

MINUTES
OF THE
John Thomas Association
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST
TWENTY-FIRST SESSION
HELD WITH
Clinch View Church, Cleveland, Va.
SEPTEMBER 9-12, 1943

The next session will meet with the Dunham Church, Dunham, Ky.,
beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in September.

W. R. BISE, Mod., CARL SAULS, Treas., EVERETT JOHNSON, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1943, 11 A. M.

Introductory sermon: Sister A. H. Dye and Bro. Everett Rasnake. Lesson read by Sister Dye, part of 6th Chapter of Daniel. Prayer by Bro. Kyle Hubbard. Text: 16th Psalm, 1st Verse. Closed by song until 2:00 p. m.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER, 9, 1943, 2:00 P. M.

Conference opened with songs, E. C. Kiser having charge of same. Read lesson. Read part of 8th Chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. Willard Martin.

The first item of business was the nomination of a Moderator. Bro. W. R. Bise was elected Moderator. He assumed the duty of the office by taking the chair and proceeding with the election of a Clerk and Treasurer. Everett Johnson was elected Clerk by acclamation. Carl Sauls was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation.

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

From Dickenson County

Lige Bise	Brownlaw Grizzle	Geo. Lambert
Dona Bise	Jesse Mae	Jane Reedy
Tivis Counts	Everett Johnson	S. S. Sutherland
Arthur Counts	H. L. Kiser	Lila Salyers

From New Durm

M. F. Hess	Bertha Stevens	Jannie Whited
Lula Hess	J. F. Stevens	J. W. Wilson
E. R. Rasnake	Walter Whited	Grover Wilson
Mary A. Rasnake	Neomia Whited	Hazel Wilson

From Letcher County

Lester Able

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS PRESENT

Dickenson County

W. R. Bise	Willard Martin	C. E. Reedy
E. C. Kiser		

From New Durm

Roda Dye	G. W. Lester	J. C. Rasnake
Goman Keely	W. E. Rasnake	Lee Wilson

VISITING MINISTERS

Hubbard Kyle

C. E. Spencer

It was moved and seconded for the Moderator to appoint all committees. The following were appointed to serve during this Association:

PULPIT COMMITTEE

M. F. Hess	T. F. Stevens	Walter Whited
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BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Willard Martin	C. E. Reedy	J. C. Rasnake
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COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION

Lester Able	T. R. Counts	W. E. Rasnake
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By move and second this conference stands adjourned until Friday, September 10, 9:00 a. m.

Preaching, Thursday, 3:00 p. m., by Bro. Kyle Hubbard, and Bro. Willard Martin. Lesson read, 6th Chapter of Galatians. Text: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Preaching service, Thursday night, 8:30 p. m. by Bro. C. E. Spencer and Bro. W. R. Bise. Lesson read, 23rd Psalm. Prayer: Bro. E. C. Kiser.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, 9:00 A. M.

Conference opened by a song. Lesson read, 8 verses of 48th Psalms, by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. W. E. Rasnake. Moderator calls for Quarterly Meeting Reports.

DICKENSON COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

To the Twenty-First Session of the John Thomas Freewill Baptist Association which will convene with the Clinchview Church at Cleveland, Va., beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1943.

Greetings: We, the Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting met with the Ferbie Church in regular session on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1943, and appointed the following delegates from each Church to represent us in this Association. They are as follows:

Clinchco Church: Everett Johnson, Mae Jessee. Counts Chapel, Cold Springs: Tivis Counts, Brownlaw Grizzle, Goble Rose, Sholar McCoy. Charley Chapel: Malisia Lane, Medford Lane. Camp Creek: Cora Tompkins, Fannie Mullins. Duncan Gap: Not represented. Ferbis Church: Charlie Meade, Cumbo Powers. Freemont: Not represented. Fleming Town Church: Estes Fleming, Osa Fleming. Middle Branch: Ruben Lambert, Homer Kiser, George Sutherland, Sam Sutherland. George's Fork Church: Roosevelt Browning. Hurbert Hollow Church: George Hubbard, Barnie Collins. Philadelphia: Willie Beverly, Alden Carico. Honey Camp: James Rose, Farlie Rose, Maude Rose. Peuther Chapel: Lige Bise, Dona Bise, James Bise, Jane Reedy. Hamilton Chapel: U. S. G. Meade. Lick Fork: Emma Browning, Nell Hughes. Pine Grove: Not represented. Mill Creek Church: Stallard Lambert, Wesley Spencer, Elmer Kenady. Rugsby: Lila Salyers, Emory Dingus, Mrs. Emory Dingus. Rachel's Chapel: Not represented. Tarpon: Maxie Holbrook, Grady Phillips. Union Light: J. Lee Dotson. Valley View: John Keith.

Our standing is as follows: Churches, 4; membership, 132; ordained ministers, 8; day schools, 8; number on roll Sunday school, 600; average attendance Sunday school, 475; value of Church property, \$18,700.00; ordained ministers, 32; licentiates, 1. Done and signed by order of the Quarterly Meeting.

WILLARD MARTIN, Moderator

W. R. BISE, Assistant Moderator

N. H. STANLEY, Clerk

CLINTON LAMBERT, Assistant Clerk

LETCHER COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

To the John Thomas Freewill Baptist Association, with the Clinchview Church, from the 9th to the 12th of September, 1943. Greetings, We, the Letcher County Conference met with the Marchel's Branch Church from August 20th to 22th, 1943. We appointed the following delegates to represent us in the Association. They are as follows:

Lester Able

Cora Able

Otto Bentley

Taylor Bentley

Maggie Blevins

Pauline Byrd

W. R. Byrd

Hobart Castle

Ballard Delaney

Marie Delaney

Rose Elswick

Haskem Hayes

Melvin Kellens

Lena McPeeks

Lunna Madden

Robert Madden

Evert Potter

Nola Short

Vergie Swindal

Stanford Swindal

Mary Thomas

Willie Thomas

Vernon Webb

Peery Wright

We ask for the next Association. Our standing is as follows: Churches, 8; Church membership, 334; Sunday Schools, 5; average attendance Sunday School, 450; ordained ministers, 28 ministers in good standing.

J. W. DINGUS, Moderator

JOHNNY SYKES, Clerk

NEW DURM QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

Greetings: We, the New Durm Quarterly Meeting, now in session, do appoint our dearly beloved brothers and sisters to represent us in the John Thomas Associa-

tion which convenes with the Clinchview Church on September 9, 10, 11, 12, 1943. They are as follows:

M. F. Hess	I. F. Stevens	Ruffice Whited
Guss Hess	Bertha Stevens	Naomi Whited
Jessie Hess	Walter Whited	Grover Wilson
Lula Hess	Jennie Whited	Hazel Wilson
Mary A. Rasnake	Sarah Whited	Jake Wilson
E. R. Rasnake	Rachel Whited	Edith Wilson
Alta Rasnake	Burie Whited	

Our standing is as follows: Churllhes, 4; membership, 132; ordained ministers, 8; licentiatees, 3; value of church property, \$2,500.00. We are all in good standing. We desire the prayers of all God's children.

BRO. J. C. RASNAKE, Moderator

MRS. A. H. DYE, Clerk

Quarterly Meeting reports were read by Clerk. By move and second these reports were read and passed good. Letcher County's letter of dismissal cancelled. The Letcher County Quarterly Meeting was accepted back into the John Thomas Association. By secret vote it was voted that no changes be made in the By-Laws of the Johnson Thomas Association. Conference stands adjourned until 2:00 p. m.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE, 11:00 A. M.

Preaching service 11:00 a. m. by Bro. Clyde Reedy and Bro. E. C. Kiser. Prayer: Bro. J. C. Rasnake. Lesson: 6th Chapter of Ephesians. Text: 11th Verse. Also read a part of the 5th Chapter of Galatians, beginning with the 16th Verse.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00 P. M.

Conference opened with a song. Lesson read by Moderator, 13 verses of 17th Chapter of St. John. Prayer by Bro. J. C. Rasnake. Moderator calls for reports from business committee.

COMMITTEE ON NEXT SESSION

We, the committee on next session, do agree to give the next Association to Dunham Church, Letcher County, Ky.

Signed: TIVIS COUNTS, W. E. RASNAKE, G. L. ABLE.

1. We, the business committee, wish to recommend that our By-Laws and Constitution stand as recorded, and that all ministers, church officers and members be urged to study them prayerfully that we as a church may begin to realize more fully the spirit and purpose of them that we as an association, in cooperation with all other Christian believers may advance the cause of Christ to the salvation of ourselves and our people.

2. Inasmuch as Satan's evil wiles for dragging our people into sin and unbelief are apparently becoming more and more effective every day, therefore we recommend that every church in our conference as soon as possible have two or more services per month.

3. We recommend that the pastors read and explain the Church Covenant regularly that the church may know its duty.

J. C. RASNAKE

WILLARD MARTIN

C. E. REEDY

Report of Business Committee passed and accepted.

Moderator appoints Ordaining Councils over the Quarterly Meetings. They are as follows:

Dickenson County: E. C. Kiser, Alex Thompson, W. R. Bise.

Letcher County: Albert Dingus, C. W. Isom, J. W. Dingus.

New Drum: J. C. Rasnake, A. H. Dye, W. E. Rasnake.

The Moderator also appointed the following Evangelists for the coming year.

They are as follows:

Dickenson County: E. C. Kiser, Willard Martin.

New Durm: J. C. Rasnake, A. H. Dye, W. E. Rasnake.

The Association empowered the Clerk to draw on Treasury for the Minutes. It was agreed to reduce the number of Minutes from 1200 to 1000. The Moderator appointed Bro. Albert Dingus and Bro. Monroe Hubbard to preach a doctrinal sermon at the end of next session, Saturday evening before the second Sunday in September, 1944.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE, 3:30 P. M.

Preaching by Bro. J. C. Rasnake and Bro. Willard Martin. Lesson read: 12 verses of 22nd Chapter of Revelations. Text: 12th Verse, 22nd Chapter of Revelations. Prayer by Bro. Starling Boyd. Adjourned 'til Saturday morning, 9:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE, 8:30 P. M.

Preaching by Bro. C. E. Spencer, Bro. Willard Martin, Bro. E. C. Kiser. Lesson read: 1st Chapter Acts, 14 Verses. Prayer by Bro. Clyde Reedy. Text: 11th Verse of the 1st Chapter of Acts. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ben. Kennedy.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, MORNING SESSION, 9:30 A. M.

Conference opened with songs. Lesson read by Moderator, 17 verses of the 1st Chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. Palmer Sutherland. Moderator calls for unfinished business.

We, the Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting, ask the Association to give us Bro. E. C. Kiser and Bro. Willard Martin for evangelists for the coming year.

The Moderator appointed the following corresponding messengers to represent the Association as follows:

Clinch Valley Association—Meets on Thursday before 2nd Sunday in August, 1944, R. R. Station, Fort Blackmore Church, Midway P. O., Verdie, Va., J. C. Rasnake, Willard Martin, W. R. Bise.

Sandy Valley Association—Meets on Thursday before 4th Sunday in August, 1944, at the Linkous Chapel, North Tazewell, Va., E. C. Kiser, T. R. Counts, Walter Whited, M. F. Hess.

Southwest Virginia Association—C. E. Reedy, Corbette Deel, Noah Stanly, meets in May, 1944.

This conference stands adjourned 'til next session beginning Thursday before second Sunday in September, 1944. Moved and adjourned by prayer.

SATURDAY, 11:00 A. M. SERVICE

Preaching by Bro. W. E. Rasnake and Sister A. H. Dye. Lesson: 2nd Chapter, 1st Peter. Prayer by Bro. Willard Martin.

SATURDAY EVENING, 2:00 P. M. SESSION

Opened with song. Lesson read by Moderator: 46th Psalm. Prayer: Bro. T. R. Counts. No business. Conference adjourned to meet at Dunham, Ky., Letcher County, on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1944.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE, 3:00 P. M.

Doctrinal sermon preached by Willard Martin. Text: 24th Verse of the 16th Chapter of Matt. Dismissed by Bro. J. C. Rasnake.

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICES, 8:00 P. M.

Preaching by Sister W. L. Counts and Sister Rhoda Dye. Prayer by Bro. W. L. Counts. Lesson read: 3rd Chapter of Ephesians.

SUNDAY SERVICES, 11:00 A. M.

Preaching by Rev. J. C. and W. E. Rasnake. Lesson read by J. C. Rasnake: 3rd Chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Sister Rhoda Dye. Text: 8th Verse of lesson read.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

W. R. Bise was elected Moderator of the Ministers' Conference and Everett John-

son was elected Clerk. Modertor calls for ministers' reports. They are as follows:

REPORT OF DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Dickenson County Ministers' Conference met with the Ferbie Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1943, and organized by electing Willard Martin as Modertor, W. R. Bise as Assistant Moderator, N. H. Stanley, Clinton Lambert as Assistant Clerk. Number of ministers present, ten. They are as follows:

W. R. Bise	Clyde Reedy	Henry Smith
Asa Hayes	Josh Rose	Creed Stanley
E. C. Kiser	E. M. Rose	Alex Thompkins
Willard Martin		

By move and second the above mentioned, their characters were passed as good.

Ministers not present, as follows:

J. D. Adkins	G. W. Ham	E. A. Reedy
Alden Carico	W. R. Johnson	Troy Robinson
Dodge Coleman	Vernon Kiser	John St. Clair
J. E. Cox	B. C. Lane	D. L. Smith
S. P. Davis	Thurston Meade	Emory Vanover
Earl Dotson	George Mooney	Ralph Whisenhunt
T. M. Dotson	Monroe Mullins	Bill Willis
W. D. Hawkins	Elbie Mullins	Homer Willis
Floyd Hill		

The above named, theirs character were passed as good.

The following were to be reprimanded:

B. C. Lane	J. W. Horn	Ralph Whisenhunt
George Mooney	Floyd Hill	J. D. Adkins
Monroe Mullins	Troy Robinson	Elbie Mullins
Thurston Meade		

By a move and second the characters of the absent ministers stands as they were at the last quarterly meeting. By a move and second the following were ordered dropped:

C. W. Wells, moved membership to Wise County Conference; Floyd Cantrell, W. T. Bise.

There being no further business before this conference, by a move and second it stands adjourned 'til Saturday, before the fourth Sunday in July, 1944.

Signed by order of the Conference:

WILLARD MARTIN, Moderator

H. R. BISE, Assistant Moderator

N. H. STANLY, Clerk

CLINTON LAMBERT, Assistant Clerk

REPORT OF LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Letcher County Ministers' Conference organized Saturday evening by electing J. W. Dingus Modertor and Johnny Sykes as Clerk. All ministers' characters were voted on and passed as good. The following were present:

J. P. Banks	C. L. Graham	L. D. Mayham
A. L. Dingus	Monroe Hubbard	Ersol McPeeks
Albert Dingus	C. W. Isom	D. D. Moore
J. W. Dingus	V. C. Mannis	J. I. Terry

The following were absent:

Worley Baldwin	E. P. Gipson	Hobort Spriggs
H. H. Blackburn	Jesse Hale	Luther Strouth
Jimmie Collier	Jimmie Martin	Marion Strunk
C. C. Flanary	F. M. Rose	James Wright
Mark Gardner		

J. W. DINGUS, Moderator

JOHNNY SYKES, Clerk

REPORT OF NEW DURM MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The New Durm Ministers' Conference was organized at the Fuller's Chapel Church by electing J. C. Rasnake Moderator, Mrs. A. H. Dye Clerk. The following ministers were present:

A. H. Dye

J. C. Rasnake

Lee Wilson

Rhoda Dye

The following were absent:

Henry Ball

R. S. Ball

Gonie Kelly

M. P. Ball

Joe Gilbert

W. E. Rasnake

Licentiate ministers, one.

All the ministers characters were examined and passed good.

Signed:

J. C. RASNAKE, Moderator

(MRS.) A. H. DYE, Clerk

MINISTERS' REPORTS

J. W. Dingus: Sermons preached, 19; conversions witnessed, several; burials attended, 1; prayer services held, 60; miles traveled, 534; total amount received from old sources, \$69.25.

E. C. Kiser: Churches pastored, evangelist; sermons preached, 150; revivals held, 3; conversions witnessed, 45; number baptized, 25; burials attended, 12; memorials held, 8; prayer services held, 60; churches organized, 1; total amount received from all sources, \$120.00.

Homer E. Willis: Churches pastored, 1 full time, 1 assistant; sermons preached, 156; revivals held, 5; conversions witnessed, about 60; number baptized, 15; burials attended, 12; memorials held, 2; prayer services held, 68; couples married, 4; miles traveled, approximately 1000; total amount received from all sources, approximately \$200.00.

Willard Martin: Churches pastored, 4; sermons preached, 100; revivals held, 1; conversions witnessed, 25; number baptized, 36; burials attended, 10; memorials held, 5; miles traveled, 1,500; total amount received from all sources, \$5.00.

C. E. Rudy: Churches pastored, 3; sermons preached, about 125; revivals held, 4; conversions witnessed, about 50; number baptized, about 30; burials attended, 4; memorials held, 1; prayer services held, about 30; churches organized, 1; Sunday schools organized, 1; miles traveled, about 3,000; total amount received from all sources, about \$20.00.

W. R. Bise: Churches pastored, 4; sermons preached, 120; revivals held, worked in 2; conversions witnessed, 21; number baptized, 3; burials attended, 2; memorials held, 4; prayer services held, 15; churches organized, 1; miles traveled, 500; total amount received from all sources, \$41.00.

J. C. Rasnake: Sermons preached, 80; revivals held, 8; conversions witnessed, 5; burials attended, 10; memorials held, 8; miles traveled, 600; total amount received from all sources, \$90.00.

Lee Wilson: Churches pastored, 1; sermons preached, 50; conversions witnessed, of some; number baptized, 4; burials attended, 1; prayer services held, 50; miles traveled, 400.

A. H. Dye: Churches pastored, 3; sermons preached, 57; conversions witnessed, several; number baptized, 9; burials attended, 1; memorials held, 1; miles traveled, 1,000; total amount received from all sources, \$15.00.

Rhoda Dye: Churches pastored, 3; sermons preached, 63; conversions witnessed, several; number baptized, 9; burials attended, 2; memorials held, 1; miles traveled, 1,000.

2. The object of the Ministerial Conference is to discuss points of doctrine and examine the Christian character of the ministers.

3. All ministers in the John Thomas Yearly Meeting are requested to attach themselves to the Ministers' Conference and must be governed by the rules and regulations of the Ministers' Conference.

4. All ministers belonging to the Conference are required to report themselves to the Conference annually, either in person or by letter or both.

5. All ministers failing to report for two years in succession without a reasonable excuse shall be reprimanded, and if they still disregard this requirement they may be dismissed from the Conference.

6. All ministers moving to another Yearly Meeting shall take a letter of dismission and commendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Yearly Meeting where they move.

THE MINISTRY

1. No member of our connection shall be at liberty to take upon himself the public ministry of the Word, unless he feels divinely called, and make report of the same to the church to which he belongs, and if the church shall be satisfied with his qualifications, and call of such person, then she may grant said person the liberty to exercise his or her gifts by exhortation for twelve months.

2. If they prove satisfactory to the church, they shall be recommended to the Quarterly Meeting, if satisfactory to same, may license said applicants or recommend them to the Ordaining Council, and shall be ordained if proven satisfactory to the Council.

3. The Ordaining Council must be appealed by the Yearly Meeting. Three ordained ministers from each Quarterly Meeting shall serve for a period of twelve months. Any three may transact the business of examining the applicants for ordination.

4. When a minister of another denomination wishes to unit with the Freewill Baptist Church, he or she must first join this church. Then the proceedings are the same as with licentiates.

5. Any ministers leaving the Freewill Baptist Church and desiring to be reinstated shall be dealt with as though they had never belonged to the church.

6. If a minister becomes disorderly, or preaches a doctrine contrary to the Freewill Baptist faith, the minister may at once be called to question by the church offended. They must be given a fair and impartial trial, by evidence mainly by the Freewill Baptist members; if the charges shall be sustained, they shall be dealt with as follows:

The churches have the exclusive right to deal with the ministers under their care.

If the charges are against a licentiate, it must be reported to the Quarterly Meeting, and their decision shall be final.

If the charges are against an ordained minister, then the Quarterly Meeting shall report to, or call the ordaining council together, and they shall try the case, and their decision shall be final.

7. Any ordained minister of the Freewill Baptists may serve the church in the absence of the pastor, in every Gospel order required of him by the church.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. I Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and dead.—I Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; Acts 24:15; I John 2.2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father, through his dear Son, unto the World, who quickened and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:b; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:27; John 3:15-17; I Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but is the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I John 5:1, 10.

7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability must be born again. Then by trusting His promise and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved.—II Tim. 4-7.

8. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallably true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

9. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the Gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

10. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father of the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impression of His Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:17; St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

11. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:14; II Peter 2:1; II Thess. 2:11; Rom. 2:19-21.

12. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and that none of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God."—I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 19:14.

13. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:3; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

14. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

15. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice further that He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

16. We believe as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet; anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise of God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-7; Jas. 5:14.

17. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

18. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; II Cor. 5:10.

19. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

OBITUARIES

FLORIDA BAKER DINGUS

It is with a sad heart I attempt to write the obituary of a dear sister, Florida Baker Dings. Born February 20, 1896; died February 25, 1943. She was married to Luther Dings August 1, 1912. To this union was born seven children, four boys and three girls, and two of them preceded her to the tomb. She professed a hope in Christ 15 years before and lived a faithful Christian until death. She leaves husband, children, father, mother, sisters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by

MADELL DINGUS, Sister-in-law.

ROBERT COY STALLARD

the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stallard was born July 3, 1906. Died Sept. 25, 1943, at Clinchco, Va. Age 37 years, 3 months and 22 days. He was married to Miss Judy Turner Feb. 29, 1928. He was the father of two sons, Robert Lee and James Ralph. He was converted to Christ some several years ago.

Coy was a good husband, loving father and a precious friend toward all. He was known far and wide for his unique anxiety to assist and aid anyone who was in trouble or needed help. He is survived by his good wife, 2 sons, father, step-mother, 4 brothers, 1 sister and 1 half sister.

Brother Coy has gone on to rest with God and the Heavenly host never again to suffer or to be tired.

MRS. J. W. ADDINGTON

In the passing of my good wife, Mrs. Jane Greene Addington, one of the very finest, best and sweetest Christian souls ever to live on earth at any time went away.

She was born February 11, 1893, near Wise, Va., the daughter of Rev. E. M. and Fannie Greene. She was reared in a Godly home by Christian parents. Her father, a respected and beloved mountain preacher; her mother, one of the most devoted and lovely saints ever known.

Mrs. Addington and I were married October 29, 1913. She was the mother of nine children. Two of her babies, Mary Maxie and Virginia Pauline preceded her to the Home beyond. Her father and mother, two brothers and one sister went before her to Heaven. She is survived by husband, seven children, two sons and five daughters, one brother and three sisters.

She was converted to Christ and the Christian religion before marriage at an early age. Her Christ and her duty toward Him was the first and most cherished reality of her beautiful life. She was a sweet and precious wife if ever there was one. She was more than a wife. She was a preachers wife. Never discouraging or rejecting even once in her lifetime the call or work of her minister husband. Regardless of how trying or hard the circumstances under which a call would come for the husband to go from home in service to others, she would always be first to say: "Go, darling, and be obedient to the work of your ministry. God will provide for you, myself and babies." And God did provide. She died February 3, 1943, at her home in Clinchco, Va.

Here's my tribute again to one of the sweetest mothers ever to live, and the reason I am so frank to make that assertion: For 30 years I lived with her as my wife and as the mother of my darling sweet children. Not one night of all that thirty years did that good mother and wife go to bed at night but that she got down on her knees by the bedside and prayed to God for her husband, family and friends. It takes a good woman to do that. Mrs. Addington was a precious, sweet Christian woman. As the result of her Godly life her entire family, every member of it, are Christians and on the way to meet her again some wonderful day. Not one of my children, today, not even the baby one would dare go to bed at night without first kneeling in prayer, as Mother did before them.

Darling Wife and Mother, it's lonely, oh so lonely without you, and we miss you so much. But we are still praising God for your noble life, and some day we promise, each of us, to see you there on that home above where we know you are waiting for us.

REV. J. W. ADDINGTON AND CHILDREN.

CHURCH INFORMATION SHEET

Church	No. Mem.	Church Time	Pastors	Ass't Pastors	Clerk and Address
Camp Creek	18	1st Sun., Sat. night before	Thurston Meade	Elbie Mullins	Emet Knowels, Norland, Va.
Charlie's Chapel	35	2nd Sun., Sat. night before	Henry Smith	Charlie Mullins	James Slemph, Coeburn, Va.
Clinchco	96	2nd Sun., Sat. Night	Clyde Reedy, E. M. Rose, W. R. Bise		Mac Jessie, Clinchco, Va.
Cold Springs	19	3rd Sun., Sat. before	Clyde Reedy		
Counts Chapel	50	2nd Sun., Sat. before	Willard Martin, W. R. Bise		Pearl Counts, Nealy Ridge, Va.
Duncan Gap	25	2nd Sun., Sat. before	Q. B. Lane	Emory Vanover	Add. Hale, Wise, Va.
Fleming Town	27	4th Sun., Sat. before	Thurston Meade	Clyde Reedy	John Mullins, Clintwood, Va.
Ferbie Church	16	3rd Sun., Sat. before	Thurston Meade	W. R. Dingus	Ailly Dotson, Pound, Va.
George's Fork	22	1st Sun., Sat. before	Thurston Meade	Alex Thompson	D. S. Beverly, Georges Fork, Va.
Hamilton Chapel	33	2nd Sun., Sat. before	Charles Isom	Thurston Meade	John Keith, Pound, Va.
Honey Camp	44	3rd Sun., Sat. before	Casper Lane	Eldie Mullins	Belle Lambert, Honey Camp, Va.
Hubert Chapel	62	4th Sun., Sat. before	Emory Vanover	Casper Lane	Barney Collins, Pound, Va.
Lick Fork	114	1st Sun., Sat. before	Charlie Isom	Emory Vanover	George Browning, Coeburn, Va.
Middle Branch	92	3rd Sun., Sat. before	W. R. Bise, Willard Martin	Clyde Reedy	Francis Lambert, Nora, Va.
Mill Creek	40	4th Sun., Sat. before	W. R. Bise, Willard Martin		Fern Mullins, Tenso, Va.
Philadelphia	34	4th Sun., Sat. before	Alex Thompson	Homer Willis	Alpha Vanover, Freeling, Va.
Pine Grove	44	1st Sun., Sat. before	Vernon Kiser	E. M. Rose	Opal Salyers, Coeburn, Va.
Penther Chapel	161	1st Sun., Sat. before	E. A. Reedy, W. R. Bise	Willard Martin	Pearl Bise, Millard, Va.
Rachel's Chapel	17	2nd Sun., Sat. before	Trigg Dotson		Maxie Keith, Coeburn, Va.
Rugsby Church	121	4th Sun., Sat. before	Vernon Kiser	J. M. Meade	Mattie Jane Rose, Coeburn, Va.
Tarpon Church	27	3rd Sun., Sat. before	Asa Huges	Vernon Kiser	Maxie Phillips, Tarpon, Va.
Union Light	57	3rd Sun., Sat. before	L. D. Coleman	John St. Clair	Alaphair Coleman, Paw Paw, Ky.
Valley View	92	2nd Sun., Sat. before	Asa Huges		B. M. Lane, Clintwood, Va.
NEW DURM CHURCHES					
Clinchview	62	1st Sun., Sat. before	Rhoda Dye	Everett Rasnake	Bertie Stevens, Cleveland, Va.
Fuller's Chapel	58	2nd Sun., Sat. before	Holana Dye	Rhoda Dye	Walter Whited, Drill, Va.
Sourwood	14	3rd Sun., Sat. before	Lee Wilson	Martin Ball	Grover Wilson, Cleveland, Va.
Whited Chapel	12	3rd Sun., Sat. before	Rolana Dye	Rhoda Dye	Sarah Whited, Jewell Ridge, Va.

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