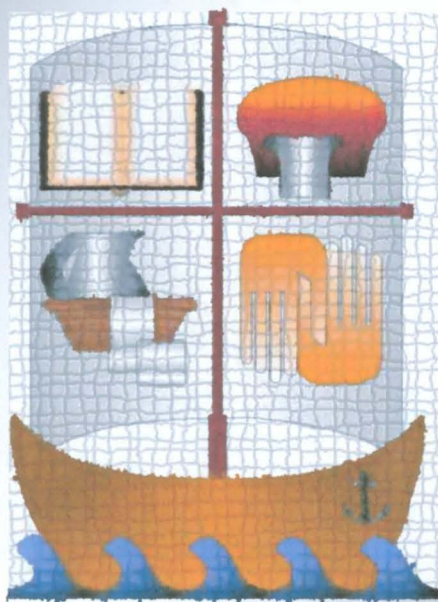


**MINUTES
140th ANNUAL SESSION
Of
UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**



THEME: John 4:38 "Ye are entered into their labours."

**LOCATION: THE OAKS CAMP GROUND
GREENEVILLE, TN**

Dates: AUGUST 23-24, 2012

**MODERATOR: REV. CHRISTOPHER S. CASTLE
CLERK: REV. CARL CALLAHAN**

In Memoriam

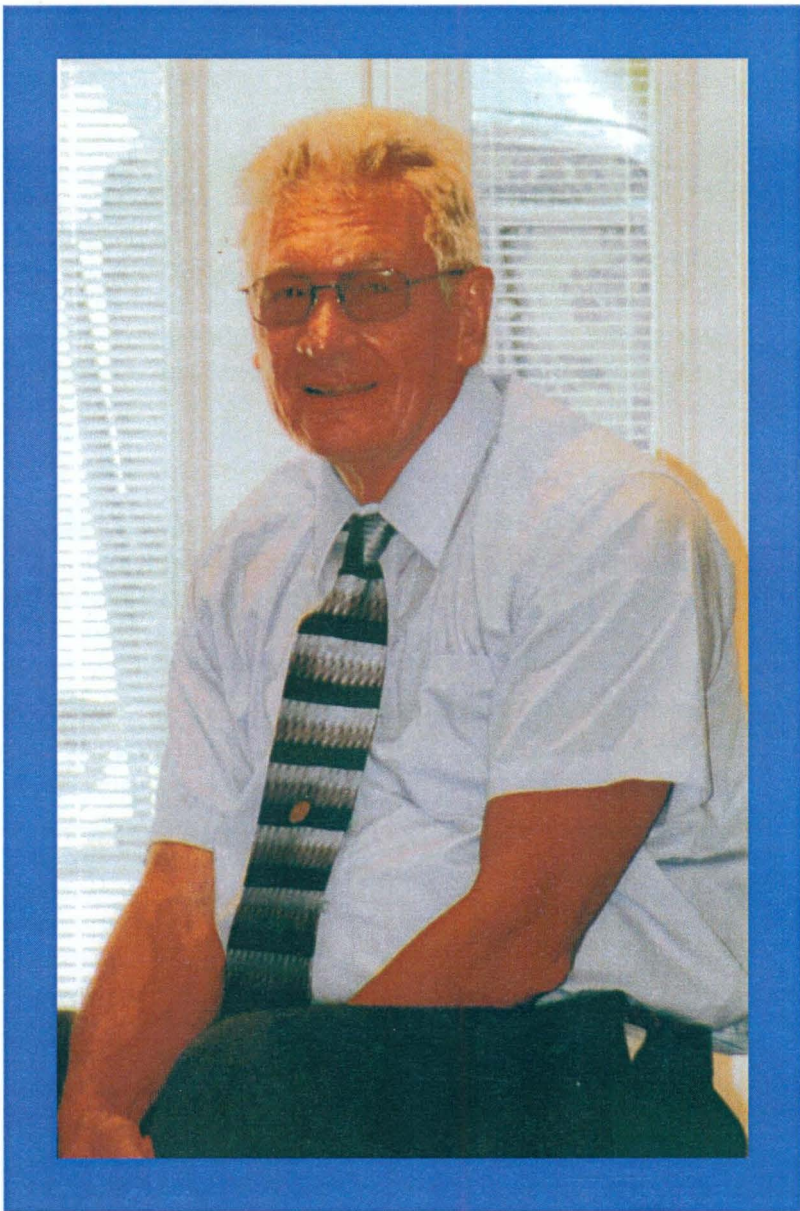
Rev. Ernest Eugene Sawyer

The Minutes for this year's Annual Session are respectfully and lovingly dedicated to the memory of Rev. Ernest Eugene Sawyer, who had loved his ministry and preached at Fugate Free Will Baptist church until his health would no longer allow him to.

Brother Ernest announced his calling to preach the Gospel and was elected pastor of Fugate FWB church on September 18, 1983, where he ministered 29 years. The first sermon that Brother Ernest preached came from II Timothy, chapter two.

Brother Ernest was born on June 3, 1947. He married Gail Wilds on June 10, 1970. They had two children, Melanie and Benjamin, who gave him 4 grandchildren which were a great enjoyment to him.

He loved gardening, playing golf, his family and his church. After battling cancer, Brother Sawyer went home to be with the Lord and Savior on August 2, 2012.



Committees for 2012-2013

Prayer Request Committee

To be Announced

Jackie Cole

To be Announced

Central Quarterly Meeting

Eastern Fellowship

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Resolution Committee

To be Announced

Greg Sergent

Northern To be Announced

Central Quarterly Meeting

Eastern Fellowship

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Committee on Committees

To be Announced

Tim York

Gary Hodges

Central Quarterly Meeting

Eastern Fellowship

Northern Quarterly Meeting

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Roster of Officers

Office	Name	Term Expires
Moderator	Tim Roach	2015
Assistant Moderator	John Buchanan	2015
Clerk	Carl Callahan	Ex-Officio
Assistant Clerk	Tim Carson	Ex-Officio
Treasurer	Brian Capps	Ex-Officio
Assistant Treasurer	Kevin Hilton	Ex-Officio

General Board

Name	Serving From	Term Expires
Jim Cox	Eastern	Ex-Officio
Jeff Blake	Central	Ex-Officio
Adam Castle	Northern	Ex-Officio
Tim Roach	Central	2015
John Buchanan	Central	2015
Carl Callahan	Northern	Ex-Officio
Brian Capps	Northern	Ex-Officio
Derek Bell	Minister's Conference	2013
Edward Maynard	Minister's Conference	2013
Gary Hodges	Ordaining Council	2015

UDWAC Officers

President	Mitzi Satterfield
Vice President	Faye Elliott
Secretary	Betty Fleshman
Treasurer	Jane Bailey

Voting Body of 140th Session

Central Quarterly Meeting

Minister	Deacon	Delegate
Dexter Brummitt	Billy Clark	Betty Fleshman
John Buchanan	Tillman French	Gale Eidson
Dennis Caldwell	Billy Shelton	Billy Larkin
Alfred Cutshall		Ina Page
Jeffery Daugherty		Mitzi
Satterfield	Ralph Dingus	
Charlotte Secrist	Christopher Dotson	
Brenda Winters	Garry Gass	
Gary Gentry		
Billy Gragg		
Bobby Green		
Ivan Kennedy		
Lynn Neas		
Gary Norton		
Jose Nunez		
Doyle Pruett		
David Reece		
Timothy Roach		
Max Sauls		
Ken Smith		
Gene Swatzell		
William Winters		
Edward Young		

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Minister	Deacon	Delegate
Derek Bell	James Bragg	Betty Light
James Byford	Carl McPeck	Lucille Martin
Bo Castle	Jimmy Roten	Barbara Morelock
Carl Callahan		
Christopher Castle		
Gary Cavin		
Steve Davis		

Jesse Hart
 Gary Hodges
 Todd Jennings
 Aaron Knight
 Edward Maynard
 Preston Patrick
 Raymond Perry
 Kevin Rose
 Roger Smith
 Dennis Spears
 Dwayne Steele
 Wyndell Sydebothom
 Keith Williams

Danny Willis

Eastern Fellowship

Minister	Deacon
Jackie Cole	Ricky Anders
Samuel Slep	D. H. Garland
Tim York	

Registration Report

The following report is being made by the clerk of the Union Free Will Baptist clerk of the people who filled out the registration cards:

Ministers from C.Q.M.	24	
Deacons from C.Q.M.	2	
Delegates from C.Q.M.	8	
Visitors from C.Q.M.	8	
Ministers from N.Q.M.	20	
Deacons from N.Q.M.	3	
Delegates from N.Q.M.	3	
Visitors from N.Q.M.	4	
Ministers from E.F.	3	
Deacons from E.F.	2	
Visitors from E.F.	2	
Visitors from outside Union Association		7
Sunday School Teachers	5	
Tennessee State Officers	3	
Missionaries	3	

National officers	2	
Chaplains	2	
Total number present that registries		84

Proceedings of Union FWB Association

August 23, 2012 A. M.

The 140th Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association was called to order by Moderator Chris Castle at 10:00 to conduct the business that may come before the body; the meeting was held at The Oaks Campground, Greeneville, Tennessee. Brother Alfred Cutshall gave the morning devotions reading from Hebrews 12:25-29. Brother Cutshall is 83 years old, and made the statement that it is hard for a minister to give devotion without preaching. Clerk assured him that was quit all right, to go ahead and preach some. Brother Cutshall suffers 99% hearing loss.

Head count of voting body of the association revealed 25 ministers, 2 deacons and 2 delegates were present for the opening session.

MSC to welcome all visitors and seat as advisory council only, but in no way are they to vote.

MSC to allow the Moderator to deviate from the program when and as necessary.

A call from the moderator for greetings from the Central Quarterly Meeting bring the Assistant Moderator of the Central Quarterly, John Buchanan, forward to give the report in the absentness of the moderator, Jeff Blake. Report as follows:

Central QM Moderator's Greetings

Greetings from the Central Quarterly Meeting We currently have a total of 42 churches. The total number of churches with full time pastors is 23, and the total number of churches with bi-vocational pastors is 19. We have an estimated membership of 3,488. The total number of ordained ministers is 61 and the number of licensed ministers is 17. We have 90 ordained deacons. Our estimated Sunday School enrollment is 2815. We have one

Hispanic mission in Chuckey that is doing very well. Brother Luis is working hard, as his church continues to grow.

The Lord has really been blessing us in our Quarterly Meetings this year with great preaching and the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our attendance has been up at our Quarterly meetings. We believe God has great things in store for us in the coming year.

We pray the Lord bless this meeting of the Union Association and fill us with his spirit.

Central Quarterly Moderator

Jeff Blake

The call for greetings from the Eastern Fellowship Moderator brings forward Jackie Cole to give the report in the place of the Moderator Jim Cox. Report follows.

Eastern Fellowship Moderator's Greetings

Eastern Fellowship of the Union Association

Rev. Jim Cox, Moderator

Greetings from the Eastern Fellowship of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist.

The Lord has truly blessed this year in our quarterly meeting.

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting has (11) churches. Eleven (11) out of eleven (11) churches reported this year. Six (6) of the churches are located in the city, five (5) are located in rural settings. The total number of churches with full time pastors is seven (7) and the total number of churches with bi-vocational pastors is four (4).

We have seen a total of seven (7) baptisms this year, and a total of eighteen (18) new members. We have seen a loss of four (4) members, which gives us a total membership of one thousand, three hundred and sixty-one (1,361).

The Eastern Fellowship has fifteen (15) ordained ministers. Two (2) of these brethren are excused due to retirement or sickness. We also have two (2) licensed ministers, and five (5) ordained ministers who pastor Eastern Fellowship Churches, but have their credentials in another conference.

The Eastern Fellowship will convene at the following places during 2012 and 2013 at 6:30 p.m. for business and 7:00 p.m. for Worship:

November 5, 2012 at Fellowship FWB church, Kingsport, TN.

February 4, 2012 at Glamorgan Chapel FWB Church, Wise,

VA

May 6, 2013 at Life FWB church, Place to be announced.

August 2013 Annual Meeting of the Union Association.

• Respectfully.

Rev. Jim Cox, Moderator.

The Moderator of the Northern Quarterly Meeting, Brother Jesse Hartgrove was call to give greetings from the Quarterly Meeting as follows.

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Moderator's Greetings

The Northern Quarterly Meeting extends greetings to the body of the Union Free Will Baptist Association. We rejoice in our fellowship in Christ Jesus with the local assemblies of the Central Quarterly meeting and the Eastern Fellowship within the Union Free Will Baptist Association. We cherish that fellowship, which for several of our local assemblies spans more than a century!

The meetings of the Northern Quarterly during the past year have each offered wonderful opportunities of encouragement and spiritual blessing. We believe that our people have grown and been challenged by the exhortation of God's word and the presence of the Holy Ghost in our gatherings. We would extend invitation to our sister churches of the Central Quarterly and Eastern Fellowship to join with us in our meetings of the coming year. Our Jubilee meeting in April, 2013 may particularly afford a great opportunity for you, our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus to bless us with your presence in our company.

While we praise God for his rich blessing upon us in the past year, we must regrettably report that Pyburn Free Will Baptist Church has withdrawn from the fellowship of the Northern Quarterly meeting. After speaking at length with the leadership of this church, we accepted their request to be dropped from the role of the Northern Quarterly meeting. However, it was in the spirit of much Christian charity that Pyburn Church withdrew from our quarterly meeting. We desire to keep this good church, its pastor and their work for the glory of Jesus in our prayers, as they have promised to do for us.

There were two changes that were implemented in the past year which may affect those who visit our quarterly meetings from time to time. First, the day of the regular sessions of the quarterly meeting has been changed from the Saturday before the fourth Sunday of January, April, July and October to the fourth Saturday of those same months. Also, the annual Jubilee meeting has been moved from the October meeting to the April meeting.

May we close these greetings with the words of the Apostle Paul

from 1 Thessalonians 5:25, "Brethren, pray for us." With that request, we also covenant to pray for the work of our sister quarterly meetings and their local assemblies, the Union Free Will Baptist Association, and the Ministers' Conference of the Union Association.

In Christ's Love Northern Quarterly Meeting

Jesse Hartgrove, Moderator.

Brother Christopher Castle, Moderator of the Union Free Will Baptist Association gave the following Moderator's Message to the conference.

Moderator's Message

He read from John 4:31-38, the theme of our session being taken from verse 38, "Ye are Entered Into Their Labors." His message was centered on the laboring and reaping of the harvest.

Labor of Love

Action of Disciples

Bold to stand up

Obedient to preach the Word

Responsible for reasonable service

The other part of his sermon was on the reaping side.

They had rest from their labors

They enjoyed working in the vineyard

They were held accountable to the Lord and each other

They were productive in winning souls and the Word

Brother Castle gave a wonderful message, very fitting for the hour, and tied in well with the theme.

After the Moderator's Message, the assistant moderator, Brother Tim Roach was ask to serve as moderator, being he is to be elected as moderator for

nest annual session, a way to gain some experience. Brother Carl Callahan, clerk was asked to give the clerk's report and the minutes of the General Board meeting. Both reports will follow.

Union Association Clerk's Report

Report of Clerk of Union FWB Association

The clerk of the Union Free Will Baptist Association has been very active this past year with the duties involved around the work as clerk. Following are a partial list of items which has been accomplished:

The minutes of the 2011, 139th annual session were assembled by Edward Maynard and typed up, printed, and distributed to the Quarterly Meetings by the first Q.M of the New Year in an orderly fashion.

The annual report to the Tennessee State Free Will Baptist Association was assembled from the reports from each Quarterly Meeting report, along with the correct representation fees were sent to the clerk of the Tennessee State FWB Association. The names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email address were turned in to the state clerk, along with the names of people who had passed away this past year. All churches in the Union FWB Association fees were paid with a check from the treasurer, with all churches reporting to the Union Association.

The Tennessee State Incorporation papers were filled out and sent in to Nashville, TN. Secretary of State with the fee to renew the corporation of the Union FWB Association.

All three Quarterly meetings were informed of the changes that were made at the Union Association that they need to know about and given information needed for the coming session.

All of the committees were notified of the up-coming year and ask to meet and have a report ready to present to the Union FWB annual session in August, 2012.

All of the quarterly meeting moderators and clerks were given the church annual report form 503 and informed of the moderator's message, the church reports and what I need to send in to the State clerk.

I helped plan the annual meeting for the 2012 session, making out an agenda for the meeting and giving in-put as needed.

I have studied both the Union FWB Association and Minister's Conference constitutions to be sure that the constitution was adhered to in all respects and gave notification when it was not being obeyed.

I have set with the celebration committee for the 140th annual session and help plan to honor the churches that have been in the association since 1911 or before. I have put many hours searching the old minutes for information that will be informative for the celebration.

I started digital recording the old minutes of the Union Association and making available to the people to look at and use as needed. I have logged in over 240 hours so far, and have 60 minutes in the computer with 80 more to go before I am finished. Much of a job to say the least.

I have sent out letters to different associations where a minister or church has changed associations.

I have worked with the clerk of the Minister's Conference with email addresses, telephone numbers, and names as needed.

I have printed up flyers for each church telling about the annual meeting and printed up the program for the 140th annual session.

I have secured a 2 ft. by 10ft. banner for the 140th annual session.

I will be doing a digest of reports this year and all information, reports, moderators message, church reports, needs to be in my hand by July 20, 2012 so I can have printed.

I have been in touch with all serving on the program and ask them to serve plus a lot of State and National people to share with us of their work in different areas.

There are more and other items which the Lord knows about that He keeps a record and he knows why I have done this job for 20 years and my hope is that I have been a blessing and a bit of sunshine along the way to those I have served.

Expense of Clerk for Past Year

I have the following expenses to report for the past year, 2011 – 2012:

\$109.00 Ink cartridge for Dell 520 printer

15.00 disc for computer celebration copy to each church
11.00 case for disc celebration churches
34.60 postage stamps for letters sent out
68.73 telephone calls for Union Association calls
\$238.33 Total out of pocket expense
530 miles traveling delivering Minutes to Quarterly Meetings,
taking celebration pictures at different churches

Other expense

130 Actual hours regular clerk's work on computer
240 Actual hours computer time putting old minutes on computer
100 Actual hours computer time doing power point presentation of old pictures
85 Actual hours computer time doing church celebration power point presentation
555 Total actual computer hours (I do not know how to figure hours)

When the General Board took the cut in honorarium, we agreed to a 10% cut. At that time the Association was giving the clerk \$450.00 per year, and the clerk's was cut to \$250.00 per year for past few years. We are getting the \$50.00 annual church fee now for the Union FWB Association treasury. Also it was voted at Jan. 2012 to keep honorariums this year the same as last year. Dose this need to be looked at?

The clerk of the Union Free Will Baptist Association humbly submits this report for the year 2012.

Carl Callahan

General Board Report to the Union Free Will Baptist General Board

Minutes of the General Board of the Union

FWB Association

Jan. 10, 2012

The General Board of the Union Association met at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist church for the purpose of planning the upcoming 2012 annual meeting which will be in August, 2012. Members present were Chris Castle, Brian Capps, Jeff Blake, Edward Maynard, Carl Callahan, Danny Willis, Jesse Hartgrove, and Tim Roach. Also attending were Mitzi Satterfield as representative of Ladies Active For Christ and Lynn Neas as chairman of the 140th, celebration committee.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by moderator Chris Castle by reading from Rom. 1:16. Prayer request were made by several and Jeff Blake led us to the Lord in prayer.

Brian Capps gave the treasurer's report.

MCS to adopt report.

Union Association Financial Report August 1st to January 1st, 2012

Balance Forward	\$13,722.57
Revenues	
Bethany	\$60.00
Central Quarterly	\$8,580.00
Community Chapel	\$100.00
Eastern Quarterly	\$2,200.00
General Fund Offering	\$125.00
Fellowship	\$240.00
Horse Creek	\$45.00
Jackson's Chapel	\$550.00

Jimtown Road	\$60.00
Liberty	\$1,200.00
McMillan	\$12.00
Mount Carmel	\$75.00
New Home	\$384.00
Northern Quarterly	\$4,380.00
Pine View	\$65.00
St. Joseph	\$40.00
Tennessee State Association	\$86.64
Union Chapel	\$120.00
White Pine	\$75.00
Total Revenues	\$18,407.64
Disbursements	
Annual fees	\$13,820.00
Bible College	\$600.00
Camp	\$400.00
Family Ministries	\$50.00
Foreign Missions	\$313.00
Home Missions	\$878.00
Sexton Medical Fund	\$60.00
Together program	\$600.00

Total Disbursements	\$16,721.00
Balance Forward	\$13,722.57
Add Funds designated to general	\$1,686.64
Balance in Account	\$15,409.21
Expenses	
Speakers for Meeting	\$100.00
Honorarium for meeting place	\$300.00
Honorarium for treasurer	\$650.00
Honorarium for clerk	\$250.00
Honorarium for moderator	\$250.00
Old stage printing	\$400.00
Secretary of State	\$20.00
Total Expenses	\$1,970.00
Total in Treasury January 1, 2012	\$13,439.21

MSC to give Lynn Neas and Mitzi Satterfield voting rights on the board.

Brother Edward Maynard gave oral report of Ministers Conference in place of Chris Dotson who was home with a sick boy.

Brother Lynn Neas gave the report of the celebration 140th committee.

MSC to adopt report which follows;

Planning Committee for the 140th Anniversary

Recognition Service

The committee met on Dec. 13 2012. The following committee members were present: Lynn Neas, Willy Winters, and Jesse Hartgrove. Also attending in advisory capacity were Union Association Moderator, Chris Castle and Union Association Clerk, Carl Callahan.

The Clerk shared with the committee that he had allotted 1 ½ hours for the 140th anniversary recognition proceedings.

Having received this information the following suggestions are submitted by the committee.

To format the 1 ½ time period as a special worship service
To honor any Union Churches which were original members of the Union Association. If this information is not available, perhaps those churches which have been members of the Union Association for 100 or more years could be honored since minutes are available from that time.

To select some of our eldest ministers to share a brief testimony.
To incorporate the singing of hymns from the late 19th century, considering an a cappella rendering of some or all of the selections. Congregational singing may be preferable, but special singing would also be acceptable.

For the topic of the sermon to be "We Have Entered into Their Labors" from John 4:38. Bro. Robert Picirilli was suggested as a possible speaker.

To set up one or more kiosk type displays which would allow those in attendance to browse through electronic images of minutes, minutes and photos from past Union Association meetings?

Other discussion and comments included the following: (Although these are outside the scope of the committee's charge, they are presented as information for the General Board's consideration.)

Consideration should be given to returning to a two day format, possible with a longer afternoon break on the second day.

If a minister such as Bro. Picirilli is engaged for the 140th anniversary service, the Ministers' Conference may also consider using him as the Ministers' conference speaker.

Consideration should be given to returning to a Wednesday-Thursday association.

For the 2013 Union Association, an easily accessible location should be considered for the ordination service to promote better attendance. Tusculum and Chucky auditoriums were offered as suggestions. Rental would be \$125.00 and \$50.00 respectively.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lynn Neas (Chairman)

Willy Winters

Jesse Hargrove

MSC to give celebration committee two (2) hours of time on annual association program. The theme the committee chose was from John 4:38.

MSC to honor all charter churches of the Union FWB Association with over 100 years of membership.

Carl Callahan gave the Report of the clerk, August 2011 to Jan. 10, 2012.

MSC to adopt report.

2012

The clerk begs leave to make the following report;

The minutes were printed in orderly fashion, even though the clerk was not well during the last associational meeting, thanks to my good assistant clerk, Tim Carson and Brother Edward Maynard who helped to make ready for the printer. The invoice was sent to the treasurer and it has been paid.

The Tennessee State Association report was sent in on time, along with the proper fees both to the State and National, and all the information required.

The clerk has communicated with different people and organizations as to ministers who have changed associations, churches who have moved to other associations along with the ministers of the church. As far as is known, all correspondence are up to date.

The corporation papers have been up-dated with the state of Tennessee and the proper fee has been paid to the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

The clerk has met with the celebration 140th year committee and informed to committee of old pictures of the association and the willingness to share the pictures however he could during the celebration. Also informed committee of old minutes that could be a part of the celebration.

The clerk has made a power point presentation of both the

pictures and the old minutes and will be presented today to the general board.

The clerk has often communicated with the moderator and other members of the board as to the needs of the association.

The assistant treasurer was not replaced at the last associational meeting in August, 2011. We may consider this now or wait until the meeting in August, 2012.

The board recommended to the association that the church fee for this year be \$350.00 per church.

The board needs to think about the people who will be serving on the different committees for the coming year, 2013.

The president of the Minister's Conference asks me to make a list of ministers who have not attended or registered in the past years. I have an excel spread sheet with the names of those who have not registered in the past 3 years, 2009, 2010, and 2011 that I will be giving to the president and moderator. The ordaining council told me it was not their responsibility to see about this matter.

With the minutes and pictures that I have put on the computer, we will be able to do lots of things with them now, including putting on a web site.

The clerk will be doing a digest of reports and everyone making a report to the association needs to get the report in the hands of the clerk by July 20, 2012, in order to get the digest of reports printed.

I respectfully submit this report to the members of the General Board of the Union FWB Association.

MSC to set the date for the 140th Annual Meeting of the Union FWB Association as August 23 and 24, 2012 at the Oaks Camp-ground.

MSC that association for year 2012, Thursday, start at 10:00 a.m. and all work of association and Minister's Conference be ended by 3:00p.m. The Ladies have the

Thursday night service starting at 7:00 p.m. That the Friday service starts at 10:00

A.m. and be completed by 3:00 p.m. with the ordaining service to be Friday Night starting at 7:00 p.m. Registration starts at 9:00a.m. And breakfast will be served before the association starts for a fee of \$6.00.

MSC that Danny Willis will be bringing the Ordination message on Friday, August 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Service.

MSC that Thurman Pate be ask to bring the 140th celebration message on Friday 11:00 a.m. service and that James Byford be ask to bring the message on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at the 11:00 service.

MSC that Bobby Green be the backup for Thurman Pate and that Alfred Cutshall is the back-up for James Byford.

MSC for moderator and clerk make out the 140th annual program for the association.

MSC that board make a recommendation to the body for a location change for the 2013 annual meeting.

MSC that Brother Harvey Crain be the song leader for the celebration service, that on Thursday that the Eastern Fellowship furnish the song leader and special music, that the Central Q.M. furnish the song leader and special music on Friday, and that the Northern Q.M. furnish the song leader and special music for the Friday night ordination service.

MSC that the honorariums remain the same for this year as they were last year,

MSC to get a letter to all ministers explaining being excused from attending the annual meeting and the By-law # 7 if a person misses two (2) years in a row. We have about 50% not attending of our ministers.

Report of ordaining council was given by Danny Willis.

MSC to adapt report as follows;

January 2012

The Ordaining Council met on August 19, 2011 at the Oaks.

After the Ordination service for re-organization as required by the Ministers Conference Constitution. The council elected for the year 2012;

Rev. Danny Willis to serve as chairman and to preach the ordaining message at the 2012 ordaining service.

Rev. Jackie Cole to serve as clerk.

Those attending the meeting were: Danny Willis, Gary Norton, Jackie Cole, and Jeff Davis.

Union District Women Active for Christ Report to General Board Jan. 19, 2012

The UDWAC met on August 20, 2011 at the Oak Grove FWB church. Sixteen ladies were present. Eight visitors were recognized.

Normal business was conducted during the morning hour. The secretary's report and treasurer's report were read and accepted by the voting group. Reports were heard from various mission and FWB agencies including FWBFM, Marion and David Reece Ministry, and Berea Ministry, Tennessee State WAC president. Amanda Kilgore reported on state and national activities. Special visitor Dr. Paul Parks was given an opportunity to share his ministry with the ladies.

Missionaries Heath and Joni Hubbard were invited to minister to us during the worship hour. They were truly a blessing as they shared their burden for the people of Spain and North Africa.

Details of the meeting and a detailed treasurer's report were included in the minutes of the meeting have been submitted for publication with the Union Association minutes.

I will be very grateful for the ladies who serve as officers for the UDWAC. My job would be impossible without their help. I will be speaking by phone with the past and present officers to determine the best course of action for the 2012 meeting. The program will be submitted to Brother Carl Callahan for publication with the Union Association program.

Thank you, Mitzi Satterfield, President, UDWAC

Motion and second to Amend the Union Free Will Baptist Constitution by changing the number on the board from 10 members to 7 members. Christopher Dotson hit the floor and declared motion out of order because copies had not been handed out before to all members. For some reason, no action was taken on the motion and second.

Brother Gary Cavin gave the prayer request committee report and altar prayer was offered afterwards. A good season of prayer made it seem like the good old days of yesterday.

Prayer Request Committee Report

Prayer Request Committee Report

The Prayer request committee of the Union Free Will Baptist Association begs leave to submit the following report:

The Prayer Request Committee met at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist church in Greeneville, Tennessee on Saturday, May 12 at 9:00 am. Brother Donnie Myers, Fred Dotson and Gary Cavin met and submit the following request:

United States of America
Men and women in armed forces
Youth
Berea Ministries
All Missionaries
All Pastors and preachers
Brother Teddy Webb and wife Peggy
Brother Fred Dotson's Wife, she has Lupus
Nathan Castle, deacon at Phipps Bend FWB church has cancer
Marilyn Presnell, cancer
Jennings and Ruth Dotson
Sandy Chambers, cancer
Brian Chestney
Cliff Donahue, missionary in Florida and son
Rev. Chris Castle's son, Cooper
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries
Ladies Active for Christ
Jason Gilbert
Imogene Rice, 80 year old, unsaved
Sara, 26 going to Nicaragua as missionary
Many others in need
Pray for all the lost everywhere
President and leaders of country
Hope center
Nursing Homes and folks that work there
Brother Howard Rossie is paralyzed
Brother Chris Dotson, pastor of Peace FWB church
Christian Eskole (12) woodchip behind eye
Ed Ragsdale and family not saved
Bruce Arnold (cancer) not saved
Linda Ward not saved
Garland Sellers and family not saved
Ed Hutson not saved

"Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost" Philipians 4:13

Report humbly submitted by Brother Gary Cavin, chairman, Brother Fred Dotson, and

Brother Donnie Myers

Brother Fred Dotson gave the Berea Missions report, with lots of good work going on in Mexico. He tells of a church in a field without a building running 150 people every Sunday. He wants help to get them a building. He also told of a 6-K walk for missions.

Berea Ministry Report

Brother Tim Carson gave a good camp report of the camps this summer.

Camp Report

See page 141 for report, in back of book.

After a short recess, Brother Harvey Crain led in singing, using the song book the 193rd. Method Camp Meeting used. He asked to borrow the songbook to use for our singing. He led in songs that were used 100 years ago in all of the churches.

Brother James Byford, age 88, was introduced to bring the morning message, reading from John 4:38, our theme. His subject was, "What did They Leave for Us to Go By?"

They did not give up their faith (we must keep the faith)
They did not give up their hope (we must keep the hope)
They did not give up their Love (we must keep the love)
They did not give up their peace (we have to keep the peace)
They did not give up their joy (we must maintain our joy)

In closing, he read from 1 Cor. 1:9. Come and have fellowship with God, which will produce more power, more faith, more love, more hope, more peace, and more joy.

He delivered a powerful message, very fitting for the hour and the 140th annual session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association. He was able to tie the message in with the theme taken from John 4:38, Ye are entered into their labors. I added up the years of service of the song leader, the one bring the morning devotions, and the messenger, and the total years of service for Thursday came to 263 years. That in itself is quit a blessing. We were recessed for lunch served by FWBFM.

Friday, August 24, 2012 A.M.

The 140th annual session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association was called back to order by moderator, Christopher Castle at 9:00 A.M. to finish up the business of the association. Brother Bobby Greene was asking to bring the morning devotions. He had requested the clerk for a little time to preach, and it was granted. He read from John 4:37-38, and keeping with the theme of the association. His subject was "sowing and reaping".

Assures us we are reaping what others have sowed
We are sowing what others may reap (seed is Word of God)
We are sowing what we shall reap
A very good message to get things off to a good start first thing in the morning.

Brother Brian Capps gave the treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report

Union Association Financial Report August 1, 2011 to August 1, 2012

Balance forward	\$13,722.57
Revenues	
Bethany	\$120.00
Central Quarterly Meeting	8,580.00
Community Chapel	450.00
General Fund Offering	125.00
Eastern Quarterly	6,050.00
Fellowship	660.00
Horse Creek	180.00
Jackson's Chapel	1,075.00
Jimtown Road	180.00
Liberty	2,100.00
McMillan	36.00
Mount Carmel	225.00
New Home	472.00
Northern Quarterly	4,380.00
Pine View	130.00
St. Joseph	\$100.00

Tennessee State Association	273.22
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Union Chapel	430.00
White Pine	150.00
Total Revenues	\$25,716.22

Disbursements

Annual Fees	\$17,120.00
Bible College	1,050.00
Camp	1,100.00
Family Ministries	270.00
Foreign Missions	754.00
Home Missions	1,414.00
Sexton Medical Fund	150.00
Together Program	1,050.00
Total Disbursements	\$22,908.00

Balance Forward	\$13,722.57
Add funds designated to general	2,808.22

Balance in Account	\$16,530.79
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Expenses

Speakers for meeting	\$100.00
Honorarium for place of meeting	300.00
Honorarium for treasurer	650.00
Honorarium for Moderator	250.00
Honorarium for clerk	250.00
Old Stage Printing	514.00
Tn. Secretary of State	20.00
Mileage for Union Board Meeting	63.27
Total Expenses	\$2,147.27

Total in Treasury August 1, 2012	\$14,383.52
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Report of resolution committee was called for, but there was no one present to give report that had been delayed from Thursday business. The Clerk had turned in two resolutions and the committee had rejected one of the two. So in absences of anyone from the committee, the clerk offered the one that they had approved. (Clerk did not know that the resolution committee acted as a

Resolution For Sponsorship of Cooper Castle

Whereas This is the last year that Rev, Chris Castle will be able to serve as the moderator of the Union FWB Association and he has serves well for the past three years, but under a burden of having a child with a disease of not having enough energy to keep him going all day as other boys and girls, and

Whereas on September 30, 2012, at Warriors Path State Park, Kingsport, Tennessee, they will be having a sanctioned and timed 5-k run that will count in his behalf to raise awareness and money to help all children suffering with this disease, also a fun 3-k family walk, and

Whereas they are looking for sponsorships in order to raise money for the organization which supports all of the children who have this disease and gives treatment for free to all in the organization, to do research to find out more of the symptoms associated with this disease, and

Whereas Brother Chris lives in the fear that something bad could happen any day or night. Many times in Cooper's short life, he has already coded many times. His Mom and Dad have stood by his side praying and trusting the Lord often, wondering if this is the time. The Lord has done many miracles already and may do many more. But the truth is that also He may call Cooper home to a better land.

Therefore be it resolved that the Union Free Will Baptist give to this cause, to be determined by this body, a sponsorship from the treasury to help all children with this disease of not having enough energy in the cells of the body and not expected to live a long or normal life as other children, and that we pledge to remember this family in our prayers, that we lift them up to the goodness and mercy of the Lord for help and strength day by day.

Be it Further resolved that every church in the Union Free Will Baptist Association bring this matter before our churches and remember them in

our prayers, and if led by Holy Spirit to sponsor them with a sponsorship;

also to be with them on September 30, 2012, at Warriors Path State Park on the afternoon for fun with one of the finest boys ever, Cooper Castle and his big brother.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Jeff Davis, chairman, Garry Gass, Todd Jennings

MSC to give a \$500.00 sponsorship to the Cooper Walk- A – Thon from the treasury of the Union FWB Association.

Brother Chris Castle, father of Cooper Castle gave a heartfelt appreciation for the sponsorship from the association.

MSC to raise the honorariums back to the level they were before the Board took the 10% cut, which will be \$850.00 for the treasurer, \$450 to the Moderator of the association, and \$450.00 to the clerk of the association. The speaker fee will remain the same, \$50.00 per speaker and \$300.00 to the host of the association.

MSC by Ken Smith to incorporate more worship and fellowship and less business to attract more people to attend the annual meeting for the 141st. annual meeting. The clerk will gather all ideas and submit to the next General Board meeting in Jan. 2013. Brother Harvey Crain added that we have a lot of working pastors and that needs to be considered.

Brother Earl Langley from the Welch Bible College, formally Free Will Baptist Bible College, gave the report from FWBBC. He read some scripture from 1 Thess.1, "We are bound to give thanks to God for you always."

Welch College Report

To Union Association, August, 2012

It may be that must of you will already be aware of much of what I have to say, but we thank you for the opportunity to share the burden of our hearts on behalf of Welch College, and our faculty and staff.

I will just remind you that in May of this year, 57 degrees were conferred upon 57 of our graduates. Four of these were from your area.

Kimberly and Nathaniel Hagood of Whitesburg received the associate of Science

degree in Ministry. Rachel Trimble of Greeneville received the Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Elijah Gale Carpenter of Church Hill received the Bachelor of Arts degree in History. All of these degrees can obviously be adapted in ministry.

Delegates at the 76 annual Free Will Baptist National Convention in Memphis, voted to change the name of the denomination's flagship educational institution from Free Will Baptist Bible College to Welch College, following a 25 minute discussion. The name change becomes effective immediately. The name "Welch College" was recommended by FWBBC Board of Trustees and arose from the life and ministry of Reverend John L Welch (which moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists) and his wife Mary.

At least three primary considerations indicated the need of change:

- To recommend our College as more than just a "Bible College", as we offer over forty major programs of study to prepare students to serve the Lord wherever they feel led to serve in our society.

- To help avoid problems that some have experienced in transferring from our four-year college into graduate programs in other colleges because of the name on their credentials.

- To help avoid problems that mission-minded students are experiencing because of the name on their credentials when trying to enter restricted-access countries to serve the Lord to which they feel led.

The Bible College will be doing business immediately under the Welch College name, with all the transitions completed by January 2013. The change by no means suggests any change in mission and message of the College. The mission of Free Will Baptist Bible College is to educate leaders to serve Christ, His Church, and His world through Biblical thought and life.

It was also agreed that the College could change its denominational emphasis month from December to February, effective 2013.

New students arrived this week for orientation on August 23rd. returning students will register on Monday, and classes will begin on Wednesday.

Just this reminder the dates for the 2012-2013 Welcome Days are November 8-10, and April 18-20. Senior Days will take place October 4, 5, 2012, and January 31- February 1, 2013.

Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory, conducted nationwide among four-year colleges, ranked the college in the top 20% in key areas of the

college experience and student expectations, according to President Pinson. Some 90% of our students report that the college met their expectations for college experience, with 63% reporting that the college exceeded their expectations (compared to 83% and 50% respectively at national, your year colleges).

Please help yourself to the literature, and items of our display table. Again, Thanks for allowing me to share. Continue to support us with your prayers and your offerings.

Notes concerning Commencement Ceremonies at Welch College

Academic ceremonies such as these began and end with a formal academic procession. Welch College assembles participants in a single file. The Bible carried in the procession is an exact replica of the original 1611 edition of the King James Bible. A color guard, one carrying the American flag and another carrying the Christian flag, will lead the processional, but will not participate in the recessional.

Sister Betty Fleshman gave the Union District Women Active for Christ report of Thursday evening service.

UDWAC Report

The Union District WAC met on August 23, 2012, at The Oaks. Seven ladies were in attendance. President Mitzi Satterfield opened with prayer and scripture reading.

Registration, Finance, and Resolution committees were appointed. Betty Fleshman read the secretary's report of the 2011 meeting. It was approved as read. Jane Bailey gave treasurer's report. It was approved. Our balance in the treasure was \$228.07.

Amanda Kilgore reported on the state and national activities. The 2012 WNAC meeting held in Memphis during the National Association was a great success. Amanda was grateful for the cooperation of the ladies from Tennessee. The next state retreat will be held in October 2013.

Mitzi Satterfield reported on Berea Ministries. Amanda Kilgore reported on Free Will Baptist Family Ministries and the Hope Center. Marian Reece gave a report on the encouragement ministry she shares with her husband dedicated to helping home missionaries.

The finance committee reviewed the records of the Treasurer and found them in order. They recommended that \$100 be taken from the treasury and added to the offering for Cliff Donoho, the missionary speaker.

The resolution committee recommended the following:

Whereas, be it resolved that one urge all Christians to diligently pray for this fall elections and for our country.

Be it resolved that we stand with Chick-Fila and other organizations that support Biblical marriage between one man and one woman.

Be it resolved that we continue to encourage women of all ages to be a part of a WAC group.

The UDWAC meeting dismissed until the worship service, which convened in the Oaks Chapel at 7PM. Several pastors and visitors attended the service. The service opened with congregational singing led by Ina Page accompanied by Merle Archer on the piano. President Mitzi Satterfield introduced Brother Cliff Donoho, home missionary to Tallahassee, Florida, as the evening speaker. He blessed us with a song, and then shared his testimony about how the Lord has called him and his family to begin a new work in Florida. Brother Donoho preached the sermon God laid on his heart. The service ended with altar prayer.

Submitted by Betty Fleshman, UDWAC Secretary.

Rev. Frank Woods

FWBFM Director





Glenn Poston and Derek Bell

Report of Tn. State Promotional Secretary

Union Association of Free Will Baptist

Tn. Promotional Director's Report

August 23-24, 2012

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First, I want to thank all of you who came to the National Association in Memphis. It was a great time in the Lord as over 5,500 Free Will Baptist met under the same roof. I also want to thank all of the churches who helped Tennessee raise the needed funds to host the convention.

I have enjoyed being in many of your churches this past year. It is always good to see first-hand all the good things that are happening in your churches as you faithfully preach His Word and minister in your area. It is my desire to see Free Will Baptist have an impact on the entire world. As you know, this world will one day pass away but God's Word and God's people will last for eternity. We need to do what we can to take as many people with us as we can. You can be sure Satan is doing all he can to take them with him.

Pray for our State and national ministries. I'm glad to report that our missionaries are all headed back to the fields after a record breaking offering for the World Mission Offerings. Free Will Baptist Family Ministries is on solid ground with the new Executive Director, Frank Woods; this ministry consistently has over 100 decisions for Christ every year. Pray for the ministry of the Tennessee State Office as I try to encourage our churches and pastors to pool our resources and work together for a common cause. God is glorified when we cooperate to extend the Kingdom of God.

Please plan to be with us down in Pigeon Forge for our 75th anniversary as a state association November 12 – 14, 2012. All former Tennessee promotional directors will be with us to speak including John Gibbs, Wallace Hayes, and Dr. Charles Thigpen. Every church that gave the \$250.00 gift to help with the convention will receive a commemorative Bible and a messenger bag for the pastor.

I want you to know three things. (1) I love each and every one of you. (2) I appreciate what you're doing for the Lord and (3) I want to be a blessing and a help to you and your church if I can. Thank you for your prayers, your gifts to the state office, and your friendship. If you would like to have me come to your church, just let me know and I will be glad to schedule you for a service. Remember, you can support the state office in three different ways. (1) Support the Unified Ministry plan. (2) Receive a special offering for the state office. (3) Put the state office in your budget.

Until I see you again, may God's richest blessings be upon you and your family. Remember what I Peter 2:9 says, "ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Your friend in Christ, Glenn Poston
Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptist Promotional Director

Brother Eddie Young, a Military Chaplin, for the Military Corps gave greetings, and spoke of the work he is doing in the area. He is a member of Peace FWB church.

Brother David Reece gave a report of Home missionary Encourage Ministry. He noted that October 14, 2012 will be his last Sunday as being pastor of Limestone FWB church. Also he stated that Brother Cutshall had built a strong church and that Limestone FWB church had recovered well from their problems.

D and M Ministries Report

We would like to thank you for your support for D & M Ministries for the past 10 years. Beginning in 2002 as MESF, our goal was to encourage the home missionary family: Going where they are and serving in any way we can, doing whatever is necessary to lift their burden a little. In this way we have been very fortunate to visit with several home missionaries and in many different states.

In 2007 legal circumstances forced the renaming of our ministry and D & M Ministries was created to take on our goals. As this was beginning, our home church experienced some hardship and asked for our help. Assured of God's will to assist for a while, we slowed D & M Ministries down to an auxiliary ministry and began the encouragement of our home church. Taking the pastorate again caused the loss of much of our monthly support. Our home church has healed and doing well. On August 12, 2012, I resigned as the pastor and established our determination to take D & M Ministries back to the forefront of our goals. I am scheduling services to regain what support we lost.

We have the 8th annual D & M golf tournament at Twin Creeks Golf Course on September 15, 2012. We would appreciate your support.

Pray for us as we minister to our Free Will Baptist Missionaries.

David and Marian Reece, D & M Ministries

Brother Frank Woods, Director of FWBFM, thanked the Union Free Will Baptist Association for coming to The Oaks to have our 140th Annual Session, thanked for the support. The prayers and everything we do for them.

FWBFM Report

Thank You to all of the churches and pastors of the Union Free Will Baptist Association on behalf of the Board of Directors for all that you do for FWBFM. WE thank you for the privilege to give this report.
Thanks to

Dr. James Kilgore for his years of service to this ministry. Please continue to pray for the health of Dr. Kilgore.

Earnest Sawyer is such a friend of the home. He came every year with a collection of penny offering every year for the home. This past year, with the weakness of his body that cancer left him in was his last time to bring the penny offering, because he has gone home to be with the Lord. Someone will step up to take his place in collecting the penny offerings.

Brother Tim Roach continues to work with the children every Sunday to bring them the Word of God and minister to their spiritual needs.

The Union Association has the largest number of representation on the Board of Directors all the associations, and we are very thankful. We have Pam McAmis, wife of pastor Oscar McAmis, Rev Chris Castle, and Derek Bell, chairman of the board all who serve on the board. Brother Tim York will become the chairman since Derek Bell has taken a job with the FWBFM. The Hope Center continues to be a blessing. There is a story of two sisters, one age 16 and the other age 12, who gave birth to their children, coming from abusive homes themselves, choose to do the right thing by giving birth and the girls with their babies are doing well, thanks for people who care and provide a place for the sisters.

Family Ministry continues to be a place where the youth receive help, it is a ministry to the youth. The home serves from the cradle, serving from the baby in the womb to our senior citizens. One man gave his heart to the Lord just two weeks before he went home to the Lord that was a resident of one of the senior homes.

Here around this very altar, many have come to know the Lord as Tim Roach preaches to our children. Many have been saved by God's amazing "Grace, to God be the Glory. After the report of FWBFM by Frank Woods, Ivan Kennedy, who was raised in the home gave a good report and good testimony to the Lord and the home for giving him a good chance to better life. This is a 50 year old ministry that just keeps on giving.

Brother Rodney Bailey sent a letter stating that he could not attend the Union FWB Association this year, but his heart was with the meeting.

Rodney Bailey Letter

Dear all,

Would you please pass on to each and every one our canceled plans to be at the Union Association? I will miss the Word and Fellowship of gathering together and the strength of being with one another.

The Mayo Clinic in Minn. Has had me for two years on every other week IV Immunoglobulin treatments. One is due Friday, 9am to 3:30 or 4 pm. Also on Cellcept, which is an 'anti-rejection' drug given to 'transplant patients'. I'm on these to weaken my immune system and I'm thus easily susceptible to infection. Right now I've had an infection for over two weeks and back to the Doctor again today for test and now more antibiotics. I'm concerned about this because I was in the hospital back in Jan. with the same kind of infection.

Too, I had a Brain MRI today and will go back to see another Dr. tomorrow to see if the MRI showed reason for no sense of smell and do a long over-due look at the pituitary gland where surgery was done. It seems all we do is see Doctors and have different tests. My energy level is very low and at times I'm low in spirit. Sometimes Bobbie and I are weary. We have strong and firm faith in our Heavenly Father and know His hand is great and good upon us.

I know I'm out of touch with the Preachers and Churches. We still desire the prayers of all the Brothers and the Churches. May God bless and use the Union Association in greater ways than ever.
Rodney Bailey

We had an altar prayer for Rodney Bailey's need, and wife, Ray Dean Mysinger family, Eddie Young's wife, and the Earnest Sawyer family.

Brother Jerry Gibbs, Missionary to France and Thurman Pate's son in law, reports an offering of over \$1,000,000.00 to the World Missions offering. He states that he will be home and available for services in churches for a while. He has served on the mission field 40 years now

We received an offering for the Union Association of \$185.72.

Brother Harvey Crain led in singing some more old time hymns. His leading of the music has been one more blessing. We thank God for his many years of service and he is still going strong. Brother Thurman Pate was introduced to bring the morning and celebration message. Brother Pate is 93 years old. He has been preaching for the past 77 years. He read from Phil. 3:14, and using as a subject, "I press Toward the Mark."

In 1939 he attended Johnson Bible College.

In 1937, he was called to preach.

In 1943, he received Union Free Will Baptist Credentials.

He then read I Cor. 3:8.

Pressing On the Higher Way

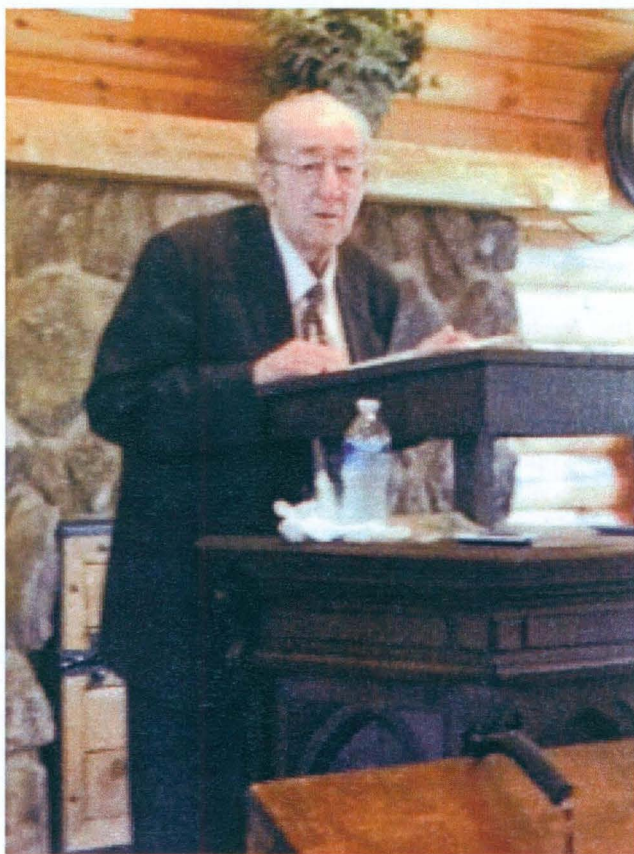
Praying always to the Lord

Producing the will of God

Preserving in the Way
Praising the Lord always
Professing The Name of the Lord

In closing, he read Rev.2:10, Be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of Life. He did an outstanding job and was a blessing to all.

The morning session recessed for lunch.



Rev. Thurman Pate

Friday, August 24, 2012 P.M.

Celebration, To Honor Churches of 100 Years

Afternoon Service was called back into session at 1:15 by the Moderator Chris Castle. Brother Crain was leading the singing. The total years of service for the devotion and message came to 171 years. Then for yesterday and today the total for both days came to 434 years of service for the two messages, the two devotions and the song leader. It has been many a year since we had so much length of service and talent together on the program. It may never happen again. I do thank the Lord that we are entering into 140 years of labors of those who make the way for us to go forward in the same spirit and love they had for the work.

Brother Lynn Neas gave the evening devotions, reading from Heb. 4:9. He has been in the ministry 35 years, and as his father Marcus Ray Neas, he started preaching when he was 28 years old.

Brother Crain continued with more old songs of the faith. He wanted to do a special song where he sang the notes of Blessed Assurance, as they would in singing schools yesteryear. Brother Crain told of his father who taught singing schools all over this area in the churches. He had a pitch tuner he used in teaching the schools and passed the pitch pipe to Brother Harvey before he passed on to the other side. A very moving story when his father felt bad went to see the doctor and doctor said he would see him the next day, but that day found daddy Crain in Glory land. The afternoon service was well attended with lots of visitors for the celebration.

Brother Chris Castle put up the history on the screen and read several pages of the early history of the Union Free Will Baptist Association. Brother Crain led in 2 more old songs then pictures of the churches we are to honor of more than 100 years of existence in the Union FWB Association. Brother Wiley Winters called the churches forward to give them all certificates of appreciation of service since 1911. Churches honored were Bethany, 1888, Bridges Chapel, 1908, Cedar Creek, 1888, Chimney Top, 1883, Grassy Creek, 1872, Greene Ridge, 1906, Liberty as the first church of the Union FWB Association, 1872, Midway or St Joseph

Chapel 1891, Mt. Carmel, 1903, New Home, 1884, Piney Grove, 1893, Van Hill, 1883, and Unicoi. 1908.

Brother Chris Castle continued to moderate the rest of the session. The nominating committee was called to give their report as following:

For moderator Tim Roach

For assistant Treasurer Kevin Hilton

Election of officers, then moderator accepted nominations from floor for Assistant Moderator and John Buchanan was elected to serve a 3 year period ending in 2015.

Brother Gale Eidson and Jane Bailey will serve as Tennessee State delegates, with the other 3 to be selected by the moderator, Tim Roach.

MSC for moderator to appoint the other 3 delegates for the Tn. State Association meeting in Nov. 2012.

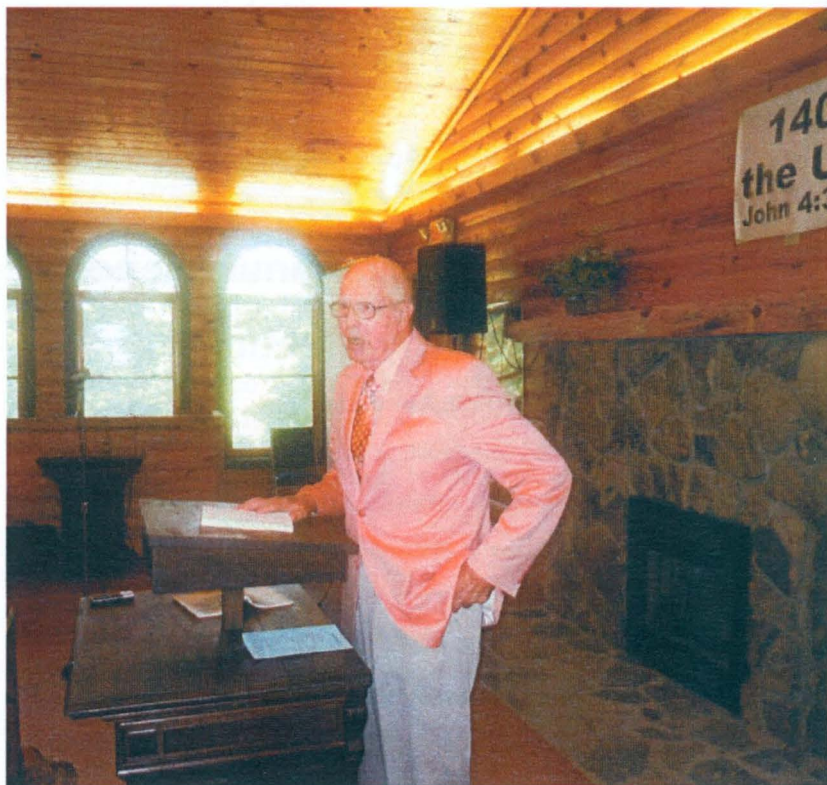
MSC that the committee on committees serve as the nominating committee for the year 2013 and that the Quarterly Meetings not be responsible for that duty any longer.

MSC that the 2012 Minutes of the Union FWB Association be dedicated to the memory of Rev. Earnest Sawyer and that Wiley Winters furnish a picture and information for the minutes.

MSC that we accept the invite from Central Quarterly Meeting, Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, to host the 141 st. session of the Union FWB Association.

MSC that the next annual meeting of the Union FWB Association be held on August 22 & 23, 2013, Thursday and Friday.

MSC that the 140th Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist be final adjourned to meet with Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Greeneville, Tennessee, August 22 and 23, 2013.



Harvey Crain

Songs Sang at the 140th Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association

What A Day
How Firm A Foundation
Take Time to be Holy
Jesus Loves Even Me
Christ receiveth sinful Men
Leaning On the Everlasting Arms
What a Fellowship
Glory To His Name
Nothing But the Blood of Jesus
O Lord My God

Let the Lower Lights Be Burning
I Need Thee Every Hour
Rock of Ages
Palms of Victory
Tis The Old Time Religion
Work For The Night is Coming
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

Church Annual Reports

Central Quarterly Meeting

Central QM to Union FWB Association

From August, 2011 to August, 2012

Meeting at The Oaks, Greeneville, TN

Moderator: Jeff Blake Phone 423 636-1307

725 Old Newport Hwy.

Greeneville, TN. 37743

A. Church Characteristics

1. Total # of churches 35
2. Total # of churches in:
City/Town 6 Rural 29
3. Total # of churches reporting 35
4. Total # of churches with:
Full Time pastors 14
Bi-Vocational pastors 21

Membership Information

1. Total # of baptism 164

. Total members added 100

3 .Total members lost 45

4. Total membership 3,357

C. Stewardship Information

1. Total income of all churches \$2,716,309.03

2. Total # of churches with Budget 8

D. Building Information

1.Total # of churches with parsonages 8

2.Total Value of all Church property and parsonages
\$14,388,990.52

E. General Information

1. Total # of ordained ministers 56

licensed ministers 20

2. Total # of ordained deacons 87

3. Total Bible Institutes 0

4. Total SS enrollment 2,452

5. Total CTS enrollment 208

6 .Total WNAC enrollment 108

7 .Total Master's men 5

of Union FWB Association minutes requesting 40

of State minutes requesting 40

Clerk Name: Tim Carson 423 450-0046

595 Main St

Mosheim, Tn. 37818

Eastern Fellowship

Eastern Fellowship to Union FWB Association

From August, 2011 to August, 2012

Meeting at The Oaks, Greeneville, TN

Moderator: Jim Cox Phone 276 225-6451

3614 East Carters Valley Rd.

Gate City, Va. 24251

. Church Characteristics

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

B. Membership Information

1. Total # of baptism 7
2. Total members added 18
3. Total members lost 4
4. Total membership 1,361

C. Stewardship Information

1. Total income of all churches \$500,000.00
2. Total # of churches with Budget 6

D. Building Information

1. Total # of churches with parsonages 4
2. Total Value of all Churches property and parsonages \$3,000,000.00

E. General Information

1. Total # of ordained ministers 15
licensed ministers 2
2. Total # of ordained deacons 22
3. Total Bible Institutes 1
4. Total SS enrollment 612
5. Total CTS enrollment 45
6. Total WNAC enrollment 40
7. Total Master's men 5

of Union FWB Association minutes requesting

of State minutes requesting

Clerk Name: Dr. Jeff Davis 423 288-2558

160 Kingsley Ave.

Kingsport, TN 37660

fellowshipchurch@earthlink.net

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Northern QM to Union FWB Association

From August, 2011 to August, 2012

Meeting at The Oaks, Greeneville, TN

Moderator: Adam Castle 423 323-9234

5905 Cochise Trail

Kingsport, Tn. 37664

A. Church Characteristics

1. Total # of churches 18

2. Total # of churches in:

City/Town 3 Rural 15

3. Total # of churches reporting 18

4. Total # of churches with:

Full Time pastors 6

Bi-Vocational pastors 11

B .Membership Information

Total # of baptism 16

2. Total members added 19

3. Total members lost 43

4. Total membership 1,650

C. Stewardship Information

1. Total income of all churches \$892,155.00

2. Total # of churches with Budget 5

D. Building Information

1. Total # of churches with parsonages 1

2. Total Value of all Church property and parsonages
\$5,012,900.00

E. General Information

1. Total # of ordained ministers 41

licensed ministers 9

2. Total # of ordained deacons 89

3. Total Bible Institutes 0

4. Total SS enrollment 765

5. Total CTS enrollment 0

6. Total WNAC enrollment 0

7. Total Master's men 0

of Union FWB Association minutes requesting 40

of State minutes requesting 20

Clerk Name: Penney Capps 423 357-4624

308 Valley Dr.

Church Hill, Tn. 37642

Union FWB Association

To TN. State Association

From August, 2011 to August, 2012

Meeting at Main Stay Hotel

Moderator: Tim Roach phone 423 470-2211

P. O. Box 690

Mosheim, Tn. 37818

preachtim@yahoo.com

A. Church Characteristics

1. Total # of churches 63
2. Total # of churches in:
City/Town 15 Rural 48
3. Total # of churches reporting 63
4. Total # of churches with:
Full Time pastors 27
Bi-Vocational pastors 36

B. Membership Information

1. Total # of baptism 187
2. Total members added 137
3. Total members lost 92
4. Total membership 6,368

C. Stewardship Information

1. Total income of all churches \$4,108,424.03
2. Total # of churches with Budget 19

D. Building Information

1. Total # of churches with parsonages 13
2. Total Value of all Churches property and parsonages
\$22,940,890.52

E. General Information

1. Total # of ordained ministers 112
licensed ministers 31
2. Total # of ordained deacons 198
3. Total Bible Institutes 1

- 4 .Total SS enrollment 3,829
5. Total CTS enrollment 253
- 6 .Total WNAC enrollment 148
7. Total Master's men 50

of Union FWB Association minutes requesting 80

of State minutes requesting 80

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Northern QM Constitution And By-Laws

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 Treasurer. 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

The officers of this organization shall be the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

Moderator shall serve no more than 2 consecutive one (1) year terms.

Assistant Moderator may be considered a candidate for the office of Moderator after he

has served for no more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year term.

Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall serve for an indefinite period, due to the nature of the office.

It is encouraged that each officer attends each Northern Quarterly Meeting, unless providentially hindered.

Each officer shall be an active, faithful member of their home church, which is a member of the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

An exemption will be given to a minister that is a member of and pastors a church that is not a member of the Northern Quarterly Meeting, as long as they satisfy the exemption requirements of the Minister's Conference of the Union Association concerning pasturing a non-Union Association Church.

Section 2.

In the April Quarterly meeting a three-member nomination committee shall be elected to do the following:

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

One member of the License Committee

One member of the 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 3

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.

Section 4

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator:

Assist the Moderator in matters of procedure.

Has the right to vote, except when he is presiding, except in the case of a tie.

To take the duties of the Moderator in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 5

It shall be the duties of the Clerk:

Keep an accurate record of each meeting.

Correspond with the Union Association with respect to the conference business.

Supply information or notices to churches or ministers that should require attention.

Use appropriate standard FWB forms 501, 502, and 503, when reporting.

Maintain a record of Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Visitors to each meeting of the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Section 6

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Clerk:

Assist the Clerk in matters of record keeping

To take the duties of the Clerk in the absence of the Clerk.

Section 7

It shall be the duties of the Treasurer:

Maintain a checking account in the name of the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Account shall be maintained in a banking facility that does not charge a maintenance fee.

Receive all funds paid into the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Disburse all expenses as directed by the voting body.

Disbursal shall include all fees to the Union Association of Free Will Baptist, the fees for each minister deemed in Good-Standing by the License Committee to the Clerk of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist, honorarium to the speaker of each meeting, and a plaque to the widow of the deceased minister of the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Section 8

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Treasurer:

Assist the Treasurer in all matters of maintaining the office of Treasurer.

To take the duty of the Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer.

Have the authority to disburse monies in the absence of the Treasurer.

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 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:

To act in behalf of the Northern Quarterly in matters demanding its consideration between sessions of the Quarterly Meetings.

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:

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

Review and keep record of ordained ministers quarterly report

Report work of committee to Quarterly Meeting.

Examine all Churches petitioning to join Quarterly Meeting fellowship and make report to Quarterly Meeting.

Report in writing annually to the *Union Association Ministers Conference* of the following:

A. Ordained ministers achieving good standing and those not in good standing.

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

C. 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

Each church report to the Northern Quarterly Meeting shall be on the standard FWB Form 501. Each annual report from the member church to the Union Association shall be on the standard FWB Form 502. Each annual report from the Northern Quarterly Meeting to the Union Association shall be on the standard FWB 503. *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.*

Article XI - Quorum

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

Article XII - Speakers

Section 1

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.

Section 2

Each selected speaker for the Northern Quarterly Meeting shall:

Be a minister in good standing of the State Association of Free Will Baptist.

The speaker will be selected at the scheduled Executive Meeting with the assistance of the Host Pastor, prior to the scheduled Northern Quarterly Meeting.

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.

BY-LAWS OF THE NORTHERN QUARTERLY MEETING

A portion of scripture shall be read and prayer offered by way of devotion at the beginning of each *Quarterly Meeting*.

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 Pro Tem*.

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.

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.

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.

In case of any question as to parliamentary procedure, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the final authority on the subject.

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.

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.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. The Quarterly Meeting shall have the right to correspond by letter or in person with other religious bodies.

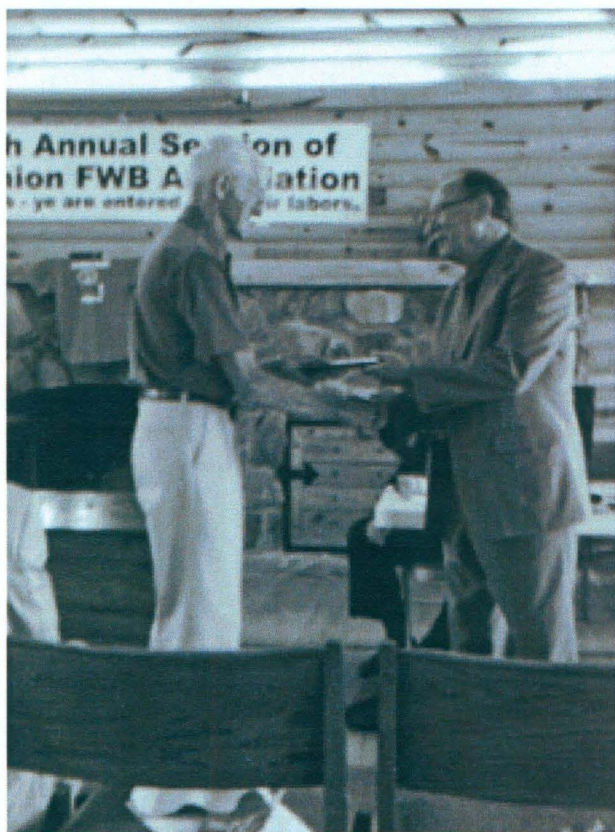
7. These By-laws may be amended at any regular session of the Quarterly Meeting by a majority vote of the delegation present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing and read publicly at least one meeting before passage and all churches have been notified in writing.



Rev. Garry Gass and Bridges Chapel FWB

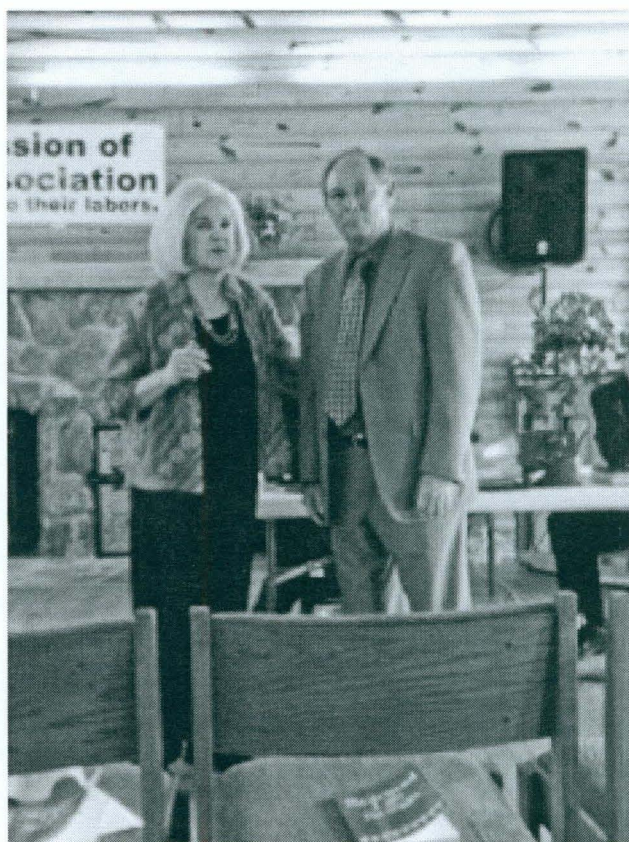


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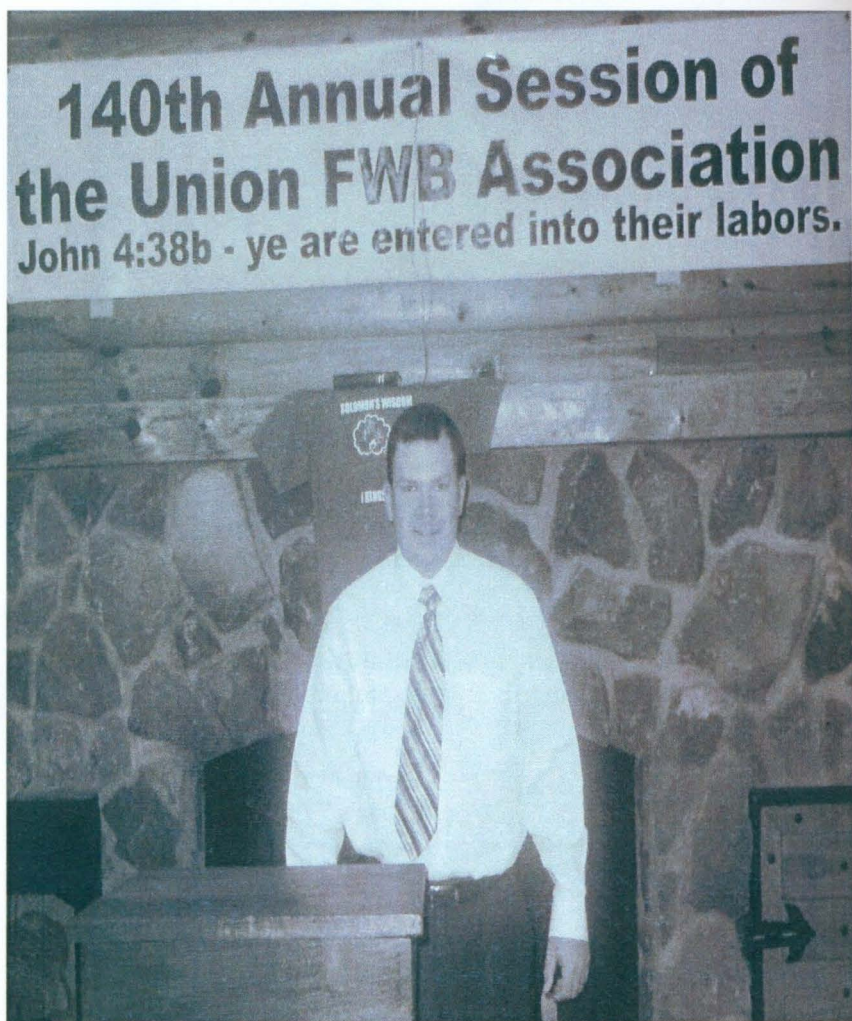






Unicoi FWB church, Bret Jones pastor D.H. Garland

Are You ready for the work ahead of being the Moderator of the Union Free Will Baptist Association? Ladies and gentlemen, the new Moderator Tim Roach.



Giving of certificates to the churches that had been in Association since 1911. John Buchanan and Wiley Winters, Liberty FWC, with Wiley Winters making the presentations. Liberty FWB church according to the old minutes was the first church in the Union Free Will Baptist Association. They came into the association in 1872.

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 board member.
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.

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 a special meeting 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 transactions, 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.

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 supersedes all other revisions.
12. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at least one (1) day before the vote.

STANDING RULES

1. A yearly representation fee to go to the Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists and to the Union Association General Fund shall accompany each church report to the Association.
2. The moderator, clerk, and treasurer will receive an annual honorarium to be determined by the Association.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Committee on Committees to also serve as the nominating committee.
4. The treasurer will be able to borrow monies from other funds to pay associational bills.
5. General Board members shall receive reimbursement for each mile driven in the line of duty based upon the current IRS mileage allowance.
6. All meetings of the Association shall convene with open doors except when resolved into committee of the whole.
7. All ministers not in good standing in the Minister's

Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist

Association shall be denied voting privileges in all in all business of the association of the association and will be prohibited from serving as officers or holding a standing committee position.

8. All speakers assigned to the program of the association will be asked by the program committee to use the Authorized King James Version of the Bible.
9. Standing Rules may be amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote of those present and voting.

Central Quarterly Meeting Constitution and By-Laws PREAMBLE

In order to encourage our several churches of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists to cooperate in the support of our National, State, and District Associational programs, we, the Central Quarterly Meeting and have adopted the following constitution for proper government of the same.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be THE CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 shall petition the Quarterly Meeting for membership and after they have been examined by the Executive Board and recommenced by them to the Quarterly Meeting, the Quarterly Meeting shall receive the church by vote and in turn shall recommend them for membership in the Union Association.

ARTICLE IV – REPRESENTATION

Each church shall elect and send five (5) delegates. All ordained members of the Central Quarterly Meeting shall have the same privileges as the elected delegates.

ARTICLE V – DISCIPLINE

The Quarterly Meeting shall have the right to settle and question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from time to time from and of the churches of said Quarterly Meeting. Such appeal must be clearly and plainly stated in writing and be signed by complainant. If the Quarterly Meeting feels such complaint should be or could be better handled by the Union Association, the complaint

shall be referred to the Association 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 deal with their complaint.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be a MODERATOR, ASSISTANT MODERATOR, CLERK, ASSISTANT CLERK, and the TREASURER. Their duties shall be those usually devolving upon such officers, and they shall serve until their successors are elected.

Section 1 Officers shall be nominated by a committee of nomination, which shall be elected at the third Quarterly Meeting of the year. Privilege of nominations from the floor shall be extended. Officers will then be elected by vote of the body at each fourth Quarterly Meeting. All officers shall hold office for one year. (2002) Can only hold one office.

Section 2 The Moderator and Executive Board of the Central Quarterly Meeting shall act as supervisor of the Quarterly Meeting work. It shall be their duty to see that regular meetings are held and to see that the work is carried on in accordance with the Quarterly Meeting and Union Association.

Section 3 The Clerk shall provide a copy of minutes of each Quarterly Meeting to each church in the Quarterly Meeting

Section 4 It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all Quarterly Meetings and must demand that all discussions be carried on in a Christian manner and adhere to the Constitution and parliamentary procedure. He may vote only in case of a tie, only then when the Assistant Moderator is in the chair. 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. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep an accurate record of each meeting, and correspond with our association in respect to the conference business. The Clerk may supply such information or notices to the church or ministers, which should demand immediate attention.

ARTICLE VII – BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Executive Board shall consist of the general officers of the Quarterly Meeting plus three (3) members who are to be elected from the body. These three shall be elected whose terms shall be as follows: One (1) for one year; one for two (2) years; and one for three (3) years with terms expiring alternately, The Moderator shall be the chairman of the Board.

Section 1 These men shall be men of good repute and active in both church and Quarterly Meetings.

Section 2 It shall be the duty of the executive Board between sessions of the Quarterly Meeting to be in charge of the work in a general way. They shall plan each Quarterly Meeting program, examine letters of petitions of Churches wishing to become members of said Quarterly Meeting and to act as an advisory board on any matters coming to their attention, and they shall at all times have at heart the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination and in all cases, act without partiality or respect of persons.

Section 3 Temporary committees, except for the Nominating Committee, may be appointed by the Moderator when the body sees the need of such committees. The Resolutions Committee is to be appointed at the meeting three (3) months preceding the meeting at which they are to serve.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETING

This Quarterly Meeting shall convene on Saturday following the first Saturday of February, May, August and November.

SECTION 1 The place of meeting shall be determined at the preceding regular meeting. When no invitation is extended at the preceding meeting, the Executive Board shall be responsible for securing a place for the next session to meet.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCES

All churches holding membership in the Central Quarterly Meeting with less than 100 members shall request to send a minimum of \$3.00 to each regular meeting. Churches with more than 100 members shall be expected to send the \$3.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional 100 members or fraction thereof. Expenditures of money to be by direction of this body.

ARTICLE X – REPORTS

Each church holding membership in this Quarterly Meeting shall send a written report to each regular meeting, the report is to include such information as is indicated by form of letter provided by the Quarterly Meeting.

ARTICLE XI - QUORUM

Representatives from ten (10) Churches shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by three-fourths vote of the delegation present; provided the change is recommended in writing at least one Quarterly Meeting before the vote is taken.

ARTICLE XIII – ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT

The clerk shall prepare a complete report covering the activities of the Quarterly Meeting during the year. This report to be submitted to the annual meeting of the Union Association by a delegate from the Quarterly Meeting. The delegate shall be elected at the session preceding the meeting of the Union Association.

BY-LAWS OF THE CENTRAL QUARTERLY MEETING

A portion of scripture shall be read and prayer offered by way of devotion

at the beginning of each Quarterly Meeting. Prayer shall be offered as a benediction at the close of each Quarterly Meeting.

2. The Moderator or the Assistant Moderator shall call the meeting to order at the hour designated by the program. When neither the Moderator nor Assistant Moderator is present the clerk shall appoint a Moderator pro tem.

3. All delegates from the various churches whose names are listed on the churches' quarterly reports shall be seated as voting members

upon approval by the standing delegates (ordained ministers and deacons). These along with the standing delegates will constitute the voting membership of the Quarterly Meeting.

4. It shall be required of each church so representing in this body to present a written report of the previous quarter's work. Any refusal of the church to report is just cause for investigation and for disciplinary action to be taken at the discretion of the quarterly.

5. In the event as church should desire to withdraw from the Quarterly Meeting, it is requested that said church notifies the Quarterly Meeting in writing signed by the church pastor and clerk.

6. In case of any question as to parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall be final authority on the subject.

7. Any person not a member of the Quarterly Meeting-by permission of the Moderator may be allowed to speak on any subject. Any visitor may be invited to a seat as advisory council and by permission be allowed to speak, but in no case shall he be allowed to vote.

8. It shall be the duty of all voting delegates to be present at the time of meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall obtain leave of the Moderator.

9. 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 had an opportunity to make a nomination.

10. 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.

11. 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 the meeting.

12. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the friendly appellation "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further 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

to rules of order.

No speaker shall be allowed to speak more than two minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the chair except when the time limit has been set for a longer period by the program committee.

This body shall have the right to correspond by letter or in person with other religious bodies.

These by-laws may be amended at any regular session of the Quarterly Meeting by a three-fourths vote of the delegation present, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing and read publicly at least one meeting before passage.

Minister's Conference Officers

Ordaining Council

Proceedings

Constitution and By-Laws

Minister's Director

Derek Bell

President

Edward Maynard

Clerk/Treasurer

Minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association

August 23-24, 2012

At the Oaks in Greeneville TN.

Minister's Conference Officers

President:

Rev. Chris Dotson

Vice President:

Rev. Jeff Blake

Clerk/ Treasurer:

Bro. Edward Maynard

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer:

Rev. Jason McCoy

Ordaining Council

Name	Term Expires	Quarterly Meeting
Rev. Gary Norton	2013	Central
Jackie Cole	2014	Eastern Fellowship
Gary Hodges	2015	Northern

Proceedings of The Minister's Conference

The meeting was called by Rev. Chris Dotson, President. Rev. Tim Carson read scripture from John 3:16 and led us in prayer. The officers of the Minister's Conference were recognized.

President: Rev. Chris Dotson

Vice President: Rev. Jeff Blake

Clerk/Treasurer: Bro. Edward Maynard

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Rev. Jason McCoy

Ordaining Council: Rev. Gary Norton, (C) Rev. Danny Willis, (N) and Rev. Jackie Cole (E).

The Ministers present and in good standing were seated as the voting body.

Visitors were recognized. Rev. Rodger Castle was seated in an advisory capacity.

The minutes for 2011 were approved with the following correction: The Ordaining Council Member date of expiration was incorrectly printed. The following is correct: Danny Willis: 2012, Gary Norton: 2013, and Jackie Cole, 2014.

Bro. Edward Maynard, Treasurer, gave a partial report. Checking account as of August 23, 2012 is \$1336.33. A complete yearly expense report will be presented for printing in the minutes after this meeting. MSC to adopt.

Rev. Danny Willis gave the Ordaining Council and the report was approved.





Rev. Chris Dotson noted that a review of the attendance report of our ministers was made by the Ordaining Council, in which several errors and discrepancies were noted. Each councilman investigated the particular cause of absence for each of the listed ministers from his quarterly meeting, and advice was offered concerning the proper procedure to those who have been providentially hindered. It is the opinion of your officers and councilman that a blank slate be given at this time.

MSC to give the following honorarium: Bro. Edward Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer \$450.00.

MSC to appoint the following as the Nomination Committee for 2012:

Northern:	Bro. Jesse Hartgrove, Chairman
Central:	Bro. Doyle Pruett
Central:	Bro. Willie Winters

MSC to accept the Nominating Committee Report. The following were nominated and elected:

President: Rev. Derek Bell
Vice President: Rev. Jesse Hartgrove
Clerk/Treasurer Rev. Edward Maynard
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Rev. Asa Adams

Rev. Gary Hodges was elected by the Northern Quarterly Meeting to represent them on the Ordaining Council. His term will expire 2015.

MSC to approve the following resolutions:

1. "Whereas we have many well qualified Free Will Baptist ministers who are willing and able to serve as pastor of our churches, and

Whereas many of our churches are in need of a pastor and some will call a pastor who is not of our faith, therefore,
Be it resolved that we as the Union Association recommend to our churches that they consider a Free Will Baptist pastor who is in good standing with our association as their pastor, and,

Be it further resolved that the clerk of our association send a copy of this resolution to all churches in the Union Association.”

2. Whereas we have elected men of faith who possess integrity, fear of God and desire to continue to maintain their service amongst their brethren in the Union Association of Free Will Baptist, We resolve to support the officers, and office of the Ordaining Council and the licensing committees to carry out the duties that have been entrusted to them to maintain the strict values and requirements as outlined of God’s Word and the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association, as well as to reprove, rebuke and exhort the men who have chosen to unite with and were ordained by the Minister’s Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association maintain a license in good standing as a minister of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist in the state of Tennessee.

MSC to approve the Clerks’ Report given by Bro. Edward Maynard.

MSC to table the following By-Law Change: By-Law number 7 of the Minister’s Conference. 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 careless, admonished by the Ordaining Council. If he refuses to accept the prescribed disciplinary action, the member shall be excluded from the body.

The change is: *“If a minister is unable to attend the annual Minister’s Conference he must request to be excused by submitting a*

written letter of explanation to the clerk of the Ministers' Conference. 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 careless, admonished by the Ordaining Council. If refuses to accept the prescribed disciplinary action, the member shall be excluded from the body.

MSC to recess until Friday August 24, 2012 at 2:30.

Seminar: Rev. Chris Dotson gave a very informative seminar on "The Pastor's Response to Grief".

Seminar: "The Pastor's Response to Grief"

Date: August 23, 2012 (2 contact hours)

Instructor: Dr. Chris Dotson

Synopsis:

Each year more than 2.4 million people die, leaving behind millions of potential opportunities for pastoral care. The grieving families often look to pastors for answers to their questions and hope during their loss.

Pastors are expected to provide spiritual leadership in the unbelievable moments, traumas, and tragedies of life.

Pastors are expected to be competent about people, pain, suffering loss, death, eternity, and grief.

Pastors are expected to be present during times of death.

Pastors are expected to be compassionate when assisting a devastated family (Romans 12:10, 14).

Pastors often excuse their poor grief care with the secularization of death in America. They readily reference

their ineptitude as a counselor, preferring to refer their members to professional counselors, social workers, physicians, etc. The Lord, however, indicted the pastors in Ezekiel's day of such poor care (Ezekiel 34).

Mourners will express their grief in a variety of ways. Common categories of grief reactions include: physical, cognitive, emotional, behavioral, and spiritual. Two specific responses the pastor should be aware of is denial and guilt (2 Samuel 18:32-33). While pastors can make similar observations, it is important to realize that each experience with grief is unique and particular to the circumstance. For that reason, be careful when using "stages of grief" theories.

The effective ministry of pastors should follow the pattern of Jesus at Lazarus' grave. A pastor's love for a family should be as obvious as that of the Lord weeping at his friend's tomb (John 11:36). While most pastors are good at conducting funerals, they must also look for other ways to "do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Some random suggestions for pastors include:

- Do no harm; do some good.
- Be available.
- Be hands on with the simple tasks.
- Focus on those who need you the most.
- Speak on the level of the griever.
- Pray.
- Don't be afraid of silence.
- Learn to listen.

Other ideas specifically for congregations include:

- Attend the funeral services.
- Do things; don't ask to do things.
- Offer assistance creatively with meals, fuel, yard work, etc.
- Write meaningful notes.
- Offer "again" care (call again, visit again, listen again, etc.)
- Recognize anniversary grief.

Pastors should focus on empathy more than explanation. Situations are often complicated, leaving the griever asking "why?" Statements of empathy (e.g. "I can't imagine how

difficult this is for you.") are generally more helpful than trite statements of explanation (e.g. "It must have been his time."). The key is to lead mourners through the grief into a deeper experience with God.

Friday August 24, 2012

The meeting was called back in session by Rev. Chris Dotson, President.

MSC to accept the License Committee Reports for each Quarterly Meeting.

MSC to bring By-Law change from table.

**MSC by more than two thirds of those present and voting to change By-Law #7 of the Ministers' Conference to read:
Change is in italics.**

"If a minister is unable to attend the annual Minister's Conference he must request to be excused by submitting a written letter of explanation to the clerk of the Ministers' Conference. 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 careless, admonished by the Ordaining Council. If he refuses to accept the prescribed disciplinary action, the member shall be excluded from the body.

MS: Ministers who fail to attend two (2) consecutive meetings will be placed on an inactive list, voting rights will be suspended, and registered letter of reprimand will be sent to them and if he doesn't respond after one more meeting his credential will be called for.

MSC to amend the motion to state that a standard letter will be sent to each minister notifying them of the said motion.

MSC to amend the motion to state if they fail to attend or without a written excuse.

MSC to accept the motion as amended: Any minister who fails to report to two (2) consecutive meetings without prior notification will be placed on an inactive roll, voting rights will be suspended and a registered letter of reprimand will be sent to them. It there is no

response in one year their credentials will be called for. A letter will be sent to each minister notifying them of the said motion.

Bro. Ed Maynard was asked to make available an electronic version of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers' Conference to all who request them.

MSC to give an honorarium of \$100.00 to Bro. Chris Dotson to show our appreciation for the fine job he did with the seminar and his service as President of the Ministers' Conference the last two and one half years.

MSC to recess until Ordination Service at 7:00 PM

The Ministers' Conference was called back into session by the Vice-President Rev. Jeff Blake.

The Ordination Service began by singing Victory in Jesus and Amazing Grace led by Bro. Brian Capps.

The Ordaining Council was introduced: Bro. Gary Norton and Bro. Danny Willis by Bro. Jeff Blake.

Bro Gary Norton introduced Bro. S. Edward Slemph as the candidate who was coming for Ratification of Credentials. Special Singing was provided by Michael Willis, Karen Willis and Emmaline Willis. They did a very good job and 11 year old Emmaline was featured in a number of the songs and she did an excellent job and was a blessing to all. They sang "In His Time", "He Knows Where I Am" and "Beulah Land."

Bro. Danny Willis preached the ordination message from II Kings 2: "Who are we". He emphasized the desire as the man who wanted.

A. Joshua followed Elijah and desired what Elijah had. What would the world see in me that they wanted?

B. Elijah knew he was going somewhere: The House of God.

C. Elisha was stable. I'm going where you go.

D. Elisha didn't let go of Elijah. We need to hold to the unchanging Hand of God.



Willis Family



**Rev. Danny Willis
Ordination Message**

E. Satan will try to discourage us

G. Elisha desired a double portion of Elijah's spirit.

H. When Elijah went up he left his mantle. Question: Am I leaving anything behind that someone would want to pick up.

Bro. Danny Willis gave the charge to the candidate from II Timothy 4:1-5.

The laying on of hands prayer was led by Bro. Gary Norton.

Bro. Danny Willis made a motion to receive Bro. S. Edward Slemp into fellowship with the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

MSC to adjourn.

Closing prayer was led by Bro. Gary Gentry.

Reports Section:

Clerk/Treasurer's Report of the Minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

Meeting of the Officers and the Ordaining Council of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist.

January 31, 2012 Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Morristown, TN.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Bro. Chris Dotson. Bro. Chris read the 13th chapter of Proverbs and Bro. Willis led us in prayer.

The following were present: Bro. Danny Willis, Bro. Gary Norton, Bro. Chris Dotson, Bro. Jason McCoy and Bro.

Edward Maynard. The following were absent: Bro. Jeff Blake and Bro. Jackie Cole.

MSC To have our business session on Thursday Aug. 23, 2012 beginning at 1:15 pm. Following the business Bro. Chris Dotson will give a seminar on "The Pastor's Response to

Grief." Starting Friday Aug 24 at 2:30 the Ministers' Conference will be called to order to finish the needed business.

MSC to submit the following motion: The Ministers' Conference believes it ill-advised to host its annual ordination service in any location that is not expressly set apart for worship. Our recommendation is either to conduct the ordination service at the set location of the Union Free Will Baptist Association (e.g. the Oakes) or at a church with adequate facilities in the Greeneville, TN area (e.g. Oak Grove Church).

There was much discussion about the ministers who have not attended the Ministers' Conference for the last three years. The Committee reviewed the report, and found several errors and discrepancies. The members of the Ordaining Council agreed to investigate the particular cause of absence for each of the listed ministers. Each member will be responsible for the Quarterly Meeting he represents. The members will provide encouragement to those ministers who have been careless, and will advise concerning proper procedure to those who have been providentially hindered.

MSC to amend By-Law number 7 of the By-Laws of the 95

Ministers Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association to read (amendment in italics):

If a minister is unable to attend the annual Ministers' Conference he must request to be excused by submitting a written letter of explanation to the clerk of the Ministers' Conference. 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.

The Ordaining Council noted the efficiency of the Quarterly Meeting License Councils. They pointed out that, following the current guidelines; the Councils are functioning in such a way that the licensees require only a brief review by the Ordaining Council.

MSC to adjourn meeting.

On January 5, 2012 a letter of good standing was sent to the Harmony Association of Free Will Baptist for Bro. Steve Alley.

July 7, 2012: A letter was written to Ron Lowe of the Tennessee Church of God Pastoral Ministry Team concerning the character and behavior of Lloyd Burchell. Since Bro. Burchell has not been a member of the Minister's Conference since 2002 no recommendations could be given.

In the 2011 minutes it was wrongfully recorded that Bro. Gary Norton's term on the Ordaining Council was to expire in 2012. The correct member was Rev. Danny Willis for 2012, Rev. Gary Norton for 2013, and Rev. Jackie Cole for 2014.

Partial Financial Report:

Beginning Balance:	1518.49
Interest:	1.84
Total:	1519.25
Expenditures:	
Union Assoc. (Minutes)	134.00
Office Max (Cartridges)	50.00
Balance as of 7/19/2012	1336.33

A full Report will be will be presented for printing in the minutes after this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Edward Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer.
July 2012

Eastern Fellowship License Council

To the Union Association of Free Will Baptist Ordaining Council:

The following listings if for ministers in good standing with the Eastern Fellowship:

E. Y. Bailey (Excused)
William Donnie Roberts
Jackie Cole
Jeffrey Sams
Danny Conn

Gregory Sergent
Jim Cox
Tony Shelton
Jeff Davis
Ed Slemph
Chris Edmonds
Tim York
Randy Howell
Thurman Sullivan (Excused)
Elias Mendosa

The following ministers have been licensed by the Eastern Fellowship Licensing Council for the Gospel Ministry. The license has been renewed for one year.

David Martines Flores
Celestino Sanchez

The following ministers have been examined or re-examined for ordination by the Eastern Fellowship

Licensing Council with the following action taken and voted by Eastern Fellowship:

Rev. Ed Slemph for Ratification of Credentials from the from the Dickenson County Ministers' Conference of the John-Thomas Association.

The following ministers are not in good standing with the Eastern Fellowship for failing to report during the year:
None

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Jeff Davis, Clerk
Rev. Jackie Cole, President

Central Quarterly Licensing Counsel
Yearly Report 2012

Met with Bro. Hal Kirk, who requested to be excused completely from reporting and attending. Request granted.

Met with, examined and licensed for one (1) year Bro. Ivan Kennedy from Newport First Freewill Baptist Church to preach the gospel.

Received a letter from the Appalachian Association of Freewill Baptist requesting membership for Bro. Tim Broyles.

Met with Bro. Donnie Bailey, who requested to be excused from attending only due to health reasons. Request granted.

Met with Bro. Johnny Marshall, who requested to be excused from attending as he is pastoring in Brunswick, Georgia. He is planning to unite with an association there. Request granted.

Excused Bro. Larry Arrowood completely.

Granted exceptions to Bro. Gary Gentry and Bro. Roger Dykes.

Met with and examined Bro. Jason Dean, renewing his license to preach the gospel for one (1) year.

Yearly Report from the Northern Quarterly Licensing Council to the Minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

1. In October 2012 we granted Bro. Aaron Knight license to preach for one year.
2. In January 2012 we granted Bro. Preston Patrick his second year license to preach.
3. We granted a letter of good standing to Bro. Steve Alley who has joined the Harmony Quarterly Meeting of the Clinch Valley Association in Virginia.
4. We have 41 ministers on the roll.

Thirty (30) are ordained and in good standing.

B. Three (3) are ordained and not in good standing.

Dakota Chase: Not reporting and not attending.

Bro. Barry Reed: Not reporting and not attending and he is not a member of a Free Will Baptist church in the Northern Quarterly of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

Nathaniel Begley: Not attending and he is not a member of a Free Will Baptist Church in the Northern Quarterly of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

C. Two (2) are licensed to preach and in good standing.

1. Preston Patrick 2nd year.
2. Aaron Knight 1st. year.

D. Six (6) are excused from reporting.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Gary Hodges
Rev. Danny Willis
Rev. Ed Maynard

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Minister's Conference Treasury Report

Receipts Balance forward	1,518.49
Eastern Fellowship	170.00
Central Q.M.	480.00
Northern Q.M.	320.00

Ordination Service offering		\$113.00
Interest		1.84
Total		\$2,603.33
Expenditures Union Association Minutes	ck 1007	\$134.00
Office Max (ink cartridges)	ck 1008	50.00
Dr. Chris Dotson	ck 1009	100.00
Honorarium Edward Maynard	ck 1011	450.00
Total		\$734.00
Balance on hand		\$1,869.33

2012 Ministers' Conference Membership All Members are in Good Standing unless otherwise noted.

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

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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:

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

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.

Maintain membership in a local church that is a member of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

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:

The minister shall petition the Ordaining Council in writing via the minister's current Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committee.

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).

He will report in person to the Licensing Committee annually while pastoring a non-Union Association church.

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

President

2. Vice President

3. Clerk

4. Assistant Clerk

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.

Parliamentarian

A. Appointed by the President from among the membership for each session.

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

Preside over all meetings.

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.

Ensure each member is given equal rights and privileges under the Constitution.

Be responsible for calling special sessions as necessary, setting the venue for such sessions, and notifying the members of such sessions.

Appoint all committees needful for the transaction of the Ministers' Conference business, unless otherwise provided for by the By-Laws.

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

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

Assist the President in the duties of his office.

SECTION C: CLERK

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.

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.

Be responsible for all correspondence as directed by the Ministers' Conference for communication with its members.

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.

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

Assume all duties of the Clerk in the absence of the Clerk or if the

office of the Clerk is vacated.
Assist the Clerk in the duties of his office.

SECTION E: ORDAINING COUNCIL

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.

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.

Examine, recommend, and publicly ordain and/or recognize all candidates who have met the requirements of Article IX, Section E unless otherwise stipulated.

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.

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.

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 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.

Said proxy shall have the same authority as the Ordaining Council member.

Said proxy must have written authorization from the Ordaining Council member for whom he acts.

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

ARTICLE VI: CREDENTIALS

SECTION A: OWNERSHIP OF CREDENTIALS

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

SECTION B: VALID CREDENTIALS

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

ARTICLE VII: QUARTERLY MEETING LICENSING COMMITTEE

SECTION A: PURPOSE

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

SECTION B: REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING LICENSE

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.

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.

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.

The candidate must conform to the standards established in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.

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.

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.

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.

Each licensed minister will be required to attend the following two (2) seminars prior to his examination for ordination:

Free Will Baptist Doctrine

Practical Ministry

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

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.

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:

Hold a License for a minimum of two (2) years, within the year of the Union Association Annual Meeting, before being considered for ordination.

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.

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:

A list of all candidates examined and the action taken as a result to the examination.

A list of all ministers who are in good standing.

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.

A list of all ministers recommended for ordination, ratification of credentials, or exchange of credentials.

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:

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

Has not served at least two (2) consecutive years under license.

Does not maintain a card of good standing within the Ministers' Conference.

Has been married more than one (1) time and his former wife is still living.

Has married a woman whose former husband is still living.

Fails or refuses to appear before the Ordaining Council at its annual meeting.

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

His completed packet

A completed ordination examination.

A letter of recommendation from the Union association Free Will Baptist church of which he is a member.

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

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:

Be retired from preaching and/or physically disabled.

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

Temporarily Excused Members - Due to unforeseen circumstances, an ordained minister needing to be excused from attending and/or reporting to 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.

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:

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.

The minister seeking ratification shall present a letter of good standing from the association in which his membership was previously held.

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.

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:

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.

) 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:

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

The candidate must meet all license requirements as detailed in Article VII, Section B.

The candidate must be licensed for a period of 1 year before being considered for ordination.

The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a copy of his college manuscript.

The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a completed Ordination exam.

The candidate must submit to the Ordaining a letter of recommend recommendation from his local church.

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:

Does not display conclusive evidence of conversion.

Does not display reasonable and convincing evidence of a
divine call to ministry.
Is morally or mentally unfit.
Has divorced a wife and married another while his divorced
wife is still living.
Has married a divorcee whose husband is still living.
Has not been a member of the local church recommending
him for a minimum of one (1) year.
Has not served under license for a minimum of two (2) years
within the year of the annual meeting.
Has not been recommended by the Licensing Committee of
the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is
a member.
Has not completed the prescribed reading course listed in
Article X.
Has not passed the written exam given by the Ordaining
Council with a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of
the responses being correct.
Uses or sells alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.

Is a practicing homosexual or is involved in any other form of
sexual perversion.

Advocates or speaks in modern-day tongues, i.e. the charis-
matic gift of tongues.

Advocates the New Age Movement or any cultic philosophy.

ARTICLE X: BOOKS AND STUDY COURSES FOR CANDIDATES

SECTION A: REQUIRED READING

The Bible.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Union Association and Minis-
ters' Conference.

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:

Discipline of its members.

Settlement of any and all questions of conduct, doctrine, usage, behavior, and character.

Determination of whom and under what condition its members may be found in good standing.

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 con-

firmed

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,
5. 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.

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.

1. All questions of faith, practice, moral conduct, and spiritual conduct shall be decided and disposed of by the Ministers' Conference upon the recommendation of the Ordaining Council.
2. *If a minister is unable to attend the annual Ministers' Conference he must request to be excused by submitting a written explanation to the clerk of the Ministers' Conference.* 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.
3. 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.
4. The presiding officer shall not allow any discussion that is not carried on in a Christian spirit.
5. 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.
6. The Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules shall supersede any and all rules that have passed in previous sessions. 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.

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.

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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Ministers' Conference

August 15, 2009

Memorials

Central Quarterly Meeting

Name	Age	Date of Death	Years Church
Member Bethany FWB church			
Bobby Roberts	42	4/23/2012	
Bridges Chapel FWB church			
Willis Scott	64		6
Jim Allon	79		20
Greene Ridge FWB church			
Marvin "Blimp" Hampton	82	5/9/2012	
Kingsley Ave. FWB church			
Mr. Dennis Renner			
Mr. David Wayne Barham			
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New Bethel FWB church			
Frank Prorise	82		12
Charles Askew	86		58
Destic Rollins	73		8

Deacon

Eastern Fellowship

Fellowship FWB church

Jack Adams	83	8/3/2011	
Ward Holbrook	85	10/1/2011	
June Holbrook	85	2/25/2012	

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Church Hill 1st FWB church

Shelby Cradic			
Rudolph Johnson	84		11

Surgoinsville 1st FWB church

Jessie Pearl Vaughn		1/28/2012	65
Jess Presley		5/9/2012	45

Grassy Creek FWB Church

Thelma Yankee	81	7/4/2010	28
Midfield FWB church			
Gerri Dishner	77	12/23/2011	21

Lucille Dingus	81	2/12/2012	54
Jerry Williams	76	6/29/2012	6
Edyth Everhart	76	6/30/2012	
Mt. Carmel FWB church			
Hazel Morelock	67	11/15/2011	53
Kenneth Light	67	12/14/2011	23
Delmar Crawford	74	11/26/2011	12
Phipps Bend FWB church			
Louise Christian	78	1/15/2012	63
Shirley Johnson	76	3/24/2012	34
Omar Little	71	6/24/2012	10
Pine View FWB church			
Bob Light	84	7/2/2012	50
Michell Ralph Crawford	84	1/8/2012	21
Margie B. Stowers	95	2/10/2012	50
Neva L. Hartman	97	10/7/2011	24
William B. Russell	85	10/1/2011	56
Moua Penley	92	8/20/2011	
Shelby Bible	72	10/12/2011	58
Bobby Bailey	75	5/21/2011	18
Van Hill FWB church			
Lola Wilcox	83	11/21/2010	54
Tippie Roten	68	7/16/2010	7
J. B. Crawford		7/23/2011	17

Camp Report

Theme: Solomon's Wisdom

Text: I Kings 3:5

The senior week began on Sunday evening of June 3-7, 2012. The junior week was Sunday, June 10 – 14, 2012. We had a total of 130 kids for the two weeks with many new campers. We had a total of 8 kids to come to know the Lord. One of them was after they went home from camp and called us to let us know.

We rejoice over this and feel that the Lord moved in revival.

Some of these blessings are the souls won, and we are seeing some of our young people that have come to camp for many years coming back to work as leaders in the camp. For example, Sarah Spence was the leader of our games, Aaron Woods worked both weeks, John Ball, Dakota Simpson, Phillip Dotson, Chelsie Murray, Jordan Jones, and many others worked as adult leaders, and we had one of the best groups of junior workers.

Brother John Buchanan, pastor of Liberty FWB church was our speaker for both weeks and his brother James Buchanan from Liberty FWB church also provided some special music and brother Jamie Kilgore lead our music both weeks. My words cannot express the great job he did in leading us in worship, it was a great blessing to see God use this young man that I have been blessed to watch him grow to be a great leader.

You can see I'm still very excited about what the Lord did and is

doing in the camp program and I believe that every youth worker that really wants to see God move in their youth would get involved in the camp.

I believe God has put a group of people together that has a great love for Christ and His work and His Children and it's for a time as this to come together to build His Kingdom.

Why don't you come along with us and be a part of it, and help us as we try to help you. We want to help build up your kids with one on one and Group Time. It's all about the Glory of Christ in us.

One last thing I would like to say is thanks to every last person that prayed, gave, worked, and I do not want to leave anybody out because this work would not be able to happen without every single one of us doing what we can for Him. Lord, without you, we would be nothing. So I want to say, "I love you for loving me."

Please pray for us. So many of the kids are asking us to do more programs. Please ask God to show us what and the How.

In His service, Tim Carson.



Quarterly Meetings Dates, Times, Locations

Date	Time	Location
Central Quarterly Meeting		
Nov. 11, 2012	9:30AM	Shady Grove FWB
Feb. 10, 2013	9:30AM	Union Chapel FWB
May 11, 2013	9:30AM	Union Temple FWB
Aug. 10. 2013	9:30AM	West Greene FWB

Eastern Fellowship

Nov. 5, 2012	6:30 PM	Fellowship FWB
Feb. 4, 2013	6:30 PM	Glamorgan FWB
May 6, 2013	6:30 PM	Life FWB
Place to be announced		

Northern Quarterly Meeting

Oct. 27, 2012	10:00AM	Horse Creek FWB
Jan. 26, 2013	10:00AM	Midfield FWB
Apr. 27, 2013	10:00AM	Mt. Carmel FWB
July 27, 2013	10:00AM	Pine Grove FWB

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Reverent Eugene Sawyer

June 3, 1947

August 2, 2012

Rev. Ernest Eugene Sawyer, age 65, of Del Rio went to be with the Lord on Thursday August 2, 2012. He was the pastor of Fugate Free Will Baptist church for 29 years, loved his ministry and ministered until his health would not allow him to. He loved gardening, playing golf, his family and his church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Dorothy Sawyer, and his grandson, Jared Clay Helton. He is survived by his wife, Gail Sawyer of Del Rio, daughter, Melanie Jane Helton of Del Rio, son, Benjamin Ernest Sawyer of Del Rio, brothers, Paul (Reba) Sawyer of Hot Springs, NC, Bobby (Peggy) Sawyer of Albany, Ky., sister Shirley (Charles) Henry of Parrotsville, grandchildren, Jacob Helton, Hannah Sawyer, Ethan Sawyer, Victor Helton, sister-in-law, Juanita Esten Willis of

Del Rio, mother-in-law, Eva Wilds of Newport, Tn. and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am., Sunday at Fugate FWB church with the Rev. Bill Murr, and Dr. James Kilgore officiating with burial in the Fugate FWB church cemetery.

Family will receive friends' from 5-9 pm Saturday August 4, 2012 at Manes Funeral Home. The body will lie-in-state from 9:45-11:00 Sunday prior to the funeral services at Fugate FWB church.

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