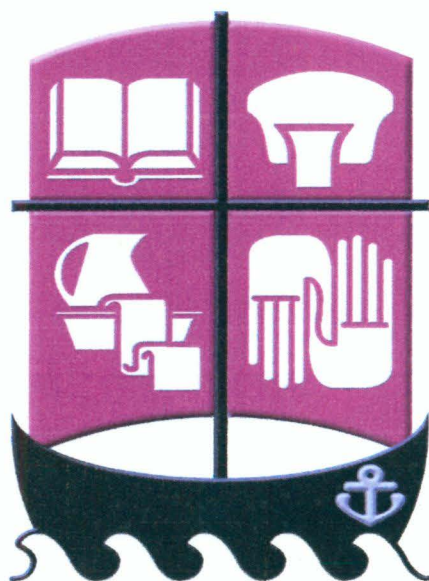


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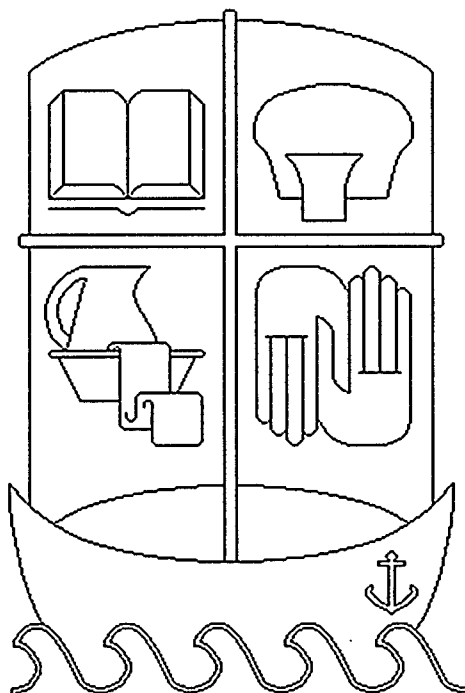
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AUGUST 23-24, 2018

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Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church, Erwin, TN

Union Free Will Baptist Association

Moderator: John Buchanan

Clerk: Edward Maynard

Union Free Will Baptist Association Ministers' Conference

President: Jesse Hartgrove

Clerk: Edward Maynard

Union Youth Camp

Theme: "Ye Shall Receive Power" Acts 1:8

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Clerk
Assistant Clerk
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146th SESSION OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS

OPENING SESSION

Thursday Afternoon, August 24, 2018

Rev. Noah Taylor, pastor of the Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church, welcomed everyone to the church. The congregation was led in singing, "Leaning on Jesus."

Rev. John Buchanan, the moderator, gave the moderator's message. He read from Acts 1:8 and used Acts 1:6 as part of his message.

The opening session of the 146th annual Union Free Will Baptist Association convened August 23, 2018 at the Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church in Erwin Tennessee. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Edward Maynard, and the moderator, John Buchanan, was introduced.

The conference seated the voting body. Visitors were seated in an advisory capacity. Jerry Gibbs and David Outlaw were present. MSC to give the moderator the authority to deviate from the agenda if needed.

The 2017 minutes were approved as written.

Bro. Brian Capps gave the treasury report. MSC to adopt report. (see reports)

Bro. Edward Maynard gave the General Board Report. The General Board met on four occasions during the year.

1. Set date for meeting in January 2018 to plan 2018 yearly meeting.
2. Met in November at the state meeting of the Tennessee State Association as an informal meeting to come up with ideas to make the yearly meeting better.
3. Met on January 9, 2018 to plan the agenda for the 2018 yearly meeting and to give the moderator authority to deviate from this agenda if necessary.
4. Brought the following items for consideration:
 - a.. To approve the dates selected for the 2018 annual meeting.
 - b. To give the following honorariums: Moderator: \$600.00, Clerk: \$600.00, Treasurer: \$1000.00, and the speaker \$150.00.
 - c. Placement for the 2019 Union Association yearly meeting. The following dates, August 22-23, 2019, were selected. The meeting will be at the Limestone Free Will Baptist Church in Limestone, Tennessee.
 - d. To help defray the cost of hosting this conference, give the host church a \$500.00 honorarium.

MSC to adopt report. (see reports section)

The Quarterly Moderators gave their reports.

Central Quarterly	Jeff Blake	(Reports are in the reports section of the minutes)
Eastern Fellowship	Noah Taylor for Tim York	
Northern Quarterly	Danny Willis	

The following greetings were received as information. (see reports)

1. Tennessee State Office	Glen Poston
2. Free Will Family Ministries	Edward Maynard
3. Berea Ministries	Chris Dotson

4. Women's National Active for Christ
5. Hope Center
6. International Missions

Elizabeth Hodges
 Charity Patterson
 Jerry Gibbs (no written report)

Union Reports: (see reports)

Resolution Committee:
Prayer Request Committee:
Obituary Committee:
Nominating Committee

Chris Castle
Carl Callahan
Kevin Rose
Jesse Hartgrove

August 24, 2018

Meeting reconvened.

Bro. Ken Smith brought devotion and led us in prayer. His devotion came from Acts 1:8. "We have an Assignment". Love God and Love Thy Neighbor.

Reports were continued. List is above.

MSC to allow the moderator of the Union to appoint a person to be a delegate if they attend the conference.

MSC to give the General Board the authority to take care of the resolution to appoint a committee to try to communicate with churches who are planning on leaving the Union Association.

MSC to give a round of applause to show our appreciation to all who worked to make this Association a success, especially the Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church.

Registration Report:

Ordained Ministers	43
Ordained Deacons	4
Elected Delegates	3
Visitors	5
Total	55

MSC to adjourn.

WORSHIP SERVICE
Thursday August 23, 2018

Special singing was provided by the host church choir and the singing was excellent. The following songs were sung: "Jesus Hold My Hand", "O' How I Love Jesus", "What a Lovely Name", "The Light House", and "Oh What a Saviour".

Rev. Keith Williams preached from Acts 1:8 "Judea". He brought an inspiring message. All were blessed.

REPORTS SECTION:

Report of the Nominating Committee of the Union FWB Association August 23rd, 2018

We, the 2018 Nominating Committee of the Union FWB Association, place the following nominees before the body for consideration:

- **Moderator:**
 - Lynn Neas
- **Assistant Moderator:**
 - Danny Willis
- **Resolution Committee:**
 - Ross Helton (Chair)
 - Jackie Cole
 - Kevin Hilton
- **Prayer Request Committee:**
 - William Jennings (Chair)
 - Dwayne Steele
 - Donnie Roberts
- **Obituary Committee:**
 - Danny Willis (Chair)
 - Gary Hodges
 - Gary Gass
- **Nominating Committee: For 2019**
 - Josh McKinney (Chair)
 - Tony Shelton
 - Jeffery Daugherty

There were no other nominees. MSC to cease nominations and elect by acclamation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roger Gross (Chairman)
Tony Shelton
Jesse Hartgrove

Resolution Committee:

Resolutions for the Union Free Will Baptist Association 2018

The need for the call of more ministers and church planting.

Whereas the Union Free Will Baptist Association has had several churches to drop out of the association for whatever reason, and

Whereas the Ministers' Conference has not had as many ministers coming for ordination, exchange of credentials, and ratification in years past.

Be it therefore resolved that the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association include in the process of ordination a study of church planting.

Be it further resolved that our pastors encourage, from the pulpit, the need of more men to answer the call from the Lord to become ministers and the need to start new churches.

The Youth of our Churches:

Whereas the youth is part of our church today and will become the leaders of the church tomorrow, and pillars of the church of tomorrow, and

Whereas, the pastor and church do all they can to train and prepare our youth to be the spiritual leaders and pillars of the church of tomorrow, and

Whereas, the church may need help from the Quarterly Meeting, the Union FWB Association.

Be it therefore resolved at all levels from the church to the quarterly meeting to the Union FWB Association that our youth be encouraged to take part in CTS, Bible camp, and junior deacon training programs. The goal is to prepare the youth by doing all we can to get our youth ready to carry on the work of the Lord in His Church. We want them to have a good solid foundation and a reason to be strong in the Lord.

The need to encourage churches to stay in Quarterly Meetings with a church committee.

Whereas in the Northern Quarterly Meeting there has been several churches to withdraw from our fellowship. We now have 13 churches instead of a few years ago 20. I would think that trend is happening also in the Central Quarterly Meeting and the Eastern Fellowship, and

Whereas, if this continues we soon will not have any churches in the quarterly meeting or Union Association, the fellowship will be gone, the strength of numbers will be gone, and the work of the Lord will suffer, and many souls will not be saved.

Be it therefore resolved that we form a church committee to help the churches which desire to pull out of the fellowship that will visit the church to assist in helping them to stay and doing what we can to find the reason for leaving.

Be it further resolved that we give this issue some serious prayer time about starting and supporting a mission word in the Union FWB Association.

Be it further resolved that we take the Lord's commission found in Matthew 28:19-20 to the church by starting at home in our back yard of soul winning to the Lord those who are lost, teaching and baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Obedying the Laws of the Land by being Good Citizens.

Whereas in the book of Romans 13 we are taught to obey the laws of the higher powers because all civil authority comes from God and law enforcement people are ministers of God, and

Whereas, some of the laws which are made are contrary to the teachings of the Bible such as abortion and same sex marriage and other laws, and

Whereas in Acts 4:19 after Peter and John healed a man, the "higher powers" of Romans 13:1-5, told them not to heal in the name of Jesus Christ any more. Peter told the "higher powers" they would obey God rather than man, "whether it be right in the sight of God to harken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."

Be it therefore resolved when rules and laws are made that go against and are contrary to the teachings of God and the Bible, we should do as Peter did by obeying the Word of God.

Be it further resolved that we teach our people to obey the laws of the land if they do not go contrary to the teachings of the Bible. But when they go against the teachings of the Lord, that we will obey the Word of God always because one day in judgment when we stand before the judgment bar, we will answer to him the things which we have done after being saved in this body.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee:

Donald Myers, Chairman

Jackie Cole

Chris Castle

2018 Union Bible Camp

75 Junior Campers

93 Senior Campers

Total: 168

36 Decisions to follow Christ.

Want to thank everyone for using our Early Bird Special.

The amount of volunteers this year was wonderful.

Had several new churches, and campers

Total Expenditures:	\$24,595.50
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Total Deposits:	\$27,397.93
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Checking Balance	\$ 4,266.06
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2019 Camp Weeks:

June 2-6 Senior Week

June 9-13 Junior Week

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Roach

Bro. Tim Roach resigned as co-director of Union Camp and MSC to elect Bro. Kaleb to take his place.

Union Association August 2018

Balance Forward	\$11,582.62
Revenues:	
Bethany	\$180.00
Community Chapel	\$200.00
Fellowship	\$200.00
Jackson's Chapel	\$300.00
McMillian	\$24.00
Morrison City	\$500.00
New Home	\$78.00
St. Joseph	\$20.00
Union Chapel	\$180.00
White Pine	\$70.00
Total Revenues	\$1,752.00
Disbursements	
Camp	\$200.00
Foreign Missions	\$250.00
Home Missions	\$300.00
Tennessee United Fund	\$1,002.00
Total Disbursements	\$1752.00
Balance Forward	\$11,582.62
Add funds designated to general	\$0.00
Balance in Account	\$11,582.62
Expenses:	
Board Expenses	\$277.00
Total Expenses:	\$277.00
Total in treasury	\$11,305.62

Union FWB Association Prayer Request Committee Report 2018

We, the Prayer Request Committee of the Union Free Will Baptist Association beg to leave to submit the following report. The following scriptures will help guide our prayer life to be more effective.

Ps 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

Mt 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Jn 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

Ro. 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Col. 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

2Th 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

1Jn 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

Ge 50:16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, 17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we *be* thy servants.

19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; *but* God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save much people alive.

Nu 21:7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

2Sa 7:26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

Da 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:

6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.

7 O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are* near, and *that are* far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

8 O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.

9 To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him;

Prayer requests from Central Quarterly Meeting.

Prayer request from Eastern Fellowship.

Pray for our Nation, The United States of America. Pray for revival.

Prayer request from Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Pray for the direction and good leadership from the Lord for the officers of the Union FWB Association.

Pray for the leaders of this great nation and that they will be obedient and guided by the Lord.

Pray for the lost of every church community in the Union FWB Association that they will be saved and that our churches will do their part as well.

Pray for the law enforcement of our country and the ones who have lost their lives in line of duty.

Pray for all the armed forces of the United States and the ones in harms way for safety and that they will find a place in their hearts for Jesus.

Pray God will send workers into the prisons to tell them about the love of God for them and that they can be saved in prison by believing in Jesus Christ as Savior.

Pray for the people who carry so much hatred for the President in their heart and the leaders of this country that they look to Jesus for help.

Pray for the sick folk and those in the hospitals that they get well soon.

Pray that we will stop losing so many of our churches for whatever reason. In the Northern Quarterly meeting we have lost Christians Bend FWB Church, Goshen Valley FWB Church, Pine View FWB Church, Chimney Top FWB Church, Mt. Carmel FWB Church and Pyburn FWB Church in a short period.

Pray for the soon coming of the Lord for His church.

Pray that the Lord will call more preachers and workers into the vineyard.

Pray that we live like Jesus is coming soon. Our salvation is nearer than when we first began.

Eastern Star FWB Church.

Pray that the smaller churches in the Union, State, and National FWB Associations.

Grassy Creek FWB Church.

Pray for pastor Teddy Webb and his wife Peggy for good health
Pray for Dennis Spears and wife Cathy.

Pray for Marty to get to come home from prison soon. He is saved.

Pat Wilcox to get right with the Lord. Pray for all men and women in prison to be saved.

Pray for the continue growth of the church and that fold will continue to be saved.

Pray for the Lord to move in the life of Randy Jones.

Brock Lawson to get to come home from prison soon. He is saved.

Pine Grove FWB Church.

Pray for salvation of Jennifer & Josh Broyles, Rose Blan, George Wach and all the others in the community.

Surgoinsville 1st FWB Church.

Pray for our church to grow and prosper in the will of God.

IM International Missions

Pray the IM will reach their goal of 20 in 2020.

Pray for all the Prayer request of the <https://fwbgo.com.prayer/hotline-prayer-request/>.

Pray for more people to answer the call of God to missionary work.

Pray for the mission statement of IM.

Pray for churches in USA to give more to missions.

Pray that our missionaries will make friends with the people they serve on the field.

Pray that our missionaries will share the message of hope.

Donald and Ruth McDonald: Pray for financing of proposed church property and renovation needs for the Good News Chapel.

Jerry and Barbara Gibbs: Pray God will grant wisdom as they lead the church through the pastor transition from missionary pastor to French pastor.

Kenneth and Rejane Eagleton: Pray for the leadership of the churches in Brazil, that there will be unity and a resolve to work together.

We the Prayer Request Committee of the 2018 Union Association Free Will Baptist do humbly submit this report and request the report be adopted by this body. Report coming from a committee of three needs no second and that the report will remain open for other request which may come forward to speak

David Dugger

Carl Callahan

After vote has been taken, will everyone please come to the Throne of Grace to pour our hearts and soul to the Lord Jesus Christ who sits at the right hand of our heavenly Father and I ask Brother Doyle Pruitt to lead the prayer as we all pray.

At this time, may we all stand and repeat the Lord's prayer taken from Matthew 6:9-13 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Brother Moderator, we the prayer Request Committee of the Union Free Will Baptist have humbly gave our report do move the adoption of the same, coming from a committee needs no second.

Carl Callahan

David Dugger

Donnie Roberts

2018 annual session of the Union FWB Association.

Upon the vote being taken, we ask all to come to the alter for prayer where we can take all the needs into the very throne room of heaven and our Great High Priest who wants to hear from us.

Obituary Committee:

Name	Church	Quarterly
Preston Ford	Peace	Central
Doug Adams	Peace	Central
Bettie Lou LeFevers	Peace	Central
Sue Crigger	Church Hill	Northern
Elsie Stapleton	Church Hill	Northern
Kay Moore	Church Hill	Northern
Elmer Wallace	Church Hill	Northern
Clifford Crigger	Church Hill	Northern
Madeline Murrell	Midfield	Northern
Harry Austin	Midfield	Northern
James Vaughn	Surgoinsville	Northern
Edna Gatewood	Surgoinsville	Northern
Sylvia Webb Hyleman	Grassy Creek	Northern
Ruth Combs	Grassy Creek	Northern

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those who have gone on before us.

General Board Report:

Union Free Will Baptist Association

Minutes:

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, John Buchanan.

The General Board met immediately after the Yearly Meeting in August. MSC to meet on January 9, 2018 at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church. Those present were: Moderator, John Buchanan, Clerk, Edward Maynard. Billy Gragg, Chris Dotson (proxy for Jeff Blake), Brian Capps, Jesse Hartgrove.

MSC to adjourn.

November 14, 2017

The General Board of the Union FWB Association met on November 14, 2017 at State Association Meeting in Pigeon Forge. Those present were: John Buchanan, Moderator, Edward Maynard, Clerk, Jeff Blake, Jesse Hartgrove, Brian Capps, Chris Castle, and Tim York

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, John Buchanan

There was discussion concerning the 2018 Yearly Meeting of the Union.

1. Discussed the last meeting.
2. Discussed using the theme "Teach all Nations.
3. Discussed having Bro, Outlaw as the speaker for the seminar.
4. Discussed appointing a music Coordinator for the Union Yearly Meeting.

All agreed to bring these ideas to the January meeting.

MSC to Adjourn.

Minutes of the meeting of the General Board of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

January 9, 2018

Meeting held at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church, Chuckey, TN.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, John Buchanan.

Bro. John read from Joshua 4:8-9, Bro. Ed Maynard led us in prayer.

Brian Capps gave the treasury report. MSC to accept.

Bro. Ed Maynard read the minutes from previous meetings. MSC to accept.

Following are the action taken by this board.

1. Theme: "You Shall Receive Power" from Acts 1:8.
2. The times of the Union and the Ministers' Conference will be the same as the 2017 Meeting.

A. Ministers' Conference will meet on Thursday, August 23 and Friday August 24 2018 from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

B. The Union FWB Association will meet on Thursday, August 23 and Friday, August 24, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM,

C. The Host Church will provide Music for all services during the association meeting. The host church will provide dinner on Thursday and Friday at 6:00 PM.

D. Bro. Chris Dotson was appointed as the Music Coordinator for the Union Yearly Meeting.

C. The following will be the Speakers:

a. Moderator's Message: Bro. John Buchanan. Subject: Jerusalem Acts 1:8b.

b. Thursday Evening Service: Bro. Keith Williams. Subject: Judaea, Acts 1:8c.

c. Friday Afternoon Devotion: Bro. Ken Smith, Subject: Samaria, Acts 1:8d.

d. The Speaker for the Ministers' Conference Seminar will speak on the subject "And Unto The Uttermost Part of the Earth. Acts 1:8e.

e. Ask if anyone wants an electronic copy of the minutes please sign the sheet with your name and your correct e-mail address.

MSC to adopt the above items present them to the voting body.

The General Board met August 23, 2018 at the Evergreen Free Will Baptist. Those present: Moderator, John Buchanan, Clerk, Edward Maynard, Jesse Hartgrove, Danny Willis, Noah Taylor (proxy for Tim York), and Brian Capps.

There was discussion about hosting the 2019 yearly meeting. The Limestone FWB Baptist Church invited the Association to meet there on August 22-23, 2019. MSC to adjourn.

The following are motions from this Board to this Body.

1. This Board moves to give the following honorariums: Moderator, \$600.00, Clerk, \$600.00, and \$1000.00 for treasurer, Thursday Evening Speaker: \$150.00, Host Church, \$500.00. Motion was adopted.

Clerk: Edward Maynard.

Quarterly Meeting Moderator's Reports :

Central Quarterly Meeting:

Greetings from the Central Quarterly Meeting. We currently have a total of 31 churches. The total number of churches with full time pastors is 14, and total number of church with bi-vocational pastors is 17.

We have an estimated member ship of 3,493. The total number of ordained ministers is 55 and the number of licensed ministers is 10. We have 87 ordained deacons.

Our estimated Sunday School enrollment is 2815.

Our Hispanic Church (Chapel By The Road) in Chuckey is doing very well. Brother Hosea is working hard, as his church continues to grow. They are now a part of the Central Quarterly and have their tax exemption.

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

Central Quarterly Meeting Moderator, Jeff Blake

Northern Quarterly Meeting:

Greetings from the Northern Quarterly Meeting
God has blessed our meetings this year.

We currently have 12 churches in the Northern Quarterly

We have lost 1 church, Pine View Free Will Baptist Church withdrew from the Northern Quarterly.

We are blessed with 21 ministers.

We have 4 Ministers excused from reporting.

We currently have 2 licensed ministers.

We are thankful and Blessed to be part of the Union Association.

Respectfully,

Rev. Danny Willis, Moderator—Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Eastern Fellowship

Greeting from the Eastern Quarterly! It has been a blessed year in the Eastern Fellowship of the Union. This year we celebrated God's goodness together at our annual Eastern Fellowship worship service on the first Sunday night of May. All of our churches were represented in the service. Special music was provided by the Valley Forge praise choir and Rev. Frank Woods brought the message. It was a wonderful evening with over 400 in attendance and with over 1200 views online of the service. We also were blessed to see Bro. Andy York licensed to preach the gospel this year as well as Bro. Adam Chandler work toward and finalize his ordination. In addition to this, the Faith Free Will Baptist Church of Johnson City, TN has joined our fellowship, so we look forward to enjoying their church family in the years to come. We thank the Union Association for their coordination of this annual meeting and we thank God for his faithfulness to the churches of the Eastern Quarterly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Tim York

WNAC

Fall 2018

The ladies again gave over half-million dollars to missions and ministry causes over the past year.

Our **provision closet ministry** was \$42, 000 in cash, gift cards and non-cash items. We were able to meet 146 individual missionary needs. What a blessing this closet is to our missionary families.

The **Miley International Student Scholarship** recipients: Keren Delgado (Cuba, Panama, Arkansas), Deborah Trifonova and Yanna Awtrey (Bulgaria) – all three are students at Welch College.

The **Mary R. Wisehart Scholarship** benefits girls studying at our FWB colleges here in the states:

Welch: Karah Grooms (NC)

Randall: Katie Real (MO)

Southeastern: Christina Braxton (NC)

California Christian: Bonnie Dickerson (CA)

This spring our **Cleo Pursell Scholarship** money will be given to students at Chame' Seminary in Panama.

We were able to help our sisters in **Bulgaria with the National Retreat** this year. Our money will help provide the resort center and gift bags. Two of our West Virginia state officers traveled there to participate and speak during their meeting.

We were able to send Keila Delgado (AR) to **Panama** to speak for their **National Retreat** in February. We also sent in gift bag items. Over 100 ladies attended and God's Spirit was at work among them. Ohio and Texas WAC paid for 40 unbelieving women to attend. 13 chose to come and 7 of those accepted **Christ as Savior**.

The officers will host two evangelistic days to take the gospel messages to those who could not come. Pray for souls on these days.

Don Matchett brought another need to us. The Panamanian youth camp director had challenged his students to invite unbelievers to camp. He had budgeted for 10-12. However, 56 registered. He could not cover that cost. Again I contacted state presidents in Missouri and Arkansas who I knew had connections with Panama. I also contacted Judy Lytle, Cumberland District Coordinator (TN). Together they paid for the 50 unbelieving teens who attended. **22 of them accepted Christ!** Thanks so much for helping when the clarion call was made. These teens were from an indigenous people group in Tole' a poor section of western Panama.

It is exciting to see God at work and amazing that He allows us to join Him!!

Our two **Shine!** conferences last fall were very successful. We ministered to over 150 girls in the Saturday sessions and over 300 in the chapel service at Seffner Christian Academy (FL). Please pray for the seeds that were planted.....for the girls/moms/leaders who spent time with us.....for those who are in very difficult circumstances and need the Lord's touch. Our next conference will be held at the Madison FWB Church in Madison, AL on October 20, 2018. More information is available on the website: www.shinefwb.com.

Looking toward the future, we must determine how we can more effectively minister to **all FWB women** whether or not they are a WAC member. Please pray for wisdom for the WNAC leadership at this growth point in our history! God has placed us here "for such a time as this."

May God continue to bless you as you serve Him here in East Tennessee and around the world!

Elizabeth Hodges

WNAC Director

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries

We wanted to follow up with you on some of our current happenings here at Family Ministries. Over the years, many changes have taken place at our ministry. To recap our history, an orphanage first established in 1939, remained as the Children's Home for many years. Fast forward 79 years...

In January 2018, we began focusing our efforts on the foster care population. Our goal is to operate 3 cottages (18 youth) on our Tennessee campus for Extended Foster Care (Independent Living). This consists of young men who have nowhere to return home to; no biological family nor foster home since they have aged out. We are building this program, and are blessed with some extraordinary young men already in care; anticipating steady growth in the next coming months.

Over the years, many of you friends have also indicated to me that you wish we could serve younger children again. Our objective was to grow to 75 children by the end of the year, and 100 in 2 years upon restructure in the regions where we could broaden our services. We are happy to report at this time, we already have 66 foster children in care, and expect to exceed our year-end goal. In less than a year, we have also gone from having 21 foster families to 42 active foster homes. An additional arm of service we offer is the arrangement of adoptions through our foster care program. We do believe moving forward in this direction is in the best interest for the future of Family Ministries. As we have stated, we are simply following where we feel that we can best utilize our efforts in serving children.

New Areas of Ministry:

- Now serving 33 children in the Young Children's Home, in Fort Smith, AR. Opened its doors in July of 2017. Recently received a donation to build an Activities Center on this campus. Construction began in April 2018 with anticipated completion in August of this year.
- John M. Reed Center, in Limestone, TN, now serving clients since September 2017. This facility features 63 skilled nursing beds and 12 assisted living suites.
- The Hope Center is in the final phase of our fundraising campaign for *Honeysuckle Studios*, our Maternity Home. We have already received donation of the building adjacent to the Hope Center. When renovations are complete, it will consist of 5 apartments for mom and baby to reside, with house parents to oversee the structure of the program. Our goal is to offer support and encouragement to mom while she gains her own independence in order to secure a brighter future for her child. Preliminary work has begun; contractor has been secured and a number of volunteers with various skill sets have also come on board to assist with this amazing project. Renovation on the donated building is scheduled to begin in late August 2018.

As you see above, God has allowed us to expand our services in new areas of ministry. We pray that we will be providing care to hurting children and families when Jesus comes again. From its humble beginnings, Family Ministries has grown into a multi-faceted and diverse ministry that is making a positive difference in the lives of others. Our ministry now offers a full circle of services, from the protection of unborn babies to providing a safe and secure home for saintly seniors.

Promotional Director's Report
Union Association
August 24-25, 2018

Family Ministries – Please pray for the Board of Trustees as they seek God's man to lead this ministry.

Tennessee Home Missions – Please open your hearts and your pulpits to Chad Kivette as he and his family begins itinerate for a new church in Sevierville. Also pray for Clayton and Josh Hampton and their families as they prepare to move to Missoula, Montana to start a new church. The Hamptons are Tennessee born and bred and will need help form Tennessee churches to establish this church. There are no churches in Montana to help them, so let's get behind these folks.

Tennessee International Missions – This board provides information and motivation to our churches so that we might be more informed to pray and give to our missionaries overseas. Consider have a "Go Global" conference in your church or quarterly.

Tennessee Christian Education Board – The CE Board has a great retreat planned for your young people on November 9-11. Pure Gold will be the theme for the retreat and veteran youth leader Neil Gilliland and others will seek to challenge your teens to keep their bodies and minds pure as they live in dirty world. For more information visit the website, www.tncelink.com.

Men's Meeting – The 180 Church and others in the Clarksville area are sponsoring a men's retreat on September 13-15 at the Cumberland Camp. For more info go to the website of 180 church, www.180church.net. The cost is only \$99.00 and speakers include: Dr. Tom Malone, Jim McComas, Dr. David Crowe, and Shiloh Hackett.

Executive Department – After sixteen years of service, Executive Director Keith Burden has announced his retirement effective at the end of next year's national association. The Executive Committee of the NAFWB is seeking recommendations for his replacement. The Executive Committee will present one candidate to the General Board next July and upon a majority vote will pass the candidate on the body of delegates at the 2019 convention. Please pray for God's direction.

Randall House – Randall House is hosting the D-6 Conference in Greensboro, NC, Sept. 10-21. Scores of experts in intergenerational discipleship will lead sessions and seminars. All the information can be found on the web, www.randallhouse.com.

IM – International Missions has officially changed its name to IM, Inc. IM officials cited two primary reasons for the name change. First, the length of the old name made it difficult with all the forms the agency has to fill out, and secondly, anything identifying a Christian organization like Baptist, etc., fall under greater scrutiny especially in countries resistant to Christianity.

North American Ministries – The Mission North America offering is the Sunday before Thanksgiving every year and is the official week designated to our department to encourage local churches to promote and take up an offering to benefit our general fund. NAM's general fund provides operational resources for each of the six main divisions of our office-church planting, church revitalization, cross-cultural ministry, chaplaincy, Church Extension Loan Fund and Master's Men.

Welch College – The fall semester has started with a record breaking enrollment in new students. The women's dorm is completely full except for two beds. College officials are thrilled for enrollment and

acceptance in the Gallatin community. The college is sponsoring a fundraising golf tournament on October 8. If interested in playing in the tournament or in helping sponsor the event, you can find more information on the college website, www.welcvh.edu.

WNAC – Our women's ministry is sponsoring a "Shine!" conference on Oct 20 in Madison, AL. for more information you may call 615-572-4792, 615-760-6150, or 877-767-7662, go to website www.shinefwb.com or e-mail Elizabeth Hodges at elizabeth@jnfwb.org.

TN State Meeting – The state meeting this year will be held in Pigeon Forge on November 12-14 at the Mainstay Suites and Conference Center in Pigeon Forge. Speakers Rodney Holloman, Steve Lytle, Jesse Hartgrove, and Billy Ellis, will develop the theme, "It's All About Jesus." Make plans now to attend.

Next Year's National Convention is in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 21-24.

Berea Ministries

The churches of this association have been the backbone of the outreach and mission of Berea Ministries since its inception in the mid-1950s. Today, we are continuing the vision and legacy of our founder, Howard Munsey, who pledged himself to reach Mexico and Latin America with the gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting and encouraging the work of national pastors.

While many missions organizations diligently train American missionaries in language and culture, Berea found its niche in supporting pastors of like faith who are already established in their communities, thus eliminating the need for cross-cultural training and language school. This model, while obviously not effective in every field, such as those being addressed by the Free Will Baptist IM, it has worked well for us.

Through the decades, Berea – with the help of its supporting churches – has provided salary supplements, offered training and education, organized hands-on support through volunteer construction crews, supported evangelistic and outreach ministries, and helped establish a 32-bed children's home.

This year, we celebrated 10 years in Costa Rica. In the last decade, we have seen exponential growth in our mother church there, leading to the establishment of six Free Will Baptist congregations throughout that region. In addition, Pastor Pablo and his team operate a church-based Bible institute to train Christian workers – from pastors to Sunday School teachers.

So, on behalf of your Spanish-speaking brethren beneath the border of the United States, allow me to say thank you for your ongoing and faithful support. Your consistency in giving and in prayer is paying great eternal dividends. Respectfully Submitted, Bro. Chris Dotson.

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

Association Name Central Quarterly Meeting
 Meeting Location Evergreen FWB Church, Erwin, TN Date August /23-24 /2018 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period August /2017 to May /2018 (month/year)
 Moderator Jeff Blake Phone (423) 636-1307
 Address 725 Old Newport Hwy. Email blakesgunsandrepair@comcast.net
 City Greeneville State TN Zip 37743
 Clerk William Jennings Phone (423) 329-2444
 Address 231 Barkley Rd Email wjennings91@yahoo.com
 City Afton State TN Zip 37616

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A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 31
2. Number of churches reporting 31
3. Number of churches:
 Within city limits 5
 Rural 26
4. Total number of churches with:
 Full-time pastors 15
 Bi-vocational pastors 16

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 208
2. Members added 49
3. Members lost 40
4. Membership 2408

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 630,235
2. Number of churches with budgets _____

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 8
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 14,189,080

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 56
 Licensed ministers 1
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 69
3. Number of:
 Daycares _____
 Christian Schools _____
 Bible Institutes _____
 Colleges _____
4. Sunday School enrollment 1696

E. ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY (Camp, school, etc.)

- Name _____
 Value \$ _____

District association minutes requested 20 State association minutes requested 20
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ 1550.00 State \$ 4650.00 National \$ 4650.00

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

Central Quarterly Meeting Churches

Updated: August, 2018

Church Address	Pastor Address	Clerk Address
Bethany FWB Church P: 625 Bethany Road Chuckey, TN 37641 M: 625 Bethany Road Chuckey, TN 37641 423-348-8366	Roger Free 88 Walking Lane Chuckey, TN 37641 423-426-8013	Deborah Reed 1716 Foxtall Lane Kingsport, TN 37660 423-246-9476
Bridgeport FWB Church P: 1525 E. Hwy 25-70 Newport, TN 37821 M: 1525 E. Hwy 25-70 Newport, TN 37821 423-623-0416	Tim Carson P.O. Box 381 Mohawk, TN 37818 423-450-0046 preachertcarson@comcast.net	Debra Hurst 175 Road Way Newport, TN 37821 423-625-3724
Bridges Chapel FWB Church P: 3405 Bridges Chapel Road Dandridge, TN 37725 M: 3210 Old Baileyton Road Greeneville, TN 37745	John Workman 1436 Sugarland Circle Sevierville, TN 37862 865-308-3185	Joann Breeden 361 Tanasi Drive Newport, TN 37821 865-322-5515
Cedar Creek FWB Church P: 3050 Cedar Creek Road Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 3050 Cedar Creek Road Greeneville, TN 37743	John Daugherty 1400 Kevin Lane Greeneville, TN 37818 423-638-3990	Minnie Seaton 2950 Cedar Creek Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-4759
Community Chapel FWB Church P: 1660 Phagan Store Road Talbot, TN 37877 M: 7037 Maxwell Terrace Talbot, TN 37877 423-475-8689	Dennis Caldwell 255 Lakota Way Newport, TN 37821 423-248-7089	Joy Smith 1978 Kaylee Dr. Jefferson City, TN 37877 423-585-0730
East Greene FWB Church P: 1641 Kiser Blvd. Greeneville, TN 37743 P: 1641 Kiser Blvd. Greeneville, TN 37743	Anthony Payne 1174 Gap Mountain Road Greeneville, TN 37745 423-444-3137	Janice Tullock 525 Choctaw Drive Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-6795
Faithful View FWB Church P: 93 Dude Lane Bulls Gap, TN 37711 M: 93 Dude Lane Bulls Gap, TN 37711		Judy Burns 13485 Lonesome Pine TR Greeneville, TN 37745 423-234-5231

Bethany FWB Church P: 625 Bethany Road Chuckey, TN 37641 M: 625 Bethany Road Chuckey, TN 37641 423-348-8366 Bridgeport FWB Church P: 1525 E. Hwy 25-70 Newport, TN 37821 M: 1525 E. Hwy 25-70 Newport, TN 37821 423-623-0416 Bridges Chapel FWB Church P: 3405 Bridges Chapel Road Dandridge, TN 37725 M: 3210 Old Baileyton Road Greeneville, TN 37745 Cedar Creek FWB Church P: 3050 Cedar Creek Road Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 3050 Cedar Creek Road Greeneville, TN 37743 Community Chapel FWB Church P: 1660 Phagan Store Road Talbott, TN 37877 M: 7037 Maxwell Terrace Talbott, TN 37877 423-475-8689 East Greene FWB Church P: 1641 Kiser Blvd. Greeneville, TN 37743 P: 1641 Kiser Blvd. Greeneville, TN 37743 Faithful View FWB Church P: 93 Dude Lane Bulls Gap, TN 37711 M: 93 Dude Lane Bulls Gap, TN 37711	Roger Free 88 Walking Lane Chuckey, TN 37641 423-426-8013 Tim Carson P.O. Box 381 Mohawk, TN 37818 423-450-0046 preachertcarson@comcast.net John Workman 1436 Sugarland Circle Sevierville, TN 37862 865-308-3185 John Daugherty 1400 Kevin Lane Greeneville, TN 37818 423-638-3990 Dennis Caldwell 255 Lakota Way Newport, TN 37821 423-248-7089 Anthony Payne 1174 Gap Mountain Road Greeneville, TN 37745 423-444-3137	Deborah Reed 1716 Foxtall Lane Kingsport, TN 37660 423-246-9476 Debra Hurst 175 Road Way Newport, TN 37821 423-625-3724 Joann Breeden 361 Tanasi Drive Newport, TN 37821 865-322-5515 Minnie Seaton 2950 Cedar Creek Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-4759 Joy Smith 1978 Kaylee Dr. Jefferson City, TN 37877 423-585-0730 Janice Tullock 525 Choctaw Drive Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-6795 Judy Burns 13485 Lonesome Pine TR Greeneville, TN 37745 423-234-5231

Fugate FWB Church P: 1231 Fugate Rd Del Rio, TN 37727 M: 1231 Fugate Rd Del Rio, TN 37727	Winford French 1546 Rocky Top Rd Del Rio, TN 37727 423-487-5366	Paul Sawyer 114 Church Rd. Hot Springs, NC 28743 828-775-3403
Greene Ridge FWB Church P: 1250 Greene Ridge Loop Afton, TN 37616 M: 1255 Greene Ridge Loop Afton, TN 37616	Jeff Daugherty 100 Shady Grove Lane Mosheim, TN 37818 423-422-7540	Donna Hampton 155 Greene Ridge Loop Afton, TN 37616 423-257-3305
Greeneville First FWB Church P: 502 East Church Street Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 502 East Church Street Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-5351	Larry McElory 1816 Ridgemont Drive Greeneville, TN 37745 423-639-3664	Frances G. Darnell 1443 Piney Grove Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-6959
Greystone FWB Church P: 5350 Greystone Road Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 730 Laws Road Greeneville, TN 37743	Roger Stockton 3711 Bluefield Drive Johnson City, TN 37601 423-926-5895	Barry Wright P.O. Box 426 Greeneville, TN 37744 423-588-1505
Harris Memorial FWB Church P: 4090 Sunnydale Road Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 4090 Sunnydale Road Greeneville, TN 37743	Ken Smith 3580 Sunnydale Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-8735 kenpastorteachs@peoplepc.com	Melvin Seaton 2317 Sunnydale Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-6277
Jackson Chapel FWB Church P: 262 Little Chuckey Cutoff Mosheim, TN 37818 M: 262 Little Chuckey Cutoff Mosheim, TN 37818 423-639-9003	Jeff Blake 125 Old Newport Highway Greeneville, TN 37743 423-636-1307	Debra Wilhoit 2920 Old Midway Rd. Mosheim, TN 37818 423-422-9699
Kingsley Avenue FWB Church P: 213 Kingsley Avenue Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 302 Royce Street Greeneville, TN 37743 423-639-6785	Doyle Pruitt 302 Royce Street Greeneville, TN 37743 423-798-0714	Nancy Knight 170 Choctaw Drive Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-6128 or 872-3060

Liberty FWB Church P: 252 Liberty Church Drive Chuckey, TN 37641 M: 252 Liberty Church Drive Chuckey, TN 37641	John Buchanan 1242 Pisgah Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-972-1394 john.buchanan45@yahoo.com	Carol Buchanan 699 Pisgah Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-972-5717
Limestone FWB Church P: 3709 Old State Route 34 Limestone, TN 37681 M: 3709 Old State Route 34 Limestone, TN 37681 423-257-3163 office@limestonefwb.org	Tim Roach 1028 Cocke County Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-470-2211 tim@limestonefwb.org	Brent Ricker 370 Plainview Heights Circle Greeneville, TN 37745 423-329-1175
McMillian FWB Church P: 235 Loblolly Drive Mosheim, TN 37818 M: 235 Loblolly Drive Mosheim, TN 37818	Chris Howell 640 West Dumplin Valley Rd. Jefferson City, TN 37760 865-705-3402	Peggy Robinette 235 Loblolly Drive Mosheim, TN 37818 423-422-4942
Muddy Creek FWB Church P: 2386 Hills Chapel Road Dandridge, TN 37725 M: 2386 Hills Chapel Road Dandridge, TN 37725 865-484-1550	Jess Sherrod 2121 Stillhouse Road Dandridge, TN 37725 865-850-7675 mamajuanuary@yahoo.com	Susan Hackney 1258 Cedar Hills Road Dandridge, TN 37725 865-397-7502
New Bethel FWB Church P: 707 Basinger Hollow Rd. Newport, TN 37821 M: c/o 425 Ruble Ruble Avenue Newport, TN 37821	Willie Winters 276 Riviera Drive Newport, TN 37821 423-625-8005 winters204@yahoo.com	Susie Dockery 846 Highway 160 Newport, TN 37821 423-415-2638
New Home FWB Church P: 2350 Holt Town Road Newport, TN 37821 M: 2350 Holt Town Road Newport, TN 37821 423-623-5859	Doug King 4896 Brookview Drive Russellville, TN 37860 423-312-1815	Caitlyn Holt 255 Turner Ridge Rd. Newport, TN 37821 423-623-0650
Newport First FWB Church P: 192 Jimtown Road Newport, TN 37821 M: 19221 Jimtown Road Newport, TN 37821 423-623-5065 www.newportffwb.com	Paul Moore 2251 Barger Rd. Parrottsville, TN 37843 423-623-2218 or 608-8849 paulmoore427@hughes.net	Eula Mae Overholt 869 Brookside Drive Newport, TN 37821 423-623-3639

Oak Grove FWB Church P: 2320 Old Tusculum Road Greeneville, TN 37745 M: 2320 Old Tusculum Road Greeneville, TN 37745 423-639-9241 oakgrove1@earthlink.net Peace FWB Church P: 600 S. Davy Crockett PKWY Morristown, TN 37813 M: 600 S. Davy Crockett PKWY Morristown, TN 37813 423-587-6773 FAX: 423-318-2102 www.peacefwbchurch.org Piney Grove FWB Church P: 990 Piney Grove Road Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 990 Piney Grove Road Greeneville, TN 37743 Shady Grove FWB Church M: 2115 Highway 113 Whitesburg, TN 37891 M: c/o 285 Ely Road Bulls Gap, TN 37711 423-235-2359 St. Joseph's Chapel FWB Church P: 790 McDonald Road Midway, TN 37809 M: c/o 785 Gravel Woods Road Midway, TN 37809 sjc_church@yahoo.com Union FWB Church P: 60 Ray Casteel Road Greeneville, TN 37745 M: 1154 S. Wesley Chapel Road Greeneville, TN 37745	Billy Gragg 121 Southridge Drive Greeneville, TN 37745 423-963-0740 bjgragg@icloud.com Christopher Dotson 600 S. Davy Crockett PKWY Morristown, TN 37813 423-587-6773 pastor@peacefwbchurch.org Robert Shipley 125 Tunnel Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-422-2807 Donnie Myers 525 Terrace View Drive Bean Station, TN 37708 865-993-7728 Jeremy Seaton 285 High Top Rd. Midway, TN 37809 423-620-1417	Lisa Shelton 750 McCoy Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-639-0021 Brenda J. Harris 4137 Peace Drive Morristown, TN 37514 423-581-9406 Kay Ricker 805 Woolsey College Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-4745 Karlene Ely 285 Ely Road Bulls Gap, TN 37711 423-235-6607 Billy Larkin 785 Gravel Woods Road Midway, TN 37809 423-737-3323 Edith Johnson 2390 West Pines Road Afton, TN 37616 423-234-4684

Union Chapel FWB Church P: 5915 Erwin Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 M: 5915 Erwin Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 423-638-0137	Lynn Neas 15 Broyles Road Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-6817	Rachel Young 1120 Barren Road Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-3252
Union Temple FWB Church P: 9680 Kingsport Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 M: 9680 Kingsport Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 423-234-3195	Oscar McAmis 15765 Kingsport Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 423-416-0308 oscarmcamos008@comcast.net	Pam Hughes 655 Doak Hensley Road Afton, TN 37616 423-620-0190
West Greene FWB Church P: 4910 Shackelford Road Mosheim, TN 37818 M: 4910 Shackelford Road Mosheim, TN 37818 423-422-7388	Ross Helton 193 Falcon Nest Afton, TN 37616 423-620-0345	Rebekah Henry 1110 Ragon Hollow Lane Midway, TN 37809 423-470-0223
White Pine First FWB Church P: 1412 Peach Street White Pine, TN 37890 M: P.O. Box 245 White Pine, TN 37890 865-674-7100	Dennis Daugherty 1088 Beth Drive Russellville, TN 37860 423-586-0032	Lisa M. Arwood 3238 Lincoln St. White Pine, TN 37890 865-674-7868 or 423-608-0328
Woods Memorial FWB Church P: Gap Creek Road Bulls Gap, TN 37711 M: 1375 Carters Valley Road Mosheim, TN 37818	Claude Davis 1518 Sun Valley Dr. Greeneville, TN 37745 423-470-1960	Kelly Evans 5715 Gap Mountain Road Greeneville, TN 37745 423-470-1117

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

Association Name Eastern Quarterly of the Union Association
 Meeting Location Evergreen FWB Church Date 05 / 06 / 18 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period May / 2017 to April / 2018 (month/year)
 Moderator Rev. Tim York Phone (615) 947-2505
 Address 2015 Harbor Dr. Email tim@grovechurchsmyna.com
 City Smyrna State TN Zip 37167
 Clerk Rev. Noah Taylor Phone (252) 560-7757
 Address 1030 Quail Run Email n.taylor@evergreenfwb.com
 City Erwin, TN State TN Zip 37650

Delegates

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A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

- Number of churches 6
- Number of churches reporting 6
- Number of churches:
 Within city limits 3
 Rural 3
- Total number of churches with:
 Full-time pastors 2
 Bi-vocational pastors 4

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

- Baptisms 27
- Members added 37
- Members lost 6
- Membership 437

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

- Income of all churches \$ 483,000
- Number of churches with budgets 3

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

- Number of churches with parsonages 2
- Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 5,800,000

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

- Number of ordained ministers 5
 Licensed ministers 4
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
- Number of ordained deacons 4
- Number of:
 Daycares 0
 Christian Schools 0
 Bible Institutes 0
 Colleges 0
- Sunday School enrollment 312

E. ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY (Camp, school, etc.)

- Name _____
 Value \$ _____

District association minutes requested _____ State association minutes requested _____
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ _____ National \$ _____

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

EASTERN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Church	Pastor	Clerk
Embreeville 4203 Highway 81 South Erwin, TN 37650 423.743.3775	W. Donnie Roberts 311 Little German Rd. Erwin, TN 37650 423.743.7481	Ike Tittle 132 M. Tucker Rd. Erwin, TN 27650 423-743.3775
Evergreen 910 Hoback St. Erwin, TN 37650 evergreenchurch@comcast.net	Noah Taylor 1030 Quail Run Erwin, TN 37650 n.taylor@evergreenfwb.com	
Grove PO Box 1244 Smyrna, TN 37167 615.947.2502 Grovechurchsmyrna.com	Tim York 2015 Harbor Dr. Smyrna, TN 37167 615.947.2505 tim@grovechurchsmyrna.com	Jim Vallance PO Box 1244 Smyrna, TN 37161
Red Hill 1440 Indian Grave Gap Rd. Marshall, NC 28753 828.649.3208	Tony Shelton 45 Old Sheppard Branch Weaverville, NC 28787 828.273.3808	Betty McKinney 706 Upper Branch Rd. Marshall, NC 28753 828.649.3855
Fellowship FWB Church 278 Adams/Corby Rd Limestone, TN 37681 423.257.4455	Gary Hodges 560 Boring Chapel Rd. Johnson City, TN 37651 423.477.7660	Brenda Cutshall 205 L.C. McKee Rd. Jonesborough, TN 37659 423.753.4514
Faith FWB Church 824 N. State of Franklin Johnson City, TN 37604 423.927-8441	Steve Miller 430 Sand Valley Rd. Jonesborough, TN 37659 423.388.0385	

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

Association Name Northern Quarterly of the Union Association
 Meeting Location Evergreen FWB Church, Erwin, TN Date Aug / 23-24 / 2018 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period July / 2017 to April / 2018 (month/year)
 Moderator Rev. Danny Willis Phone (423) 552-6074
 Address 815 Nelse Roberts Rd. Email drwillis55@gmail.com
 City Chuckey State TN Zip 37641
 Clerk Penney Capps Phone (423) 367-5869
 Address 308 Valley Drive Email penneyc26@gmail.com
 City Church Hill State TN Zip 37642

Delegates

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A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 12
2. Number of churches reporting 9
3. Number of churches:
 - Within city limits 4
 - Rural 5
4. Total number of churches with:
 - Full-time pastors 5
 - Bi-vocational pastors 4

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 21
2. Members added 13
3. Members lost 9
4. Membership 805

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 402,573
2. Number of churches with budgets 3

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 1
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 2,442,900

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 10
 Licensed ministers 3
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 29
3. Number of:
 - Daycares 0
 - Christian Schools 0
 - Bible Institutes 0
 - Colleges 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 464

E. ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY (Camp, school, etc.)

Name _____
 Value \$ _____

District association minutes requested 30 State association minutes requested 24
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ 300 District \$ 600 State \$ 1,800 National \$ 1,800

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

Please retain a copy for your records. Fillable forms available at: www.nefeb.org

Form 503 (revised 03/2015)

Northern Quarterly Meeting Churches

Church Address	Pastor Address	Clerk
Bethesda FWB Church P: 8220 Old Snapps Ferry Road Fall Branch, TN 37656 M: 8220 Old Snapps Ferry Road Fall Branch, TN 37656	Danny Willis 815 Nelse Roberts Road Chuckey, TN 37641 423-552-6074 drwilli55@gmail.com	Howard Conkin 8220 Old Snapps Ferry Rd. Chuckey, TN 37656 423-348-6882
Eastern Star FWB Church P: 153 Eastern Star Ext. Kingsport, TN 37665 M: c/o 2020 Fordtown Road Jonesborough, TN 37659	Kevin Rose 179 Meadow Springs Road Mt. Carmel, TN 37645 423-357-2572 kevintim115@embarqmail.com	Betty Hale 2020 Fordtown Road Jonesborough, TN 37659 423-349-5056
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Annual Letter From Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Association Name Union Free Will Baptist Association
 Meeting Location Mainstay Conference, Pigeon Forge, TN Date Nov. / 12-14 / 2018 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period August / 2017 to Sept. / 2018 (month/year)
 Moderator Lynne Neas Phone (423) 257.6817
 Address 15 Broyles Rd. Email lynnneas2@comcast.net
 City Chuckey, State TN Zip 37641
 Clerk Edward Maynard Phone (423) 293-9377
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 City Rogersville State TN Zip 37857

Delegates

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

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 49
2. Number of churches reporting 49
3. Number of churches:
 - Within city limits 12
 - Rural 37
4. Total number of churches with:
 - Full-time pastors 22
 - Bi-vocational pastors 24

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 254
2. Members added 99
3. Members lost 55
4. Membership _____

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 1,515,818.00
2. Number of churches with budgets 6

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 11
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 22,432,980.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 71
 Licensed ministers 4
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 92
3. Number of:
 - Daycares 0
 - Christian Schools 0
 - Bible Institutes 0
 - Colleges 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 2472

E. ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY (Camp, school, etc.)

- Name 0
 Value \$ _____

District association minutes requested 50 State association minutes requested 44
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ _____ National \$ _____

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

Please retain a copy for your records. Fillable forms available at: www.nafwb.org.

Form 503 (revised 03/2015)

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 XI: Statement on Marriage and Human Sexuality

The Union FWB Association's position regarding marriage and human sexuality is one consistent with that presented in the Holy Scriptures.

We believe, based on the teaching of the Scriptures in the Old and New Testaments, that marriage is an institution ordained by God from the foundation of the world and is intended as a lifelong union of one man and one woman. This understanding is supported by the account of creation in Genesis, chapters 1 and 2. Genesis 1:26-27 indicates that God created man in His own image, as male and female. The passage implies that the unity of a man and woman in marriage is in some way reflective of the image of God in mankind.

Genesis 2:18 provides a more detailed account, relating that God created the first man, Adam, and decided that it was not good for him to be alone. God indicated that He would make "an help meet for him," which means a helper suitable for or matching him. Then God brought all of the animals to Adam, but none of them was such a suitable helper; so God created Eve, the first woman, from part of Adam himself. God did not create a second man to be Adam's helper, or an assortment of multiple women, but one woman. Together they were man and wife and had "no shame" or sin in their union (Genesis 2:18-25).

Jesus Christ reaffirmed the teaching of the Old Testament when He said, as recorded in Matthew 19:4-6: "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one

flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

The Apostle Paul states in Ephesians 5:22-32 that marriage is not merely a human institution, but is a special, divine metaphor that illustrates the union of Christ and the Church. For this reason also, only a union between one man and one woman can be a Biblical marriage because no other union—whether of two men, two women, or any other arrangement—could illustrate the relationship between Christ and His church in accord with this Biblical teaching.

First Corinthians 6:9-11 condemns a variety of lifestyles including those associated with adultery, prostitution, and homosexuality. Indeed, the Bible condemns as sexual immorality—“fornication” in the Authorized Version—all sexual intercourse outside marriage as defined above. It also encourages Christians to flee from sexual immorality because of its destructive effects and because the body of the Christian is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:12-20).

Romans 1:18-32 makes clear that it is not only sinful to engage in homosexual unions, but also to approve of such sins in others or to encourage their practice. As a result, in order to maintain our consistent Christian witness, we cannot sanction, approve, or promote in any way adultery or any other form of sexual immorality—including, but not limited to, pornography, pedophilia, polygamy, bestiality, or homosexual unions. This is made clear in many passages in the Old and New Testaments.

Our Association follows what the Bible reveals as the “sure foundation” of the teachings of Jesus Christ and his apostles (Matthew 7:24-29; 1 Corinthians 14:37). If our Association is to bear the name Christian authentically, we are called to teach and practice these teachings and are not at liberty to depart from them for a different authority. Though we strive to live peaceably with all people and to obey legitimate government authority, if the two come into conflict about matters as foundational as marriage, we must ultimately obey God rather than man (Acts 4:18-21).

Sexual activities outside of marriage, including but not limited to those named above, are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the church. Lewd conduct; transgender behavior; and the creation, distribution, or viewing of pornography are incompatible with God’s purpose for human sexuality.

This position is also affirmed in the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, Appendix to chapter IV, Section 1. (See Preamble).

In accordance with this stated position regarding marriage and human sexuality:

1. Member Quarterly Meetings whose churches fail to exercise church discipline when a member church deviates from this statement has the responsibility to discipline those churches. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action of the Union Free Will Baptist Association toward that Quarterly Meeting.
2. If an officer of the Union Free Will Baptist Association or a delegate sent to the Union Free Will Baptist Association deviates from this statement, they will fall under the discipline of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.
3. In either case, the specific disciplinary action to be taken will be determined by the body of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

ARTICLE X: 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 barred 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. It is the responsibility of each quarterly meeting to turn in representation dues (\$350.00) for each church listed on the quarterly meeting clerk's report to the Union Association. The report and dues must be submitted by the time of the annual meeting of the Union Association each year. A check from the quarterly meeting in the amount of \$350.00 per church listed on the report must accompany the quarterly meeting report to the Union Association. It is the responsibility of the quarterly meeting to ensure that only churches for which full dues are being paid are listed on the clerk's report to the Union 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.

Official Document of Governance

As Amended and Adopted

Union Free Will Baptist Association

August, 20, 2016

Minutes of the Union Free Will Baptist Association Ministers' Conference

August 23-24, 2018

Evergreen Free Will Baptist Church

President: Bro. Jesse Hartgrove
Clerk/Treasurer: Bro. Edward Maynard

Vice-President: Bro. Chris Castle
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Kevin Hilton

Ordaining Council:

Chairman: Rev. Billy Gragg (2019) Central
Vice Chairman: Rev. Noah Taylor (2020) Eastern
Clerk: Rev. Brian Capps (2021) Northern

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

Proceedings of the Ministers' Conference August 23-24, 2018

Bro. Jesse Hartgrove opened with scripture Psalms 68:9-11. Bro. Tim Roach led us in prayer. The delegates were seated. There were 34 present. The clerk gave his report. There were two items presented to the body.

Item 1: MSC to raise the minsters dues from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per year.

Item 2: Honorariums (See report in report section).

MSC to adopt clerk's report. (see report section)

MSC to Adopt the 2017 minutes as printed.

Bro. Brian Capps gave the Ordaining Council report. (see report section).

MSC To make the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws.

1. Add Number 7 to ARTICLE V SECTION E: .

7. The Ordaining Council has the responsibility of determining and setting the study curriculum which licensed ministers are required to complete prior to ordination. However, the Ordaining Council must adhere to the following guidelines when determining and setting this study curriculum:

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- F. The current study curriculum will be listed as an Addendum to the Ministers' Conference Constitution and By-Laws.*

2. Make the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ministers' Conference. The changes are in italics.

ARTICLE VII SECTION F: RECOMMENDING A LICENSEE FOR ORDINATION

Part 1: Requirements for Recommendation for Ordination

Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committees are prohibited to recommend any candidate to the Ordaining Council for ordination who does not meet the following requirements:

1. Has completed the required courses of study or written reports. (See ADDENDUM). (The Licensing Committee is required to submit a copy of the licensee's Ordination Examination when completed to the Ordaining Council via the License Council, and to submit *any* written reports as completed ~~on a quarterly~~ basis per the schedule of the ADDENDUM of the Constitution and Bylaws.)
2. Has served at least two (2) consecutive years under license.
3. Has maintained a card of good standing within the Ministers' Conference.
4. Has not been married more than one (1) time and his former wife is still living.
5. Has not married a woman whose former husband is still living.
6. Appears before the Ordaining Council at its annual meeting.

Part 2: Licensee Responsibilities

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

1. His completed Application for License to Preach.
2. A completed ordination examination. (*Note: the ordination examination should be completed and submitted to the License Council no later than May of the year in which the licensee is to be recommended for ordination. The License Council should forward a copy of this completed examination to the Ordaining Council at that time. This allows the Ordaining Council adequate time to thoroughly review the examination responses.*)
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4. The licensee must also ensure that he is on the Quarterly License Committee Annual report recommending him for ordination.

MSC to Article IX Section B Number 5

ARTICLE IX SECTION B: MEETINGS

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Recess called until Friday, August 24 at 3:00 PM.

Friday August 24, 2018

Meeting called back into session by the President. Bro. Carl Callahan read scripture and led us in prayer. He chose Psalms 22:1-31 as his scripture. He gave testimony of his healing of cancer and eyes.

The delegates were seated. There were 15 present.

The treasurer gave a partial report the full report will be in the report section of these minutes. MSC to adopt report.

The Nominating Committee gave their report. The following were elected to serve for the 2018-2019 year.

President: Jesse Hartgrove
Vice President: Chris Castle
Clerk/Treasurer: Edward Maynard
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Kevin Hilton

Nominating Committee for 2019:

Ross Helton (Chair)
Keith Williams
Chris Dotson

Ordaining Council Member: Brian Capps (Northern)

There was no other nominations. MSC and carried to elect by acclamation.

There was no new business.

Old business:

MSC to remove from table the following motions to make changes the Constitution and By-laws:

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3. A letter of recommendation from the Union association Free Will Baptist church of which he is a member.
4. The licensee must also ensure that he is on the Quarterly License Committee Annual report recommending him for ordination.

MSC to adopt the changes. The vote was unanimous.

MSC to remove from table change in Constitution and By-laws:

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MSC to adopt the change. The vote was unanimous. .

MSC to adopt the Required Studies for an Ordination Candidate (2018)

The Required Studies for an Ordination Candidate are in the Addendum of these minutes.

Dr. David Outlaw did a seminar "Ye Shall Receive Power". His seminar had two parts. Part one was given on Thursday during the Ministers' Conference and part two on Friday during the Ministers' Conference meeting. He gave us information on how to promote missions in our local churches.

The conference was adjourned until the Ordination service.

Ordination Service:

The meeting was opened with an inspiring song: "Are You Washed in the Blood" Bro. Noah Taylor welcomed everyone and led us in prayer.

An offering of \$247.00 was received.

"Preach the Word" was sung by the choir director.

The President of the Ministers' Conference called the meeting to order for the purpose of ordaining two men. Bro. Jesse Hartgrove read from "Romans 5:13-17", and led us in prayer. Bro. Jesse introduce the Ordaining Council members: Rev. Billy Gragg, Rev. Noah Taylor, and Rev. Brian Capps.

Rev. Billy Gragg introduced the candidates: James Adam Chandler from the Eastern Fellowship and Keven Hilton from the Northern Quarterly Meeting.

Rev. Brian Capps gave the charge and brought the message from II Timothy 4:1-5.

I. How do we fulfill our Ministry?

a. Who is the Master?

II. Preach the Word.

III. In season, out of season.

It was a challenging message to the young preachers and all of us.

Prayer and laying on the hands by the ordained ministers. The Ordination Certificates were presented to them by Rev. Brian Capps.

MSC to adjourn.

As we were leaving we gave them the right hand of fellowship.

Minister's Conference Financial Report Sept 1, 2017- Aug, 31, 2018				
RECEIPTS				
Balance Forward				\$ 1,362.16
Eastern Fellowship				60.00
Central Quarterly Meeting				\$570.00
Northern Quarterly Meeting				210.00
Offering				247.00
Interest				0.75
Repay for Ink & Cards				\$ 48.00
Total				\$ 2,497.91
EXPENDITURES				
Newport Printing	10/2/2017	1044		\$ 150.00
Walmart (Ink&Cards)	7/5/2018	Debit		94.90
Mountain Inn	8/23/2018	Debit		196.24
David Outlaw	8/23/2018	1002		500.00
Ed Maynard	8/23/2018	1003		400.00
Jesse Hargrove	8/23/2018	1001		22.00
Total				\$ 1,363.14
Balance on Hand				1134.77

Clerk's Report 2017-2018

Received a request for a letter of good standing for Bro. Mark McDavid from the Central Association of Florida. Letter was sent after contacting members of the Ordaining Council of the Ministers' Conference.

Talked with Wyndell Sydebothom. He informed me he was joining another denomination. I told him what he needed to do was send a letter of resignation to the clerk of the Ministers' Conference and to turn his ordination papers in. I have not received them. Received a letter of resignation from Bro. Mark McDavid. Forwarded the letter to the Ordaining Council.

April 27, 2018 Received letter of resignation from Wendell Sydebothom. He did not send his ordination papers. His was exchange of credentials. I forwarded the letter to the Ordination Council.

April 27, 2018

Minutes of the Union Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference.

President Jesse Hartgrove called the Planning Committee of the Ministers' Conference in order for the purpose of conducting business. Each member of the Board were contacted by e-mail for the purpose of getting permission to open a checking account at the Eastman Credit Union. Those on committee are President, Jesse Hartgrove, Vice President Chris Castle, Clerk Edward Maynard, Assistant Clerk Danny Willis, Ordaining Council: Billy Gragg, Brian Capps, and Noah Taylor. All the above members voted yes to allow Edward Maynard and Danny Willis to open the new checking account. The account has been changed over to the Eastman Credit Union.

May 31, 2018 Ministers' Conference Planning Committee Meeting

Jesse Hartgrove, President.

Meeting called to order by the President, Jesse Hartgrove.

Scripture was read and prayer was led by the President.

MSC to receive Clerk's Report:

MSC to receive partial Financial Report.

There was discussion concerning the budget of the Minister's Conference. I have compiled the last 5 years and there has been a loss each year and we have lost an average of over 100 dollars per year. Beginning in 2013-2017: 2013: \$1869.33, 2017: \$1362.16.

Urge members to sign up for electronic copies of the minutes.

David Outlaw was chosen to do the Seminar for the Ministers' Conference.

Motions from this Planning Committee.

Item 1: This body moves to raise the Ministers' Conference Members annual dues from \$10.00 per year to \$20.00 per year.

Item 2: This body moves to give the following honorariums: Clerk, \$400.00 and Speaker, \$500.00

MSC to adopt the Clerk's report.

Ordaining Council Report

The Ordaining council met July 30, 2018, at Oak Grove FWB church.

Members present: Billy Gragg, Brian Capps, Edward Maynard (proxy), Jesse Hartgrove, and Danny Willis.

The meeting was called over concerns that the required studies for Ordaining candidates did not exclusively use the authorized King James Version translation. The following is recommended and motioned by the ordaining council:

1. To lay on the table for a vote changes to the Ministers conference Constitution and by-laws Article V, Section E: Number 7. (See attached)
2. To vote and approve the Addendum which lists the required studies for an ordination candidate. (See attached)

The Ordaining council met Monday, August 20, 2018, at Oak Grove FWB church.

Members present: Billy Gragg, Brian Capps, Jackie Cole (proxy), Edward Maynard, and Paul Moore.

The following business was addressed:

1. The council voted to remove Billy Gragg from bad standing and grant him the status of good standing from the Central Quarterly due to health conditions.
2. The council met with Brother Dwayne Steele and granted him an exception to pastor a non-Union church.
3. The council met with Brother Kevin Hilton and recommends him for ordination.
4. The council met with Brother James Adam Sandler and recommends him for ordination.
5. According to quarterly license reports, the following ministers are not in good standing:
 - a. Brandon Broyles- Not attending
 - b. Steve Freeman-not attending
 - c. Billy Gragg-Not attending (Ordaining council granted an exception).

- d. Leroy Hurst-not attending
- e. Bufford Metcalf- not attending
- f. Gary Norton-Not attending
- g. Antonio Zapata-Not attending.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billy Gragg, Brian Capps, Noah Taylor.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Preamble

The Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists, having adopted the Covenant and *Treatise of the Faith and Practices 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, who meet the following requirements, shall be issued a card of good standing signed by the President and Clerk of the Ministers' Conference.

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 per ARTICLE VII: SECTION E: item 5 "ministers excused from reporting."
3. Maintain membership in a local church that is a member of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists, unless exempted according to ARTICLE II: SECTION B: Part 6: Pastoring Non-Union Association Churches.
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: Good Standing 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, item 1: "Preach a minimum of 12 sermons," and item 2: "Report in person."

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, who, if approved, then recommends him to the Ordaining Council.
2. The minister is required to meet with the Ordaining Council at the annual Ordaining Council meeting prior to the next annual Union Association meeting.
3. The minister must maintain the requirements for good standing (ARTICLE II: SECTION B: Part 1: Good Standing) in his current Quarterly Meeting, but he will be exempt from required church membership (ARTICLE II: SECTION B: Part 1: item 3. "Maintain membership in a local church that is a member of the Union Association").
4. He will report in person to the Licensing Committee annually while pastoring a non-Union Association church.
5. If the minister fails to meet these expectations, he will forfeit his credentials and membership in the Ministers' Conference.

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
 - 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. Parliamentary
 - Appointed by the President from among the membership for each session.
7. Any other officers that the Ministers' Conference deems necessary, provided such officers are elected by a majority vote of its members.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION A: PRESIDENT

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

SECTION B: VICE PRESIDENT

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

SECTION C: CLERK Keep a concise record of all proceedings, read them at the direction of the President, and forward the minutes to the Clerk of the Union Association to have them printed in booklet form as the Minutes, which are to be distributed among the members.

1. 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.
2. Be responsible for all correspondence as directed by the Ministers' Conference for communication with its members.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Issue letter of good standing upon request of a sister association or conference. If such request coincides with the annual meeting of the Minister's Conference, the letter of good standing will be approved by the body of the Minister's Conference before being sent. If such request does not coincide with the annual meeting, the Clerk may issue a letter of good standing with the approval of the Ordaining Council. Details of each letter sent between annual meetings must be included in the Clerk's annual report to the Minister's Conference.

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 Ordaining 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 C: LICENSEE CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION; SECTION D: CANDIDATES FOR RATIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS; SECTION E: CANDIDATES FOR EXCHANGE OF CREDENTIALS; SECTION F: CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION THAT HAVE GRADUATED FROM A CHRISTIAN COLLEGE 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 that 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 Baptist 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.
7. *The Ordaining Council has the responsibility of determining and setting the study curriculum which licensed ministers are required to complete prior to ordination. However, the Ordaining Council must adhere to the following guidelines when determining and setting this study curriculum:*
 - A. *Reading of the Holy Bible in its entirety must be included in the curriculum.*
 - B. *Reading of the "Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptist" must be included in the curriculum.*
 - C. *Reading of the current "Constitution and By-laws of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Free Will Baptist Association" must be included in the curriculum.*
 - D. *All reading and training materials included in the study curriculum must be King James Version based in that all direct scripture quotations and references are taken from the King James Version of the Holy Scriptures.*
 - E. *No reading and training materials included in the study curriculum may SUPPORT doctrinal views that conflict with Free Will Baptist Doctrine as defined in the "Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptist" (Note that other doctrinal views may be presented for comparison).*
 - F. *The current study curriculum will be listed as an Addendum to the Ministers' Conference Constitution and By-Laws.*

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: Good Standing. 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: Good Standing.

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. Whereas the ministry of the Ministers' Conference of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist includes ministries that utilize languages other than English, ministers from such ministries will be subject to comparable licensure and ordination requirements. For each 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.

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: REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING LICENSE 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.

A: Excused Members

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

- Be retired from preaching or physically disabled.
- Petition his License Committee to recommend his being excused to the Minister's Conference Ordaining Council.

B: Temporarily Excused Members

Due to unforeseen circumstances, an ordained minister needing to be temporarily excused from attending and/or reporting to his Quarterly Meeting must petition his License Committee and maintain the requirements of ARTICLE II: SECTION B: Part 1, number 3: "Maintain membership in a local church that is a member of the Union Association," and number 4: "Maintain moral character and sound doctrine." When able to preach, he forfeits his excused status and he must resume reporting to and attending his Quarterly Meetings.

SECTION F: RECOMMENDING A LICENSEE FOR ORDINATION

Part 1: Requirements for Recommendation for Ordination

Quarterly Meeting Licensing Committees are prohibited to recommend any candidate to the Ordaining Council for ordination who does not meet the following requirements:

1. Has completed the required courses of study or written reports. (See ADDENDUM). (The Licensing Committee is required to submit a copy of the licensee's Ordination Examination when completed to the Ordaining Council, and to submit *any* written reports *as completed* per the schedule of the ADDENDUM of the Constitution and Bylaws.)
2. Has served at least two (2) consecutive years under license.
3. Has maintained a card of good standing within the Ministers' Conference.
4. Has not been married more than one (1) time and his former wife is still living.
5. Has not married a woman whose former husband is still living.
6. Appears before the Ordaining Council at its annual meeting.

Part 2: Licensee Responsibilities

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

1. His completed Application for License to Preach.
2. A completed ordination examination. (*Note: the ordination examination should be completed and submitted to the License Council no later than May of the year in which the licensee is to be recommended for ordination. The License Council should forward a copy of this completed examination to the Ordaining Council at that time. This allows the Ordaining Council adequate time to thoroughly review the examination responses.*)
3. A letter of recommendation from the Union association Free Will Baptist church of which he is a member.
4. The licensee must also ensure that he is on the Quarterly License Committee Annual report recommending him for ordination.

ARTICLE VIII: LICENSED MINISTER AS PASTOR

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

1. The licensee may, by virtue of being an elected pastor, moderate all church business meetings, and receive members into the church.
2. The licensee may administer all the ordinances of the Gospel except baptism. He may administer baptism if an ordained Free Will Baptist minister is present to assist him.
3. The licensee may not ordain deacons unless an ordained Free Will Baptist minister is present to assist him.
4. The licensee may not, under any circumstance, perform a marriage ceremony.
5. The licensee, as pastor, must satisfy the requirements of ARTICLE VII: SECTION B: Requirements for Obtaining License; 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 *determined by the Ordaining Council and communicated to the Licensing Committees of the Quarterly Meetings*, 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 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 course of study listed in the ADDENDUM.
10. Has not passed the written exam to the satisfaction of the Ordaining Council.
11. Uses or sells alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or abuses prescription drugs.
12. Is practicing or participating in any form of sexual immorality, e.g., adultery, fornication, homosexuality, or pornography.
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.

SECTION D: CANDIDATES FOR RATIFICATION OF CREDENTIALS

When a minister or pastor from another church or association affiliated with the National 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 the following items:
 - (1) Displays conclusive evidence of conversion.
 - (2) Displays reasonable and convincing evidence of a divine call to ministry.
 - (3) Is morally and mentally fit for ministry
 - (4) Has not divorced a wife and married another while his divorced wife is still living.
 - (5) Has not married a divorcee whose husband is still living.
 - (6) Has been recommended by the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.
 - (7) Does not use or sell alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
 - (8) Is not practicing or participating in any form of sexual immorality, e.g., adultery, fornication, homosexuality, or pornography.
 - (9) Does not advocate or speak in modern-day tongues, i.e. the charismatic gift of tongues.
 - (10) Does not advocate the New Age Movement or any cultic philosophy.
 - (11) Submit a copy of a completed Ordination Examination to the Licensing Committee to be sent to the Ordaining Council upon completion or with the annual report
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 E: CANDIDATES FOR EXCHANGE OF CREDENTIALS

A candidate desiring the credentials of the Union Association that has been ordained in any church or 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 the following items:
 - (1) Displays conclusive evidence of conversion.
 - (2) Displays reasonable and convincing evidence of a divine call to ministry.
 - (3) Is morally and mentally fit for ministry.
 - (4) Has not divorced a wife and married another while his divorced wife is still living.
 - (5) Has not married a divorcee whose husband is still living.
 - (6) Has been recommended by the Licensing Committee of the Quarterly Meeting of which the candidate's church is a member.
 - (7) Does not use or sell alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, or abuses prescription drugs.
 - (8) Is not practicing or participating in any form of sexual immorality, e.g., adultery, fornication, homosexuality, or pornography.
 - (9) Does not advocate or speak in modern-day tongues, i.e. the charismatic gift of tongues.
 - (10) Does not advocate the New Age Movement or any cultic philosophy.
 - (11) Submit a copy of a completed Ordination Examination to the Licensing Committee to be sent to the Ordaining Council upon completion or with the annual report
4. The minister seeking an exchange of credentials shall meet with the Ordaining Council during its annual meeting and shall bring his current certificate of ordination. If an exchange is granted, the minister may keep his previous certificate of ordination as a keepsake.

SECTION F: 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 requirements as detailed in ARTICLE VII: SECTION B: Requirements for Obtaining License.
3. The candidate must be licensed for a period of one (1) year before being considered for ordination, unless exempted by special circumstances and approved by the Ordaining Council.
4. The candidate must submit to the Ordaining Council a copy of his college transcripts.
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.

ARTICLE X: BOOKS AND STUDY COURSES FOR CANDIDATES

See ADDENDUM

ARTICLE XI: DISCIPLINE OF MINISTERS

SECTION A: THE LOCAL CHURCH

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

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, 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 that 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-member minister shall not be heard unless such charges are confirmed by a minimum of two (2) two 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 to pertaining to the charges must be furnished to the accused minister via certified mail no less than one (1) month prior to his hearing before the Ordaining Council.

SECTION D: RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES INVOLVED IN CHARGES

Part 1: The Accusers

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

Part 2: The Accused

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

SECTION E: REINSTATEMENT

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

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

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

ARTICLE XIII: MISSION CHURCHES

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 an organized member church. 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 as *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 a 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.
6. All questions of faith, practice, moral conduct, and spiritual conduct shall be decided and disposed by the Ministers' Conference upon the recommendation of the Ordaining Council.
7. Any member who fails to attend two (2) consecutive sessions of the Ministers' Conference, unless retired or excused due to illness or other providential hindrance, shall be investigated and, if found to be careless, admonished by the Ordaining Council. If he refuses to accept the prescribed disciplinary action, the member shall be declared not in good standing.
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 supersede 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 A: REQUIRED STUDIES WITH REPORT

Required Studies for an Ordination Candidate (2018)

1st Quarter: Read *Biblical Systematics* by Leroy Forlines.¹ The Ordination candidate should write an essay on the doctrines of Redemption, Justification, and Sanctification.

2nd Quarter: The candidate should read the books of Romans through Jude, and write an essay on how a person is born again from the reading of Romans.

3rd Quarter: Read *A Free Will Baptist Handbook: Heritage, Beliefs, and Ministries*.² Write an essay on the Biblical reasons that one can become apostate from the faith.

4th Quarter: The candidate should read the Gospels, the book of Acts, and Revelation. Write an essay on two of the sermons in the book of Acts, and compare the similarities and contrasts in the style and delivery.

5th Quarter: Read *Randall House Minister's Manual* by Billy Melvin.³ Write an essay on what the ordinances of the Free Will Baptist are, and why feet washing is Biblical.

6th Quarter: Read the book of Genesis through Song of Solomon. Write an essay on the Biblical account of creation. Does it coincide with the theory of evolution? Was Adam the first man? What impact does this have on the redemption of man?

7th Quarter: Complete the Ordination exam, and review the answers with the quarterly licensing committee. Read the bylaws of the Ministers Conference of the Union Association.

8th Quarter: Read the book of Isaiah through Malachi. Write an essay on the suffering servant in Isaiah 42; 53-54, and compare this portion of scripture with the life of Christ.

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