC to lay on the table.

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

MSC to set fees at: Clerk \$450.00
 Speaker \$250.00

The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate of officers:

President: Chris Dotson
Vice President: Ken Smith
Clerk: Rodger Castle Sr.
Asst Clerk: Edward Maynard
Ordaining Council: Danny Willis

MSC to adopt the slate of officers.

Announcement made that David Gibbs III is scheduled for the Minister's Conference, 2010.

Minister's Conference recessed for speaker Rev. Doug Little. Bro. Little presented a workshop on the subject "*Cultivating Worship in the Local Church*". The workshop was very good and well received.

Fri Night Ordination Service - August 14, 2009

Rev. Chris Dotson, President opened by reading Roam 10: 9 - 15.

Prayer by Rev. Hal Kirk.

Rev. Doug Little led congregational singing. Songs included: "*Victory In Jesus*", "*Glad Reunion Day*", and "*Amazing Grace*".

Rev. Ken Smith, Vice President gave the Offertory Prayer. Offering was \$231.09.

Rev. Billy Gragg, Chairman, introduced the Ordaining Council. Members present were: Rev. Billy Gragg (NQM), Rev. Lynn Neas (CQM), Rev. Jeff Davis (EQM), and Rev Larry Arrowood (Central At Large).

Candidates for Ordination were introduced:

Bradley Gentry - Eastern
Chris Edmonds - Eastern
Bradley Seaton - Central

Rev. Doug Little led congregational singing with "*Living By Faith*" and "*I Am Thine O Lord*".

Rev. Doug Little presented special singing.

Rev. Jeff Davis preached the Ordination message from 1 Cor 1: 26-31.

Rev. Jeff Davis gave the charge in 2 parts:

Part 1 - Scripture 2 Tim 4: 1-5
Part 2 - Pastor's Heart

Rev. Davis gave seven simple statements from Dr. Picirilli, Professor, FWB Bible College.

1. Be a man of prayer.
2. Study the Scriptures.
3. Develop sermons.
4. Practice self-discipline.
5. Guard your character.
6. Give your family the attention they deserve.
7. Work on your people skills.

There's a call, a choice, a character, a charge.

Certificates of Ordination were presented by Rev. Larry Arrowood to each of the candidates.

The Ordaining Council, and other ministers, had a laying on of hands, and prayer was led by Rev. Lynn Neas.

MSC to receive each of these ordained ministers into the Minister's Conference of the Union Association.

Saturday session - August 15, 2009

Rev. Chris Dotson, President, opened in prayer.

The Nominating Committee for the Minister's Conference 2010 is:

Larry Arrowood, Chairman,

Willie Winters

Dennis Spears

MSC to receive the complete Ordaining Council Report.

1. Ordaining Council met on August 19, 2008 at Oaks Campground, Greeneville, TN for re-organization as required by Minister's Conference Constitution.
 - A. We agreed that we should wait until the Executive Committee met before we reorganized.
 - B. Brother Jeff Davis to bring the ordaining message.
Ordaining Council adjourned
2. The Ordaining Council met on April 2009 at the Oaks and opened with Scripture and prayer.
Those present were: Billy Gragg, Larry Arrowood, Lynn Neas, Jeff Davis, Chris Dotson, and Chris Castle.
 - A. We discussed the character of our Mexican ministry in the absence of Bro. Shane Wilson.
 - B. B. We met with Bro. Louis and his wife concerning entrance into the United States from Mexico.
 - C. We discussed the character of our Ministers and how we must maintain the highest standard above all reproach.
The meeting closed with prayer.
3. The Ordaining Council met on August 10, 2009 at the Oaks. The meeting opened with Scripture and prayer.
Those present were Rev. Billy Gragg, Rev. Lynn Neas, Rev. Larry Arrowood, Rev. Chris Dotson(proxy for Jeff Davis) and Rev. Willie Winters (by invitation).
 - D. We received the credentials of Rick Adams.
 - E. We received the credentials of Ronnie Mitchell
 - F. We recommend the Minister's Conference call for the credentials of Shane Wilson.
The Ordaining Council met with three candidates for ordination.
 - A. We examined Bro. Brad Gentry of the Limestone FWB Church. Having met all requirements we recommend Bro. Brad Gentry for ordination.

- B. We examined Bro. Bradley Seaton of the Greeneville First FWB Church. Having met all requirements we recommend Bro. Bradley Seaton for Ordination.
- C. We examined Bro. Chris Edmonds of the Eastern Fellowship. Having met all requirements we recommend Bro. Chris Edmonds for Ordination.

We received the report of the Central Quarterly.

- A. Met with, examined, and renewed the license of Bro. Brad Gentry.
- B. Met with Bro. Kevin Trimble, who asked to be excused from reporting in person. He will report by letter and retain his membership in Oak Grove FWB Church.
- C. Met with Bro. Brad Gentry and recommended him to the Ordaining Council for Ordination.
- D. Met with and examined Bro. Brad Seaton and recommended him to the Ordaining Council for Ordination.
- E. Met with Bro. Tim Broyles and renewed his license for 1 year.
- F. Met with Bro. Billy Gragg and recommend him into fellowship with the Central Quarterly from the Northern Quarterly.
- G. Those reporting for excused status were Bros. Scott Cline, Watland Lowe, Van Johnson, Wayne Waycaster, Rodney Bailey, Alfred Cutshall, Howard Munsey and T.F. Lewis.
- H. Those exempt are Bros. Gary Gentry and Roger Dykes.

III. We received the report of the Eastern Quarterly.

- A. 14 ministers in good standing. 1 Minister for Ordination.
- B. 1 member in bad standing, Shane Wilson.

IV. We received the report of the Northern Quarterly.

- A. October 25, 2008 Renewed the license of Adam Castle for one year.
- B. January 24, 2009 Received letter from Rick Adams surrendering his credentials and upon his request, we recommend that his name be removed from the minister's roll.
- C. April 25, 2009 Granted Dakota Chase a license for one year. We received his questionnaire and started his folder.
- D. July 25, 2009 Received a synopsis from Adam Castle.
 - 1. Granted Kevin Rose a license to preach for one year.
 - 2. Received a letter from Billy Gragg requesting a letter in good standing in order to move his membership to the Central Quarterly.
- E. There are 33 members in good standing of the Northern Quarterly.
- F. Members not in good standing:
 - 1. Jessie Bishop - failure to report and attend.
 - 2. Travis Phillips - failure to report and attend.
- G. Nine ministers are excused from reporting.

The special speaker for 2010 will be David Gibbs III for Fri afternoon and Sat morning. Limestone FWB Church will have David Gibbs to speak on Sun

morning and Oak Grove FWB Church will have him on Sun night. Travel expenses for David Gibbs III will be divided between the Minister's Conference and these two churches.

MSC to remove the proposed Constitutional and By-Law changes from the table. The proposed changes are as follows:

Article IV, Section 5, Part

Currently: "Consisting of five (5) members."

Change to: "Consisting of three (3) members, one (1) from each Quarterly Meeting."

Article IV, Section 5, Part B

Currently: "Elected for a five (5) year term with one member being elected each year in order of expiration of term."

Change to: "Elected for a three (3) year term with one (1) member being selected by his Quarterly Meeting each year in order of expiration of term."

Article IX, Section E

Currently: Heading "Candidates For Ordination That Have Earned Pastoral Degrees."

Change to: Heading "Candidates For Ordination That Have Graduated From A Christian College."

Article IX, Section E, Part A, 1

Currently: "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."

Change to: "The candidate must be a graduate of a Christian College and possess a degree that satisfies the Ordaining Council."

Addendum

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

Change to: "1st Quarter: *Free Will Baptist Doctrines* by J.D. O'Donnell."

Standing Rules, Part 1

Currently: "Twenty percent (20%) of the Minister's Conference members shall constitute a quorum for any meeting."

Change to: "A quorum shall consist of members present and in good standing for any meeting."

ByLaws, Part 3

Currently: "The most recent version of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall serve as the final authority in parliamentary procedure."

Change to: "The President shall determine the rules of procedure according to his sense of fairness and common sense, giving all members a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a

matter. The President is the final authority on questions of procedure, and his decision is final and controlling.”

MSC to accept all parts except the last one on By-Laws, Part 3.

Motion to adopt and seconded for the By-Laws Part 3. Rev. David Reece, pastor Limestone FWB Church spoke in opposition to the change with explanation. MSC to table the proposed change for one year. This will give an opportunity to get input from David Gibbs III.

MSC to adjourn the business of the Minister's Conference.

Rev. Doug Little presented the second phase of his workshop on “*Ten Strategies for Effective Worship*”.

Minister's Conference Annual Financial Report

Financial statement for Aug 25, 2008 - Aug 22, 2009

Receipts:						
Balance Forward from Aug 19, 2008						\$1,678.38
Northern QM Fees						\$330.00
Eastern QM Fees						\$140.00
Central QM Fees						\$570.00
Offering - Ordination Service						\$231.00
9-11-09 Check from Norman Heath						\$10.00
Total Receipts:						\$2,959.47

Expenditures:						
142	Cartridge World - Aug 2008					\$28.45
143	Cartridge World - March 2009					\$68.94
144	Rodger Castle Sr - Mileage					\$71.50
145	Choice Point - May, 2009 Background Check Evergreen					\$6.50
146	Walmart - July, 2009 Supplies					\$25.94
147	WalMart - Aug 2009 Supplies					\$12.40
148	Jeff Davis - Aug, 2009 Mileage Ordaining Council					\$152.80
149	VOID					VOID
150	Jeff Davis - Honorarium					\$250.00
151	Doug Little - Honorarium + Expenses					\$555.75
152	Rodger Castle Sr. - Clerk's Fee					\$450.00
Total Expenditures:						\$1,622.28
Balance on Hand						\$1,337.19

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

Ministers who are physically unable to preach or retired may petition the Ministers' Conference to be excused from fulfilling the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1 with the exception of numbers three (3) and four (4).

Part 4: Annual Report

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

Part 5: Card of Good Standing

Annually, at the beginning of each Union Association Meeting, each minister will pay the membership dues in an amount determined by the Ministers' Conference to the Ministers' Conference Clerk. Ministers in good standing pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules will receive a card of good standing. Such card will not be issued without the payment of the necessary fee. This card is good for a one-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 three (3) members.
 - B. Elected for a three (3) year term with one member being elected each year in order of expiration of term.
6. Parliamentarian
 - A. Appointed by the President from among the membership for each session.
7. Any other officers that the Ministers' Conference deems necessary, provided such officers are elected by a majority vote of its members.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: PRESIDENT

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

SECTION B: VICE PRESIDENT

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

SECTION C: CLERK

1. Keep a concise record of all proceedings, read them at the direction of the President, and have them printed in booklet form as the minutes, which are to be distributed among the members.

2. Receive and disburse all moneys raised by the Ministers' Conference in accordance with the direction of the Conference and submit a financial report each year at the annual meeting.
3. Be responsible for all correspondence as directed by the Ministers' Conference for communication with its members.
4. Keep a record of all members' last known addresses and notify them of any special sessions at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.
5. By certified mail, notify any member who is not in good standing and/or whose credentials are revoked, and distribute a copy of this letter to the President.

SECTION D: ASSISTANT CLERK

1. Assume all duties of the Clerk in the absence of the Clerk or if the office of the Clerk is vacated.
2. Assist the Clerk in the duties of his office.

SECTION E: ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

- D. The Clerk of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists shall be a standing proxy on the Ordaining Council in case of absence of any Ordaining Council member, provided the absent member has not sent a proxy in his stead.
- E.

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.
7. 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.
 - D. The licensee must also ensure that he is on the Quarterly License Committee Annual report recommending him for ordination.
8. **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 his License Committee to recommend him to the Minister's Conference Ordaining Council.
9. **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 to and attending his Quarterly Meetings.

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 GRADUATED FROM A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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 of a Christian College and possess a degree that satisfies the Ordaining Council.
- 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 a letter of recommend 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 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 sign 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. A quorum shall consist of members present and in good standing 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: *Free Will Baptist Doctrines*, J.D. O'Donnell
- 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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As Amended and Adapted

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Ministers' Conference

August 15, 2009

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

NORTHERN QUARTERLY OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

PREAMBLE

In order to encourage our churches of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist to cooperate in the support of the National, State and District Associational programs, we the northern Quarterly Meeting of the Union Association, an organized quarterly meeting has adopted the following constitution for proper government of the same.

Article I - Name

The name of this organization is the *Northern Quarterly Meeting of the Union Free Will Baptist Association of Tennessee*

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this collective body shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of the various churches, to provide Christian fellowship among said churches, and to encourage a greater work for Christ from member churches.

Article III - Membership

Any organized Free Will Baptist Church can petition the Quarterly meeting for membership. After the church's leadership (Pastor and Deacons) has been examined by a committee from the Quarterly Meeting. The committee then recommends the church and the Quarterly Meeting shall vote to receive or reject the church.

Article IV - Representation

Each church shall elect and send one (1) delegate for every 50 members or fraction thereof of the church membership. No church will send less than two (2) delegates regardless of membership.

Article V - Discipline

Section 1

The Quarterly Meeting shall assist and advise on any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from time to time from any of the member churches. Such appeal must be clearly and plainly stated

in writing and signed by officers of the member church making the appeal. If the Quarterly Meeting feels the appeal should or could be handled more efficiently by the Union Association, the appeal then shall be referred to the Union Association after having been signed by the moderator and clerk of the Quarterly Meeting. Each member church shall have the privilege of requesting that the Association be asked to assist them with their appeal.

Section 2

A Free Will Baptist Church shall adhere to Free Will Baptist Doctrine as set forth in the *Free Will Baptist Treaties*. If an issue presents itself to the Northern Quarterly Meeting *Matthew 18:15-17* shall be the first step in an attempt to reconcile the erring Church or brother. If reconciliation is not met with this process, then a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting shall be required to withdraw fellowship from the Church.

Article VI - Officers

The officers of this organization shall be the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk and Treasure. Their duties shall be those usually incumbent upon such officers, and they shall serve until their successors are elected. *The office of treasure shall be combined with the office of clerk.*

Section 1

All officers shall hold office for one year or time limit set for that office. In the April Quarterly meeting a three-member nomination committee shall be elected to do the following:

1. Nominate candidates for

- Moderator
- Assistant Moderator
- One member of License Committee
- One member of Executive Committee

After the report of the nominating Committee, nominations from the floor shall be accepted. Officers shall then be elected by vote of the body of delegates at the July Quarterly meeting and the new electrets take office at the October quarterly meeting.

Section 2

It shall be the duty of the Moderator:

- To preside over all Quarterly Meetings and to request that all

discussions be carried on in a Christian manner and adhere to the Constitution and parliamentary procedure.

- He may vote only in the case of a tie. He may speak by way of explanation.

The Assistant Moderator shall assist the Moderator in matters of procedure and may have the right to vote except when he is presiding, except in the case of a tie

It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep an accurate record of each meeting and correspond with our Association with respect to the conference business. The clerk shall supply such information or notices to churches or ministers that should demand immediate attention.

Article VII - Boards and Committees

The members of the committees of the *Northern Quarterly Meeting* shall be members of good standing and active in both church and Quarterly Meeting.

Section 1

The Moderator may appoint temporary committees when the body perceives the need of such committees.

Section 2

Executive Committee, Church Committee and License Committee shall consist of three members to serve three years with one member coming off each year.

Executive Committee

The duties of the *Executive Committee* shall be as follows:

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

Church Committee

The Church Committee shall be dissolved.

License Committee

The responsibilities of this committee are:

1. Examine all applications of ministers for license by adhering to the *Constitution of the Ministers Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist*; Article VII, Sections A,B,C,D,E,F
2. Review and keep record of ordained ministers quarterly report
3. Report work of committee to Quarterly Meeting.
4. Examine all Churches petitioning to join Quarterly Meeting fellowship and make report to Quarterly Meeting.
5. Report in writing annually to the *Union Association Ministers Conference* of the following:

(!) Ordained ministers achieving good standing and those not in good standing.

Ministers having to do business with Ordaining Council for exchange of credential or ratification of credential.

Progression of license Minister in the process of Ordination.

Article VIII - Meeting

The Quarterly Meeting shall convene on Saturday before the fourth Sunday of January, April, July and October.

Article IX - Finances

All Churches holding membership in the Northern Quarterly Meeting shall be requested to send a minimum of \$2.00 to each regular meeting as clerk fee.

Article X - Reports

1. Each Church holding membership in the Quarterly Meeting shall send a written report to each regular Quarterly Meeting. The report is to include information as is indicated by the letter provided by the quarterly meeting. Member churches shall prepare and send an annual report to the Union Association. *Any deliberate refusal of the church to report two (2) consecutive times or fails to send two (2) delegates to two (2) consecutive Quarterly meetings is just*

cause for investigation and for disciplinary action to be taken at the discretion of the Quarterly meeting.

The clerk shall prepare a complete report covering the activities of the Quarterly Meeting during the year to be submitted to the annual meeting of the Union Association

Article XI - Quorum

Representatives from a majority of the member churches shall constitute a quorum.

Article XII - Speakers

We respectfully request all speakers at all events and services sponsored by the *Northern Quarterly Meeting* use the *King James Version* of the scriptures in any and all presentations to our people. We appreciate their compliance to our respect for and belief that the *King James Version* is still the best version available.

Article XIII - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by the majority vote of the delegation present, provided the change is recommended at least one Quarterly Meeting before vote is taken.

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2. A portion of scripture shall be read and prayer offered by way of devotions at the beginning of each *Quarterly Meeting*.
3. The *Moderator or Assistant Moderator* shall call the meeting to order at the hour designated by the program. When neither the *Moderator* nor the *Assistant Moderator* is present the Clerk shall appoint a *Moderator Tern*.
4. All delegates from the various churches whose names are listed on the Churches Quarterly report along with the Deacons and ordained Ministers constitute the voting membership of the Quarterly meeting session. Delegates, Minister and Deacons are to register so a record of their being present is preserved.
5. **It shall be required of each *Northern Quarterly Church* present to submit a written report of the previous quarters work.** Any deliberate refusal of the church to report two (2) consecutive times or fails to send two (2) delegates to two (2) consecutive Quarterly meetings is just cause for investigation and for disciplinary action to be taken at the discretion of the Quarterly meeting.
6. In the event a church should desire to withdraw from the Quarterly meeting, it is requested that the church notify the Quarterly meeting in writing signed by both their Pastor and Clerk.

7. In case of any question as to parliamentary procedure, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the final authority on the subject.
8. Any person not a member of the Quarterly Meeting, by permission of the Moderator may be allowed to speak. Any visitor may be invited to a seat as advisory council and by permission be allowed to speak, but in no case shall be allowed to vote.
9. It shall be the duty of all voting delegates to be present at the time of meeting. Any delegate wishing to leave early shall obtain leave of the moderator.
10. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one person for any position on a committee or board, provided the person nominated is elected or appointed, until each member present has an opportunity to make a nomination.
11. The moderator shall not allow any discussion that is not carried on in a Christian Spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
12. Anyone refusing to cease speaking when asked by the moderator shall forfeit his privileges in the meeting and be barred from participation until acceptable apologies have been submitted and accepted by the majority vote of this meeting.
13. Anyone desiring to speak, shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the friendly appellation "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak until recognized by the moderator. No speaker shall be interrupted while speaking except to be cautioned to adhere to the subject or the time limit by the moderator, or anyone may call for a point of order when the discussion is out of order whereupon the moderator shall rule as the rule of order.
14. No speaker shall be allowed to speak more than two minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the Moderator except when the time limit has been set for a longer period by the program committee.
15. The Quarterly Meeting shall have the right to correspond by letter or in person with other religious bodies.
16. These By-laws may be amended at any regular session of the Quarterly Meeting by a majority vote of the delegation present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing and read publicly at least one meeting before passage and all churches have been notified in writing.

**UNION ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING'S
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**QUARTERLY MEETINGS
DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS**

Date

Time

Location

Central

Sat. November 7, 2009	9:30 AM	Greene Ridge FWB Church
Sat. February 13, 2010	9:30 AM	Greystone FWB Church
Sat. May 8,, 2010	9:30 AM	Harris Memorial FWB Church
Sat. August 7, 2010	9:30 AM	Jackson's Chapel FWB Church
Sat. November 12, 2020	9:30 AM	Kingsley Avenue FWB Church

Eastern

Mon.. Oct. 5, 2009	7:00 PM	Fellowship FWB
Mon. . March 1, 2010	7:00 PM	Morning Light FWB
Mon . June 7 2010	7:00 PM	Red Hill FWB

Northern

Sat. Oct. 24, 2009	10:00 AM	Overlook
Sat. Jan. 23, 2010	10:00 AM	Phipps Bend
Sat. Apr. 24, 2010	10:00 AM	Pine Grove
Sat. July 24, 2010	10:00 AM	Pine View
Sat. Oct. 24, 2010	10:00 AM	

2010th Union Association Annual Meeting

Friday, August 13th 2009-Saturday, August 14th 2010

Location: *The Oaks* Campground, Greeneville, TN