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Big Sandy Yearly Conference of Freewill Baptist, Saturday Oct. 12, 1901.

The Council met at the Walnut Grove Freewill Baptist Church in order to organize a yearly conference, known as the Big Sandy Yearly Meeting of the Freewill Baptist. Elders S. H. Norman of Charleston, W. Va., Dell Upton of Waterloo, W. Va., and Timothy Murphy of Griffithsville, W. Va. composed the council. The House was called to order by Chairman Eld. Murphy, then Elder Alva Crabtree took the stand and delivered an able address on the rise and progress of the denomination after which the constitution prior to 1892 was adopted. The hand of fellowship was given by Elder Upton, prayer of consecration by the chairman.

J. Milt Hicks was elected clerk and H. B. Conley Treasurer, Chas. Murphy was chosen to do Evangelistic work during this conference year.

J. Milt Hicks, Chas. Murphy and T. S. Williams was appointed to draft by laws for the yearly meeting.

Adjourned until night. Preaching by Eld. D. Upton.

Title of Text, "Oneness in Christ"; after sermon some business was transacted then adjourned until Sunday 10 o'clock.

Preaching by Eld. Alva Crabtree: Subject, Purpose of Human Existence. Adjourned until 2 p. m.

Eld. D. Upton delivered the charge to the Y. M. It was a splendid oration and very instructive—quite a treat to the congregation as well as the delegates. Revs. C. C. Rose and Naoman Borders were duly set apart to preach the gospel. The first session of the Y. M. will be held with the Johnson county Q. M., Sept., first Friday and Saturday, 1901*.

Closed according to order.

J. M. Hicks, Clerk

*This apparently should be 1902.