

Minutes
141st Annual Session
of the
Union Free Will Baptist Association



Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
252 Liberty Church Drive
Chuckey, TN 37641

Theme: Bringing In the Sheaves
Psalm 126: 5-6

August 22-23, 2013

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OFFICERS

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
Assistant Clerk
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

Tim Roach (2015)
John Buchanan (2015)
Jeff Davis
Tim Carson
Brian Capps
Kevin Hilton

GENERAL BOARD MEMBERS

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
Treasurer
President of Minister's Conference
Clerk of Minister's Conference
Central Quarterly Moderator
Eastern Fellowship Moderator
Northern Quarterly Moderator
Member of the Ordaining Council

Tim Roach
John Buchanan
Jeff Davis
Brian Capps
Derek Bell
Ed Maynard
Jeff Blake
Jim Cox
Adam Castle

UNION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Mitzi Satterfield
Dennah Davis
Betty Fleshman
Jane Bailey

2013 ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

OPENING SESSION

Thursday Morning, August 22, 2013

The opening session of the 141st annual Union Free Will Baptist Association convened August 22, 2013, at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Chucky, TN. The meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Tim Roach, pastor of the Limestone Free Will Baptist Church. Host pastor, Rev. John Buchanan, gave the welcome.

Moderator, Brother Tim, appointed Rev. Jeff Davis, as Acting Clerk until the Nominating Committee report could be given. Rev. Carl Callahan, Clerk, had submitted his resignation (see letter).

The congregation sang our theme song, "Bringing In The Sheaves" followed by a devotion from Rev. Brian Capps, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Morrison City, TN. He read from Psalm 126:5 and had prayer. Motion made and passed to give Moderator permission to deviate from the program if necessary. Rev. Roach then appointed Brother Harvey Crain as parliamentarian.

The conference seated the voting body. Present were 29 ministers, 2 deacons, 3 delegates, and 2 visitors.

Rev. Tim York presented the Nominating Committee's report. Rev. Jeff Davis, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Newport was nominated for the position of Clerk. The motion was seconded and passed. A plaque of recognition was given to Brother Carl Callahan for his years of service as Clerk of the Union Association.

Brother Brian Capps then presented the Treasurer's report (see report). The report was received as information. The congregation then surrounded Brother Capps to have an altar prayer in behalf of his mother who was having surgery that morning in Knoxville.

Brother Carl Callahan presented the Clerk's report (see report). Motion was made to remove item number 10 from the report. Motion carried. This report was received as information.

State Promotional Director, Brother Glenn Poston gave his report (see report). The report was received as information.

Randall House Publications representative, Brother Danny Conn gave his report (see report). The report was received as information.

Brother Roach announced that the General Board would serve as the Placement Committee and report back to the Conference.

The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven". Brother Eddie Young, Chaplin, gave his report (see report). The report was received as information.

Motion made and carried that conference stand in a 10 minute recess.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday Morning, August 22, 2013

The morning worship service began with the congregation singing, "I'll Fly Away". The congregation then assembled around the altar for prayer. Special music was provided by the host church. James Buchanan sang several selections.

Dr. Chris Dotson, pastor of Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Morristown, TN brought the morning message. He used Zech. 13:1-9 for his text. The title was "What Are These Wounds in Thine Hands?"

Following the message, the offering was taken for the General Fund. The offering totaled \$100.00. The service was closed by singing "There's Power in the Blood" and announcements.

Motion passed that we recess for lunch. The church provided a wonderful lunch.

YOUTH CTS PROGRAM

Thursday Evening, August 22, 2013

Welcome to the CTS Youth Program was given by Moderator, Rev. Tim Roach. The Congregation sang "I'll Fly Away". Brother Roach then introduced Sister Sara Kilgore, President of the CTS.

Sister Kilgore gave a brief overview of the CTS program and then students from the Union Churches CTS presented the program highlighting various competition pieces.

Bible Memorization

Bible Millionaire

Puppets

Sign Language

It was announced that the first competition will be held on Saturday, October 19th with the place to be determined. There will be a meeting at the Limestone Free Will Baptist Church on Monday, September 9th for organization. Everyone is invited. The program was dismissed in prayer.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday Evening, August 22, 2013

The evening worship service was opened with a welcome from our Moderator, Rev. Tim Roach. The Congregation sang "Glory to His Name" and an offering was received for the Union Women Active for Christ. The offering totaled \$111.12. "Jesus Paid It All" was then sung by the congregation. Everyone was invited to the altar for prayer, followed by a time of testimonies.

Special singing was provided by the host church. Rev. Danny Conn came forward to introduce the speaker for the night. Our speaker, Rev. Tim York, Pastor of The Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Smyrna, spoke from Titus 2:11-14 on the subject of "Grace". "Amazing Grace" was sung as an invitation song and the conference was dismissed in prayer.

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Friday Morning, August 23, 2013

The Union Association was called to order by Assistant Moderator, Rev. John Buchanan. The Congregation sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Rev. Jesse Hartgrove, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Surgoinsville, was appointed

parliamentarian.

Brother Jesse Hartgrove was called upon to read scripture and have prayer. He read from Hebrews 5:7 and Matthew 3:11-12.

The conference seated the voting body. Present were 21 ministers, 2 deacons, 3 delegates, and 7 visitors.

The Assistant Moderator called for various reports. All reports were received as information (see reports).

Rev. Frank Woods, Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.

Rev. Doug Little, Free Will Baptist Foundation

Rev. Earl Langley, Welch College

Rev. Henry VanKluyve, Free Will Baptist International Missions

Rev. Tim Roach was introduced to bring the Moderator's Message. He spoke from Psalm 126:5-6 on the subject, "Where's Our Tears".

Resolution Committee's Report was given by Brother Gary Gentry (see report). Motion made and passed to receive the report.

Prayer Committee's Report was given by Brother Jackie Cole (see report). Motion made and passed to receive the report. Prayer followed.

Moderator then appointed the committees for the next session (see report).

Motion made and passed that conference stand in recess.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Friday Morning, August 23, 2013

A welcome was given and ushered called forward to receive the morning offering for the General Fund. The offering totaled \$38.00. The congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee". Special music was provided by James Buchanan.

Rev. Chris Castle, Pastor of the Phipp's Bend Free Will Baptist Church, Rogersville, was the speaker. He used Psalm 126:1-6 for his text.

Motion passed that we recess for lunch. The church provided a wonderful lunch.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS

Friday Afternoon, August 23, 2013

The afternoon business session was called to order by Moderator, Rev. Tim Roach. The congregation sang "The Old Rugged Cross". Rev. Jackie Cole was called upon to bring a devotion and prayer. He read from 1 Corinthians 2:1-10.

Moderator called for Old Business. There was no old business. The Moderator called for New Business. There were several items of new business.

1. Motion made that \$300.00 be given to Free Will Baptist Family Ministries from the General Fund. Motion passed.

2. Motion made to set honorarium same as last year: \$850.00 for Treasurer; \$450.00 for Clerk; \$450.00 for Moderator. Motion was amended to include \$100.00 per speaker. Motion to amend passed. Original motion with the amendment passed.

3. Placement Committee announced that the 142nd annual session of the Union Association will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Church Hill, TN on August 15-16, 2014. The conference will be all day Friday (Ordination Service on Friday night) and Saturday until business is finished.

Motion passed that the 141st annual session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist be adjourned.

2013 Registration Report

Visitors	28
Missionaries	0
Home	0
International	0
Ordained Deacons	2
Ordained Ministers	61
Delegates (elected)	5
Total	96

2014 Committees

Prayer Request Committee

Eddie Young (Central), Chairman
David Flores (Eastern)
Dennis Spears (Northern)

Resolutions Committee

Chris Dotson (Central), Chairman
Danny Conn (Eastern)
Chris Castle (Northern)

Committee on Committees (Nominating Committee)

Raymond Perry (Northern), Chairman
Ted Reynolds (Central)
Jackie Cole (Eastern)

May 17, 2013

Dear Brother Tim,

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of the Lord. I have been doing some soul searching and serious praying about me and the office of clerk. Health enters into the question, as my back is not well anymore and my eyes have gotten weaker. So the conclusion I have arrived at is to step down from being the clerk of one of the greatest associations that I know of. I served the first time in the 80's and 90' for a period of 13 years, then I had to take a break because of work, but ask to be clerk the second time 7 years ago, making a total of being clerk for 20 years. In 1978 I was the assistant moderator to Thurman Pate and started serving on the General Board with some of the old timers who helped me learn a lot.

After a while, many of the old warriors went home to be with the Lord and when I looked around I was the oldest one on the board. My time serving has been nothing but joy and happiness along the way. I was able to get memories and pictures and names of great preachers that loved the Lord, could preach the fire down. Yesterday I got out the pictures of yester year and saw men I had served beside that have gone home now. So the way has been sweet. I have been able to work with many moderators of the Union Free Will Baptist Association down through the years. All has been joy and faith and hope of a better land.

So I am offering my resignation effective August 21, 2013. This time will give the nominating committee some time to search and pray that God will lead them to make a good choice for him. I will do the Digest of Reports, the program, and all the letters to the quarterly meeting moderators and clerks to help them get their reports together on time. The new clerk will start at the first day of the 141 annual session which will be August 22, 2013. The only piece of equipment that I have that belongs to the Union FWB Association is a fire proof safe with a lock, which is stored at Surgoinville 1st FWB church. The new clerk will be able to pick up the safe at the church. I will notify all the committees of their duties and will complete my work and have everything up to date.

With much regret and heart felt pain I am stepping down, but I will continue to help the younger ministers and people to live the good life, and I will be praying that God will deliver. I will encourage all to know what the constitution and By-laws says and to abide by our great rules and obey them. I want to be sunshine along the way, I want the rules to be obeyed and I want everyone to go to heaven. I will leave this verse with you from Exodus 19:5,6 "You shall be...a holy nation." Jehovah M'Kaddesh meaning The Lord Doth Sanctify; Sanctified to obey; Sanctified to God; Sanctified to Healthiness; Sanctified to Diet; Sanctified to Instruct; Sanctified to Remember; Sanctified to Purity. The Lord is my Jahovah M'Kaddesh forever.

I will fulfill the duties of clerk until August 21, 2013. May God bless you real good, May God bless the Union FWB Association and may you become a great leader for the LORD. Carl

Union Association Annual Financial Report August 2012 to July 2013

Balance Forward \$14,383.52

Revenues

Bethany	\$240.00
Central Quarterly	\$11,570.00
Community Chapel	\$600.00
General Fund Offering	\$162.00
Fellowship	\$720.00
Horse Creek	\$45.00
Jackson's Chapel	\$825.00
Jimtown Road	\$60.00
Liberty	\$600.00
McMillian	\$48.00
Misc	\$130.00
Mount Carmel	\$225.00
Northern Quarterly	\$6,300.00
New Home	\$117.00
Pine View	\$65.00
St. Joseph	\$130.00
Tennessee State Association	\$217.72
Union Chapel	\$360.00
white pine	\$300.00

Total Revenues \$22,714.72

Disbursements

Annual Fees	\$15,600.00
Bible College	\$300.00
Camp	\$1,100.00
Family Ministries	\$50.00
Foreign Missions	\$870.00
Home Missions	\$1,112.00
Sexton Medical fund	\$60.00
Together program	\$300.00

Total Disbursements \$19,392.00

Balance Forward \$14,383.52

Add funds designated to general \$3,322.72

Balance in Account \$17,706.24

Expenses

Speakers for Meeting	\$100.00
Honorarium for Place of Meeting	\$300.00
Honorarium for Treasurer	\$850.00
Honorarium for Clerk	\$450.00
Honorarium for Moderator	\$450.00
Old Stage Printing	\$914.00
Secretary of State	\$20.00
M.I.T.O	\$500.00
Check return	\$65.00

Total Expenses \$3,649.00

Total in Treasury July 31, 2013 \$14,057.24

**Report of the Union FWB Association Clerk to the 141st session
of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.**

1. The association will be having the 141st annual session August 22 and 23, 2013, at Liberty FWB Church and we will be celebrating 141 years going strong for the Lord.
2. The speakers will be Dr. Chris Dotson on Thursday, August 22, 2013 and Christ castle on Friday, August 23, 2013 both at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Gary Norton will be preaching the ordination message on Friday night. The Ladies Active for Christ session will be on Thursday night, August 22, 2013.
3. The fee for the Union FWB Association this year will be \$350.00 per church. Churches choosing just to pay Union representation fees of \$50.00 only, will not be carried on report to Tennessee State Association of FWB or National FWB Association, and will not be a part of these organizations.
4. Gary Hodges will be serving on the ordaining council until 2014, and then be replaced in 2015.
5. Also the QM will furnish the association with names of people who will serve on the resolution committee, the prayer request committee, placement committee, and the nominating committee for the year 2014. This will be included with the clerk's report to the Union association. Ministers must be in good standing with the association to serve on committee or officer.
6. There has been a digest of reports printed for the association.
7. The Liberty FWB Church will provide music leader and special singing.
8. I have helped make out the program and set up the agenda for all General Board meetings.
9. I have renewed the incorporation papers with the Secretary of State of Tennessee.
10. Motion to delete passed
11. The Central QM came up short \$761.00 on representation fees from 3 churches.
12. I have turned in my resignation letter to the Moderator in a timely fashion in order to be replaced for the annual meeting. I have served clerk for the past 7 years, then with a break, and before that for 13 years. I have enjoyed trying to serve every minute of past years.
13. The clerk has the following expenses for the past year: postage \$21.776; miles traveled in line of duty 378 miles.
14. The clerk has the following on disc available for a small fee: minutes of the Union Association from 1883 to 2012; minutes of United Mountain FWB association; Unicoi FWB association; pictures of Union association and men many years ago with music; Toe River 1929 minutes and other disc.

Submitted by,

Carl Callahan

Promotional Director's Report to the Union Association
Liberty Free Will Baptist Church
August 22-23, 2013

First, let me say it is a joy to serve as your promotional director. I am having a great time visiting our various churches and organizations. For the most part, I feel accepted almost any place I go, especially in the Union Association. I receive a great deal of affirmation and encouragement from all of you.

It is my belief that the state office is now on a sustainable financial footing. I am grateful to God and to all of you for what you have done to bring us to this point. Certainly, we cannot stay sustainable if we let up now but several factors have brought us to this point. First, the Unified Plan is being understood better and as a result, it is showing an increase. My belief is that as our Tennessee churches understand the need for a solid foundational financial structure, they will support the work of the state office. Designated giving remains the method of choice by most of our churches, however, I am glad to say, even though most of our churches send very little money "undesignated", churches are designating some of their offerings to the state office. Secondly, the increase in the state representation fees has brought in a much needed source of revenue. I am very sorry to report that we lost a few churches because of it, but we really had very little choice if we want to maintain a viable state association. Finally, the property given to establish the endowment really has been a blessing. In the first twelve months since it was established, the Grace Living Endowment has earned over \$42,000.00. Since the decision was made to cap our withdrawals at 5%, a little over 426,000.00 was deposited into the Unified Plan with the balance of the earnings left in the endowment, therefore, growing the size of the fund. This will protect the fund if we have some lean years when it earns less than 5%. These three factors account for a more secure future for the promotional office.

Some of our churches are struggling but many churches appear to be doing well. Several pastors report a spirit of revival in their churches with many conversions. Our mission work in Clarksville seems to be booming with excitement right now and the church started by Tim Osborn seems to be holding up well in spite of Tim's serious health issue. Our 2013 WMO participation was good again this year. IM figures are indicating that Tennessee's contributions are almost identical to last year's record breaking offering. The total WMO is now close to \$700,000.00, the second highest in our history. Thank you for responding to this great need. To date, Tennesseans have given over \$80,000.00 to the WMO. The boards and committees in the state appear to be working well and I appreciate everyone willing to serve on a board. Frank Woods and his staff are excited about their ministry at FWBFM. The new facility in Erwin is operating at full capacity and a building program for a new multi-purpose school building is well underway. Most importantly, lives are being changed and souls are being saved through this ministry. I am also very proud of the ministry of the Hope Center. Our state Christian Education Board has planned a TEAM CHURCH event to be held in Cookeville on September 21. I hope many of our churches will take advantage of this training opportunity. Congratulations to all the fine young people who represented us at the National Association in Tampa.

Thank you again for the privilege to serve you. I am available for speaking, promoting, seminars, revivals, special occasions or no occasion. I'd love to come to your church. Feel free to call me if I can be of service to you in any way.

Glenn Poston; Promotional Director - Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists

Free Will Baptist
Family
Ministries

Precious Friends in Christ,

Let me begin by saying that I am honored to serve God and humbled to be granted the wonderful opportunity to work for Him in this great ministry as Executive Director. I deeply appreciate your friendship, your prayers, not only for me, but for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, our staff and the hurting children and families we serve every day, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year – and have been doing it faithfully since 1939.

It is awesome to see God working through our youth in allowing His Holy Spirit to convict and bring so many to Christ. On average, Family Ministries cares for 90 – 110 young people on a daily basis. In addition, we operate The Hope Center, our pregnancy/resource center, where this year almost 100 babies will be brought into this world and given the opportunity to live. We also have the privilege to provide care for senior citizens through our two assisted living homes, The Laurels, in Wise, VA, and Governor's Bend, in Erwin, TN. What a blessing from God to serve every area of the family—from newborn babies to our saintly seniors. We thank each of you for your important role in this ministry to children and families with your steadfast prayers and financial giving. We could not do what we do without your help.

In Christ,

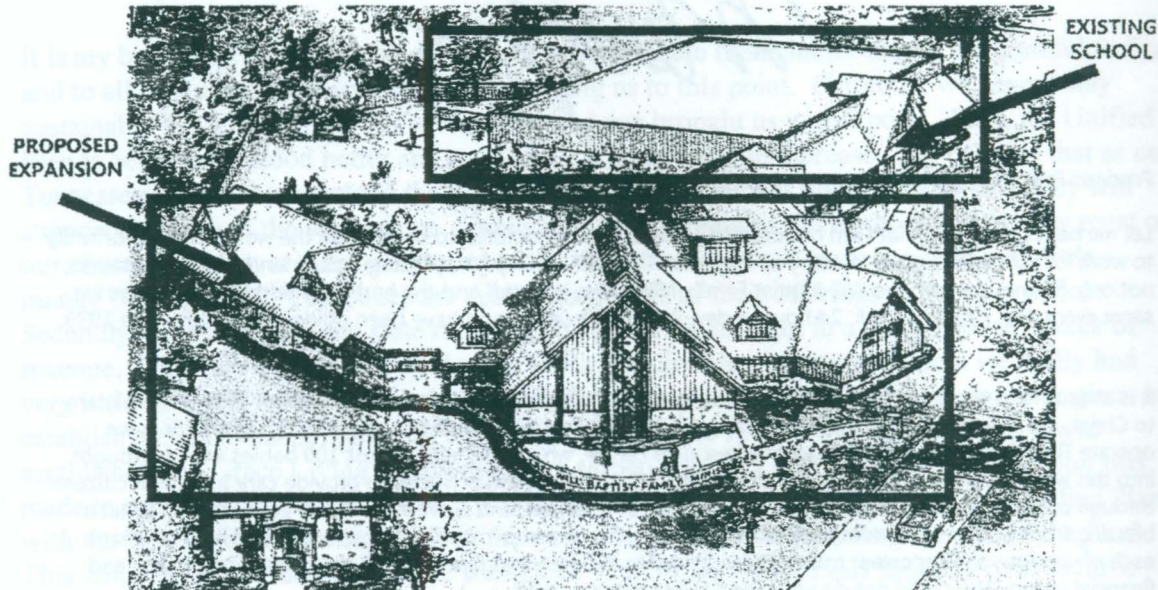


Rev. Frank Woods
Executive Director

News of Celebration:

- For the last 13 years straight, we have seen **over 100 salvations each year!** We hope to continue to see God moving in that direction this year. Rev. John Buchanan (Liberty FWB, Greeneville) is our campus pastor and is doing a great job connecting and preaching to our young people! Recently, we baptized twelve at his church! Please continue to pray that revival fire would just sweep across the Family Ministries' campus!
- The camp season at the Oaks Retreat Center is well underway! In fact, our calendar is virtually booked solid through August. However, there are weeks and weekends available throughout the rest of the year. The Oaks Retreat Center is a great place for Church groups of any size. In the past, we have hosted Pastors Retreats, Sunday School class get-a-ways, youth rallies, weddings, family reunions, etc. And you can't beat the beautiful surroundings! Call 423.278.1562 and get your group on the schedule.

- Rev. Frank Woods has cast a tremendous vision to our Board of Trustees for the expansion of our on-campus school! This proposed "School Expansion Project" would provide adequate classroom space and counseling facilities at Family Ministries. There is just not enough space in the old facility for our ever expanding ministry. Since 1939, Family Ministries has been caring for children while doing our best to stretch every dollar. But if we ever hope to see this project become a reality, we need your help. We desire every Free Will Baptist Church to consider receiving an offering, or putting us in the budget. We need each individual or family to become one of our "20/20 Vision" partners for just \$20 per month. For more info on how you can help us, please call Frank at 423.470.2100 or Derek at 423.276.8877.



- It's not too late to get your "Mother's Day Offering" in. Churches can still receive an offering and there is still time to earmark it for Mother's Day. This is the largest fundraiser for the year at Family Ministries and all of the monies collected will go toward the proposed "School Expansion Project".
- Recently the good folks at Fast Change Lube & Oil came to us about doing a fundraiser for Family Ministries. We were completely blown away by the vision of Kevin Davis, owner of Fast Change Lube & Oil. Through this coupon book fundraiser, they raised over \$50,000 for Family Ministries!!! We cannot thank them enough for their love and support of Family Ministries. Now, next year we will be asking churches if they will partner with us on this fundraiser, through their youth groups or Sunday School classes, as we set a goal of \$100,000. Big Goal! But we serve a BIG GOD!!!
- **MAKE PLANS NOW!!** Since 1939, Free Will Baptist Family Ministries has been meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those entrusted to our care. Next year we will celebrate 75 years in ministry to hurting children and families. In commemoration of God's wonderful blessings, we invite you to make plans to join us for a day FULL OF FESTIVITIES at our 2014 Homecoming Celebration. More details will be forthcoming about this very special event. Stay connected through our newsletter, website, twitter and facebook.



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Chaplain Eddie Young

It is with great joy that I serve. I have been busy this past year representing our Lord in churches, military bases, fire departments and else where. Thank you so much for helping meet my expenses. I do not receive a salary, but must raise my own expense money. The churches of the Union Association have been very generous to give to my account. (Brother Eddie shared a recent opportunity to share and help with a local fire department all so, he mentioned that he has training in the area of suicide counseling and uses it often in his ministry). I attended the National in Tampa, FL where I recruited at the booth. If I can ever be of serve to you or your church, please contact me. Please pray for Lt. Col. Wanda Williams, Battalion Commander of the 844 Army Reserves.

Free Will Baptist Foundation

Rev. Doug Little

Greetings from Free Will Baptist Foundation and David Brown our director. I am here today to tell you about an exciting new program that The Foundation is offering churches free of charge (that's right, no expense to the church). We are offering a program for folks concerning their trusts and wills. We have partnered with Cornerstone Estate Planning to present this program in the local church. We will be having a dinner on February 20th at Free Will Baptist Family Ministries for pastors and their wives to introduce this to you. You should receive a letter soon about this event. We would love to come to your church (Sunday school, Evening service or Wednesday night) and present this to your people. If you have questions please see me.

Welch College

Rev. Earl Langley

We bring you greetings from Welch College. We are in full swing to open the new year with the largest freshman class since 2006 and an overall increase in enrollment of about 10%. For this we thank God. We need your prayers, students, and financial support. Thank you Union Association for what you have done, what you are doing and what you will do. You should have received a letter about the Pension Crisis. Please join us in prayer about this matter. A full report is contained in your Digest of Reports. Please pray about our relocation project. We do have a letter of intent (best one to date). Pray for God's will to be done in this matter.

Free Will Baptist International Missions

Rev. Henry VanKluyve

Thank you for allowing me a few moments to tell you great things that are happening with your International missionaries. To date, we have recorded the second largest WMO in our history. Thanks for giving. It's time to start thinking about the 2014 WMO which will be the last Sunday in April 2014. I am here to help you. If I could come to your church and speak or help in anyway, I am available. (Brother Henry then turned to some scripture and had an illustration on the importance to throw out a line to help those who are sinking).

Resolution Committee

Be it resolved, that a public acknowledgment of appreciation of Liberty Free Will Baptist Church is in order for their hosting the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

Be it resolved, that Union Association of Free Will Baptists implore our churches to seasons of prayer for spiritual revival of churches and intercessions for the moral erosion of the present culture due to the breakdown of the family and the proliferation of immorality.

Be it resolved, that Union Association of Free Will Baptists reaffirms the traditional, biblical definition of marriage as one man and one woman in a holy covenant before the Lord.

Be it resolved, that Union Association of Free Will Baptists, implore our ministers and churches in and through the preaching of the gospel, personal holiness and humility that like the Apostle Paul that I may, "know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death" Philippians 3:10.

Be it resolved, that the Union Association of Free Will Baptists would be better served by selecting their own people to serve on the committees by the Committee on Committees, much like it was before this was introduced a few years back, and they be voted to serve on committees by the body starting this year, 2013, for the next session in 2014. The present committees are as follows: Prayer Request Committee, Placement Committee, resolution Committee, Committee on Committees which also serves as the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Gavin
Gary Gentry
Greg Sergeant

Prayer Request Committee

Lt. Col. Wanda Williams -- Battalion Commander of the 844 Army Reserves
Pineview Church

Rev. E.Y. Bailey's wife and family in the time of his death
Churches

Country

Pastors and Laymen

The family of Rev. Norman Richards -- Former Missionary to Africa -- Passed from this
life on August 22, 2013

Williadene Ward (car wreck 11-E. on life support)

The Family of Rev. Randy Howell in the time of his death

2013 Camp Report

Rev. Tim Carson

Theme: 1 Peter 3:3-6

Beauty or Beast

We had another great two weeks of camp again this year. Brother John Buchanan was our speaker for both weeks. Sr. week we had a total of 88 campers which is the largest that I can remember. Jr. week there was a total of 65 campers. There was one young man from Forrest Grove Church saved and a total of 18 other that made decisions. I would like to thank so many others that came and work in camp each year to make this program so good for our young people. Roger and Norlane do a great job putting this together and I would like to thank Samantha King and Isaac Carson for leading all of our games and helping the kids have a good time. Jamie Kilgore did a great job on the music.

In Christ,
Brother Tim

Annual Letter From Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Association Name Central Quarterly
Meeting Location Liberty FWBC Date Aug 1 22 / 2013 (month/day/year)
Reporting Period Nov 1 2012 to May 1 2013 (month/year)
Present Moderator Jeff Blake Phone (423) 636-1302
Address 725 Old Newport Hwy Email _____
City Greeneville State TN Zip 37743

DELEGATES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ALTERNATES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 32
2. Number of churches reporting 32
3. Number of churches: City/Town 2 Rural 30
4. Total number of churches with:
Full-time pastors 20
Part-time pastors 12

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Number of baptisms 95
2. Members added 54
3. Members lost 32
4. Membership 3349

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 1,856,687.80
2. Number of churches with budgets N/A

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 7
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 14,192,990.52

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 54
Licensed ministers 19
(Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 84
3. Number of churches with:
Daycare 0
Kindergarten 0
Christian School 0
Bible Institute 0
College 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 2519
5. CTS enrollment 208

District association minutes requested 45 State association minutes requested 45
Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ _____ National \$ _____
Signed: Clerk Tim Carson Phone (423) 450-0046
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City Mosheim State TN Zip 37818

Print completed form and send to district or state association as appropriate. Please attach recommendations and requests to this form.

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Annual Letter From Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Association Name Eastern Fellowship
 Meeting Location Liberty FWBC Date / / (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period July / 2012 to June / 2013 (month/year)
 Present Moderator Jim Cox Phone (216) 225-6451
 Address 13614 E. Carters Valley Rd Email
 City Gate City State VA Zip 24251

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ALTERNATES

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A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

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

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Number of baptisms 19
2. Members added 20
3. Members lost 10
4. Membership 1371

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 500,000
2. Number of churches with budgets 6

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 4
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 3,000,000

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 15
 Licensed ministers 2
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 22
3. Number of churches with:
 - Daycare 0
 - Kindergarten 0
 - Christian School 0
 - Bible Institute 1
 - College 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 622
5. CTS enrollment 40

District association minutes requested State association minutes requested
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ District \$ State \$ National \$
 Signed: Clerk Tim York Phone (615) 947-2505
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Print completed form and send to district or state association as appropriate. Please attach recommendations and requests to this form.

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Annual Letter From Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Association Name Northern Quarterly
Meeting Location Liberty FWBC Date / / (month/day/year)
Reporting Period 8 / 12 to 7 / 13 (month/year)
Present Moderator Adam Castle Phone ()
Address Email
City State Zip

DELEGATES

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ALTERNATES

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A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 18
2. Number of churches reporting 16
3. Number of churches: City/Town 4 Rural 12
4. Total number of churches with:
Full-time pastors 6
Part-time pastors 8

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Number of baptisms 45
2. Members added 47
3. Members lost 40
4. Membership 1397

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 828,649
2. Number of churches with budgets 4

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 1
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 5,777,900

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 29
Licensed ministers 9
(Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 44
3. Number of churches with:
Daycare 0
Kindergarten 0
Christian School 0
Bible Institute 0
College 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 673
5. CTS enrollment 12

District association minutes requested 20 State association minutes requested 20
Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ District \$ State \$ National \$
Signed: Clerk Penney Capps Phone (423) 357-4624
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Annual Letter From Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Association Name Union Association
 Meeting Location Mainstay Suites / Date Nov 1 11 2013 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period July 1 2012 to June 1 2013 (month/year)
 Present Moderator Tim Roach Phone (423) 477-2211
 Address 1028 Cook Country Rd Email _____
 City Greeneville State TN Zip 37743

DELEGATES

1. to be appointed by
2. Moderator @ State
3. _____
4. Meeting
5. _____

ALTERNATES

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 61
2. Number of churches reporting 59
3. Number of churches: City/Town 12 Rural 47
4. Total number of churches with:
 - Full-time pastors 33
 - Part-time pastors 24

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Number of baptisms 159
2. Members added 111
3. Members lost 82
4. Membership 6117

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 3,245,336.80
2. Number of churches with budgets 10

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 12
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 22,970,890.52

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 98
 Licensed ministers 30
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 150
3. Number of churches with:
 - Daycare 0
 - Kindergarten 0
 - Christian School 0
 - Bible Institute 1
 - College 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 3874
5. CTS enrollment 252

District association minutes requested _____ State association minutes requested 100

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

Signed: Clerk Jeff Davis Phone (423) 532-0021
 Address 187 Jimtown Rd Email jeff.davis160@charter.net
 City Newport State TN Zip 37821

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Form 503 (revised 03/2013)

Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the Union Free Will Baptist Association

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 members, 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 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 then (10) members including the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer, president and clerk of the Minister's Conference, moderators of the Quarterly meetings and one (1) member from the Ordaining Council.

1. If the Quarterly meeting moderator already serves on the General Board, then the assistant moderator shall serve as the board member.
2. If both the moderator and assistant moderator of the Quarterly meeting already serve on the General Board, then the moderator will appoint a proxy.

Section 2: Duties

The duties of the General Board shall be as follows:

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

Section 3: Meetings

It shall be the duty of the General Board to meet at a 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 a 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 records 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 deems 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, and reporting the same to the Association and the General Board.

Section 6: Assistant Treasurer

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

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by any regular session of the Association by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided the change is recommended in writing at least one day before the vote.

BY-LAWS

1. A portion of Scripture shall be read and prayer offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the Association and a prayer shall be offered as a benediction at the close of each session.
2. The Moderator or the Assistant Moderator shall call the Association to order at the hour designated by the General Board.
3. Each Quarterly meeting is required to present a report of the annual work of its churches. Refusal of the Quarterly meeting to report serves as just cause for investigation and discipline at the discretion of the association.
4. In the event a Quarterly meeting desires membership in another Free Will Baptist Association, a majority vote is required for a letter of good standing.
5. The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order shall serve as the final authority in parliamentary procedure.
6. Visitors may be invited to sit as advisory council and/or be granted permission by the moderator to speak, but in no case shall be allowed to vote.
7. The moderator shall allow discussion carried on in a Christian spirit. Discussion which sows discord or division will not be tolerated. Anyone refusing the admonition of the moderator shall be bared from participation until public repentance has been made and accepted.
8. Those desiring to speak shall rise to their feet and address the moderator as "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized.
9. No speaker shall be allowed to speak more than two (2) minutes or twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.
10. This Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules supersedes all other revisions.
11. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting providing 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 the Union Association General Fund shall accompany each church report to the Association.
2. The moderator, clerk and treasurer will receive an annual honorarium to be determined by the Association.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Committee on Committees to also serve as the Nominating Committee.
4. The treasurer will be able to borrow monies from other funds to pay Associational bills.
5. General Board members shall receive reimbursement for each mile driven in the line of duty based upon the current IRS mileage allowance.
6. All meetings of the Association shall convene with open doors except when resolved into committee of the whole.
7. All ministers not in good standing in the minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association shall be denied voting privileges in all business of the Association 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.

Minutes of the Union Free Will Baptist Association Ministers' Conference

August 22-23, 2013

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Chuckey, TN.

Ministers' Conference Officers:

President:	Rev. Derek Bell	Vice President:	Rev. Jesse Hartgrove
Clerk/Treasurer:	Rev. Ed Maynard	Asst. Clerk Treasurer:	Rev. Danny Willis

Ordaining Council:

Chairman:	Rev. Gary Norton	Central
Vice Chairman	Rev. Jackie Cole	Eastern
Clerk	Rev. Gary Hodges	Northern

*Addresses, Phone Numbers and E-Mail Addresses are in the back of these minutes.

Proceedings of the Ministers' Conference

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Derek Bell. Rev. Derek Bell read from Galatian 2:20-21 and gave devotion "I Am Crucified with Christ" and he led us in prayer.

The Officers of Minister's Conference, and Ordaining Council were recognized.

The Ministers in good standing were seated as voting body. There was 24 present.

Visitors were recognized and were seated in an advisory capacity.

MSC to give the moderator the authority to divert from the agenda if necessary.

Rev. Edward Maynard gave a partial treasury report. MSC to adopt.

MSC to accept minute for 2012 as recorded in the revised printing.

MSC to accept the Minutes for the Meeting of the Officers and Ordaining Council of the Ministers' Conference which was held on February 12, 2013.

MSC to accept the Clerks Report for the 2012-2013 year.

MSC to table the amendment to the Constitution: Article V, Section E, Item D: The clerk of the Union Free Will Baptist Association 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. *In the event that an absent member has not sent a proxy and the standing proxy is not in attendance, the Ordaining Council may appoint a proxy who is an ordained minister in good standing.*

The proposed change is italicized.

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MSC to accept the Nomination Committee Report. The following were nominated and elected to serve for the year ending August, 2014.

President:	Rev. Derek Bell	Vice President:	Rev. Jesse Hartgrove
Clerk/Treasurer:	Rev. Edward Maynard	Assistant Clerk/Treasurer:	Rev. Danny Willis

MSC to recess until the afternoon Session.

August 22, 2013 1:00 PM

The President, Rev. Derek Bell called the Ministers' Conference back in session. Rev. Jeff Necessary was introduced to give a seminar on "Pastoral Counseling". He gave us many scenarios which a pastor may be faced with as a councilor. The seminar was very informative.

MSC to recess until the next session to be on Friday August 23, 2013.

Friday August 23, 2013

The President Rev. Derek Bell called the Ministers' Conference back in session.

MSC to accept the following committee reports:

Northern Quarterly Meeting License Council given by Rev. Gary Hodges.

Central Quarterly Meeting License Council given by Rev. Lynn Neas.

Eastern Fellowship License Council given by Rev. Jackie Cole

The full reports are in the reports section of these minutes.

MSC to accept the Ordaining Council Report given by Rev. Gary Hodges. The full report is in the reports section of these minutes.

The nominating committee for 2014 was appointed by the President, Rev. Derek Bell, and the following were appointed:

Chairman:	Rev. Tim York,	Eastern
	Rev. Shannon Lane	Central
	Rev. Stephen Jackson	Northern

MSC to give an honorarium of \$450.00 to the clerk of the Ministers' Conference.

MSC to elect Rev. Billy Gragg as the Ordaining Council member from the Central Quarterly Meeting. His term will expire in 2016.

Old Business: MSC to remove from table motion to change in By-Law, Article V, Section E, Item D.

MSC to accept change. The By-Law now reads, Article V, Section E, Item D. The Clerk of the Union Free Will Baptist Association 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. *In the event that an absent member has not sent a proxy and the standing proxy is not in attendance, the Ordaining Council may appoint a proxy who is an ordained minister in good standing.*

The change is italicized.

There was no new business to be conducted.

MSC to recess until the Ordination Service.

Friday, August 23, 2013, 7:00 PM

Song led by Bro. John Buchanan.

Our Moderator, Rev. Derek Bell, called the Ministers' Conference to order.

The candidates were introduced: Bro. Shannon Lane, for ratification of credentials, Bro. Stephen Jackson, for ratification of credentials, Bro. Aaron Knight, for ordination.

The Ordaining Council was introduced:

Chairman:	Rev. Gary Norton
Vice Chairman:	Rev. Jackie Cole
Clerk:	Rev. Gary Hodges

The message was given by Rev. Gary Norton. Scripture: Nehemiah 2:1-10. The Title of message: "The Three P's of Preaching". The three P's were: Permission, Provision, and Protection.

Rev. Jackie Cole brought the charges to the ministers. His scripture references were: I Timothy 3:1-8 and II Timothy 4:1-5.

MSC to accept Rev. Shannon Lane, Rev. Stephen Jackson and Rev. Aaron Knight into the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

Rev. Glenn Poston led the prayer and all of the ordained ministers and deacons in good standing gathered around the candidates and prayed and laid hands on them, sending them forth to do the work God has called them to do.

Rev Gary Hodges presented the Certificates of Ratification to Rev. Shannon Lane and Rev. Stephen Jackson and presented the Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Aaron Knight.

An offering was received for the Ministers Conference.

MSC to adjourn meeting.

REPORTS:

Northern Quarterly Licensing Committee Annual Report

From July 2012 To April 2013

We have 37 ministers 28 ordained, 2 Licensed , and 7 excused.

All our ministers are in good standing.

The totals for the year:

2505 messages

15 revivals conducted

231 conversions witnessed

46 Baptism

105 Funeral Conducted

26 Marriages Performed

We recommend that Bro. Aaron Knight be ordained, pending all report being approved by License committee.

We recommend Bro. Jack Morelock be excused from reporting.

We recommend ratification of credentials for Bro. Stephen Jackson be approved, pending a letter from His former Association.

Respectfully submitted: Gary Hodges, Brian Capps, and Edward Maynard.

**Central Quarterly
Licensing Council Yearly Report 2013**

1. Met with Bro. Ivan Kennedy, Renewed his license to preach the Gospel for 1 (one) year.
2. Met with Bro. William Jennings out of the Union Temple FWB Church, Examined and licensed him to preach the Gospel for 1 (one) year.
3. Met with Bro. Paul Moore out of the New Bethel FWB Church, Examined and licensed him to preach the Gospel for 1 (one) year.
4. We recommend the following:
Bro. David Reece requested to be excused completely.
Bro. Brad Gentry requested to be excused from attending only. (Will be going back to school.)
5. Those reporting as excused:
 1. Gary Gentry.....exception
 2. Hal Kirk.....excused completely
 3. Brad Gentry.....excused from attending/ not reporting
 4. Donnie Cline.....excused health/ not pastoring
 5. Scott Cline.....excused from attending/ not reporting
 6. Larry Arrowood....excused completely
 7. Alfred Cutshaw.....excused completely
 8. Roger Dykes.....exception
6. Letter of good standing received from Eastern Fellowship to the Central regarding Rev. Jeff Davis who now pastors Newport First Freewill Baptist Church.

**Eastern Fellowship
Of the
Union Association of Free Will Baptist**

July 2013

To the Union Free Will Baptist Association Ordaining Council:

The following listing is for ministers in good standing with the Eastern Fellowship:

Jackie Cole
Danny Conn
Jim Cox
Chris Edmonds
Randy Howell
Elias Mendosa

William Donnie Roberts
Jeffrey Sams
Gregory Sergent
Tony Shelton
Ed Slemp
Tim York
Thurman Sullivan (Excused)

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 minister has been licensed by the Eastern Fellowship Licensing Council for the Gospel Ministry. This is a first year license.

Josh McKinney

The following ministers have been examined or re-examined for ordination by the Eastern Fellowship Licensing Council with the following actions taken and voted by Eastern Fellowship:

None

The following ministers are not in good standing with the Eastern Fellowship for failing to report during the year:

None

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Tim York, Acting as Clerk
Rev. Jim Cox, President

**The Annual Meeting
Of the
Ordaining Council**

Meeting held at Liberty F.W.B. Church at 9:00 AM August 19, 2013.

Council Members present: Rev. Gary Norton (Chairman), Rev. Jackie Cole, (Vice Chairman) and Rev. Gary Hodges (Secretary).

Bro. Norton read form Romans 1:14-16
Bro. Cole led in prayer.

Candidates present: **Bro. Shannon Lane** came for ratification of credentials. Bro Shannon is from the Limestone Free Will Baptist Church.
Bro. Stephen Jackson came for ratification of credentials. Bro. Jackson is from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Church Hill.
Bro. Aaron Knight came for ordination. He is from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Morrison City.

All of the candidates were examined and interviewed.

We the Ordaining Council recommend the following:

Bro. Aaron Knight be ordained to preach God's Holy Word.

Bro. Stephen Jackson's credentials be ratified.

Bro. Shannon Lane's credentials be ratified.

The following were found not in good standing:

Jason Dean, failure to attend quarterly meetings.

Nathan Hagood, failure to attend quarterly meetings.

Leroy Hurst, failure to attend quarterly meetings.

Kenneth Wilson, failure to attend quarterly meetings.

We recommend the following action, the cards of good standing will not be issued and we will stress the importance of attending quarterly meetings and reporting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Gary Norton, Chairman

Rev. Jackie Cole, Vice Chairman

Rev. Gary Hodges, Secretary

Clerk's Report: August 24, 2012- August 23, 2013

9/7/2012 Sent letters to each ordained and licensed minister informing them of the change in By-Law number 7 of the Ministers' Conference.

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.

The change is in italics.

Included in the letter was the following motion approved by the Minister's Conference:

Any minister who fails to attend (2) two consecutive meetings without written 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. If there is no response in one year their credentials will be called for. A standard letter will be sent to each minister notifying them of the said motion.

Sent certified letters asking for their Ordination Certificates to:

- Rev. Barry Reed, Rev. Nathaniel Begley, and Rev. Junior Burchell. All three of these men signed that they received the letters. Only Barry Reed of these three have turned in his

Certificate of Ordination

- Received the Ordination Certificate and letter of resignation from the Minister's Conference and resignation of his office of Assistant Clerk/Treasurer from Rev. Asa Adams.
- Received Ordination Certificate and letter of resignation from Rev. Dakota Chase.
- Received Ordination Certificate from Rev. Barry Reed.
- Had 2012 Minutes of Minister's Conference reprinted. One Hundred Twenty-five were printed at a cost of one dollar (\$1.00) each.
- Sent check of \$185.00 to the Union Treasurer to pay for the printing of the 2012 minutes of the Union. One hundred seventy-five (\$175.00) for the minutes and ten (\$10.00) for folding of the letters sent to each pastor informing them of the resolution adopted by the Minister's Conference.

February 12, 2013 Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

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

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Derek Bell and Rev. Jackie Cole led us in prayer.

The following were present: President: Rev. Derek Bell, Vice President: Rev. Jesse Hartgrove, Clerk/Treasurer: Rev. Edward Maynard. Ordaining Council members present: Rev. Gary Norton, Rev. Jackie Cole, and Rev. Gary Hodges. Rev. Tim Roach, Moderator of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

MSC to receive the Clerk's Report. (see report)

MSC to receive the financial report for the dates from August 24, 2012 through February 12, 2013. (see report)

MSC to submit the motion: amend Article V, Section E, Item D of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Minister's Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

Article V, Section E, item D as it now is: The Clerk of the Union Free Will Baptist Association 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.

Item D as proposed to be amended: The Clerk of the Union Free Will Baptist Association 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. *In the event that an*

absent member has not sent a proxy and the standing proxy is not in attendance, the Ordaining Council may appoint a proxy who is an ordained minister in good standing.

The amendment is italicized.

MSC to have a seminar on Counseling. The speaker to give the seminar is Rev. Jeff Necessary.

MSC to give the speaker an honorarium of \$200.00.

MSC to submit the following motion : Remove the book, "Basic Bible Interpretation," by Roy Zuck from the required reading list for licensed ministers. The book will be replaced with the Bible. It will be required to read the entire Bible during the licensure period. A written synopsis on the "Doctrine of the Possibility of Apostasy" will be submitted as the final required reading synopsis. Three scripture references from the King James Bible will be used as the basis for the synopsis.

MSC to adjourn meeting.

Rev. Edward Maynard, Clerk/ Treasurer

Minister's Conference Financial Report August 24, 2012-August 31, 2013		
RECEIPTS		
Balance Forward		\$ 1,869.33
Central Quarterly Meeting		510.00
Eastern Fellowship		160.00
Northern		300.00
Offering		137.00
Interest		<u>1.11</u>
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 2977.44</u>
EXPENDITURES		
	CHECK #	
Union Assoc. (Minutes)	1015	\$ 185.00
USPS: Stamps	1012	46.95
USPS: Mailings	1013	17.25
Carl Callahan (Postage)	1014	31.50
Old Stage Printing (Minutes)	1016	125.00
Walmart (Ink Cartridges)	1017	51.48
Jeff Necessary (Honorarium)	1018	200.00
Ed Maynard (Honorarium)	1019	450.00
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 1107.18</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>\$ 1870.26</u>

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF THE**

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Updated: August 2012

Preamble

The Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists, having adopted the Covenant and Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, is organized to unify and promote the interests of its members and the common cause of the Redeemer by providing opportunities for ministerial fellowship, promoting efficiency among its members, and safeguarding the integrity and honor of its members.

ARTICLE I: NAME

This body shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A: MEMBERS

The membership shall be comprised of all ordained and licensed ministers who are members of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists and who maintain good and regular standing in the Ministers' Conference. Each member's rights are freely protected in accordance with the *Treatise of Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists*. A member of the Ministers' Conference desiring to serve as the pastor of a church that is not a member of the Union Association may petition the Ordaining Council for an exception so his membership in the Ministers' Conference may continue.

SECTION B: STANDING

Part 1: Good Standing

All members, including licensed ministers, shall be issued a card of good standing signed by the President and Clerk of the Ministers' Conference. The requirements for obtaining a card of good standing are as follows:

1. Preach a minimum of twelve (12) sermons per calendar year, unless otherwise excused.
2. Report in person to a minimum of two (2) of his respective Quarterly Meetings, and report to each of his respective Quarterly Meetings in writing, unless otherwise excused by the Licensing Committee.
3. Maintain membership in a local church that is a member of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.
4. Maintain moral character and sound doctrine.

Part 2: Not in Good Standing

All members failing to meet the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1 shall receive the status of not in good standing with the Ministers' Conference and shall be denied all privileges of membership, including voting on Ministers' Conference business.

Part 3: Excused Members

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

Part 4: Annual Report

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

Part 5: Card of Good Standing

Annually, at the beginning of each Union Association Meeting, each minister will pay the membership dues in an amount determined by the Ministers' Conference to the Ministers' Conference Clerk. Ministers in good standing pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules will receive a card of good standing. Such card will not be issued without the payment of the necessary fee. This card is good for a one-year period, provided the minister remains compliant to the provisions of this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules. Ministers who are not required to submit an annual report due to retirement or disability will be issued a permanent card of good standing, which need not be renewed each year, provided said minister continues to comply with the standards established by this Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules.

Part 6: Pastoring Non-Union Association Churches

Ordained ministers presently in good standing with the Union Association Ministers' Conference may be granted an exception by the Ordaining Council for the purpose of retaining their membership while pastoring a non-Union Association church. The process is as follows:

1. The minister shall petition the Ordaining Council in writing via the minister's current Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committee.
2. The minister must maintain the requirements for good standing (Article II, Section B, Part 1) in his current Quarterly Meeting, but he will be exempt from required church membership (Article II, Section B, Part 1, item 3).
3. He will report in person to the Licensing Committee annually while pastoring a non-Union Association church.
4. If the minister fails to meet these expectations, he will forfeit his credentials.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

The Ministers' Conference shall convene for its annual session at the venue of the Annual Meeting of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists and at the time designated by the General Board.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Clerk
4. Assistant Clerk
5. Ordaining Council
 - A. Consisting of three (3) members. Elected for a three (3) year term with one member being elected each year in order of expiration of term
6. Parliamentarian
 - A. Appointed by the President from among the membership for each session.
 - B. Any other officers that the Ministers' Conference deems necessary, provided such officers are elected by a majority vote of its members.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: PRESIDENT

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

SECTION B: VICE PRESIDENT

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

SECTION C: CLERK

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

SECTION D: ASSISTANT CLERK

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

SECTION E: ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

ARTICLE VI: CREDENTIALS

SECTION A: OWNERSHIP OF CREDENTIALS

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

SECTION B: VALID CREDENTIALS

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

ARTICLE VII: QUARTERLY MEETING LICENSING COMMITTEE

SECTION A: PURPOSE

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

SECTION B: REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING LICENSE

1. When a local church is assured of the validity of a candidate's call to the ministry, the church is to send a letter of recommendation to the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the church is a member.
2. The candidate must be a member of the church recommending him for a period of no less than one (1) year and attend said church faithfully unless fulfilling a preaching appointment elsewhere.
3. The candidate for licensure will complete an application for license that will be reviewed and acted upon by the Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committee. The completed application, along with references and written work, shall be placed in a file that will be presented in its entirety to the Union Association Ordaining Council prior to the candidate's examination for ordination.
4. The candidate must conform to the standards established in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9.
5. In addition to the completion of the license application, each candidate for licensure as a Free Will Baptist minister within the Union Association shall submit to a criminal background check. This background check and subsequent report will be held in the strictest confidence. The report will only be read by the President of the Ministers' Conference with any pertinent information being shared only with the respective candidate's Quarterly Licensing Committee. Information revealed on this background check will not necessarily prohibit an individual from being licensed and ordained. However, refusal to submit to such examination and review will disqualify the candidate from the ordination process.
6. Upon the candidate's being granted a license to preach, his ministerial activity comes under the watch care of the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which he is a member.
7. The licensed minister must report by letter to all four (4) sessions of his respective Quarterly Meeting of which he is a member.
8. Each licensed minister will be required to attend the following: two (2) seminars prior to his examination for ordination:
 - A. Free Will Baptist Doctrine
 - B. Practical MinistryThe date, time, and location of these seminars will be posted in advance of the sessions. Additionally, each candidate will be required to submit one written synopsis of one of the required tests at each meeting of his respective Quarterly Meeting.
9. The schedule for the seminars and the required reading list will be determined by the Minister' Conference and will be made available to each minister upon his completion of the license application.
10. Whereas the ministry of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist includes ministries that utilize foreign languages, ministers from such ministries will be subject to comparable licensure and ordination requirements. For each foreign work, a panel of leaders will be appointed by the President of the Ministers' Conference, and such panel shall institute comparable procedures based upon materials available in the

language of such ministries and will conduct seminars in the language of such ministries.

SECTION C: MAINTAINING LICENSE

The Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committee grants the licensee a license to preach, subject to annual review by the Licensing Committee, and is bound by the following requirements:

1. Hold a License for a minimum of two (2) years, within the year of the Union Association Annual Meeting, before being considered for ordination.
2. Appear before the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting at each anniversary of his license in order to renew such license until he is ordained.
3. Adhere to all the provisions of Article VII, Section B of the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules.

SECTION D: AUTHORITY OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Licensing Committee may refuse to recommend a candidate for ordination for any reason it deems appropriate, or may ask a licensee to serve an additional year under license. All such decisions are entirely at the discretion of the Licensing Committee and may not be appealed to the Ordaining Council.

SECTION E: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meetings shall submit an annual report to the Union Association of Free Will Baptists Ordaining Council as to its work performed within the conference year. The report must be in the hands of the Clerk of the Ordaining Council no later than Monday morning of the week that the Union Association of Free Will Baptists convenes for the Annual Meeting, and it shall include the following:

1. A list of all candidates examined and the action taken as a result to the examination.
2. A list of all ministers who are in good standing.
3. A list of all ministers who are not in good standing accompanied by a statement as to why such ministers are not in good standing.
4. A list of all ministers recommended for ordination, ratification of credentials, or exchange of credentials.
5. A list of all ministers who are excused from reporting.

SECTION F: RECOMMENDING A LICENSEE FOR ORDINATION

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

1. Has not completed the required courses of study, written reports, or seminars.
2. Has not served at least two (2) consecutive years under license.
3. Does not maintain a card of good standing within the Ministers' Conference.
4. Has been married more than one (1) time and his former wife is still living.
5. Has married a woman whose former husband is still living.
6. Fails or refuses to appear before the Ordaining Council at its annual meeting.
7. On his initial appearance before the Ordaining Council, the licensee brings the following:
 - A. His completed packet.
 - B. A completed ordination examination.
 - C. A letter of recommendation from the Union association Free Will Baptist church of which he is a member.
 - D. The licensee must also ensure that he is on the Quarterly License Committee Annual report recommending him for ordination.
8. **Excused Members** - An ordained minister desiring to retain his credentials in the Union association and having need to be excused from attending and/or submitting his report long term must:
 - A. Be retired from preaching and/or physically disabled.
 - B. Petition his License Committee to recommend him to the Minister's Conference Ordaining Council.
9. **Temporarily Excused Members** - Due to unforeseen circumstances, an ordained minister needing to be excused from attending and/or reporting to his Quarterly meeting temporarily must petition his License Committee and maintain the requirements of Article II, Section B, Part 1, numbers three (3) and four (4). When able to preach, he forfeits his excused status and he must resume reporting to and attending his Quarterly Meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: LICENSED MINISTER AS PASTOR

It is recommended that churches elect an ordained minister as pastor; however, a church may elect a licensed minister as pastor, subject to the following rules and limitations:

1. The licensee may, by virtue of being an elected pastor, moderate all church business meetings, and receive members into the church.
2. The licensee may administer all the ordinances of the Gospel except baptism. He may administer baptism if an ordained Free Will Baptist minister is present to assist him.
3. The licensee may not ordain deacons unless an ordained Free Will Baptist minister is present to assist him.
4. The licensee may not, under any circumstance, perform a marriage ceremony.
5. The licensee, as pastor, must satisfy the requirements of Article VII, Section B; additionally, he must attend two (2) of his respective Quarterly Meetings to remain in good standing, and he is expected to attend the Annual Meeting if possible.

ARTICLE IX: UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ORDAINING COUNCIL

SECTION A: PURPOSE

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists Ordaining Council shall examine all candidates for ordination, including those seeking to exchange or ratify their credentials, as to the candidates' Christian experience, faithfulness to Christ and the local church, and their divine call to the ministry, and they shall examine the annual reports of the Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committees in order to make a determination as to a member's standing within the Ministers' Conference.

SECTION B: MEETINGS

The regular annual meeting of the Ordaining Council will take place Monday morning, beginning at 9:00 AM at the venue of the Annual Meeting of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists for that particular year, for the purpose of examining candidates for ordination, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials. One member from each Quarterly Meeting's Licensing Committee is invited to participate with the Ordaining Council during the interview of candidates, but he will not have voting privileges in the decisions of the Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council has the authority to call special meetings as it deems necessary to carry out its business.

SECTION C: CANDIDATES FOR RATIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

When a minister or pastor from another church or association affiliated with the Nation Association of Free Will Baptists unites with a church that is a member of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists, the following are required in order for the minister's credentials to be ratified:

1. The church of which he is a member will provide a letter of recommendation to the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the church is a member.
2. The minister seeking ratification shall present a letter of good standing from the association in which his membership was previously held.
3. The minister seeking ratification shall be bound by items 1-5, and items 8, 11-14, listed in Article IX, Section E.

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

- (1) Does not display conclusive evidence of conversion.
- (2) Does not display reasonable and convincing evidence of a divine call to ministry.
- (3) Is morally or mentally unfit.
- (4) Has divorced a wife and married another while his divorced wife is still living.
- (5) Has married a divorcee whose husband is still living.
- (8) Has not been recommended by the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.

- (9) Uses or sells alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
 - (10) Is a practicing homosexual or is involved in any other form of sexual perversion.
 - (11) Advocates or speaks in modern-day tongues, i.e. the charismatic gift of tongues.
 - (12) Advocates the New Age Movement or any cultic philosophy.
4. The minister seeking ratification shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its annual meeting and bring his certificate of Ordination with him for ratification.

SECTION D: CANDIDATES FOR EXCHANGE OF CREDENTIALS

A candidate desiring the credentials of the Union Association that has been ordained in any church/denomination not affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists must satisfy the following requirements:

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

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

- (1) Does not display conclusive evidence of conversion.
 - (2) Does not display reasonable and convincing evidence of a divine call to ministry.
 - (3) Is morally or mentally unfit.
 - (4) Has divorced a wife and married another while his divorced wife is still living.
 - (5) Has married a divorcee whose husband is still living.
 - (7) Has not served under license for a minimum of two (2) years within the year of the annual meeting.
 - (8) Has not been recommended by the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.
 - (11) Uses or sells alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
 - (12) Is a practicing homosexual or is involved in any other form of sexual perversion.
 - (13) Advocates or speaks in modern-day tongues, i.e. the charismatic gift of tongues.
 - (14) Advocates the New Age Movement or any cultic philosophy.
4. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its annual meeting and shall bring his current certificate of ordination. If an exchange is granted, the minister may keep his previous certificate of ordination as a keepsake.

ARTICLE XI: DISCIPLINE OF MINISTERS

SECTION A: THE LOCAL CHURCH

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

SECTION B: THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The following rights are vested in the Ministers' Conference:

1. Discipline of its members.
2. Settlement of any and all questions of conduct, doctrine, usage, behavior, and character.
3. Determination of whom and under what condition its members may be found in good standing.
4. All credentials are subject to recall by the Ministers' Conference, which, through its Ordaining Council, may call for them at its discretion.

No appeal may be made regarding disciplinary action.

SECTION C: CHARGES AGAINST A MINISTER

A minister against whom charges are presented shall be presumed innocent of such charges until proven guilty beyond any reasonable doubt. The full consideration of the charged minister's standing as a Christian brother must be made prior to submitting charges. Therefore, no charge may be considered which does not conform to the following:

1. Charges against a member by another member shall not be heard until the person submitting the charges has dealt with the accused according to the principles of Matthew 18:15-18, and the charges must bear the signature of a minimum of one (1) other member in good standing.
2. Charges against a member by a non-minister or a non-member minister shall not be heard unless such charges are confirmed by a minimum of two (2) ministers in good standing, and the charges must bear the signature of the said two (2) members in good standing.
3. Charges against a member by a local church shall not be heard until the majority of the members of that church have confirmed such charges and approved the bringing of the charge to such Ministers' Conference.
4. A written notice containing the specific charges and identifying the time and place of a hearing pertaining to the charges must be furnished to the accused minister via certified mail no less than one (1) month prior to his hearing before the Ordaining Council.

SECTION D: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES INVOLVED IN CHARGES

Part 1: The Accusers

The burden of proof of any accusation shall be upon the accusers and shall not devolve upon the Ordaining Council or the ministers who sign the charges. However, the ministers who sign such charges must be prepared to support their reasoning for affirming the charges.

Part 2: The Accused

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

SECTION E: REINSTATEMENT

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

SECTION E: CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION THAT HAVE GRADUATED FROM A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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

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

1. The candidate must be a graduate of a Christian College and possess a degree that satisfies the Ordaining Council.
2. The candidate must meet all license requirements as detailed in Article VII, Section B.
3. The candidate must be licensed for a period of one (1) year before being considered for ordination.
4. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a copy of his college manuscripts.
5. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a completed Ordination exam.
6. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a letter of recommendation from his local church.
7. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a letter of recommendation from his Quarterly Meeting.

SECTION F: RESTRICTIONS ON ORDINATION

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

1. Does not display conclusive evidence of conversion.
2. Does not display reasonable and convincing evidence of a divine call to ministry.
3. Is morally or mentally unfit.
4. Has divorced a wife and married another while his divorced wife is still living.
5. Has married a divorcee whose husband is still living.
6. Has not been a member of the local church recommending him for a minimum of one (1) year.
7. Has not served under license for a minimum of two (2) years within the year of the annual meeting.
8. Has not been recommended by the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.
9. Has not completed the prescribed reading course listed in Article X.
10. Has not passed the written exam given by the Ordaining Council with a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) of the responses being correct.
11. Uses or sells alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
12. Is a practicing homosexual or is involved in any other form of sexual perversion.
13. Advocates or speaks in modern-day tongues, i.e. the charismatic gift of tongues.
14. Advocates the New Age Movement or any cultic philosophy.

ARTICLE X: BOOKS AND STUDY COURSES FOR CANDIDATES

SECTION A: REQUIRED READING

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

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

SECTION C: SUGGESTED READING (See addendum.)

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

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

The Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists may be amended at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, provided the amendment is submitted in writing and laid on the table a minimum of one (1) day prior to the vote being taken.

ARTICLE XIII: RESOLUTIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION A: TOBACCO AND SECRET ORGANIZATIONS

Whereas the Ministers' Conference has no official ruling pertaining to tobacco and secret organizations, we resolve that each member is to prayerfully consider the effect that his use of tobacco and his membership in any secret organization will have on his personal testimony and on the effectiveness of his ministry.

SECTION B: RIGHTS OF MINISTERS FROM MISSION CHURCHES

Whereas the Ministers' Conference wholeheartedly supports the ministry and work of both Home and International Missions and wishes to encourage those who are faithfully serving in mission work, be it resolved that a mission church that is within our associational fellowship shall have the same rights in recommending men for licensing, ordination, ratification of credentials, and exchange of credentials as the organized member churches. Be it further resolved that faithful service in a mission church that is within our associational fellowship shall earn a candidate the same rights as membership in an organized member church.

BY-LAWS

1. A portion of Scripture shall be read from the King James Version of the Bible by the President and prayer offered at the beginning of each session, regular or called, and all meetings shall be closed with prayer or a benediction.
2. The President or Vice President shall call the meeting to order at the venue determined by the program committee of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists. In the event that both are absent, the Clerk shall take charge of the election of a *President pro tem* to serve until one or both are present or until a regular presiding officer has been elected and installed.
3. The most recent version of *Robert's Rules of Order* shall serve as the final authority in parliamentary procedure.
4. All ministers serving churches in the Union Association of Free Will Baptists are encouraged to become affiliated with the Ministers' Conference. A non-member minister, being called to a pastorate, may assume charge of work within the Ministers' Conference, but it is requested that he submit his credentials to the Ordaining Council for approval and receive an endorsement at the next annual meeting for the position which he holds.
5. Any member moving his membership to another denomination without first securing a letter of recommendation from the Ministers' Conference shall be dropped from the rolls and shall be considered in contempt. Notification of such contempt shall be published in the minutes of the Ministers' Conference.
6. All questions of faith, practice, moral conduct, and spiritual conduct shall be decided and disposed by the Ministers' Conference upon the recommendation of the Ordaining Council.
7. *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.
8. Visitors to the Ministers' Conference may be seated as advisory council and may be permitted to speak. Under no circumstance will a visitor be permitted to cast a vote on Ministers' Conference business.
9. The presiding officer shall not allow any discussion that is not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The Licensing Committee of each Quarterly Meeting must report any ordained minister who is not in good standing to the Ordaining Council with reasons stated as to why the minister is not in good standing.
11. The Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules shall supercede any and all rules that have passed in previous sessions.
12. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at least one (1) day prior to the vote.

STANDING RULES

1. A quorum shall consist of members present and in good standing for any meeting
2. An honorarium in an amount determined by the Ministers' conference shall be given to the featured speaker (s) at the annual session of the Ministers' Conference.
3. Standing rules may be amended at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a majority vote of those present and voting.

ADDENDUM

SECTION B: REQUIRED STUDIES WITH REPORT

- 1st Quarter: *Read entire Bible over the next 2 years.* Give a synopsis on the possibility of apostasy using 3 scriptures from the King James Bible as your last synopsis.
- 2nd Quarter: *Free Will Baptist Doctrines, J.D. O'Donnell*
- 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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