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**The 174<sup>th</sup> Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists**  
**October 21, 2017**  
**First Free Will Baptist Church**  
**1701 Hwy 96 S. Dickson, TN 37029**  
**Rev. Eddie Thomas, Pastor**  
**Phone: 615-446-8900**

- 8:30 A.M. - Registration  
9:00 A.M. – Session Opens  
    Song – “We Will Glorify the King of Kings”  
    Welcome - Rev. Eddie Thomas, Pastor  
    Response, Scripture Reading, and Prayer - Rev. Dwayne James  
9:15 A.M. – 174<sup>th</sup> Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists officially called to order - Moderator Dr. Roy Harris introduced.
1. Seating of Delegates
  2. Executive Board Report – Patrick Layton
  3. Clerk’s Report – Patrick Layton
  4. Treasurer’s Report – Patrick Layton
  5. Christian Education Board Report – Phillip Morgan
  6. Ministerial Benevolence Board Report – Rev. Jon Justice
  7. International Missions Board Report
  8. Cumberland Youth Camp Board Report – Rev. Stan Coker
  9. Cumberland District WAC Report – Mrs. Judy Lytle
  10. Local Quarterly Association Reports  
    Northern Quarterly Report – Rev. Dwayne James  
    South Central Quarterly Report – Rev. Mark Elliot  
    Southern Quarterly Report – Rev. David Weeks  
    Western Quarterly Report – Rev. Carl Hooper
  11. State Ministries  
    TN Promotional Office – Rev. Glenn Poston  
    Election of Delegates for the Tennessee State Meeting (Nov. 13-15)  
    Free Will Baptist Family Ministries – Rev. Eddie Hodges
  12. Break 10:30 - 10:45 A.M.
  13. Greetings and Misc. Reports
  14. Registration Committee Report
  15. Resolutions Committee Report
  16. Obituary Committee Report
  17. Old Business
  18. New Business
  19. Final report of the Nominating Committee  
    Adjourn to Worship Service
- 11:30 A.M. Worship Service – Dr. Matthew J. Pinson, Welch College President  
12:30 P.M. - Lunch (The PRESBYTERY WILL MEET during the lunch hour.)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next year’s 175<sup>th</sup> session will be hosted by the Southern Quarterly on October 20, 2018 at Welch College, 1045 Bison Trail, Gallatin, TN. 37066.

DIRECTORY OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

**Moderator: Rev. Roy Harris**

906 Castle Heights Ave                      Lebanon, TN. 27087                      (615) 351-1425

**Assistant Moderator: Rev. Jon Justice**

3397 Marrast Drive                      Clarksville, TN 37043                      (931) 358-9335

**Clerk/Treasurer: Patrick Layton**

109 Sylvis Road                      Dickson, TN 37055                      (615) 446-5559

**Assistant Clerk: Megan Morgan**

2882 Ridge Rd.                      Cedar Hill, TN 37032                      (615)604-8331

**Northern Quarterly Moderator: Rev. Dwayne James**

2551 Church Lane                      Woodlawn, TN 37191                      (931)449-9227

**Southern Quarterly Moderator: Rev. David Weeks**

3715 Hewlett Dr.                      Nashville, TN 37211                      (615)834-6207

**South Central Quarterly Moderator: Rev. Mark Elliott**

1319 Mooresville Pike                      Columbia, TN 38401                      (931)223-8147

**Western Quarterly Moderator: Rev. Carl Hooper**

107 Powers Plaza                      Waverly, TN 37185                      (931) 242-1179

**BOARDS OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION**

**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS**

Ronnie Smith                      (2018)  
Ed Gragg                      (2019)  
Ronald Mashburn                      (2020)  
Russell Houske                      (2021)

**MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE**

Ray Lewis                      (2018)  
Ed Gragg                      (2019)  
Steve Phillips                      (2020)  
Bud Hill                      (2021)  
Craig Batts                      (2022)

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Jeff Edgmon                      (2018)      Jeff Nichols                      (2018)  
Chris Talbot                      (2019)      Frank Owens                      (2019)      Mike Keel (2019)  
Chad Kivette                      (2020)      Josh Clark                      (2020)

**YOUTH CAMP**

2018 David Brown      Stanley Cochran                      Russell Houske  
2019 Sam Johnson      Corey Minter                      Carol Reid                      Len Scott  
2020 Patrick Layton      Margaret Hampton                      Steve Greenwood                      Tommy Dubois

## TREASURERS TO WHOM FUNDS ARE SENT

<b>Family Ministries:</b> 90 Stanley Lane   Greeneville, TN 37743	Rev. Frank Woods 423-639-9449
<b>International Missions:</b> 8346 Ingram Ln.   Hixson, TN 37643	Mr. Adam Clagg 423-320-2417
<b>Welch College:</b> 1045 Bison Trail   Gallatin, TN 37066	Mr. Craig Mahler 615-675-5292
<b>National Association Of Free Will Baptists</b> P.O. Box 5002    Antioch, TN 37011-5002	Rev. Keith Burden 615-731-6812
<b>State Home Missions:</b> Send to Tennessee State Association and designate to Tennessee Home Missions	
<b>Cumberland Youth Camp</b> 2193 Happy Hill Acres Rd.   Woodlawn, TN 37191	Rev. Stan Coker 931-647-5111
<b>Tennessee State Association</b> 4132 Highlander Ct.        Antioch, TN. 37015	Rev. Ray Lewis 615-731-5407
<b>Ministerial Benevolence:</b> 3397 Marrast Dr.             Clarksville, TN. 37043	Rev. Jon Justice 931-358-9335
<b>Cumberland Association:</b> 109 Sylvis Rd.                Dickson, TN. 37055	Patrick Layton 615-944-0034

### CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION UNIFIED GIVING PLAN

It is suggested that each church within the Cumberland give 10% of their undesignated offerings to their Quarterly or to the Cumberland Association for the support of the Cumberland programs. The giving is as follows:

Don and Billie Sexton Memorial Missions Gift	10%
Tennessee Home Missions Board	10%
Welch College	10%
Cumberland Association	10%
Cumberland Ministerial Benevolence	15%
TN State Association	15%
Cumberland Youth Camp	30%
TOTAL	100%

## PROCEEDINGS

### MORNING SESSION-9:00 A.M.

The Cumberland Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dickson, TN on October 21, 2017. Brother Eddie Thomas led the gathering in singing "We Will Glorify the King of Kings". Brother Eddie Thomas welcomed the congregation and pointed out the location of the bathrooms. Brother Dwayne James thanked the host church and read from Philippians 1:1-6. He then led the body in prayer.

### MORNING BUSINESS – 9:15 A.M.

The 174<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Cumberland Association was called to order by Patrick Layton, Clerk. Dr. Roy Harris, Moderator, thanked the body for coming and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Dickson and the Western Quarterly for hosting the meeting. All the ministers, deacons, and delegates were seated. Harris thanked the Nominating Committee for their work. Harris reviewed the committees of the Cumberland Association and the members of those committees. Harris reviewed the Rules of Decorum.

The executive board report was read and approved. (See pages 9-10) The Clerk's Report for the 2015-2016 year was reviewed and approved. (See page 32)

Layton gave the Treasurer's Report and presented the Proposed Budget for 2016-2017. A motion and second were made to adopt the report and proposed budget. Harris explained the ideas and process of the formation of the committee, the writing of a book for the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Cumberland Association, and the location of the meeting. The motion carried. (See page 16-17)

Brother Phillip Morgan gave the Cumberland Christian Education Board Report and presented a proposed budget. (See pages 21-22). There was a motion and second to receive the report and adopt the proposed budget; the motion carried. A partial Nominating Committee report was given for the Christian Education Board. A motion and second was made to approve the nominations. (See full report on page 28)

The Ministerial Benevolence Board Report was given by Jon Justice. He gave the Financial Report for 2016-2017. We currently have no recipients of the fund. There was a motion and a second to accept the report; the motion carried. (See page 14) A partial Nominating Committee report was given for the Ministerial Benevolence Board. A motion and second were made to approve the nomination and the motion carried. (See full report on page 27) Justice presented the new idea for the ministerial benevolence board. (See full report on page 15) There was a motion and second to adopt the new plan for the Ministerial Benevolence Board. Questions were asked and answered concerning the plan. The motion carried.

There was no report given by the Tennessee International Missions Board. A partial Nominating Committee report was given for the Tennessee International Missions Board. A motion and second were made to approve the nominations and the motion carried. (See full report on page 27)

Brother Stan Coker, Camp Director, gave the Cumberland Youth Camp Report. Sometimes we hear the word “No”. Coker thanked the association for their support. The Hayes Conference Center has allowed us to expand our ministry opportunity. This summer the camp ministered to 576 campers plus 36 day campers. This summer we had to say “no” to some kids (approximately 25 kids). The camp board has approved a plan for the addition of “flex” housing. The “flex” housing will serve for adult housing, camper housing, family housing, minister housing. Codes has approved the go ahead and the Water Department has approved to put four of these on one septic tank. Coker hopes to have plans from the architect by the beginning of the week. The camp is asking for donations for the housing needs. Coker wants to be a good steward of God’s resources. He also presented the proposed budget for 2018. A motion and second was made to accept the report and adopt the proposed budget as given; the motion was approved. (See pages 18-20 for the full report) A partial Nominating Committee report was given for the Cumberland Youth Camp. (See full report on page 27). There was a motion and second to approve the nominations; the motion carried.

There was no report given by the Cumberland Women Nationally Active for Christ.

Moderator Dwayne James gave the report of the Northern Quarterly. There was no report given by the South Central Quarterly. Moderator David Weeks gave the report of the Southern Quarterly. Moderator Carl Hooper gave the report of the Western Quarterly. The reports were received and approved as information. (See pages 12-13 for a summary of the reports). Harris thanked the moderators for their hard work throughout the year.

Brother Glenn Poston presented the Tennessee Promotional Director’s Report. He reported on the continued work of Tennessee Free Will Baptist in our denomination. (See pages 22-23 for the full report)

A motion was made and second to approve Pam Kennedy and Steve Pate as delegates and give the Moderator approval to appoint the other three delegates at the State meeting. The motion carried. (See page 42)

Brother Earl Langley brought a report to the association concerning the work of the Manchester church. The Carmack’s have relocated to the area and a lot of work has been put into the church. The church has purchased an old furniture store next to the church to use as a new auditorium. Carmack sent out a letter requesting funds/materials for the remodeling of the building. Langley encouraged our churches to get involved in helping with this work.

Brother Eddie Hodges spoke for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. Over \$30,000 has come in to the ministry from the association. He reviewed the various ways you can be involved in helping with funds. The “Hands To Help” helps seniors in their homes. On December 1, the “Door of Hope” opened and is an extension of the Hope Center. On July 28, there was a ribbon cutting on the “Young’s Children’s Home”. A new assisted living program has opened in Limestone, TN. He encouraged us to pray for and continue to financially support all those that serve and those that are being ministered to.

Brother Clayton Hampton presented his mission work in Montana. He has started his itinerary. He asked to be allowed to present at our churches. Please keep this work in your prayers.

Brother Chad Kivette presented the mission work at 180 Free Will Baptist Church. There was a man saved last Sunday. The church will be going self-supporting at the end of the year. The church is hosting a men’s retreat on September 13-15 at Cumberland Camp. David Crowe, Shiloh Hackett, Jim McComas, and Tom Malone will be speaking. During the day on Friday, there will be activities. A flyer was made available on the retreat.

Harris called for the reports of the committees. Brother Cecil Boswell gave the Registration and Finance report. (See page 26 for the full report). A motion and second was made to receive the report. The motion carried. Brother Billy Ellis brought the Resolutions Report (See page 26 for the full report). There were two resolutions. The first resolution was “Whereas every person on earth has descended from one family created in God’s image, and whereas, we are called to go into all the world to carry the Gospel, and whereas, the Kingdom of God is, and will be made up of every tribe, kindred, tongue, and nation, and whereas, recent instigations and reactions in our state and in our country have brought about divisions along racial and ethnic lines, be it resolved that the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist reaffirm our commitment to efforts to reach, minister to, and be in full fellowship with all, without regard to racial or ethnic divisions, and that we promote an attitude of this fellowship in our individual churches.” A motion and second were made to approve the resolution. Brother Roy Jensen made a motion to amend the motion to include a news release to appropriate outlets. The motion was seconded and the amendment carried. The motion carried. The second resolution was “Whereas, First Free Will Baptist Church Dickson as opened its doors to us with hospitality, and has welcomed us and prepared for us, be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of appreciation and thanks for this hospitality.” A motion and second were made to approve the resolution. The motion carried. Brother Jon Murray gave the Obituary Report. (See full report on pages 24-25) A prayer was offered by Brother Jon Murray for the families of those that had passed away. The motion to receive the report with great appreciation was seconded and approved.

There was one item of “New Business.” There was a motion and second to give today’s offering to the 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration of the Cumberland Association Fund. The motion carried.

Harris gave the final Nominating Committee report. The officers were taken one at a time. There was a motion and second to approve each officer for 2018 and the motions carried. (See full report on page 27)

Harris thanked the body for their cooperation and helping move the meeting smoothly. Harris adjourned the business meeting.

### **MORNING WORSHIP-11:30 A. M.**

Brother Eddie Thomas led the congregation in singing "Majesty." Brother Eddie Thomas called for the offering and prayed over it. Special music was provided by the host church. Brother Phillip Morgan introduced Dr. Matthew J. Pinson, Welch College President, as the worship speaker.

Pinson thanked the Executive Board for the opportunity to speak. Pinson brought his discussion on “The Reformation at 500: Why It Matters For Us Today.” (See pages 28-30 for sermon notes) Pinson closed the message in prayer.

Brother Eddie Thomas shared directions for the meal. The Presbytery will meet during the lunch hour.

A motion and second was made to adjourn. The meeting was closed in prayer by Brother Aaron Harris.



## **Cumberland Executive Board Report October 21, 2017**

The Cumberland Executive Board Meeting met on April 18, 2016 at Welch College. The members present for the April meeting were Roy Harris (Moderator), Patrick Layton (Clerk/Treasurer), Mark Elliott (SCQ), Jon Justice (Assistant Moderator), Philip Morgan (Proxy for the Assistant Clerk/CE Board Chairman), and Dwayne James (NQ). The agenda for the meeting was adopted. The August meeting was changed from August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>. The meeting would take place at the Five Points Free Will Baptist Church.

The minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting were reviewed by Layton; the minutes were approved. Layton presented and reviewed a Bank Reconciliation Summary of Deposits and Disbursements and Annual Financial Report for 2016-2017 to date (See full report for details); the report was approved.

Harris mentioned that the Cumberland Association Meeting in 2018 will be the 175<sup>th</sup> meeting of the association. It will be hosted by the Southern Quarterly.

Harris entertained ideas for the theme of the Cumberland Association Meeting. Morgan mentioned that this year would be the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. A motion and second was made to pursue a theme based on the idea of the impact of the Reformation on today's church; the motion carried. A motion and second was made to ask Dr. Pinson to be the speaker; the motion carried.

The item of "Old Business" concerned the future of the Ministerial Benevolence Board. The board is requesting that the committee meet and come up with some ideas before the August meeting. There were no items of "New Business".

The 2017 Cumberland Association meeting will take place on October 21, 2017 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Dickson, Tennessee. The meeting will be hosted by the Western Quarterly.

The next Executive Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Harris expressed his thanks for the work of the committee. Items of prayer were mentioned. The meeting was closed in prayer.

The Cumberland Executive Board Meeting was held on August 8, 2017 at Five Points Free Will Baptist. The members present for the August meeting were Roy Harris (Moderator), Patrick Layton (Clerk/Treasurer), Mark Elliott (SCQ), Jon Justice (Assistant Moderator), Tim McDonald (WQ), David Weeks (SQ), Stan Coker (Cumberland Camp Director). McDonald brought a devotion from Matthew 24:24 and opened the meeting in prayer. The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

Coker brought the report from Cumberland Camp. The camp is in the best financial shape it has ever been in. The camp currently has \$106,000 in the bank. The camp received a grant for \$32,000 from the Foundation for housing. Pray for wisdom concerning housing. The camp had 576 campers this summer. An eighteen-hole disc golf has been put in which was paid for by donations. Paintball was replaced with laser tag. There was a motion and second to receive the report; the motion carried. McDonald expressed thankfulness for Coker. Questions were asked and answered. Harris thanked Coker for the impact that he and the camp have made on his family and grandchildren.

The minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting were reviewed by Layton. There was a motion and second to approve the minutes; the motion carried. Layton presented and reviewed a Bank Reconciliation Summary of Deposits and Disbursements and Annual Financial Report for 2016-2017 to date (See full report for details). There was a motion and second to approve the financial report; the motion carried.

Justice met with the Ministerial Benevolence Board. Mrs. Hornberger is the only recipient of the fund. She has been moved to a nursing home and the money has been going to keep up her house, which her son is living in. The board will meet Thursday. A system like the one that Carolina uses has been suggested for Ministerial Benevolence funds. There was a motion second to receive the report; the motion carried.

Harris presented ideas concerning the 175<sup>th</sup> Cumberland Association Celebration. The meeting will be held at Welch College and the college will provide the meal. A motion and second was made to allow the moderator to appoint a five-person steering committee with the moderator to serve as the chairman; the motion carried. A motion and second was made to authorize Harris to pursue the publication of a book for the 175<sup>th</sup> Cumberland Association Celebration; the motion carried.

The proposed budget for 2017-2018 year was reviewed by the body. A line item was added for the Cumberland Association 175<sup>th</sup> Celebration. The proposed amount designated for the celebration was \$1000. The other totals for the budget were left the same. A motion and second was made to recommend the proposed budget to the Association.

Harris reviewed the theme, speaker, and location of the annual meeting. Lunch will be provided and the Presbytery will meet during the lunch.

The next Executive Board meetings will take place on April 17, 2018 and August 7, 2018. Harris expressed his thanks to Weeks for hosting the meeting. Items of prayer were mentioned. The meeting was closed in prayer by Justice.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patrick Layton, Clerk

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

**Saturday, October 21, 2017**

**(\* Denotes Committee Chairman)**

**REGISTRATION AND FINANCE**

Cecil Boswell\*  
Eddie Hodges  
Clayton Hampton

**NOMINATING**

Jason Bell\*  
Judson Phenice  
Steve Phillips  
Mark Elliott

**OBITUARY**

John Murray\*  
Eddie Thomas  
Roy Jenson  
Steve Swango

**RESOLUTIONS**

Billy Ellis\*  
Rick Kennedy

Respectfully Submitted,  
Clayton Hampton, Billy Ellis, Eric Puschman, Mark Elliott

## **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

### **NORTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT**

I bring you greetings from the 23 churches that make up the Northern Quarterly. We had three Quarterly meetings this year, conducted business, enjoyed time around God's Word, and always have a great time of fellowship. We also continue to enjoy sweet fellowship among our pastors each Wednesday as we meet for coffee and conversation at the Wendy's in Pleasant View. We also enjoy our fellowship breakfast the first Tuesday of each month at the Shoney's in Springfield. Pleasant View Christian School is in its 40<sup>th</sup> year of operation and is continuing to grow and be a blessing to the community. The last Sunday in February every year, our Churches participate in Welch College Day where we are blessed to have faculty from the college speak at our churches that Sunday morning. On Sunday evening, we gather at Pleasant View Christian School for a rally. The purpose for the day is to raise funds for the Ketteman Student Scholarship Program. We praise the Lord for what he is doing among our churches.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Dwayne James (Northern Quarterly Moderator)

### **SOUTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT**

Moderator David Weeks reported for the Southern Quarterly. The Quarterly has 16 churches. The meetings included the following speakers and topics: Brother Tommy Swindol – Reaching People, Brother Matthew Bracey – Sexuality/Gender. He is encouraging the Southern Quarterly to give \$500 to help with the 175h Celebration of the Cumberland Association.

### **SOUTH CENTRAL QUARTERLY REPORT**

The South Central Quarterly met twice this year. Our January meeting was canceled due to bad weather and was not rescheduled. The April meeting was held at Loyal Chapel with Stan Coker from Cumberland Camp as the guest speaker. The July meeting was held at Berean with Ken Akers, Director of the Master's Men department as guest speaker.

## **WESTERN QUARTERLY REPORT**

Moderator Carl Hooper gave the report. He brought greetings from the Western Quarterly. The Western Quarterly met four times during the past year. Our meetings are well attended both by our own estimation and the comments of our visitors. We continue to emphasize the fellowship and worship aspects of our meetings and our people respond positively. Our speakers included Dr. Eagleton, Brother Waynick, and Brother Street. The Quarterly pastors enjoy a time of fellowship once a month at the Plantation Restaurant in Dickson. We, of the Western Quarterly, look forward to serving our Lord with you in the year ahead.

In Christ, Carl Hooper (Western Quarterly Moderator)

## MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE

### Ministerial Benevolence Board Report 10/01/16 - 10/20/17

Balance Forward 10/01/16	\$ 9,985.08
Reported Income 10/1/16 – 10/20/17	\$ 3,288.88
Total accounted for	\$13,273.96

Disbursements:

Mrs. Jean Hornberger	\$2,750.00
Board Exp. (Meal)	\$ 55.57
Clerk	\$ 200.00
Total Disbursed	\$3,005.57

Total Accounted for:	\$13,273.96
Total Disbursed	\$ 3,005.57
Balance 8/8/2017	\$10,268.39

## GUIDELINES FOR MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE BOARD

1. **Membership.** Any ordained Free Will Baptist minister (or his wife) holding a card of good standing from the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist Presbytery may enroll. The purpose of this ministry is to provide needed money, as quickly as possible, to a spouse or other benefactor as designated by the member upon said member's death.
2. **Enrollment.** An enrollment fee of \$10.00 per participant will be charged. Each minister (or his wife) will the pay a participation fee of \$35.00. The church he pastors or attends may desire to pay these fees on behalf of the minister. In order to receive appropriate notification concerning deaths and contribution renewal it is important that you keep your information current with the Benevolent Fund Board.
3. The \$35.00 fee will be placed in a special savings account for the purpose of drawing interest.
4. Upon the death of a participating member, the Benevolent Fund will pay \$35.00 per member of the group to the surviving spouse or other benefactor designated by the member.
5. Upon notice by the Benevolent Fund Board that a member has died, and payment mad, all other members are required to submit another payment of \$35.00 to the Benevolent Fund within 30 days, or be dropped from the Benevolent membership.
6. Any individual having enrolled in the Benevolent Fund may remain a member as long as they participate with their contributions even if they move outside the Cumberland Association.
7. There will be a thirty (30) day waiting period following the date of enrollment before membership is effective. If a death should occur within the first thirty (30) days, the enrollment fee and the members participation fee will be refunded to the spouse or other benefactor designated by the member.
8. The fund shall be administered by the Ministerial Benevolence Board of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists.
9. Any changes, alterations, and or amendments shall be made upon approval of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**10/01/16 - 9/30/17**

<b>Beginning Checking Account Balance</b>		<b>\$7,502.71</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Cumberland Association Dues		1,475.00
State Association Dues		8,850.00
National Association Dues		8,850.00
Other Gifts		586.59
Interest Income		176.52
TN State Association UGMP		3,585.94
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$23,524.05</b>
<b>Distributions</b>		
TN State Association Dues		8,850.00
National Association Dues		8,850.00
Treasurers Fee		350.00
Clerks Fee		350.00
Cumberland Association CE Board		1,250.00
180 Free Will Baptist Church (Offering)		498.00
Bank Fees		0.00
Web Site Maintenance		144.00
Executive Board Expense		88.80
TN State Association UGMP*		
Cumberland Camp	30%	1,075.78
State Office	15%	537.90
Ministerial Benevolence Board	15%	537.90
International Missions	10%	358.60
TN. Home Missions	10%	358.60
Welch College	10%	358.60
<b>Total Distributions</b>		<b>\$23,608.18</b>
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>		<b>\$ 7,418.58</b>

\*10% of UGDP stays in Cumberland Association

Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Layton, Treasurer



**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
PROPOSED BUDGET 10/01/17 – 9/30/18**

<b>Beginning Checking Account Balance</b>		<b>\$7,418.58</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Cumberland Association Dues (60 churches x \$25.00)		\$ 1,500.00
State Association Dues (60 churches x \$150.00)		\$ 9,000.00
National Association Dues (60 churches x \$150.00)		\$ 9,000.00
Other Gifts		\$ 500.00
Interest Income		\$ 125.00
TN State Association UGMP (3% coming back to Cumberland)		\$ 3,200.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$23,325.00</b>
<b>Distributions</b>		
TN State Association Dues (60 churches x \$150.00)		\$ 9,000.00
National Association Dues (60 churches x \$150.00)		\$ 9,000.00
Treasurers Fee		\$ 350.00
Clerks Fee		\$ 350.00
Executive Board Expense		\$ 150.00
Cumberland Web Site Hosting		\$ 144.00
Cumberland Association CE Board		\$ 1,250.00
Bank Fees		\$ 10.00
Cumberland Association 175 <sup>th</sup> Celebration		\$ 1,000.00
TN State Association UGMP		
Cumberland Camp	30%	\$ 1,000.00
State Office	15%	\$ 500.00
Ministerial Benevolence Board	15%	\$ 500.00
Don and Billie Sexton Missions Memorial Gift	10%	\$ 300.00
TN Home Missions	10%	\$ 300.00
Welch College	10%	\$ 300.00
<b>Total Distributions</b>		<b>\$24,154.00</b>
<b>Projected Ending Checking Account Balance</b>		<b>\$ 6,589.58</b>

**FEARLESS**  
**Cumberland Camp 2017**

*For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)*

- What would you do for Christ if you were not afraid?
- Is your life characterized by power, love, and self control?
- How would our lives be impacted if our fear was replaced with a courageous faith?

Campers this year were confronted by these powerful questions, and the Biblical truths behind them, as they attended Cumberland Youth Camp. Another record number of attendees (576 residential, 36 day campers) enjoyed all that camp has to offer: activities, food, friends, all wrapped in a spiritual emphasis. Parents seemed to appreciate the added choice of two weeks for teens (one for high school and another for all teens) along with two weeks specifically for junior age and a combo week (junior and junior high age). Enrollment exceed expectation and capacity (see chart below). To God be the glory.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Director</u>	<u>Evangelist</u>	<u># of Campers</u>
May 28-Jn 2	High School	Corey Minter	Edwards, Puschmann	100
June 4-9	Teen	David Dell	Chris Davenport	107
June 11-16	Junior 1	Steve Greenwood	Josh Wooten	133
June 18-23	Junior 2	Brian Lewis	Jon Forrest	77
June 25-30	Combo	Craig Batts	Craig Batts	159

We continue to make improvements and additions to the camp ministry. Disc Golf is our newest offering, with an 18 hole course weaving a wooded path around the main campus area. We also shifted from paintball to laser tag, a change that was well received by our guests, with over 500 participating this summer alone.

Financial support for your camp continues strong. Every dollar that we receive could have gone somewhere else and represents the sacrificial generosity of God's people. We are so thankful for churches and individuals that share their blessings with us.

Housing for our campers is at a premium right now. Several special gifts, including a grant from the FWB Foundation, in the last year have prompted your board to

consider what God would have us do. Please pray that we will know His will and pursue it.

Important Dates for 2018

Re3 (Pastor's Wife's Retreat) Jan 26-28

High School Camp (grades 9-12) May 27-June 1

Teen (Ages 12-18) June 3-8

Junior 1 (Ages 7-11) June 10-15

Junior 2 (Ages 7-11) June 17-22

Combo (Ages 7-14) June 24-29

We love serving the Lord with you. Keep in touch.

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**Cumberland Youth Camp  
Proposed 2018 Budget**

Income

Contributions

Surplus Sales	\$ 1,550.00
General Offerings	\$ 66,950.00
Friends of Camp	\$ 31,500.00

Total Contributions \$ 100,000.00

Fee Income

Paintball	\$ 11,500.00
Camp Registrations	\$110,000.00
Retreat Registration	\$ 2,500.00
Rental Income	\$ 76,000.00

Total Fee Income \$200,000.00

Operations

Canteen Income	\$ 8,240.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 100.00

Total Operations Income \$ 8,340.00

Grand Total Income \$308,340.00

Expenses

Building and Grounds \$ 80,000.00

Office Expense \$ 20,000.00

Salary and Benefits

Director	\$ 63,685.00
Camp Manager	\$ 15,285.00
Maintenance manager	\$ 780.00
Yard Care	\$ 4,000.00
Christmas Bonus	\$ 750.00

Total Salary and Benefits \$ 84,500.00

Mileage \$ 9,800.00

Camp Expenses \$ 75,000.00

Retreat Expenses \$ 2,500.00

Rental Expenses \$ 25,000.00

Canteen Expenses \$ 7,500.00

Grand Total Expenses \$ 304,300.00

Net Income \$ 4,040.00

**The Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist  
Christian Education Board Report to the  
Cumberland Association Executive Committee of Free Will Baptists  
October 21, 2017**

For the past few years, our board has primarily worked to financially support pre-existing Christian education events in our association. Several of our churches had been offering Sunday school training, short conferences, and the like. However, none of the events we normally support we're provided this year. As a result, we did not carry out any major event this year. However, we have begun discussing sending financial support to the Free Will Baptist church and school in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands that has been affected by the recent hurricanes. We are also exploring the possibility of holding a luncheon for pastors with Dr. Robert Picirilli serving as our speaker.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phillip T. Morgan, Chairman

**Promotional Director's Report**  
**Cumberland Association**  
**October 21, 2017**

The state office has been blessed with another good year. There are a lot of good things going on throughout the state. Our churches are engaging the culture and working hard to reach their communities for Christ. Our pastors seem to be more determined to bloom where God has planted them and it appears that the length of tenure is being extended.

Financially, the support of our various ministries is strong. While undesignated giving is down slightly this year, designated giving through the state office is up an impressive 22 percent. Total income through the state treasurer is up over 16 percent. We give glory and praise to God that our treasurer accounted for over one million dollars this year. This is the first year this has happened except for the year the endowment was given in 2012 and is the best year in our history.

We are happy to report that our state boards have had adequate funding. Please keep in mind that our state boards as well as the state office operates primarily on "undesignated funds." While we rejoice that our churches feel the burden to designate the bulk of their gifts to various ministries like International Missions, North American Ministries, Welch College and Family Ministries, please don't forget that undesignated gifts through the Unified Ministry Plan provide the means for scholarships to Welch College, expenses for board members to attend meetings, funding for the promotional director to operate in a full-time capacity, printing of the digest, minutes, and other miscellaneous expenses.

All nine of our associations are engaged to some extent in the state work. I have had the privilege to visit all of our associations on a regular basis and there has been great fellowship, unity, and camaraderie in all parts of the state. I am particularly thankful for the Cumberland Association and its generous support of the state work.

Our mission works have been doing well and both the Clarksville work and the Oakland work will go self-supporting at the end of the year. Family Ministries continues to grow and recently opened the John Reed assisted living and skilled nursing facility in Limestone, Tennessee. It is a beautiful facility on top of a hill overlooking the beautiful mountains in the area. Pray for Executive Director Frank Woods and his dedicated staff as they serve this thriving ministry.

God is still calling men and women into His service and there is a greater interest in our preachers wanting to receive advanced training. While this is a time consuming process, in the long run, our men will be better equipped to handle the challenges of a changing world. There is a renewed excitement on the campus of Welch College since moving into the new campus. This excitement is seen in the eyes of the students as well as their parents. Many of our pastors are receiving training in other places. Online learning is by far the fastest growing area of ministerial training for most of our pastors in the state. This enables them to receive quality training without uprooting their families and leaving their ministries.

Many of our young people are still answering the call to the regions beyond the borders of our own country. Our own International Missions Department has been developing partnerships with other missions agencies. Our state IM Board is actively engaged in challenging our churches to "Go Global." This is an exciting time for the church to be involved in global evangelism. Our young people are applying in great numbers for spots on our E-TEAM program and other opportunities to get involved in reaching the world. Almost \$350,000 was given to IM through the state office this year compared to \$271,000 last year.

In conclusion, let me say, I consider it a high honor to serve Tennessee Free Will Baptists as promotional director. With God being my helper, I will to the best of my ability promote the work of our boards, promote unity among our people, and promote the ministry of all our local churches as we labor together for our Lord, Jesus Christ. I would love to come to all of your churches to share about the ministry of the state office.

Humbly Yours,  
Glenn Poston  
Tennessee Promotional Director

**Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists  
Obituary Report October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017**

**Northern Quarterly**

Rex Collins	Bethel
Glenn Spain	Bethel
Steve Walker	Bethel
Jay Davis	Bethlehem
Mary Jane Watts	Bethlehem
Juanita Davenport	First Springfield
June Jones	First Springfield
Paula Herrnel	First Springfield
Bennie Schutte	First Springfield
Frances Lovie Allen	Friendship
Willie Estelle Chandler	Friendship
Malcolm Wayne Green	Friendship
Fannie Marie Knight	Friendship
Edith Moore	Good Springs
Bernice Nichols	Good Springs
Janice Faye Balthrop Douglas	Harper Road
Frances Ellis	Heads
Larry White	Heads
Steve Coots	Lakeview
Kenneth Dodson	Lakeview
Charles Balthrop	Oaklawn
Medena Forbes	Oaklawn
Travis Knox	Oaklawn
Marcia Jean Morris	Oaklawn
Frances Albright	Shady Grove
Carol Poole	Shady Grove
Ted Henry	Unity

**South Central Quarterly**

Ned Anderson	Berean
Geneva Pack	Berean
Nelda Fox	Berean
Ruth Hill	Faith
Joel Carlton Doss	Flatwoods
Joyce Marie Grisham	Flatwoods
Jonas Whitwell	Loyal Chapel



**Southern Quarterly**

Marshall Rumfelt  
Frances Spencer  
Maxine Wagner  
Ruby Hunter  
Geneva Walker  
Randy Bowman  
C.A. Dobbs  
Juanita Hingst  
Bryant Raburn  
Carl Sanders  
Pearl Wilson  
Dan Barnett  
Robert (Bob) Micheals  
Charles Denson  
Duncan Evans

Cane Ridge  
Cane Ridge  
Cane Ridge  
Cofer's Chapel  
Corner Stone  
Donelson Fellowship  
Donelson Fellowship  
Donelson Fellowship  
Donelson Fellowship  
Donelson Fellowship  
Donelson Fellowship  
Five Points  
Madison  
Madison  
Richland

**Western Quarterly**

Francis Smith  
Thelma Delashmitt  
Geneva Burgess Lankford  
Billy Albright  
Bill Kizer  
Carolyn Groffis  
Gail Lyell  
Cecil Earhart  
Lori Lane  
JoAnn Tummins

Carlisle  
Carlisle  
First FWB Dickson  
First FWB Dickson  
First FWB Waverly  
First FWB Waverly  
Miller's Chapel  
Pleasant Hill  
Pleasant Hill  
United

## **REGISTRATION AND FINANCE REPORT**

Ministers:	46
Delegates:	18
Deacons:	3
Visitors:	25
TOTAL	92

The offering received was \$280.00.

## **RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Resolution Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. Whereas every person on earth has descended from one family created in God's image, and whereas, we are called to go into all the world to carry the Gospel, and whereas, the Kingdom of God is, and will be made up of every tribe, kindred, tongue and nation, and whereas, recent instigations and reactions have brought about divisions along racial and ethnic lines in our state and in our country, be it resolved that the Cumberland Association reaffirm our commitment to efforts to reach, minister to, and be in full fellowship with all, without regard to racial or ethnic divisions, and that we promote an attitude of this fellowship in our individual churches.  
Whereas, First Free Will Baptist Church Dickson has opened its doors to us with hospitality, and as welcomed us and prepared for us, Be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of appreciation and thanks for this hospitality.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the nominating committee, submit the following report.

### **Cumberland Camp Board:**

Tommy Dubose replacing Tommy Dubose (2020)  
Steve Greenwood replacing Steve Greenwood (2020)  
Margaret Hampton replacing Margaret Hampton (2020)  
Patrick Layton replacing Patrick Layton (2020)

### **Christian Education Board:**

Jeff Edgmon filling the unexpired term of Max Perry (2018)  
Chad Kivette replacing Chad Kivette (2020)  
Josh Clark replacing Philip Morgan (2020)

### **Ministerial Benevolence Board:**

Ray Lewis filling the unexpired term of Ed Fox (2018)  
Craig Batts replacing Ronnie Smith (2022)

### **International Missions Board:**

Russell Houske replacing Russell Houske (2021)

### **Officers**

Roy Harris replacing Roy Harris (Moderator) (2019)  
Jon Justice replacing Jon Justice (Moderator) (2019)  
Patrick Layton replacing Patrick Layton (Clerk/Treasurer) (2019)  
Megan Morgan replacing Megan Morgan (Assistant Clerk) (2019)

If any delegate has a name to place in nomination please do so.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clayton Hampton, Billy Ellis, Eric Puschman, and Mark Elliott

## **“The Reformation at 500: Why It Matters for Us Today”**

Presented by Matthew Pinson

This month is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, to critique abuses in the late medieval Catholic Church.

The Reformation’s relevance – “renewal through retrieval.”

“Back to the sources” – “back to the fountains”

The Five Solas:

*Sola Scriptura* (scripture alone), *solus Christus* (Christ alone), *sola gratia* (grace alone), *sola fide* (faith alone), and *solī Deo gloria* (to God alone be the glory).

### **How Free Will Baptists Fit into the Protestant Reformation**

America’s first Free Will Baptists were English General Baptists who moved to this side of the Atlantic in the 1600s.

The English General Baptist river was made up of Anabaptist, Puritan, and Arminian streams that flowed into it.

Each of these three movements came out of the Reformed movement associated with Zwingli and Calvin.

Our founder Thomas Helwys was an Arminianized radical Puritan who had rejected infant baptism.

### ***Sola Gratia and Sola Fide: Salvation by Grace Alone through Faith Alone***

Thomas Grantham: “That God imputes Righteousness to Men without Works, is so plain, that it can never be denied. What is thus imputed, is not acted by us, but expressly reckoned as a matter of free Gift, or Grace; and this can be the Righteousness of none but Christ . . . because no other way can the Righteousness of God be made ours . . . there is none righteous, no not one. Except therefore the Righteousness of Christ be laid hold on, there is no Righteousness to be imputed to Sinners.”

The relevance of *sola gratia* and *sola fide* for our doctrine of perseverance.

### ***Solus Christus: Christ Our Only Mediator***

The Reformation emphasis on salvation by Christ alone also meant that Christ was the only mediator between God and man (1 Tim. 2:5), our only priest.

Arminius said that, since Christ is “Mediator and the Head of his church, so that the church can pay this honor to NO ONE except him, without incurring the crime of idolatry; therefore, the papists, who adore Mary, the angels, or holy men, and who invoke them . . . as intercessors through their own merits, are guilty of the crime of idolatry.”

This teaching resulted in the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers.

William Jeffrey (1650s), writing against the authoritarianism of the Episcopalians and Presbyterians of his day: “The Lord Christ saith, that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles, exercise Lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them, but it shall not be so among you, *but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your servant, and whosoever will be chief of you, shall be servant of all, Mark 10. 42, 43, 44.* And therefore the Elders who are the chief servants, are not to exercise Lordship over their Brethren, therefore not to rule without the Body, the Church. . . . so indeed it hath been, and is where the *Pope*, and Lord Bishops, and Presbytery hath the power, they make the members of their National, Generational way, *slaves* to serve with great burdens, and many of them are very ignorant.”

### ***Soli Deo Gloria: Glorifying God alone in Worship and in Life***

Luther’s “theology of the cross” vs. medieval Roman Catholicism’s “theology of glory.”

The Reformers wanted to rid worship of anything that could be construed as detracting in the least from God receiving all the glory. They also emphasized that all of life is lived to the glory of God.

### ***Sola Scriptura: The Bedrock Foundation of the Reformation That Can Renew and Revitalize the Modern Church***

Without Sola Scriptura, scripture alone, we never would have had any of the other solas, and there never would have been a Reformation.

Arminius said, “No subject can be mentioned, by the sole knowledge or the worship of which the church ought to bedeck herself with increased honour and dignity, . . . which . . . is not comprehended in the Holy Scriptures. . . .”

Arminius: “The Papists indeed speak and write many things about Mary, the rest of the saints, and about the Roman Pontiff [or pope]; but we affirm that these are not objects either of any knowledge or worship which the church ought to bestow on them.”  
The Free Will Baptist Treatise says that the Scriptures are “the only sufficient and infallible rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service.”

Grantham said: “Who can imagine that anything devised by men (though never so specious) can add any advantage to the way and worship of God; and if not, to what end are such additions made? And who seeth not, to add one ceremony, is the same as to add one thousand; if therefore we desire God’s worship to be kept in purity; let all that love Christ beware of superstition altogether.”

*Sola Scriptura* is *not* saying that we don’t care about tradition, that we ignore 2,000 years of the Spirit’s witness in the saints and martyrs of the Christian past. *Not* “no creed but the Bible.”

How does the doctrine of sola scriptura apply to us today?

Temptation to be influenced by the secular thought in our theology

Temptation to be influenced by secular entertainment and marketing and big business and pop psychology in our church practice

We need to go back and drink deeply from the Reformation well of Sola Scripture. When we do this, it will change us deeply. It will renew and revitalize us. We’ll realize anew and afresh that the Word of God is sufficient. We’ll realize that God knows our needs better than we do, and that he has provided us in his word ALL we need to serve Him and share our faith and teach people his truth and live out our lives in the church.

Three areas of contrast between the Reformed and Catholics: Preaching, singing, leading

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**CUMBERLAND QUARTERLIES YEAR IN REVIEW**

	(N)	(SC)	(S)	(W)	Totals
Churches	23	6	16	14	59
Churches reporting	22	6	12	12	52
City Churches	9	3	8	3	23
Rural Churches	13	3	3	11	30
Full-time Ministers	14	3	7	10	34
Bi-Vocational Ministers	6	3	4	2	15
Ordained Ministers	52	10	33	10	105
Licensed Ministers	10	1	8	6	25
Ordained Deacons	69	8	38	33	148
Membership	3695	434	1556	802	6,487
Baptisms	71	7	37	20	144
Members Added	111	1	77	26	215
Members lost	59	2	25	10	96
Churches W/ Budget	15	3	6	6	30
Parsonages	11	1	1	4	17
Day Cares	0	0	0	0	0
Kindergartens	0	0	0	0	0
Christian Schools	1	0	0	1	2
Bible Institutes	0	0	0	0	0
S.S. Enrollment	1,382	105	1619	375	3,481

Value of Churches and Parsonages:

Northern:	\$20,209,252.36	Southern:	\$11,555,000.00
South Central:	\$ 235,000.00	Western:	\$ 5,184,000.00
		Total:	\$36,771,132.36

Churches Income:

Northern:	\$2,897,134.15	Southern:	\$ 2,152,066.00
South Central:	\$ 92,098.10	Western:	\$ 450,000.00
		Total:	\$ 5,421,864.34



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**GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION  
CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**ARTICLE 1.** Each Quarterly holding membership in this District Association shall be entitled to five (5) delegates elected from the laity, with additional delegates from each member Church as follows: one delegate for the first 50 members or fraction thereof, and an additional delegate for each additional 50 members or fraction thereof. Furthermore, all ordained ministers and deacons holding membership in the Presbytery of this District Association shall be standing delegates.

**ARTICLE 2.** Each member Quarterly of this Association shall send a letter to each annual meeting giving information and statistics according to the form provided by the clerk of the association.

**ARTICLE 3.** This Association, when convened, shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Association shall elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer from its membership to serve two-year terms and may succeed themselves.

**ARTICLE 5.** New churches shall petition the Quarterly meeting for membership. The Quarterly shall have power to receive new churches as members, and in turn shall inform the District Association of their membership.

**ARTICLE 6.** The Association shall post minutes of each year's annual meeting on the Association's website in a form which may be downloaded and printed. A paper copy will also be kept in the archives of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, TN.

**ARTICLE 7.** Annual dues for each member Quarterly shall consist of the current Quarterly dues plus the current Cumberland Association, Tennessee State Association, and National Association dues for each member church.

**ARTICLE 8.** For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and handling accusations of un-Christian conduct, there shall be a Presbytery, which shall convene at the close of the annual Association session. A meeting may be called at any time during the year by the Presbytery moderator and clerk or at the written request of five Presbytery members.

The Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present, and they shall elect a moderator, and clerk from among themselves who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

The membership of the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association shall consist of all ordained ministers and deacons holding cards of good standing in this Presbytery. Each quarterly meeting shall function as a subcommittee, and shall have the right to examine all applications for ordination or ratification of credentials, sent with recommendation from the churches composing the Quarterly Meeting, and if found competent, or ordain and set them apart for work by prayer and laying on of hands.

The examining committee of each Quarterly Meeting shall make an annual report to the yearly meeting of the Cumberland Association Presbytery. Such report will also include the names of five elected members to serve as the examining committee of said Quarterly Meeting.

**ARTICLE 9.** It shall be the duty of each minister who shall organize a church to ordain deacons for the same. It is his duty, also, to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs within his charge. It shall be the duty of each pastor to encourage the organization and support of the Sunday School in the church or churches where he is pastor as well as other organizations that may prove helpful to the work of the church.

**ARTICLE 10.** No persons shall be ordained to the ministry nor shall the credentials of any minister be ratified until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of I Timothy. The term "the husband of one wife" means he shall not have more than one living wife (that is, he shall not be married to one wife at the present time and there be a wife still living from a previous marriage). This shall be tested by the Presbytery. The Presbytery shall have full power to propound such spiritual questions as they consider necessary to determine his qualifications. All candidates for ordination shall be required to answer these questions satisfactorily.

**ARTICLE 11.** Based on the teaching of Scripture, we believe that God creates each human being as either male or female. We also believe Scripture teaches that all human sexual relations are reserved exclusively within the bonds of marriage. We further believe the Bible defines marriage as a covenant-union between one man and one woman.

**ARTICLE 12.** This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any member Quarterly that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

**ARTICLE 13.** All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority vote, except exclusions of member Quarterlies which shall require two-thirds majority.

**ARTICLE 14.** All member churches present and voting shall be considered a quorum for the transaction of business for each session.

**ARTICLE 15.** Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any time by a majority vote of the members present.

**ARTICLE 16.** This Association may adjourn to meet with any church that is a regular member of it at any time it deems proper.

**ARTICLE 17.** This Association, having jurisdiction over all member Quarterlies within its bounds, shall discipline any member Quarterly which allows a member church to call a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Presbytery.

## **BOARDS**

**ARTICLE 1.** All standing boards shall be composed of four (4) members, with the exception of: The Ministerial Benevolence Board which shall be composed of five (5) members; the Christian Education Board which shall be composed of seven (7) members; the Youth Camp Board which shall be composed of eleven (11) members; and the Executive Board which shall be composed as provided in Article 2 under BOARDS.

The personnel of each of the forgoing boards, exclusive of the Executive, Ministerial Benevolence and Youth Camp Boards shall be elected as follows: the first named for a period of one (1) year, the second named for a period of two (2) years, and the third named for a period of three (3) years. Succession of office thereafter shall be determined, as order requires. The Ministerial Benevolence Board members shall be elected each year for a five (5) year term. The eleven member Youth Camp Board shall be elected on a three (3) member, four (4) member, four (4) member rotation basis with each member being elected for a three (3) year term.

The moderator of the Cumberland Association is to communicate with the chairmen of the standing boards during the year to assure their operation throughout the year. The standing boards are to be represented at the Quarterly Meetings to promote their work. The standing boards are to meet at least twice a year to handle board matters and plan future activities.

**ARTICLE 2.** The personnel of the Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and the Moderators of each Quarterly meeting.

**ARTICLE 3.** The Executive Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the Cumberland Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of the Association.

**ARTICLE 4.** The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the Association.

### **The Duties of the International Mission Board**

To promote international missions in each of the quarterly meetings by planning events to help undergird International Missions.

### **The Duties of the Ministerial Benevolence Board**

1. Soliciting for funds from association churches in order to carry out its ministry;
2. Administering those funds in a responsible and economical manner;
3. Providing regular monthly support for those who qualify and have served the Lord well within the fellowship of the Cumberland Association churches;
4. Keeping our ministers and laymen informed of benefits available to them in the form of hospital and special purpose insurance and retirement benefits.

### **The Objectives of the Youth Camp Board**

1. To provide a Christian camping experience for the youth of the churches that make up the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists;
2. To evangelize and seek to win each camper to the Lord Jesus Christ;
3. To stimulate Christian growth and maturity through Bible classes; Missionary and Christian service classes, Christian counseling, and through the preaching of God's Word;
4. To provide healthful physical activities and recreation for each camper;
5. To provide for various social activities for enjoyment and relaxation;
6. To uphold standards of modesty in behavior and in dress for boys and girls; and
7. To serve as trustees of the campground.

## **RULES AND DECORUM**

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the moderator, and the person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate. No speaker shall cast any personal reflection toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than two times on any one subject without the permission of a majority of the Association.

The speaker shall not be interrupted during his speech by anyone except the moderator unless he violates the rules of order.

No member shall speak longer than ten minutes at any time without permission from the moderator.

Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reported by the moderator and shall be subject to the censure of the Association.

Adopted in Council this Saturday before the Lord's Day in October 1867 as a standing decorum, though subject to revision by majority of members voting for revision.

Constitution and Government revised: October 17, 1957, October 15, 1964, October 14, 1965, October 16, 1968, October 16, 1969, October 16, 1975, October 14, 1976, February 16, 1978, October 12, 1983, October 17, 1984, October 16, 1985, October 15, 1986, October 14, 1987, October 8, 1991, October 12, 1993, October 11, 1994, October 12, 1996, October 17, 2009, October 17, 2015

**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2016**

Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association of Free Will  
Baptists October 15, 2016

Rev. Larry Hampton, moderator, called the meeting to order. He offered thanks to the ladies of the church for providing the meal and commended Rev. Danny Dwyer for the message he delivered during the meeting of the association. A reminder was given to turn in report forms in order to receive a certificate of good standing with the presbytery.

Rev. Hampton stated that the Presbytery Board wanted to be a help to those they served and were open to suggestions for ways that they might do so. He stated that the board would like to see some of the experienced pastors begin to partner with some of the younger pastors to aide one another in the ministry and that the board would be glad to help facilitate those relationships.

Rev. Hampton brought a suggestion from the board that a gift of \$1000 be given to Rev. Randy Corn as recognition for his many years of service to the association and in response to his resignation due to health problems. Motion made and seconded. Question: Can individuals contribute additional funds to the gift? Answer: Yes. The motion carried.

Question: Is there an update regarding the status of Rev. Corn's health?

Answer: Rev. Dwayne James provided an update and directed the members to Rev. Corn's blog for further information.

Question: Is Rev. Corn still serving as a pastor? Answer: No, he resigned from his church.

Rev. Hampton moved to the election of officers. A proposal from the Presbytery Board was presented regarding the officer positions in the instance that there were no other nominees: Rev. Larry Hampton to serve as Moderator, Rev. Dwayne James to serve as assistant Moderator, Rev. Craig Batts to serve as Clerk/Treasurer. This would involve the exchanging of current roles between Rev. James and Rev. Batts, who currently served as Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Moderator respectively. The floor was opened for nominations. No additional nominations were presented. A motion was made to accept the proposal from the Presbytery Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

Rev. Hampton opened the floor for any new business. None was presented.



Rev. Eddie Hodges presented a word of commendation to the Presbytery Board and the Christian Education Board of the Cumberland Association for their efforts in providing a seminar for Dr. Robert Picirilli to discuss his most recent book on discipleship.

Rev. Hampton introduced Rev. Craig Batts to deliver a message. Rev. Batts presented a message from 1 Peter 1:1-13, where he spoke of our hope for tomorrow, our inspiration from the past, and our strength for today. He reminded us that the Gospel is the message that our broken world is desperately searching for, a message of hope that there is a better way.

Rev. Dwayne James, Clerk/Treasurer, brought his reports. The minutes from the 2015 meeting were read and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive the report as read. The financial report was presented and a motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive the report.

Question: Are there reports from the quarterly associations? Reports were then sought from representatives of the quarterlies.

Northern Quarterly: no report.

Western Quarterly: The credentials of Rev. Brian Bishop were ratified.

South Central: no report.

Southern Quarterly:

Received these members via transfer of credentials:

Chris Compton – Progressive Association of Alabama

Mike Hollis – Pamlico Association of North Carolina

Judson Phenicie – Rend Lake District of Illinois

Chris Talbot – Palmer Association of North Carolina

Lazaro Riesgo Acosta – Free Will Baptist Convention of Cuba

Terry Welch – Western Quarterly

Granted a letter of good standing to Larry Powell in transfer of his credentials to the Martin Association of Georgia.

Examined Christopher Davenport for ordination and recommended him to the Donelson Fellowship.

Examined Greg Tucker for ordination and recommended him to Cross Timbers FWB Church.

Motion, seconded, and carried to receive these reports as information.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Richard Atwood.

**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION PRESBYTERY  
TREASURERS REPORT  
OCTOBER 1, 2016- SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Initial Deposit (1/30/17):	\$3616.50
Checks Ordered:	\$71.01
Supplies (envelopes, labels)	\$64.97
Postage	\$63.70
Clerk/Treasurer Payment	\$275.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 474.68</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 635.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>\$3,776.82</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Batts  
Clerk/Treasurer

**Other Ministers in the Cumberland Association  
2017**

Northern Quarterly

Rev. Craig Beecher	1004 Settlers Crossing Joelton, TN 37080	615-430-4490
Rev. Seldon Buck	2758 Derby Run Rd. Springfield, TN 37172	615-212-7070
Rev. Eric Cowart	3606 West End Ave. Nashville, TN 37205	586-350-1927
Rev David Dell	2362 Bearwallow Rd. Ashland City, TN 37015	615-630-3889
Rev. Don Dungan	1625 Hunt Lane Pleasant View, TN 37146	615-746-3710
Rev, Jon Forrest	1103 Kimbrough Rd. Ashland City, TN 37015	615-792-2987
Rev. Terry Forrest	1101 Kimbrough Rd. Ashland City, TN 37015	615-792-1202
Rev. Bob Hamm	3084 Sweethome Rd. Chapmansboro, TN 37035	615-812-4207
Rev. Bud Hill	7093 Hwy 41-A Pleasant View, TN 37146	615-746-8654
Rev. Eddie Hodges	105 Lynhurst Circle Hendersonville, TN. 37075	615-415-8446
Rev. Roy Jensen	3150 Old New Cut Rd. Springfield, TN 37172	615-384-4926
Rev. Jon Justice	3397 Marrast Dr. Clarksville, TN. 37043	
Rev. Chad Kivette	695 Superior Lane Clarksville, TN 37043	931-436-4776
Rev. John Lee	1921 Scotty Parker Rd. Gallatin, TN. 37066	615-415-8141
Rev. Larry Lee	2529 Pleasant View Rd. Pleasant View, TN 37146	615-746-3418
Rev. Tom Malone	2120 Bracey Circle Joelton, TN 37080	615-881-6340
Rev. David Milling	1289 Boyd Rd. Ashland City, TN 37015	615-792-2889
Rev. Mark Milling	1312 Randy Road Ashland City, TN. 37015	615-428-7421
Rev. Phillip Morgan	2882 Ridge Rd. Cedar Hill, TN 37032	615-289-9218
Rev. Lloyd Plunkett	2576 Christopher Lane Pleasant View, TN 37146	615-746-6519
Rev. Barry Simpson	1019 Drewwood Court Joelton, TN 37080	615-574-5895
Rev. Frank Slaughter	118 Clearview Dr. Clarksville, TN. 37043	
Rev. Eric Thomsen	1119 Oakwood Rd. Joelton, TN 37080	615-414-6869
Rev. Neal Thomsen	298 Ed Harris Rd. Ashland City, TN 37015	615-792-1129
Rev. Don Worrell	2025 Blue Springs Rd. Ashland City, TN 37015	

Southern Quarterly

Rev. Eugene Workman	1408 Ravenna Court N Antioch, TN 37013	615-366-0573
Rev. Keith Burden	3441 Shakertown Rd. Antioch, TN 37013	615-361-0560
Rev. Ron Callaway	925 Marengo Ln. Nashville, TN 37204	615-945-6928
Rev. Jeff Caudill	312 Jayme Mika Court Joelton, TN 37080	615-876-5076
Rev. Jerry Gibbs	P.O. Box 5002 Nashville, TN 37011	
Rev. Tim Hutchinson	1978 Gatlin Dr. Nashville, TN 37210	615-649-8546
Rev. Steve Lytle	918 Bracken Trail Nashville, TN. 37214	615-957-6330
Rev. Robert E Picirilli	206 Stoner's Glen Court Hermitage, TN 37076	615-232-8367
Rev. Billy Walker	983 Everett Dr. Smyrna, TN 37167	615-220-1585
Rev. LeRoy Forlines	3801 Rolland St. Nashville, TN 37205	615-292-8709
Rev. Harrold Harrison	7488 Harness Dr. Nashville, TN 37221	615-673-9309
Rev. Don McDonald	P.O. Box 5002 Nashville, TN 37011	
Rev. Eddie Payne	6419 Highland Park Dr. Nashville, TN 37205	615-352-4797
Rev. Glenn Poston	6820 Hwy. 70 #306 Nashville, TN 37221	615-715-0521
Rev. David Williford	118 Cole Court Kingston Springs, TN 37082	615-353-4171
Rev. Robert Woodard	8934 Old Charlotte Pike Pegram, TN 37143	615-646-4093
Rev. Steve Greenwood	2514 Miami Ave. Nashville, TN. 37214	615-260-8328

Rev. Corey Hawkins	2204 Chance Drive Hermitage, TN 37076	615-473-3929
Rev. Curt Holland	4929 Darlington Dr. Nashville, TN 37211	615-973-9187
Rev. Ron Hunter	4605 Cather Court Nashville, TN 37214	615-351-2700
Rev. Dean Jones	2522 Miami Ave Nashville, TN 37214	615-351-2701
Rev. Doug Little	1424 Brighton Circle Old Hickory, TN 37138	615-773-3625
Rev. Mark McPeak	266 Page Dr. Mt Juliet, TN 37122	615-400-4684
Rev. Jeff Nichols	3900 Glasgow Court Old Hickory, TN 37138	615-566-0707
Rev. Aaron Pontious	6003 Port Anadarko Trail Old Hickory, TN 37138	615-390-8064
Rev. Norman Richards	205 Donelson Hills Dr. Nashville, TN 37214	615-889-5745
Rev. Don Robirds	135 Hearthstone Manor Cr Brentwood 37027	615-361-4928
Rev. Henry Van Kluyve	712 Billie Jean Circle Hermitage, TN 37076	615-884-5689
Rev. Ray Lewis	4132 Highlander Court Antioch, TN 37013	
Rev. Steve Marlin	2028 Abingdon Dr. LaVergne, TN. 37086	615-213-8380
Rev. Jeff Skiles	704 Knightsbridge Way Antioch, TN 37013	615-887-1271
Rev. Roy Harris	906 Castle Heights Ave. Lebanon, TN 37043	615-351-1425
Rev. Terry Welch	107 Apple Valley Road Lebanon, TN. 3087	615-547-7117
Rev. Lazaro Riesgo	2300 Weber Court LaVergne, TN. 37086	615-267-8684
Rev. Stanley Outlaw	3705 Princeton Ave. Nashville, TN. 37205	615-519-0371
Rev. Robert J. Morgan	2723 Pennington Bend Road Nashville, TN. 37214	615-642-5995
Rev. Garnett Reid	5216 Southfork Blvd. Old Hickory, TN. 37138	615-636-7624
Rev. Walter Ed Gragg	294 Clovernook Dr. Nashville, TN. 37210	615-885-3986

South Central Quarterly

Rev. Ed Fox	7426 Shoals Branch Rd. Primm Springs 38476	
Rev. Phil Perry	712 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Lawrenceburg, TN. 38464	
Rev. Clarence Porter	6233 Eskew Dr. Columbia, TN. 38401	
Rev. Robert Wells	604 Maynard Ln. Columbia, TN. 38401	

Western Quarterly

Rev. James Carrington	1109 Myatt Loop Rd. Burns, TN 37029	615-375-1955
Rev. Joshua Clark	60 Little Hurricane Creek Rd. McEwen, 37101	
Rev. Keith Buchanan	320 Indian Creek Rd. McEwen, TN 37101	931-582-6034
Rev. Bob Baggett	112 Brook Dr. Dickson, TN 37055	615-446-2688

**GUIDELINES FOR LICENSED MINISTERS  
IN THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION**

**I. RULES PERTAINING TO THE LICENSED MINISTER**

**A. Qualifications for the Licensee**

1. He must be a member of a church, which belongs to the Cumberland Association.

2. He must give evidence to his church that he is divinely called to preach, whereupon the local church is authorized to examine him for license. This examination should include the areas of the candidate's life, doctrine, reputation, and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. His present and prospective educational and professional qualifications should also be considered. Upon completion of such an examination, the local church shall determine whether or not to grant license.

Their ministerial license shall be valid for a period of one year, but is renewable annually.

3. He must have his license renewed annually by said church and kept in force until ordination.

**B. The Activities of the Licensee**

1. According to the general practices of Free Will Baptists, a licensed minister is urged to afford himself every opportunity to preach the Word. He is free to exercise all the privileges and responsibilities of an ordained minister with the exception of pastoring a church and officiating at the observances of the ordinances and weddings.

2. The licensee should consider the years between his receiving license and being ordained as years of study and training in preparation for his calling.

**C. His Relationship to the Presbytery**

The clerk of the church should report the names of licensed ministers to the clerk of the Presbytery who will forward a copy of these guidelines to each licensee. Licensed ministers will be eligible to hold associate membership in the Presbytery.

**II. SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION**

A. Attend Free Will Baptist Bible College if possible.

B. Seek counsel of an experienced pastor or pastors.

C. Make as thorough a study as possible of the following:

1. The Holy Bible
2. Systematic Theology
3. Homiletics
4. Pastoral Theology and Church Administration
5. Evangelism
6. Church History (especially F.W.B. history)

**III. A SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF WORK LEADING TO**

## **ORDINATION**

As soon as licensee feels that he is qualified to become a candidate for ordination, he should request a list of study questions from the Examining Committee of the Presbytery. We would strongly encourage him to proceed with his examination before entering a call to a church.

At least two months before the Examining Committee meets, he should secure the examination. He should make five copies of the completed examination (one for each member of the Committee), and send them to the Examining Committee no later than two weeks before its meeting.

Alternate: The Candidate will be given a written examination based on some of the study questions in the presence of one or more of the Committee members.

The Candidate is required to pass an oral examination administered by the Committee.

The Committee will report to the candidate on whether he passed or what area he may need additional study.

When the approved candidate has passed the examination and has received a call to a church or is engaged in some other form of Christian service that would justify his being ordained, the Committee will recommend his ordination to the Presbytery. This recommendation will usually be made only after the candidate has been licensed for one year.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERY  
OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**ARTICLE I: Name**

This organization shall be known as the Presbytery of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee.

**ARTICLE II: Purpose**

The purpose of this Presbytery shall be to promote fellowship, issue cards of good standing, provide opportunities for continuing education (such as seminars and retreats), and discipline its members.

**ARTICLE III: Membership**

The membership of this Presbytery shall consist of all ordained ministers and deacons holding cards of good standing in the Presbytery. This Presbytery may invite visiting ministers and deacons to sit in council with it in any assembly thereof. Licensed ministers in good standing with a member church of this Association are associate members of the Presbytery with no voting privileges.

**ARTICLE IV: Officers**

The officers of this Presbytery shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer, who shall be elected annually and shall serve until their successors are elected.

**ARTICLE V: Meetings**

This Presbytery shall hold annual sessions at the close of the first day's session of the Cumberland Association. Called sessions may be held at the call of the moderator, his assistant, or any five members of said Presbytery who deems it necessary, upon written notice to the membership. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

**ARTICLE VI: Committees**

The discipline committee shall consist of the moderator, clerk, chairman, or his representative from each of the Quarterly examination committees. Other committees, as they are needed, may be appointed by the moderator.

**ARTICLE VII: Amendments**

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Presbytery by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I: Ordination And Ratification**

This Presbytery shall have the responsibility to establish guideline relating to the ordination of applicants to the Gospel Ministry and ratification of the credentials of ordained ministers transferring to the Cumberland Presbytery.

### **ARTICLE II: Cards Of Standing**

This Presbytery shall issue annually cards of good standing to ministers upon the presentation of a report, in person (in case of sickness or some other legitimate reason letters may be accepted). Cards of good standing shall be issued annually to deacons upon the presentation of a letter of recommendation from their local churches. A donation of \$5 per deacon is requested.

Any minister or deacon failing to hold a card of good standing shall not have a voice in this Presbytery. Any minister having lost his card of good standing may be reinstated in this Presbytery upon the presentation of his report and who manifests a sincere interest in the work of the Lord.

Ministers who have retired or who have reached the age of retirement and have continued to manifest a sincere interest in the work of the Lord may be issued a lifetime card of good standing which they may hold as long as they hold membership in this Presbytery or as long as their conduct is unquestionable.

Ministers who are members of churches in the Cumberland Association who do not have cards of good standing do not have the approval of this body to present themselves in other Free Will Baptist meetings as a Free Will Baptist minister in good standing.

### **ARTICLE III: Discipline**

The Presbytery shall have the power to try and withdraw fellowship from any member upon evidence of guilt of unchristian conduct, or who is teaching or preaching heresy or who has proven to be disloyal to the tenets of faith as expressed in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, as held by the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists of Tennessee.

### **ARTICLE IV: Donations**

Each member of this Presbytery shall be asked to donate \$5 annually upon the presentation of his report. This fund is to be used for acquiring necessary equipment, the printing of such materials as cards of good standing, constitution and by-laws, stationary, minutes of meetings and for defraying of necessary traveling and mailing expenses, and other needs authorized by the Presbytery.

### **ARTICLE V: Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Presbytery by a two-thirds majority vote of members present.



Amended October 5, 1969  
Amended October 14, 1980  
Amended October 15, 1985

**NOT FOR PROFIT CHARTER OF  
CUMBERLAND YOUTH CAMP, INC.**

The Undersigned natural person, having capacity to contract and acting as the incorporator of the corporation under Tennessee Corporation Act, adopts the following charter for such not for profit corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is Cumberland Youth Camp, Inc.
2. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.
3. The corporation is not for profit.
4. The principal office of the corporation is the State of Tennessee shall be 2193 Happy Hill Acres Rd., Woodlawn, Tennessee.
5. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
  - (a) to provide a Christian camping experience for the youth of the churches that make up the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists;
  - (b) to evangelize and seek to win each camper to the Lord Jesus Christ;
  - (c) to stimulate growth and maturity through Bible classes, missionary and Christian service classes, Christian counseling, and through the preaching of God's Word;
  - (d) to provide healthful physical activities and recreation for each camper;
  - (e) to provide for various social activities for enjoyment and relaxation; and
  - (f) to uphold standards in modesty and dress for boys and girls.
6. Wallace Hayes, 5000 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37211, will serve as President of the corporation. Sam McVay, 3915 Franklin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37204, will serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation.
7. Marion Pettus, Route 1, Box 305-A, Woodlawn, Tennessee 37191 will serve as Registered Agent in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated Section 48-1-1201.
8. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board is nine (9), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Directors are: Wallace Hayes, 5000 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37211; Willard McCarroll, Route 2, Box 160, Joelton, Tennessee 37080; Ed Gragg, 294 Clovernook Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37210; Julian King, 1621A Russell Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37206; Tom Minnihan, Route 1, Box 180A, Southside, Tennessee 37171; Tom Scott, Route 6, Box 92, Ashland City, Tennessee 37015; Wayne Bess, Route 5, Box 97, Dickson, Tennessee 37055; Terry Boyd, Route 1, Box 164A, Ashland City, Tennessee 37015; Sam McVay, 3915 Franklin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37204. These directors shall each serve for a period of three (3) years.

9. No part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, or directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, including the publishing or distributing of, the statements of any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

10. The corporation is authorized and empowered to make provisions for implementing, conducting, and/or administering such programs, as it may consider desirable in order to accomplish its purposes as defined herein. The corporation is authorized and empowered to otherwise delegate authority to or contract with, or make provisions whereby such programs, services, and activities may be conducted, administered, or supervised by other local governmental or public agencies, private non-profit organizations and others as it deems advisable, making such financial arrangements for allocation of funds for this purpose to same as it considers desirable.

11. The corporation is empowered and authorized to receive, expend, or otherwise dispense of funds, both real and personal property as may be available from federal, state, county, municipal or other governmental authorities, including also such funds and properties which might be contributed or made available by foundations, business concerns, individuals, or others; provided, however, that the expenditures and/or disposal of such funds or properties are for the purposes which the corporation is established to perform and that adequate financial records are maintained as necessary to assure fiscal responsibility and accountability.

12. The corporation is empowered and authorized to employ and/or discharge, under such terms and conditions as they consider desirable, such personnel as required for its proper operation; and is empowered and authorized to contract with such other organizations, business concerns, or governmental agencies to perform such functions as services as may be required.

13. No part of the net earning of the corporation shall insure to the benefit of any individual, except for reasonable allowances for compensation of services actually rendered. In the event of the dissolution or the liquidation of this corporation, all of its remaining assets and property of every nature and description, if any, shall be paid over and transferred to a corporation, fund, or foundation which is qualified for exemption from taxation as an exclusively charitable or educational corporation, fund or foundation.

14. The general powers of this corporation will be:

- (a) To sue or be sued by the corporate name;
- (b) To promote the objects for which the corporation was created, and to this end, to receive any gift, devise or bequest; to hold any personal or real property, or to sell same and apply the proceeds toward the promotion of the objects of the corporation.
- (c) To borrow money to be used in payment of property bought by it, and for erecting buildings, making improvements, and for other purposes germane to the objects of its creation, and secure the repayment of the money thus borrowed by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust, upon such property, real, personal or mixed, as may be owned by it; and it may, in like manner, secure by mortgage, pledge, or deed of trust, any existing indebtedness which it may lawfully have contracted;
- (d) To do any and all things in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation not prohibited by law.

15. This corporation is not to have members.

16. The general welfare of society, not individual profit, is the object for which this chapter is granted.

I, the undersigned, hereby apply to the State of Tennessee for a charter on incorporation for the purposes declared in the forgoing instrument.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1986

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STATE OF TENNESSEE  
COUNTY OF CHEATHAM

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1986  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

## **BY-LAWS OF CUMBERLAND YOUTH CAMP, INC.**

### **ARTICLE I: Purposes and Powers**

The purpose for which this corporation, hereinafter called the "Camp", is formed, and the powers it may exercise are those set forth in the Charter of Incorporation of the Camp.

### **ARTICLE II: Directors and Officers**

**Section 1. Number and qualifications of the directors.** The business of the Camp shall be controlled by a board of eleven directors. No person shall be eligible for the office of director unless such a person is a member in good standing of a church within the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists.

**Section 2. Election of directors.** At the first annual meeting of the directors of the camp, directors shall be elected to succeed the incorporation directors. Three directors shall be elected for one year, three directors for two years, and three directors for three years, and thereafter, each director shall be elected for three years.

**Section 3. Election of officers.** The Board of Directors shall meet within 10 days after the first election and within 10 days after each annual election and shall elect by ballot a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer (or secretary/treasurer), each of whom shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor unless earlier removed by death, resignation, or for cause.

**Section 4. Vacancies.** Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, other than from the expiration of a term of office, the remaining directors shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until the next regular meeting of the members.

**Section 5. Special meetings.** A special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called by the President or by a majority of the directors. Any and all business may be transacted at a special meeting. Each call for a special meeting shall be in writing, signed by the person or persons making the same, addressed and delivered to the Secretary, and shall state the time and place of such meeting, and the matters to be acted upon.

**Section 6. Notices of Board meetings.** Notice of the regular or special meetings of directors shall be mailed to each director at least three (3) days prior to the time of such meeting, or notice may be telephoned to each director at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of such meeting.

**Section 7. Quorum.** A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

**ARTICLE III: Duties of Directors**

**Section 1. Management of business.** The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of the business and the affairs of the Camp and shall make all rules and regulations not inconsistent with law or with these by-laws for the management of the business and the guidance of the members, officers, employees and agents of the Camp.

**Section 2. Depository.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to select one or more banks to act as depositories of the funds of the Camp and to determine the manner of receiving, depositing, and disbursing the funds of the Camp and the form of checks and the person or persons by whom same shall be signed, with the power to change, such banks and the person or persons signing such checks and the form thereof at will.

**ARTICLE IV: Executive Committee**

**Section 1. Powers and duties.** The Board of Directors may in its discretion appoint from its own membership an Executive Committee consisting of the President and two other members determine their tenure of office and their powers and duties. The Executive Committee shall have such powers as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Board of Directors and these duties and powers may be all of the duties and powers of the said Board of Directors, subject to the general direction, approval, and control of the Board of Directors. Copies of the minutes of any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be mailed to all directors with seven (7) days following such meeting.

**ARTICLE V: Duties of Officers**

**Section 1. Duties of President.** The President shall (1) preside over all meetings of the Camp and of the Board of Directors, (2) call special meetings of the Board of Directors, (3) perform all acts and duties usually performed by an executive and presiding officer, and (4) sign such papers of the Camp as he may be authorized or directed to sign by the Board of Directors; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may authorize any person to sign any or all checks, contracts, and other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, the President shall employ, supervise, and dismiss all agents and employees of the Camp.

**Section 2. Duties of the Vice-President.** In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President; provided, however, that in case of death, resignation, or disability of the President, the Board of Directors may declare the office vacant and elect his successor.

**Section 3. Duties of Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the Camp and of the Board of Directors and shall have general charge and supervision of the books and records of the Camp. He shall sign all contracts with the President and such other papers pertaining to the Camp as he may be authorized or directed to sign by the Board of Directors. He shall act as Secretary of the Executive Committee. He shall make all reports required by law and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Camp or the Board of Directors. Upon the election of his successor, the Secretary shall turn over to him all books and other property belonging to the Camp that he may have in his possession. In general, under the direction of the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall be required to maintain his records and accounts in such a manner that the true and correct condition of the business may be ascertained therefrom at any time. He shall carefully preserve all books, documents, correspondence and records of whatever kind pertaining to the business which may come into his possession.

**Section 4. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall perform such duties with respect to the finances of the Camp as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI: Operating Funds**

**Expense allocation.** From the receipts of the Camp there shall be deducted the actual costs and expenses of operations, including wages, salaries, equipment, materials, or supplies, taxes, bonds and insurance, interest, repairs, depreciation, and any other costs or expenses of the Camp, and any balance shall be retained in a reserve for contingencies.

**ARTICLE VII: Amendments**

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors or at any special meeting of the members if notice of the character or the amendment(s) proposed has been given in the notice of the meeting, by the affirmative vote of a majority or more of the members present or voting by mail.