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**The 177th Session of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists**

**October 27, 2020**

**United Free Will Baptist Church**

 **784 Hwy. 46 S. Dickson, TN 37055**

**Rev. Carl Hooper**

 The Executive Board met and acted as the deciding body of the Cumberland Association in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws.

**DIRECTORY OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

# Moderator: Rev. Carl Hooper

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# Assistant Clerk: Megan Morgan

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# Southern Quarterly Moderator: Rev. Eric Puschmann

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# South Central Quarterly Moderator: Rev. Steve Swango

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# Western Quarterly Moderator: Rev. Carl Hooper

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## BOARDS OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

# INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE

Russell Houske (2021) Steve Marcum (2021)

Aaaron Harris (2022) Craig Batts (2022)

Ed Gragg (2023) Ray Lewis (2023)

Eric Simms (2024) Ed Gragg (2024)

 Steve Phillips (2025)

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Jeff Edgmon (2021) Jeff Nichols (2021)

Kip McNeal (2022) Frank Owens (2022) Mike Keel (2022)

Ken Riggs (2023) David Dell (2023)

# YOUTH CAMP

2021 David Brown Russell Houske Ashley Lockert

2022 Joshua Clark Corey Minter Mike Paxton Len Scott

2023 Margaret Hampton Steve Greenwood Patrick Layton Brandon Roysden

# TREASURERS TO WHOM FUNDS ARE SENT

**Family Ministries:** Rev. Jim McComas

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# P.O. Box 5002 Antioch, TN 37011-5002 615-731-6812

**State Home Missions:**

Send to Tennessee State Association and designate to Tennessee Home Missions

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**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

 The Cumberland Association Executive Board met at United Free Will Baptist Church in Dickson, TN on October 19, 2019.

 The executive board report was read and approved. (See pages 7-8) The Clerk’s Report for the 2018-2019 year was reviewed and approved.

 Layton gave the Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020 and presented the Proposed Budget for 2020-2021. A motion and second were made to adopt the report and proposed budget. The motion carried. (See page 13-14)

 No report was giving by the Cumberland Christian Education Board Report. 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 21)

 No report was given by the Ministerial Benevolence Board Report. The guidelines for the participation in the program can be found on page 12. 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 21)

 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 21)

 Brother Stan Coker, Camp Director, gave a Cumberland Youth Camp Report at the August Executive Board Meeting. Coker plans to create a video report to post on Facebook and YouTube. He also presented the proposed budget for 2021. A motion and second was made to accept the report and adopt the proposed budget as given; the motion was approved. (See pages 15-16 for the full report) A partial Nominating Committee report was given for the Cumberland Youth Camp. (See full report on page 21). There was a motion and second to approve the nominations; the motion carried.

 There was no report for the Cumberland District Women Active for Christ.

 The moderators of the Quarterlies (Rev. Daniel Webster – NQ, Rev. Steve Swango – SCQ, Rev. Eric Puschmann – SQ, Rev. Carl Hooper – WQ) gave reports to the body. (See pages 9-10 for the reports).

 There was no report given by the Tennessee State Promotional Director. The Tennessee State Meeting has been canceled for 2020.

 A written report was received from Brother Eddie Hodges for the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries. (See page 18 for the full report.)

 The Obituary Report was reported by the Quarterly Clerks in writing. (See full report on pages 19-20) The motion to receive the report was seconded and approved.

 Harris called for a motion to adjourn. A motion and second was made to adjourn. The meeting was closed in prayer by Brother Eric Puschmann.

**Cumberland Executive Board Report**

**October 20, 2020**

 The Executive Board met one time during 2020. The board met on August 11, 2020 at Cross Timbers Free Will Baptist Church. The members present for the meeting were Carl Hooper (Moderator), Patrick Layton (Clerk/Treasurer), Jesse Owens (Assistant Moderator), Eric Puschman (SQ via Facetime),

Daniel Webster (NQ), Megan Morgan (Assistant Clerk), and Stan Coker (Director of Cumberland Camp).

 Hooper presented the agenda for the meeting. Hooper read from Luke 22:42. We should seek the Lord’s will in all things. Hooper opened the meeting in prayer.

 The minutes of the last Executive Board Meeting were reviewed by Layton and accepted as information.

 Layton presented a Bank Reconciliation Summary of Deposits and Disbursements and Annual Financial Report for 2019-2020 to date (See full report for details). The financial report was reviewed. The report was accepted as information.

 There is no update on the Christian Education Board. Discussion ensued concerning the board, its responsibilities, funding, and other operations. Hooper will speak to Riggs concerning creating guidelines for the board.

 Coker presented the Cumberland Camp report. The camp board voted not to have summer camp this summer. The camp secured a Payroll Protection Program loan/grant and used the money to hire people to work around the camp. Olivet Free Will Baptist made a $70,000 gift and a gift of $120,000 was received from the estate of Andrew and Carlene Wilson. Coker hopes to be able to use the larger gifts for facility development. The camp currently owes $81,550.22 on the Hayes Conference Center and holds $151,214.84 in a Free Will Baptist Foundation trust account, most of which is designated toward development. The camp board is proposing to leave the 2021 budget the same as the 2020 budget. The report was approved as information.

 Hooper contacted Steve Phillips concerning the Ministerial Benevolence Board’s activity. Craig Batts, the treasurer of the board, said that the participation in the ministerial program has been low.

 The dues per church for the National will increase $25 bringing the National dues to $175. Other adjustments were made to accommodate the proposed budget numbers for 2019-2020. A motion was made by Puschman and seconded by Morgan to recommend the proposed budget to the Cumberland Association.

 Hooper spoke to Dr. Dwyer concerning the sale of the Covenant Free Will Baptist Church.

The theme for the 177th meeting will be “Finding Peace In The Storm.” The meeting will take place at Heads Free Will Baptist on October 17, 2020. The speaker for the meeting is Dr. Stanley Outlaw. There will be no lunch provided. The Presbytery will meet during the lunch. If it is decided to hold the meeting virtually, a two week notice will be sent out to the moderators and clerks of the Quarterlies in order to inform their churches.

 The item of Old Business was the sale of Covenant Free Will Baptist Church property.

The 2021 Cumberland Association Meeting will meet in the Western Quarterly on October 16, 2021.

 The Executive Board Meetings for 2021 are April 13, 2021 and August 10, 2021.

 The meeting was closed in prayer by Owens.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Layton, Clerk

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

**Saturday, October 2020**

**(\* Denotes Committee Chairman)**

# REGISTRATION AND FINANCE NOMINATING

Judson Phenicie\* Danny Dwyer\*

Joshua Colson Dwayne James

Matthew Bracey Steve Marcum

 Steve Swango

# OBITUARY RESOLUTIONS

Jacob Lute\* Wayne Bess\*

Brice Darnell Eric Puschmann

Phillip Morgan Tim McDonald

Respectfully Submitted,

Joshua Colson, Gary Lovitt, Steve Marcum, Reid Wilkerson

**QUARTERLY REPORTS**

**NORTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT**

Greetings from the 23 churches of the Northern Quarterly. Our congregations are located west of Clarksville in Woodlawn, and then as far east as Portland in Sumner County. Our southernmost church is in Davidson County, in Whites Creek, and our northernmost church is in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Here are highlights from the past 12 months:

* During our January quarterly meeting, we examined and recommended one candidate for **ordination** (JD Newland). Two ministers from other Free Will Baptist associations transferred their credentials to us (Jose Rodriguez, Stephen Beck).
* Our April and July meetings were **canceled** due to COVID-19.
* Our church plant, Immanuel FWB in Gallatin which is led by Pastor Jesse and Tiffany Owens, temporarily canceled in-person meetings during COVID-19. They have resumed regular meetings in Celorio Hall at Welch College as they search for land to purchase.
* Northern Quarterly churches remain active in **missions**. Since our last report, Annabelle Ellis from New Hope in Joelton was approved as a missionary intern to Tokyo, Japan.
* **Pleasant View Christian School** is meeting in-person this year and also offering a virtual option. According to Rusty Campbell, Head of School, the administration anticipated a 20% drop in enrollment; “however, we are currently only at a 7% decrease in enrollment with several families committed to returning for the 21-22 school year.” The Early Learning Academy (preschool) continues to remain at 100% capacity. PVCS was reaffirmed by the TN Association of Christian Schools and for their five-year accreditation. PVCS was for the third year in a row by Main Street Media as *The Best Private School in Cheatham County*, *Best Preschool in Cheatham County*, and *Best Headmaster/Principal in Cheatham County*.
* This past February at our annual **Welch College** Day, we partnered with Welch by contributing to student scholarships. On that one day, our Northern Quarterly churches raised $31,000.
* For our district **CTS competition**, 10 churches (out of 23) participated, which resulted in 111 entires in 37 different categories. Dude to COVID-19 and the cancellation of the State competition, all entries advanced to the National virtual competition.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Daniel Webster, Moderator

*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,*

*that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*

Romans 15:13 kjv

**SOUTHERN QUARTERLY REPORT**

 No Report Received

## SOUTH CENTRAL QUARTERLY REPORT

 No Report Received

## WESTERN QUARTERLY REPORT

 No Report Received

## Cumberland Association Ministerial Benevolence Board

**2019 Financial Report**

**October 19, 2019**

**Beginning Balance:**

**Cashier’s Check, closing F & M Bank Account** **7,525.50**

**Deposits:**

 TN State Association Designated Distributions 1,008.30

 Local Church Direct Contributions 150.00

 New Membership Dues 270.00

**Total Deposits: 1,428.30**

**Expenditures:**

 Clerk Payment 200.00

**Transfers:**

 Transfer to FWB Foundation Account 7,000.00

**Current Checking Account Balance: 1,753.80**

**Current FWB Foundation Balance: 13,641.05**

**Total Assets: 15,394.85**

## GUIDELINES FOR MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE BOARD

# 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.

1. **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.
2. The $35.00 fee will be placed in a special savings account for the purpose of drawing interest.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The fund shall be administered by the Ministerial Benevolence Board of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists.
8. 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**

**10/01/19 - 9/30/20**

**Beginning Checking Account Balance $6,861.35**

 **Receipts**

 Cumberland Association Dues 1,450.00

 State Association Dues 8,700.00

 National Association Dues 11,600.00

 Other Gifts 345.00

 Interest Income 93.88

 TN State Association UGMP 3,411.71

**Total Receipts $25,600.59**

**Distributions**

 TN State Association Dues 8,700.00

 National Association Dues 10,150.00

 Treasurers Fee 350.00

 Clerks Fee 350.00

 Cumberland Association CE Board 0.00

 Bank Fees 0.00

 Web Site Maintenance 144.00

 Executive Board Expense 0.00

 TN State Association UGMP\*

 Cumberland Camp 30% 1023.51

 State Office 15% 511.76

 Ministerial Benevolence Board 15% 511.76

 International Missions 10% 341.17

 TN. Home Missions 10% 341.17

 Welch College 10% 341.17

**Total Distributions $22,764.54**

**Ending Cash Balance $ 9,697.40**

\*10% of UGDP stays in Cumberland Association

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Layton, Treasurer

**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**PROPOSED BUDGET 10/01/20 – 9/30/21**

**Beginning Checking Account Balance $9,697.40**

**Receipts**

 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 $175.00) $10,500.00

 Other Gifts $ 500.00

 Interest Income $ 125.00

 TN State Association UGMP (3% coming back to Cumberland) $ 3,500.00

**Total Receipts $25,125.00**

**Distributions**

TN State Association Dues (60 churches x $150.00) $ 9,000.00

National Association Dues (60 churches x $175.00) $10,500.00

Treasurers Fee $ 350.00

Clerks Fee $ 350.00

Executive Board Expense $ 100.00

Cumberland Web Site Hosting $ 144.00

Cumberland Association CE Board $ 1,250.00

Bank Fees $ 0.00

TN State Association UGMP

 Cumberland Camp 30% $ 1,050.00

 State Office 15% $ 525.00

 Ministerial Benevolence Board 15% $ 525.00

 Don and Billie Sexton Missions Memorial Gift 10% $ 350.00

 TN Home Missions 10% $ 350.00

 Welch College 10% $ 350.00

**Total Distributions $24,844.00**

**Projected Ending Checking Account Balance $ 9,978.40**

**Cumberland Youth Camp**

 The camp board voted not to have summer camp this summer. The camp secured a Payroll Protection Program loan/grant and used the money to hire people to work around the camp. Olivet Free Will Baptist made a $70,000 gift and a gift of $120,000 was received from the estate of Andrew and Carlene Wilson. Coker hopes to be able to use the larger gifts for facility development. The camp currently owes $81,550.22 on the Hayes Conference Center and holds $151,214.84 in a Free Will Baptist Foundation trust account, most of which is designated toward development. The camp board is proposing to leave the 2021 budget the same as the 2020 budget.

Cumberland Youth Camp

2193 Happy Hills Acre Rd.

Woodlawn, TN 37191

(931)647-5111

Stan Coker, Director

**Cumberland Youth Camp**

**2018 Financial Report**

Income

Contributions

 Surplus Sales $ 2,510.00

 General Offerings $ 57,310.32

 Friends of Camp $ 29,900.74

 Designated $113,872.66

Total Contributions $203,593.72

Fee Income

 Laser Tag $ 8,610.00

 Camp Registrations $133,703.51

 Retreat Registration $ 1,015.00

 Rental Income $126,185.00

Total Fee Income $269,513.51

Operations

 Canteen Income $ 9,598.00

 Miscellaneous $ 2,780.70

Total Operations Income $12,378.70

Grand Total Income $485,485.93

Expenses

Building and Grounds $107,019.05

Office Expense $ 20,928.20

Salary and Benefits

 Director $ 64,062.34

 Camp Manager $ 16,058.35

 Seasonal help $ 770.00

Total Salary and Benefits $80,890.69

Mileage $ 6,102.33

Camp Expenses $ 78,936.27

Retreat Expenses $ 2,567.66

Rental Expenses $ 39,811.19

Canteen Expenses $ 7,441.20

Transfer to fund balances $116,384.21

Grand Total Expenses $460,080.80

Net Income $ 25,405.13

**Cumberland Youth Camp**

**Proposed 2021 Budget**

Income

Contributions

 Surplus Sales $ 1,650.00

 General Offerings $59,000.00

 Friends of Camp $33,000.00

Total Contributions $93,650.00

Fee Income

 Laser Tag $ 8,500.00

 Camp Registrations $135,000.00

 Retreat Registration $ 2,750.00

 Rental Income $130,000.00

Total Fee Income $276,250.00

Operations

 Canteen Income $ 9,000.00

 Miscellaneous $ 100.00

Total Operations Income $ 9,100.00

Grand Total Income $379,000.00

Expenses

Building and Grounds $110,330.00

Office Expense $22,000.00

Salary and Benefits

 Director $68,086.00

 Camp Manager $17,066.00

 Seasonal Help $ 3,600.00

 Christmas Bonus $ 650.00

Total Salary and Benefits $89,402.00

Mileage $ 7,000.00

Camp Expenses $80,400.00

Retreat Expenses $ 2,750.00

Rental Expenses $41,000.00

Canteen Expenses $ 7,600.00

Grand Total Expenses $360,482.00

Net Income $ 18,518.00

**Cumberland District Women Active for Christ**

 **No Report Was Given**

**2020 Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Report**

 Free Will Baptist Family Ministries had a fruitful year in its various ministry efforts.

 This summer, our Hope Center using its ultrasound machine enlightened two expectant women to give birth to their developing babies. The ministry is still working to complete the Honeysuckle Studios our maternity home. It also operates the Door of Hope an extension of our Hope Center in Erwin, TN.

 Our children’s ministry is continuing to care for an average of 125 children every day. Brother Jim McComas had an afternoon Bible study with the teenage boys on our Camp Creek campus and baptized a number of them. We have seen decisions made for Christ at each of our homes. We rejoice in every person who has prayed to receive Christ.

 The Covid virus has certainly had its effect on our operations. Our assisted living facilities care for 125 older residents daily. We have several retired Free Will Baptist preachers and their wives at our facility. Talmadge and Velma Brown and John and Doris Gibbs. We are thankful for the staff who minister to the whole person.

 The first of December the ministry will start a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation program. Please pray for a successful start up to that ministry. Free Will Baptist Family Ministry employs over 200 people and has the largest operating budget of any Free Will Baptist ministry. Please keep the ministry in your prayers and help us with your financial support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eddie Hodges

Free Will Baptist Field Representative of the Cumberland Association

Tennessee State Promotional Director

No Report Received

Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists

**Obituary Report October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020**

**Northern Quarterly**

 Bonnie Cannon Bethlehem

 John Cross Bethlehem

 Jerry Gill Bethlehem

 Beverly Tansil Bethlehem

 Edna Lee Boyd Friendship

 Johnny Cagle Friendship

 Billy Glenn Cothran Friendship

 Rosa Lee Dickey Garcia Friendship

 Herschel Ellis Nipper Sr. Friendship

 Eldridge Perry Friendship

 Marvis (Rabbit) Perry Friendship

 Larry Lee Goodsprings

 Ronnie Shore Goodsprings

 Dorothy Bratcher Lakeview

 Lorene Francen New Hope

 Paul Hopson New Hope

**South Central Quarterly**

 Clemmie Buttery Berean

 Olivia Blalock Faith

 Vickie Locke Faith

 Mary Dean Stutts Flatwoods

 Ruby Adamas (Lauritzen) Loyal Chapel

 Troy Bowers Loyal Chapel

 Bobbie Counts Loyal Chapel

 Danny Gammon Loyal Chapel

 James Roberts Loyal Chapel

 Melba Wells Loyal Chapel

**Southern Quarterly**

 Brenda Britton Cane Ridge

 Tommy Peyton Cane Ridge

 Vize Dotson Donelson

 Vic Dowlen Donelson

 Patsy Fleming Donelson

 Joyce Jackson Donelson

 Bill Lazenby Donelson

 Katrina Morgan Donelson

 Kelly Roberson Donelson

 John Ruch Donelson

 Robert Williams Donelson

 Burt Phillips LaVergne

 Maggie Denney Madison

 Trinity Thompson Madison

 Beecher Clark Richland

 Kenneth Daugherty Richland

 Sarah Sharp Richland

 Elizabeth Sutherland Richland

 Bobbie Throneberry Richland

**Western Quarterly**

 Jerry Crotts First Dickson

 Gladys Woods First Waverly

 Shirley Sessler Miller’s Chapel

 Tommy Minniehan Miller’s Chapel

 Edna Earhart Pleasant Hill

 Mildred Mayberry Patterson Rock Springs

 Larry King Rock Springs

 Walter Proctor United

## REGISTRATION AND FINANCE REPORT

There was no report due to the meeting being canceled.

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no resolutions due to the meeting being canceled and none submitted by the Quarterly Meetings to the Executive Board.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the nominating committee, submit the following report.

**Cumberland Camp Board:**

Margaret Hampton replacing Margaret Hampton (2023)

Steve Greenwood replacing Steve Greenwood (2023)

Patrick Layton replacing Patrick Layton (2023)

Brandon Roysden replacing Brandon Roysden (2023)

**Christian Education Board:**

Ken Riggs replacing Ken Riggs (2023)

David Dell replacing Josh Clark (2023)

**Ministerial Benevolence Board:**

Steve Phillips replacing Steve Phillips (2025)

**International Missions Board:**

Eric Sims replacing Ronald Mashburn (2024)

Respectfully Submitted: Joshua Colson, Gary Lovitt, Steve Marcum, Reid Wilkerson

## QUARTERLY CLERKS

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## CUMBERLAND QUARTERLIES YEAR IN REVIEW

 (N) (SC) (S) (W) Totals

Churches 23 7 15 14 59

Churches reporting 12 5 10 14 41

City Churches 4 3 8 3 18

Rural Churches 8 2 2 10 22

Full-time Ministers 11 3 6 11 31

Bi-Vocational Ministers 1 2 2 2 7

Ordained Ministers 39 6 32 17 94

Licensed Ministers 4 1 2 4 11

Ordained Deacons 45 8 20 35 108

Membership 2512 317 901 235 3,965

Baptisms 37 3 1 17 58

Members Added 50 7 27 22 106

Members lost 23 14 32 7 76

Churches W/ Budget 9 0 4 6 19

Parsonages 7 0 2 5 14

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 982 72 996 272 2,322

Value of Churches and Parsonages:

 Northern: $16,364,000.00 Southern: $ 7,140,078.00

 South Central: None Reported Western: $ 1,844,000.00

 Total: $25,348,078.00

Churches Income:

Northern: $2,415,172.28 Southern: $ 2,174,449.15

South Central: None Reported Western: $ 236,494.81

 Total: $ 4,826,116.24

## NORTHERN QUARTERLY

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David and Angie Outlaw Family

Jonathan and Amy Postlewaite Family

Josh and Lydia Provow Family

Steve and Becky Riggs Family

Daniel and Katie Speer Family

Matthew and Brooke Turnbough Family

**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

**Minutes of the Presbytery**

**of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists**

**October 20, 2018**

 Rev. Dwayne James, moderator, called the meeting to order. He welcomed his fellow ministers and thanked them for attending the meeting.

 Rev. James recognized Rev. Craig Batts, clerk/treasurer, for his reports. Rev. Batts presented the minutes from the 2017 meeting. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive the report. Rev. Batts presented the financial report. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive the report. Rev. Batts reminded the membership that each minister must submit an individual ministerial report to the presbytery in order to receive a card of good standing.

 Rev. James then opened the floor for officer nominations. Rev. Batts was nominated to serve as the clerk/treasurer. No other nominations were presented. Rev. Batts was elected. Rev. Frank Owens was nominated to serve as the assistant moderator. No other nominations were presented. Rev. Owens was elected. Rev. James recognized Rev. Batts to receive nominations for moderator. Rev. Dwayne James was nominated to serve as the moderator. No other nominations were presented. Rev. James was elected.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Batts

Clerk

**Presbytery of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists**

**Financial Report – October 19, 2019**

Beginning Balance (11/1/18): 4566.52

Deposits:

2018 220.00

2019 570.00

Total Deposits: 790.00

Expenditures:

Postage 77.00

Clerk/Treasurer Payment 275.00

Total Expenditures: 352.00

Current Balance: 5004.52

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**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

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF CHEATHAM

Sworn to and subscribed before me this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 1986

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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 is 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.