

**MINUTES OF THE
147TH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**



"Don't Allow The Light To Go Out On Our Watch"

Matthew 5:14

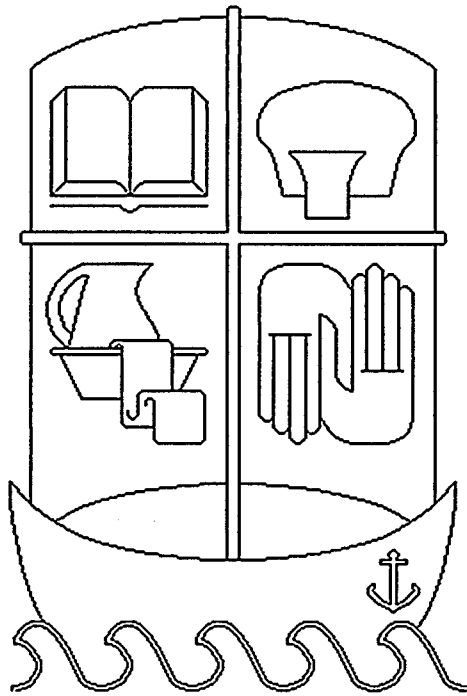
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AUGUST 22-23, 2019

**Minutes of the
147th Annual Session of the Union Free Will Baptist Association**



August 22-23, 2019

Limestone Free Will Baptist Church

Union Free Will Baptist Association

Moderator: Lynn Neas

Clerk: Edward Maynard

Union Free Will Baptist Association Ministers' Conference

President: Jesse Hartgrove

Clerk: Edward Maynard

Union Youth Camp

Union District WAC

Theme: "Don't Allow The Light To Go Out On Our Watch"

Matthew 5:14

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OFFICERS

Moderator	Lynn Neas (2021)
Assistant Moderator	Danny Willis (2021)
Clerk	Edward Maynard
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Assistant Treasurer	Kevin Hilton

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Treasurer	Dorothy Copus

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
147TH SESSION OF THE UNION FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OPENING SESSION**

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Pastor Tim Roach gave us a warm welcome from the Limestone Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Lynn Neas, the moderator, gave the moderator's message. "Is God Not Faithful."

The opening session of the 147th annual Union Free Will Baptist Association convened August 22-23 at the Limestone Free Will Baptist Church in Limestone, TN. The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Edward Maynard, and the Moderator, Lynn Neas, was introduced.

The conference seated the voting body. Visitors were seated in an advisory capacity. MSC to give the moderator the authority to deviate from the agenda if needed.

MSC to adopt 2018 minutes as written

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

Bro. Edward Maynard gave the General Board Report. The highlights of the report were:

1. Theme for meeting: "Don't Allow The Light Go Out On Our Watch." Matthew 5:14.
2. Scheduled the meeting for 2019 meeting of the Union FWB Association.
3. Chose Bro. Glenn Poston to preach the Thursday evening message.
4. Set honorariums: Moderator, \$700.00, Clerk, \$700.00, Treasurer, \$700.00, and Speaker \$200.00.
5. To help defray the cost of hosting this conference, give the host church a \$500.00 honorarium.

MSC to adopt report. (see report section).

The Quarterly Moderators gave their reports.

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

MSC to adopt these reports.

MSC to adopt Camp Committee report given by Johnny Ragon (see reports)

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

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| 1. Tennessee State office | Glenn Poston |
| 2. Free Will Family Ministries | Jim McComas |
| 3. UWAC | Jane Bailey |
| 4. Board of Retirement | Dexter Brummitt (no written report) |
| 5. North American Ministries | Ken Akers (No written report) |
| 6. Tim York | Welsh College (no written report) |

MSC to buy a brick for Welsh College for the price of \$250.00.

MSC to recess until Friday the 23rd, 2019 at 4:30 PM. Brother Kevin Rose led us in prayer.

Thursday at 7:00 PM. Worship Service.

Bro. Chris Dotson led the congregation in songs and read from Psalm 103 and led us in prayer. Bro. Chris Dotson asked for volunteers for a mixed choir. They did a great job singing "Winging My Way Back Home". The Reeses sang several specials "Prisoner of Love", Heaven is Sounding Sweeter all the Time", and "It Gets Sweeter All the Time".

Bro. Lynn Neas presented Bro. Glenn Poston a plaque in recognition of his service as the Tennessee State Promotional Director. A standing ovation was given. Bro. Glenn Poston brought a challenging message, "Don't Allow the Light Go Out on Our Watch." He used Matthew 5:13-16 and II Timothy 4:1-8 as his scripture references.

Friday August 23, 2019

The Conference was reconvened. "This Little Light of Mine I'm Gonna Let It Shine" was sung and each one inserted their home town in the song. Bro. Tim Roach brought an inspiring devotion using Matthew 5:14 as the scripture reference.

The Following Reports and Greetings were given:

Dexter Brummitt	Board of Retirement (no written report).
Glenn Poston	State Office (see reports)
FWBFM	Jim McComas (see reports)
Hope Center	Jim McComas
Resolution Committee	Ross Helton (see reports)
Prayer Request Committee	William Jennings (see reports)
Obituary Committee	Danny Willis (see reports)

Nominating Committee: Since the Nominating Committee report was incomplete, MSC to use the ones nominated for each committee. They were elected as Chair of their committee. They were given the authority to select two other persons to serve with them on their respective committee. Prayer Request Committee: William Jennings, Chair. Obituary Committee: Gary Gass, Chair. Nominating Committee: Steve Hartley, Chair.

MSC to give the Moderator, Lynn Neas, the authority to appoint someone who may be at the State Association as a delegate.

MSC to have the following dates and place for the 2020 Union Free Will Baptist Association Meeting. The meeting will be August 20-21, 2020 at the Surgoinsville First Free Will Baptist Church. Address: 1306 Church Avenue, Surgoinsville, TN 37873.

MSC to Adjourn.

Registration Report:

Ministers:	47
Ordained Deacons	3
Elected Delegates	1
Visitors	18
Total	69

*These are those who registered. There were many more at the evening services who did not register.

Minutes of Union Free Will Baptist General Board:

The General Board met on August 23, 2018 after the Union FWB Baptist yearly meeting to organize.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Bro. Lynn Neas. Those present were Ed Maynard, Jesse Hartgrove, Brian Capps, Tim York, Jeff Blake, Lynn Neas, Danny Willis, Billy Gragg

Discussion about where and when to meet to plan the 2019 yearly meeting. MSC to have an informal meeting at the State meeting of the Tennessee FWB Association in Pigeon Forge and have the yearly General Board planning meeting at the Oak Grove FWB Church on Jan. 8, 2019. MSC to adjourn.

The General Board met at the State Meeting on Nov. 13, 2019. Those present were Moderator, Lynn Neas, Clerk, Edward Maynard, Jesse Hartgrove, Jeff Blake, and Tim York.

Discussion for a theme for the 2019 meeting. There was several suggestions to consider: 1. Matthew 5:16, "It Is Our Time to Shine." 2. II Timothy 2:4, "Don't Get Entangled." 3. II Corinthians 4:1-6.

Other suggestions were: 1. Preachers for conference: Moderators Message, Lynn Neas, 2. One person to do devotion on Friday afternoon, and 3. Keynote message on Thursday evening.

We agreed to make a suggestion to Bro. Chris Dotson, the music coordinator, to consider to having a mixed choir for the Thursday and/or Friday evening services.

MSC to adjourn meeting.

January 8, 2019

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Greeneville, TN.

The General Board met at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church on January 8, 2019.

Bro. Lynn Neas, the Moderator, read Philemon 1:20-21 and II Corinthians 7:16.

Bro. Lynn led us in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Lynn Neas.

The minutes of previous meetings were read by the Clerk, Edward Maynard.

The following theme was chosen, "Don't Allow The Light to Go Out On Our Watch", Matthew 5:14.

The date and time of the 2019 meeting will be as follows, August 22-23, 2019.

Time: Ministers' Conference will meet at 3:00-4:30 PM each day.

Time: The Union Association will meet at 4:30-6:00 PM each day.

The host church will provide the evening meal at 6:00-7:00 PM.

MSC to have the following as speakers:

Moderator's Message, Bro. Lynn Neas on Thursday the 22nd.

Keynote Speaker, Bro. Glenn Poston on Thursday the 22nd. At 7:00 PM.

Devotion: Bro. Tim Roach, on Friday afternoon on the 23rd.

MSC that Bro. Tim Roach will be the alternate for Bro. Glenn Poston. Should Bro. Tim have to preach the keynote message the moderator will appoint someone to do the devotion.

A resolution was passed in the 2018 Annual meeting to have the General Board to act as a committee to try to help churches who are desiring to withdraw from the Association. The General Board moves to pass this resolution to the Quarterly Meetings for this disposition.

Following are the actions taken by this board:

1. Theme for Meeting: "Don't Allow the Light to Go Out on Our Watch." Matthew 5:14
2. Schedule: Ministers' Conference to begin Aug. 22 & 23, at 3:00-4:30 PM.
3. Schedule: Union FWB Association to begin Aug. 22&23, at 4:30-6:00 PM
- 4 Dinner will be served by the host church at 6:00-7:00 each day.
5. Worship service at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019.
6. Ordination Service at 7:00 PM on Friday, Aug. 23, 2019 .

MSC to have the following honorariums:

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| 1. Host Church | \$500.00 |
| 2. Moderator | \$700.00 |
| 3. Clerk | \$700.00 |
| 4. Treasurer | \$700.00 |
| 5. Keynote Speaker | \$200.00 |

MSC to adopt the agenda as written and give the moderator the authority to deviate from the agenda if necessary.

Brother Thurman Pate passed away on January 16, 2019. The General Board agreed to send a Christian flag to his family.

August 22, 2019:

Meeting of the Union Free Will Baptist Association General Board

Those Present were: Moderator: Lynn Neas, Clerk, Edward Maynard, Jesse Hartgrove, Brian Capps, Danny Willis, Jeff Blake.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. He read the following scriptures: Mt. 5:14-16, Philipians 2:15.

Surgoinsville First Free Will Baptist Church requested to host the 2020 yearly meeting. MSC to accept their request. The meeting will be held August 20-21, 2020.

MSC to adjourn.

August 23, 2019

The General Board of the Union Free Will Baptist Association met immediately after the 2019 meeting to organize. Those present were: President, Lynn Neas, Clerk: Edward Maynard, Jesse Hartgrove, Brian Capps, Danny Willis, Billy Gragg.

MSC to meet in an informal meeting at the Tennessee State Association.

MSC to meet on January 7, 2020 at the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church to plan the yearly meeting of the Union.

MSC to adjourn.

Clerk's Report:

Included are a few things the Clerk has done in the past year.

1. Organized the 2019 meeting of the Union FWB Association.
2. Sent copies of the 2018 Union minutes to those who requested copies to keep for the history of the Free Will Baptist.
3. Sent notices to those who were to serve on various committees.
4. Delivered finished minutes to each Quarterly Meeting.
5. E-mailed copies of the 2018 minutes to all those I have e-mail addresses for.

Quarterly Moderators Reports.

Central Quarterly Moderator.

Greetings from the Central Quarterly Meeting. We currently have a total of 30 churches. The total number of churches with full time pastors is 15, and the total number of churches with bi-vocational pastors is 11.

We have an estimated membership of 3,084. The total number of ordained ministers is 55 and the number of licensed ministers is 1. I find it very disturbing that we only have 1 licensed preacher. We need to pray that God send us some young men. I think that we need to motivate our young men. The older teaching the younger, befriending them, pushing them, and disciple them. We have 87 ordained deacons.

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 holding steady at our Quarterly meetings. We believe God has great things in store for us in the coming year.

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

Central Quarterly Moderator

Jeff Blake

Eastern Fellowship Moderator

We bring you greetings from the Eastern Association. The Eastern Association has 6 churches reporting as well as 8 ordained ministers with one licensed minister which is Bro. Andy York from the Grove Church in Smyrna, TN.

The Eastern was unable to have our annual meeting with all the churches due to a scheduling conflict, but our ministers were able to meet to discuss business as well as plan our next annual meeting for the second Sunday night of January 2020 at Evergreen FWB Church in Erwin, TN.

We request your prayers for the pastor of Red Hill FWB Church in Red Hill, NC who is recovering from a very serious motorcycle accident. He is currently out of the hospital and hoping to return to his pastoring duties soon.

The Eastern has come a long way over the last several years, and we request your prayers as we continue to move forward for the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Tim York
Moderator of the Eastern Fellowship

Northern Quarterly Moderator

Greetings from the Northern Quarterly President.

God has blessed our meetings this year. In our April Jubilee meeting. Bro Glenn Poston preached a wonderful message, "If the Rocks Cried, What Would They Say"?

We had a young preacher from Bethesda Free Will Baptist come under license in July.

At the present we have 12 churches.

Currently we have 5 Ministers excused from reporting

2 Licensed Ministers

17 Ordained Ministers

For a total of 24 ministers.

God has blessed our meetings with a great spirit and good attendance. We are thankful for what God has done and what he is going to do. We are also thankful for the Union Association and proud to be a member of it.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Danny Willis
Moderator of the Northern Quarterly.

Brother Johnny Ragon gave the Union Bible Camp financial Report:

Union Bible Camp Financial Report 8/9/2019

• Beginning Balance: 4/30/2019:	\$ 4,453.79
• Deposits: April-August:	\$ 22,770.49
• Camp Expenses:	\$ 18,055.00
• Paper Statement Fees:	\$ 25.00
• Bank Service Charges:	\$ 125.00 (Deposits reflect a \$120.00 refund on service charges).
• Ending Balance 8/30/2019:	\$ 3,870.08

Resolution for the Union Free Will Baptist Association 2019

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

Whereas the Union Free Will Baptist Association had had several churches to drop out of the association, there is a need for each quarterly to follow up with the church for the reasons why they are leaving the fellowship and resolving any issues that brought them to this point.

Whereas, the Ministers' Conference has not had as many ministers coming for ordination, exchange of credentials, and ratification in years past. Be it further resolved that our pastors encourage, from the pulpit, the need for men to answer the call from the Lord to become ministers and the need to start new churches.

The need for Mentoring of young preachers and pastors.

The need to mentoring of new licensee and new young pastors from the ordaining council and licensing committee and or senior pastors that have retired from pastoring would be a tool mentor for these new pastors. (Proverbs 4:4; Ecclesiastes 4:10; Romans 15:14)

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.

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 good solid foundation and a reason to be strong in the Lord.

Obeying 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, 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 anymore, 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, they will obey the Word of God always because one day judgment when we stand before the judgment bar, we will answer to him the things which we have done after we are in this body.

We as the resolution committee desire the prayers and consideration of these resolutions from all members of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,

Resolution Committee

Ross Helton-Chairman, Jackie Cole, and Kevin Hilton

Prayer Request Committee

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

Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.

James 5:13-16 (KJV) ¹³ Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

¹⁴ Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

¹⁶ Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Luke 18:1 (KJV) ¹ And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

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1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV) ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing.

Matthew 6:33-34 (KJV) ³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.

Philippians 4:6-7 (KJV) ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 3:1 (KJV) 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:

1 Peter 5:6-8 (KJV) ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Matthew 5:44 (KJV) 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;

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (KJV) ¹² Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

¹³ And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Colossians 1:9-10 (KJV) 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;

¹⁰ That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

2 Chronicles 20:3 (KJV) ³ And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

2 Kings 20:1-3 (KJV) ¹ In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

² Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, saying,

³ I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is* good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV) ¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Prayer Request

Most of All Pray for the Lost in all the church communities and areas in the Union Association.

Pray for the ultimate guiding of the Holy Spirit in the seeking of winning more for the Lord.

Pray for our elderly brothers and sisters in Christ/elderly Lost Men and Women.

Pray for the people in nursing homes.

Pray for the homeless all across the communities, regions, states, countries, and all over the world.

Pray for our Nation and our elected officials.

Pray for one another because we need to lift each other up in prayer for strength in the fight.

Pray for the unity of various churches scattered all over the world.

Pray for our military and their families.

Pray for law enforcement, EMS, and Firefighters.

Pray for all the pastors and their wives that teach and preach the Gospel.

Pray for all the incarcerated in the jails and prisons.

Pray for Brother Glenn Poston as he retires from the State Office in December.

Pray for the Missions field that many workers are called.

Pray for International Missions, Home Missions, and other mission work that God has called many to do.

Pray for the children in the schools, whether elementary school, middle school, high school, and college.

Pray for the hedge of protection around the children because the devil has been trying to attack the family through the children.

Pray for the families that have lost a loved one to persecution, and/or are still being persecuted for their belief in the name of Jesus.

Central Quarterly

Pray for Brother Gary Gass and his wife with their health issues

Pray for Peace FWB Church as they begin their search for a new pastor.

Pray for West Greene FWB Church as they continue to search for a new pastor.

Pray for Brother Chris Dotson as he begins to take up the role as the State Director for the TN Free Will Baptist.

Pray for Ben Kovacs touch and healing of his back issues that he has had for several weeks.

Pray for Austin Kovacs to be saved because he has stated that he does not need God.

Pray for the Peggy Gross Family and that her biopsy will not reveal cancer.

Northern Quarterly:

Pray for Cassandra Cutshall from Beth FWB church.

Pray for Teddy and Peggy Webb from Grassy Creek FWB church.

Pray for David and Ruth Cheek from Horse creek FWB church.

Pray for Charles and Hattie Gosnell from Overlook FWB church

Eastern Fellowship: Tony Shelton,
Pastor of Red Hill FWB church.

Union Chapel: Those sick among us:

Susie Crum, Bertha Landers, Dean Miller, Dick Conduff, Larry & Jean Arrowood, Jackie Morrison, Phyllis Laws, Ashley Gregg, and Larry Adams.

We the Prayer Request Committee of the 2019 Union Association of Free Will Baptists do humbly submit this report and request the report be adopted by this body. Report coming from committee of three needs no second and that the report will remain open for other requests which may come forward to speak.

William Jennings
Dwayne Steele

Donnie Roberts
Obituary Committee:

Central Quarterly Meeting

Shady Grove: Wanda Buell, Steve Burkhart, Jackie Price

Cedar Creek: Rex Harrison

Fugate: Anne Holt

Peace: Mary Davis, Doug Akins, Col. Jim McCorkle

Union Chapel: Dorothy Davis, Harold Landers, Wanda Shelton

Community Chapel: Robin Smith

Kingsley Avenue: Judy Cutshaw, Deloris Ricker, Debbie Lawson, Mary Francis Murray, Carlton Crock, Jay Rupert, C. B. Franklin, Dan Shelton.

Northern Quarterly:

Pine Grove: Carney Collins,

First of Morrison City: Wes Hicks, Deacon, Verma Gilbert

First of Surgoinsville: Jerry Hughes, Elzie Jane Richie, Ray Testerman

Eastern Starr: Hazel Fink Chase, Juanita Light Wilson

Overlook: Jane Jeffers, Walter Willis

UNION DISTRICT WAC:

Letter to Pastors,

This letter is to ask all the ladies of your church to attend the meeting for the Union District Women Active for Christ. We are in the process of change and would like all the ladies to know how important they all are. We all have a ministry for Christ, whether it is in the nursery, teaching a class, or just being a friend, we do all things for the LORD.

The meeting is scheduled for September 28, at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Bulls Gap TN. Registration begins at 9:00 AM and services at 9:30 AM.

We always have great fellowship and receive a great blessing. If they have not attended any of our meetings, I hope you will encourage them to do so.

We have great speakers and door prizes. There is also a meal served after the meeting.

Your Sister in Christ,

Dorothy Copus.

UNION DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

AUGUST 12, 2019

DEAR SISTERS IN CHRIST,

It is time for our semi-annual meeting. We will be meeting on September 28, at Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church. Registration is at 9:00 am, with services beginning at 9:30 am.

We have a great speaker, good music and positive worship with fellow sisters in Christ.

We ask each WAC group to bring a door prize, to be given away at the end of the meeting, followed by lunch which will be prepared by the ladies of Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Please come ready to receive a blessing and bring a friend.

Your Sister in Christ,

Dorothy Copus

UNION DISTRICT WAC TREASURER'S REPORT

August 10, 2019

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>\$ 374.04</u>
<u>Receipts</u>	<u>482.85</u>
<u>Balance</u>	<u>856.89</u>
Disbursements:	
WNAC General Fund	\$ 25.00
National Project	60.00
Dues	96.00
Cleo Purcell Scholarship	25.00
Mary Wischart Scholarship	25.00
Emphasis Month Offering	25.00
Honorariums	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 356.00
Ending Balance	\$ 500.89 (100.00 in savings)

**Promotional Director's Report
August, 2019**

Tennessee Promotional Office and Executive Committee

- The Executive Committee has chosen a replacement for the outgoing promotional director. He is Chris Dotson who has been the lead pastor at Peace Church in Morristown for the last 25 years. Chris will work with me from October - December. I want to encourage everyone to get behind Brother Dotson. He will do a fine job.
- Pray for the financial needs of the state office especially the Unified Ministry Plan which is the base of the support for the office and all standing boards in Tennessee.

Tennessee Free Will Baptists Local Churches

- The Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church and the Covenant Free Will Baptist Church have reconnected after over 40 years of operating as separate churches. In effect, the Covenant church dissolved and joined Rock Springs. Dr. Danny Dwyer, who was pastoring Covenant, became the pastor of the united group at Rock Springs.
- Many of our churches are reporting many salvation decisions and baptisms in recent days.
- Several churches are looking for pastors and music/youth pastors.

Family Ministries

- Family Ministries has made phenomenal progress since Bro. Jim McComas came on board. The financial picture is much improved and God is blessing the ministry.
- The ministry has hired a new Chief Operating Officer, Jim Robinette, a former executive with Ford Motor Company.

Tennessee Christian Education Board

- The board will host a state youth retreat in Pigeon Forge November 8-10. The theme is *"Follow."* During the 2019 Tennessee State Youth Retreat, featured speaker Jon Forrest will share guidelines to help in the fight to follow the Savior.

Tennessee Home Missions

- Presently, the Chad Kivette and J. D. Newland families have moved to Sevierville to begin the new *24/7 Church*. Pray for this team as they prepare to launch this new work.
- The Clayton and Josh Hampton families have moved to Missoula, Montana to launch a new church. We are proud of our Tennessee natives launching out into new endeavors.

Tennessee International Missions

- The Board is grateful for your support of the E-Teams participants who just returned after an exciting summer.
- The Board also is thankful for your participation with WMO this year and the Sexton Mission Projects.

Board of Retirement

- The Board of Retirement has introduced a program on institutional investing. If your church has funds that you are saving for a later project, they would love to have you invest your extra funds with them.

The Foundation

- The foundation has awarded several grants to various ministries in recent years. If your ministry needs funds for a worthy project, consider applying for a grant. For more information, contact David Brown at the Foundation.

Randall House

- D6 conference which will be held in Orlando, FL September 19-21, 2019.
- Randall House also has several new releases including the final addition of the Randall House Commentaries.
- Randall House is also mourning the loss of two former employees, Jonathan Yandell and Harold Harrison.

Welch College

- The college graduated 52 students in May.
- The college is expecting a good increase as students return to campus this weekend.
- The college in recent days is experiencing a lot of negative publicity from the LGBTQ community after taking a stand on Biblical sexuality. Pray for God's wisdom in dealing with a culture that has gone in an unthinkable direction.

National Association

- Our national body convened in Cincinnati, OH July 21-24. WNAC and Vertical Three (formerly called the NYC) also met alongside the national. Our young people represented our state well in the various competitive activities.
- Over 4400 Free Will Baptists attended the convention this year. For more information, check out www.nafwb.org.

Glenn Poston

Promotional Director
Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptists

FREE WILL BAPTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES REPORT

Family Ministries is celebrating 80 years of ministry this year.

From one children's home outside of Greeneville, Tennessee, today we take care of over 150 children at our residential facilities in Tennessee and Arkansas, as well as through a foster care program in Tennessee. We take care of the elderly through three assisted living facilities, we minister to the unborn through "The Hope Center" crisis pregnancy center, and also minister through "The Oaks", our 200 acre camp.

I am thankful that we are in the midst of a dramatic financial turnaround after some very serious setbacks in 2017 and 2018.

Our new Chief Operating Officer (COO), Jim Robinette, began working with us on August 1st, and is doing a tremendous job.

Construction on "Honeysuckle Suites", our maternity home for unwed mothers, is underway in Greeneville.

We invite everyone to our 80th Anniversary Homecoming, taking place on Saturday, October 26th, at the Oaks Retreat Center.

We are thankful for the long standing partnership and friendship our ministry has enjoyed with the Union Association over the years. We appreciate your prayerful financial support of our ministry.

Jim McComas – CEO/ Executive Director

Union Association Annual Report 2019

Balance Forward	\$11,305.62
Revenues	
Central Quarterly	\$10,850.00
Community Chapel	\$550.00
Eastern Fellowship	\$1,700.00
Jackson's Chapel	\$1,000.00
McMillian	\$12.00
Northern Quarterly	\$4,550.00
New Home	\$468.00
St. Joseph	\$120.00
white pine	\$225.00
Total Revenues	\$19,475.00
Disbursements	
Annual Fees	\$14,700.00
Foreign Missions	\$1,462.00
Home Missions	\$1,289.00
Total Disbursements	\$17,451.00
Balance Forward	\$11,305.62
Add funds designated to general	\$2,024.00
Balance in Account	\$13,329.62
Expenses	
Speakers for Meeting	\$200.00
Honorarium for Treasurer	\$1,000.00
Honorarium for Clerk	\$600.00
Honorarium for Moderator	\$600.00
Newport Printing	\$210.00
Secretary of State	\$20.00
Board Expenses	\$679.26
Honorarium to Host Church	\$500.00
Total Expenses	\$3,809.26
Total in the Treasury	\$9,520.36

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

Association Name Central Quarterly Meeting
 Meeting Location Limestone FWB Church, Limestone, TN Date August /22-23 /2019 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period August /2018 to August /2019 (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 16
 - Bi-vocational pastors 11

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 66
2. Members added 46
3. Members lost 37
4. Membership 2384

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 515,544
2. Number of churches with budgets _____

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 8
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 13,820,483

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 55
 Licensed ministers 1
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 67
3. Number of:
 - Daycares _____
 - Christian Schools _____
 - Bible Institutes _____
 - Colleges _____
4. Sunday School enrollment 1,696

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

Name _____
 Value \$ _____

District association minutes requested 20 State association minutes requested 20
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ 1,550.00 State \$ 4,650.00 National \$ 4,650.00

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

Central Quarterly Churches

August, 2019

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 80 Walking Lane Chuckey, TN 37641 423-426-8013	Deborah Reed 1716 Foxtail 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	Betty Riddle 1465 Crest Way Drive Morristown, TN 37841 423-748-5761
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 johnfw1@charter.net	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 joyismith13@gmail.com
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 37743 423-444-3137	Janice Tullock 525 Choctaw Drive Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-6795 tullockj@comcast.net

Fugate FWB Church P: 1231 Fugate Rd Del Rio, TN 37727 M: 1231 Fugate Rd Del Rio, TN 37727 Greene Ridge FWB Church P: 1250 Greene Ridge Loop Afton, TN 37616 M: 1255 Greene Ridge Loop Afton, TN 37616 Greeneville First FWB Church P: 502 East Church Street Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 502 East Church Street Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-5351 Greystone FWB Church P: 5350 Greystone Road Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 730 Laws Road Greeneville, TN 37743 Harris Memorial FWB Church P: 4090 Sunnydale Road Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 4090 Sunnydale Road Greeneville, TN 37743 Jackson Chapel FWB Church P: 262 Little Chuckey Cutoff Mosheim, TN 37818 M: 262 Little Chuckey Cutoff Mosheim, TN 37818 423-639-9003 Kingsley Avenue FWB Church P: 213 Kingsley Avenue Greeneville, TN 37743 M: 302 Royce Street Greeneville, TN 37743 423-639-6785	Winford French 1546 Rocky Top Rd Del Rio, TN 37727 423-487-5366 Jeff Daugherty 100 Shady Grove Lane Mosheim, TN 37818 423-972-5761 Larry McElory 1816 Ridgemoor Drive Greeneville, TN 37745 423-639-3664 Roger Stockton 3711 Bluefield Drive Johnson City, TN 37601 423-926-5895 Ken Smith 3580 Sunnydale Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-8735 kenpastorteachs@peoplepc.com Jeff Blake 125 Old Newport Highway Greeneville, TN 37743 423-329-4667 Doyle Pruitt 302 Royce Street Greeneville, TN 37743 423-798-0714	Paul Sawyer 114 Church Rd. Hot Springs, NC 28743 828-775-3403 Phyllis Hensley 155 Greene Ridge Loop Afton, TN 37616 423-257-3305 Frances G. Darnell 1443 Piney Grove Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-6959 Barry Wright P.O. Box 426 Greeneville, TN 37744 423-588-1505 barry@wtaxcpa.com Melvin Seaton 2317 Sunnydale Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-638-6277 Debra Wilhoit 2920 Old Midway Rd. Mosheim, TN 37818 423-422-9699 Nancy Knight 170 Choctaw Drive Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-6128 or 872-3060 knancy48@yahoo.com
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Liberty FWB Church P: 252 Liberty Church Drive Chuckey, TN 37641 M: 252 Liberty Church Drive Chuckey, TN 37641 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 McMillian FWB Church P: 235 Loblolly Drive Mosheim, TN 37818 M: 235 Loblolly Drive Mosheim, TN 37818 Muddy Creek FWB Church P: 2386 Hills Chapel Road Dandridge, TN 37725 M: 2386 Hills Chapel Road Dandridge, TN 37725 865-484-1550 New Bethel FWB Church P: 707 Basinger Hollow Rd. Newport, TN 37821 M: c/o 425 Ruble Avenue Newport, TN 37821 New Home FWB Church P & M 2350 Holt Town Road Newport, TN 37821 423-623-5859 Newport First FWB Church P: 192 Jimtown Road Newport, TN 37821 M: 192 Jimtown Road Newport, TN 37821 423-623-5065 www.newportffwb.com	John Buchanan 1242 Pisgah Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-972-1394 john.buchanan45@yahoo.com Tim Roach 1028 Cocke County Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-470-2211 tim@limestonefwb.org Chris Howell 640 West Dumplin Valley Rd. Jefferson City, TN 37760 865-705-3402 865-705-1402 Jess Sherrod 2121 Stillhouse Road Dandridge, TN 37725 865-850-7675 mamajauary@yahoo.com Willie Winters 276 Riviera Drive Newport, TN 37821 423-625-8005 winters204@yahoo.com Doug King 4896 Brookview Drive Russellville, TN 37860 423-312-1815 Paul Moore 2251 Barger Rd. Parrottsville, TN 37843 423-623-2218 or 608-8849 paulmoore427@hughes.net	Carol Buchanan 699 Pisgah Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-972-5717 Brent Ricker 370 Plainview Heights Circle Greeneville, TN 37745 423-329-1175 Janice Ricker 210 Brian Circle Afton, TN 37616 423-329-7021 Susan Hackney 1258 Cedar Hills Road Dandridge, TN 37725 865-397-7502 Susie Dockery 846 Highway 160 Newport, TN 37821 423-415-2638 Caitlyn Gregg 295 Meadowview Ln. Bean Station, TN 37708 423-248-9396 Eula Mae Overholt 869 Brookside Drive Newport, TN 37821 423-623-3639
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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 2220 Old Tusculum Road Greeneville, TN 37745 423-963-0740 bigragg@icloud.com Christopher Dotson 600 S. Davy Crockett PKWY Morristown, TN 37813 423-587-6773 pastor@peacefwbchurch.org Buford Metcalf 2216 Camp Creek Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-639-2778 yourmom2@comcast.net 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 Jeff Gibson 1974 South Wesley Chapel Road Greeneville, Tn 37745	Lisa Shelton 750 McCoy Road Greeneville, TN 37743 423-639-0021 Brenda J. Harris 4137 Peace Drive Morristown, TN 37814 423-748-5229 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 423-737-3322 hJentpa@comcast.net Edith Johnson 2390 West Pines Road Afton, TN 37616 423-234-4684
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Union Chapel FWB Church P: 5915 Erwin Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 M: 5915 Erwin Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 423-638-0137 Union Temple FWB Church P: 9680 Kingsport Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 M: 9680 Kingsport Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 423-234-3195 West Greene FWB Church P: 4910 Shackelford Road Mosheim, TN 37818 M: 4910 Shackelford Road Mosheim, TN 37818 423-422-7388 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 Woods Memorial FWB Church P: Gap Creek Road Bulls Gap, TN 37711 M: 1375 Carters Valley Road Mosheim, TN 37818	Lynn Neas 15 Broyles Road Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-6817 Oscar McAmis 15765 Kingsport Highway Chuckey, TN 37641 423-416-0308 oscarmcamos008@comcast.net Dennis Daugherty 1088 Beth Drive Russellville, TN 37860 423-586-0032 Claude Davis 1518 Sun Valley Dr. Greeneville, TN 37745 423-470-1960	Rachel Young 1120 Barren Road Chuckey, TN 37641 423-257-3252 Pam Hughes 655 Doak Hensley Road Afton, TN 37616 423-620-0190 hughes245@gmail.com Rebekah Henry 1110 Ragon Hollow Lane Midway, TN 37809 423-470-0223 Lisa M. Arwood 3238 Lincoln St. White Pine, TN 37890 865-674-7868 or 423-608-0328 Kellye Evans 5715 Gap Mountain Road Greeneville, TN 37745 423-470-1117
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Annual Letter From Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Meeting Location Evergreen FWB Church Date July / 2nd / 2019 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period May / 2019 to May / 2019 (month/year)
 Present Moderator Rev. Tim York Phone (615) 947-2505
 Address 2015 Harbor Dr. Email tim@grivechurchsmyma.com
 City Smyrna State TN Zip 37167

DELEGATES

1. Rev. Tim York
2. Rev. Noah Taylor
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

ALTERNATES

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A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 6
2. Number of churches reporting 4 = \$1,620
3. Number of churches: City/Town 3 Rural 3
4. Total number of churches with:
 - Full-time pastors 1
 - Part-time pastors 5

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Number of baptisms 24
2. Members added 30
3. Members lost 12
4. Membership 485

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

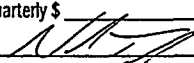
1. Income of all churches \$ 900,000
2. Number of churches with budgets 3

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 1
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 2,500,000

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 8
 Licensed ministers _____
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 3
3. Number of churches with:
 - Daycare 0
 - Kindergarten 0
 - Christian School 0
 - Bible Institute 0
 - College 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 325
5. CTS enrollment _____

District association minutes requested _____ State association minutes requested _____
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ _____ National \$ _____
 Signed: Clerk Noah Taylor  Phone (252) 560-7757
 Address 1030 Quail Run Email n.taylor@evergreenfwb.com
 City Erwin State TN Zip 37650

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

Please make a photocopy for your records. Request additional forms from Executive Office: PO Box 5002, Antioch, TN 37011-5002, www.nafwb.org.

Form 503 (revised 03/2012)

EASTERN FELLOWSHIP CHURCHES, 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 37659423.257.4455		Brenda Cutshall 205 L C. McKee Rd. Jonesborough, TN 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 Meeting of the Union FWB Association
 Meeting Location Limestone Free Will Baptist Church Date 08 / 22-23 / 2019 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period August / 2018 to July / 1019 (month/year)
 Moderator Danny Willis Phone (423) 552-6074
 Address 815 Nelse Roberts Rd. Email drwillis55@gmail.com
 City Churchkey State TN Zip 37641
 Clerk Penny Capps Phone (423) 367-5869
 Address 308 Valley Dr. Email pennyc26@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 7
3. Number of churches:
 - Within city limits 4
 - Rural 8
4. Total number of churches with:
 - Full-time pastors 4
 - Bi-vocational pastors 5

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 0
2. Members added 8
3. Members lost 8
4. Membership 931

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

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

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 1
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 389,900.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 21
 Licensed ministers 2
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 34
3. Number of:
 - Daycares _____
 - Christian Schools _____
 - Bible Institutes _____
 - Colleges _____
4. Sunday School enrollment 534

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

Name _____
 Value \$ _____

District association minutes requested 30 State association minutes requested 10
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ 275.00 District \$ 550.00 State \$ 1800.00 National \$ 2100.00

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

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
First FWB Church of Church Hill P: 208 Maple Avenue Church Hill, TN 37642 M: P.O. Box 606 Church Hill, TN 37642	Earl Dunn 110 Arcadia Dr. Church Hill, TN 37642 865.680.9493	Stephanie Hensley P. O. Box 606 Church Hill, TN 37642 423.357.4321
First FWB Church of Morrison City P: 211 W. Carter's Valley RD Kingsport, TN 37665 M: P.O. Box 4175 Kingsport, TN 37665 423-245-7453	Brian Capps 308 Valley Drive Church Hill, TN 37642 423-358-3214 bcapps6980@aol.com	Larry Bass 212 Camby Drive Kingsport, TN 37664 423-349-7327
First FWB Church of Surgoinsville P: 1306 Church Avenue Surgoinsville, TN 37873 M: c/o 1304 Ridgecrest Avenue Kingsport, TN 37665 423-358-3478	Jesse Hartgrove 1304 Ridgecrest Avenue Kingsport, TN 37665 423-358-3478 pastorjesse@charter.net	Fay Hale 442 Barrett Lane Church Hill, TN 37642 423-349-7327
Grassy Creek FWB Church P: 798 Grassy Creek Road Rogersville, TN 37857 M: 798 Grassy Creek Road Rogersville, TN 37857	Teddy Webb 798 Grassy Creek Road Rogersville, TN 37857 423-357-7101	Alice Marshall 466 Melody Road Greeneville, TN 37745 423-234-2594
Horse Creek FWB Church P: 2800 Princeton Road Kingsport, TN 37664 M: 2800 Princeton Road Kingsport, TN 37664	Kevin Hilton 520 Kimbark Lane Kingsport, TN 423-284-5784	Alisa Strong 3953 Pear Street Kingsport, TN 37664 423.335.3065

Midfield FWB Church
P: 1801 Grandy Road
Kingsport, TN 37665
M: 1801 Grandy Road
Kingsport, TN 37665

Josh McKinney
277 Taylor Avenue
Elizabethton, TN 37643
423-963.0363
jmckinneypr@gmail.com

Sue Tomlinson
140 Gravely Road
Kingsport, TN 37665
423.246.4442

Overlook Drive FWB Church
P: 105 Windward Lane
Greeneville, TN 37743
M: 105 Windward Lane
Greeneville, TN 37743

Gary Gass
3210 Old Baileyton Rd.
Greeneville, TN 37745
423-470-2072
dsteele@eastman.com

Hattie Gosnell
3615 Newport Highway
Greeneville, TN 37743
423-638-5639

Phipps Bend FWB Church
P: Highway 11 W.
Surgoinville, TN 37873
M: 105 Regency Drive
Rogersville, TN 37857
423-345-3007

Ann Conant
981 Main Street
Surgoinville, TN 37873
423-345-3104

Pine Grove FWB Church
P: 12690 Horton Highway
Chuckey, TN 37641
M: 191 Keys Road
Limestone, TN 37681
423-246-4631

Roger Pete Smith
277 R.C. Barret Road
Kingsport, TN 37660
423-348-6803
preacherpete57@hotmail.com

Dianna Smith
277 R.C. Barrett Rd
Kingsport, TN 37660
423-348-6803

Van Hill FWB Church
P: 2194 Beech Creek Road
Rogersville, TN 37857
M: 301 Light Rd.
Rogersville, TN 37857

Matt Yokley
15825 Kingsport Hwy
Chuckey, TN 37641
423-747-8450

Annette Jones
301 Light Rd
Rogersville, TN 37857
423.361.0584

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 11 / 11-13 / 2019 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period August / 2018 to July / 2019 (month/year)
 Moderator Lynn 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
 Address 268 Stewart Hills Dr. Email Edmaynard13@peoplepc.com
 City Rogersville State TN Zip 37857

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A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 47
2. Number of churches reporting 47
3. Number of churches:
 - Within city limits 14
 - Rural 33
4. Total number of churches with:
 - Full-time pastors 24
 - Bi-vocational pastors 21

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 90
2. Members added 84
3. Members lost 57
4. Membership 3800.00

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 1,944,179.00
2. Number of churches with budgets 3

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 9
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 20,213,383.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 76
 Licensed ministers 3
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 99
3. Number of:
 - Daycares _____
 - Christian Schools _____
 - Bible Institutes _____
 - Colleges _____
4. Sunday School enrollment 2555

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

Name _____
 Value \$ _____

District association minutes requested _____ State association minutes requested 20
 Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ _____ District \$ _____ State \$ 7050.00 National \$ 8225.00.00

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

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: DISCIPLE

The Association shall have the right to settle any question of disciple, 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 22-23, 2019

Limestone Free Will Baptist Church

President	Bro. Jesse Hartgrove	Vice-President: Bro. Chris Castle
Clerk/Treasurer	Bro. Edward Maynard	Assist: Clerk/Treasurer: Kevin Hilton

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

Ordaining Council

Chairman:	Rev. Billy Gragg	Central
Vice Chairman:	Noah Taylor	Eastern
Clerk:	Brian Capps	Northern

Proceedings of the Ministers' Conference August 22-23, 2019

The President read from I John and Bro. Keith Williams led us in prayer

Because of scheduling conflict the seminar was moved to the first hour of the Ministers' Conference. Rev. Jim McComas was introduced as the speaker. The title of the seminar "Ministering to Families in the Church." His scripture reference was Genesis 1:7. A few of the highlights:\

1. Gospel for everyone.
2. We want everyone to go with us.

He urged us to take a good hard look at ourselves. Our outreach methods and preaching. He urged us to get involved in the community.

The meeting was called to order by the President. There was 21 members present and these were recognized as the voting body.

The clerk read the minutes of the Planning Committee and the Clerks Report (see report section).

MSC to adopt the 2018 minutes as written.

Brother Brian Capps gave the Ordaining Council Report. MSC to adopt. (see report Section).

MSC to adopt the nominating committee's report. The following were elected for the 2019-2020 year.

President:	Jesse Hartgrove
Vice President	Chris Castle
Clerk/Treasurer	Edward Maynard
Asst. Clerk Treasurer	Kevin Helton
Ordaining Council Member	Billy Gragg (2022)

New Business:

Proposed Changes to the Ministers' Conference By-Laws.

The following changes are purposed for Article II, Section B, Part 6.

Part 6 currently reads:

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.

The following changes are proposed, eliminating number two of part 6.

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3. He will report in person to the licensing Committee annually while pastoring a non-Union Association church.
4. If the minister fails to meet these expectations he will forfeit his credentials and membership in the Ministers' Conference.

MSC to table the motion until the next session of the Ministers' Conference.

The minister's conference was recessed until Friday, August 22-23, 2019.

Friday August 23, 2019:

The meeting of the Union Free Will Baptist Association Ministers' Conference was reconvened. Bro. Jesse Hartgrove read Psalms 27:1 and led us in prayer.

MSC to adopt the partial Treasury Report

The nominating committee nominated the following to serve for the 2019-2020 year.

President: Jesse Hartgrove

Vice-President: Chris Castle

Clerk/Treasurer: Edward Maynard

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Kevin Hilton

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

Old Business:

MSC to remove from table change in Constitution and By-Laws ARTICLE II: SECTION B: part 6: items 1-5. After much discussion MSC to table the proposed change. It will be re-addressed during the 2020 meeting of the Ministers' Conference.

MSC carried to recess until the Ordination Service.

Brother Jim McComas did a seminar on the subject, "Ministering to Our Own Family",

Highlights:

1. Make your family # 1 priority.
2. Kids need a Dad , Wives need Husband.
3. It is ok not to have it all together.
4. It is spiritual warfare.

Ordination Service:

The service was opened with a song: "I'm Going That Way". The Blessed Ministries Quartet", were the special singers.

Offering of \$160.00 was received.

Bro. Jesse Hartgrove introduced the Ordaining Council, Billy Gragg, Brian Capps, and Edward Maynard (proxy) for Noah Taylor.

Bro. Brian Capps introduced the candidates:

1. Jacob Smith: Ordination.
2. Rodger Castle: Ratification of Credentials.

Bro. Brian Capps introduced Bro. Billy Gragg to preach the message, "Don't let the Light Go Our Under Our Watch." Scripture reference: I Samuel 3. Bro. Billy gave the charge.

Prayer and laying on the hands by the ordained ministers. The ordination certificates were presented to the candidates by Rev. Brian Capps.

MSC to adjourn meeting.

Reports:

Minister's Conference Financial Report Sept 1, 2018- Aug, 22, 2019					
RECEIPTS					
Balance Forward					\$ 1,134.77
Eastern Fellowship					120.00
Central Quarterly Meeting					\$1,080.00
Northern Quarterly Meeting					360.00
Offering					160.00
Interest					0.96
Refund for Office Material					\$ 37.70
Total					\$ 2,893.43
EXPENDITURES					
Old Stage Printing	10.11.18	1004			\$ 144.00
Walmart (Ink&Cards)	8.9.19	Debit			\$ 94.25
Jim McComas	8.16.2019	1005			\$ 200.00
Jesse Hartgrove (Background	8.17.2019	1006			\$ 24.00
Ed Maynard	8.17.2019	1007			400.00
Total					\$ 862.25
Balance on Hand					2031.18

Ordaining Council Report

The ordaining Council met at Oak Grove FWB Church.

The ordaining Council met Monday, August 20, 2019, at the Oak Grove FWB Church

Members present: Billy Gragg, Brian Capps, Edward Maynard, and Paul Moore.

The following business was addressed:

1. The council voted to ratify the credential of Rodger Castle to the Union Association Ministers Conference.
2. The council met with Brother Jacob Smith and recommends him for ordination.
3. According to quarterly license reports, the following ministers are not in good stand:
 - a. Adam Castle
 - b. Gary Davis
 - c. Leroy Hurst
 - d. Gary Norton
 - e. Antonio Zapata

It is requested by Aaron Knight to be removed from the roll. He will be removed, and send a request for his credential.

A by-law changed was requested by the Ordaining Council, and a copy of this change is printed and handed out for the body to consider and be voted on.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Gragg, Brian Capps, Noah Taylor

Minutes of the Ministers' Conference Planning Committee

March 12, 2019

Meeting of the Ministers' Conference Planning Committee of the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bro. Jesse Hartgrove

Those present: Jesse Hartgrove, Kevin Hilton, Billy Gragg, and Lynn Neas, representing the Union Association.

Bro Jesse Hartgrove from II Timothy 4:1-4 and Kevin Hilton led us in prayer.

The following items were moved to bring before the body of the Ministers' Conference.

1. To have Brother Jim McComas to be the speaker for the conference.
2. The Theme: Day 1-Pastors Ministering to Families.

- Day 2: Pastors Maintaining and Ministering to his own Family.
3. Honorarium for Speaker: \$200.00
 4. Honorarium for Clerk/Treasurer: \$400.00.

MSC to adopt partial Treasury Report.

There was no Clerk's Report.

MSC to have Danny Willis' name removed from the Ministers' Conference checking account and have Bro. Kevin Hilton's name added.

MSC to adjourn,

Edward Maynard, Clerk/Treasurer.

Nomination Committee Report:

Union Free Will Baptist Association Ministers' Conference

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of the Union Free Will Baptist Association met on 13 July 2019 at Peace Free Will Baptist Church in Morristown, TN. We nominate the following officers:

- For President, Jesse Hartgrove (423-358-3478) to replace himself
- For Vice President, Chris Castle (423-502-8847) to succeed himself.
- For Clerk/Treasurer, Edward Maynard (423-293-9377) To continue serving.
- For Assistant Clerk/Treasurer, Kevin Hilton (423-384-5784) to continue serving.
- For the Ordaining Council, Billy Gragg (423-963-0740) to replace himself

The Committee also puts forward the following for the 2020 Nominating Committee:

- Keith Williams, Chair
- Dwayne Steele
- Tim Roach

Respectfully submitted:

The Nominating Committee:

Ross Helton, Chair
Keith Williams, Member
Chris Dotson, Clerk

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:

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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. Parliamentarian
 - 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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