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Officers

Officers of The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists that were elected for the year 1951-1952:

W. R. BISE, Millard, Va. _____ *Moderator*
J. C. RASNAKE, Cleveland, Va. _____ *Assistant Moderator*
EVERETT JOHNSON, Clinchco, Va., Box 138 _____ *Clerk*
W. J. YATES, Omaha, Va. _____ *Treasurer*

Ordaining Councils

LETCHER COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

ALBERT DINGUS, *Chairman* _____ Jenkins, Ky.
C. W. ISOM _____ Burdine, Ky.
L. D. MAHAN _____ Payne Gap, Ky.

NEW DURM QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

J. C. RASNAKE, *Chairman* _____ Cleveland, Va.
W. E. RASNAKE _____ Council, Va.
HARLEY DYE _____ Swords Creek, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

E. C. KISER, *Chairman* _____ Stratton, Va.
W. R. BISE _____ Millard, Va.
C. E. REEDY _____ Millard, Va.

VISITING MINISTERS

ORVILLE O'QUINN _____ Sandy Valley Association
HENRY JOHNSTON _____ Southwest Virginia Association
B. R. POWERS _____ Southwest Virginia Association

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

HENRY JOHNSTON _____ Southwest Virginia Association

Proceedings

The Twenty-ninth Annual Session of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Puther Chapel Church, Millard, Va., September 6-9, 1951.

The pastors of the Puther Chapel Church preached the introductory sermon at the 11:00 o'clock hour. Bro. W. R. Bise read for a lesson eight verses of the 45th chapter of Genesis. Prayer by Bro. Howard Bostic. Bro. Bise used for text, "Stay behind the Blood." Bro. Asa Hughes concluded the service.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION 2:00 P.M.

At the 2:00 o'clock hour conference opened with singing. Clerk having charge of conference read for a lesson the 6th chapter of Galatians. Prayer by Bro. Orville Quinn. Next item of business was enrolling of delegates, ministers, visiting ministers, and corresponding messengers from the various conferences.

DELEGATES FROM LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Lester Able	Mr. and Mrs. Luther Dingus	Sara Potter
Daniel Green	Rosa Green	

DELEGATES FROM DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Mrs. E. A. Reedy	Mrs. Virgie Mullins
Mrs. Gertrude Carty	Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Davis
J. H. Sutherland	Munsie Mullins
Mrs. Mae Vanover	Raniel Withrow
Mrs. Roy Edwards	Hobart Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Collins	Lee Hill
Mrs. Vernie Patton	Ralph Hill

DELEGATES FROM NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Walter Whited	Ralph Rasnake	Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Dye
M. F. Hess	Paul Hess	

**DELEGATES FROM
TRI-STATE CONFERENCE**

Edward May Everett Estep

**MINISTERS FROM
LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE**

Albert Dingus	Donald Sexton	Everett Potter
C. W. Isom	Monroe Hubbard	

**MINISTERS FROM
DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE**

W. R. Bise	Lonzo Edwards	Dave Kennedy
George Mooney	Alva Dingus	Josh Rose
Fred Taylor	Maston Rose	Emory Estep
C. E. Reedy	E. M. Rose	Everett Johnson
Walter Hughes	Asa Hughes	Vernon Kiser
Cecil Ramey		

**MINISTERS FROM
NEW DURM CONFERENCE**

Howard Bostic	Benton Miller	M. P. Ball
Glenn Peck	J. C. Rasnake	

Clerk proceeded with the business of the Association by electing a Moderator. By move and second the Association voted Bro. W. R. Bise, Moderator, and J. C. Rasnake as an Assistant Moderator. Then taking charge, proceeded by electing clerk and treasurer for the year. By move and second the Association voted to retain Everett Johnson as Clerk. On the resignation of Ted Bise as Treasurer, the Association voted for John Yates as Treasurer.

The Association gave the chair power to appoint such committees as needed for the work. He proceeded by appointing Mrs. Everett Johnson, Chairman, Mrs. E. A. Reedy and Mrs. Lura Vanover to supply the pulpit during the Association.

This finishing the work on Thursday afternoon, the Association adjourned until 9:00 A.M. Friday morning.

THURSDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE 2:00 P.M.

The committee chose Bros. Cecil Ramey and Glenn Peck for this hour of service, reading for a lesson the 6th chapter of Galatians. Prayer by Bro. Asa Hughes.

THURSDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. J. C. Rasnake and Howard Bostic for the night service, reading for a lesson 15th chapter of St. Luke.

Prayer by Bro. Henry Smith.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Conference opened with singing. Moderator having charge of Conference, read for a lesson the 15th Psalm, calling for prayer by Bro. Howard Bostic.

Moderator continued the work by calling for delegates, ministers, visiting ministers and corresponding messengers. After the enrollment the Moderator proceeded by calling for letters from the Quarterly Conferences.

New Durm responded with a letter as follows:

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists.

We, the Russell County New Durm Conference, met with the Mt. Zion Church August 10-12, 1951, and organized by electing Howard Bostic Moderator and Faye Rasnake as clerk. The following delegates were appointed to attend the Association:

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dye	Mr. and Mrs. Doll Ray
Robert Johnston	R. C. Pendleton
Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Perkins	B. E. Dye
Walter Whited	S. E. Helton
Daisy McGlothlin	Ralph Rasnake
Fannie Kelley	Rettie Rasnake
Madeline Rasnake	Arbutus Ball
Charley Presely	Ora Wilson
Lotta Breeding	Elsie Presely
S. S. Hurd	Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Dye
Hugh Coleman	Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Hale
Paul Hess	M. F. Hess
Milborn Hess	Mrs. Kyle Hubbard
Mr. and Mrs. Grover Sykes	Eula McQuire
Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Rasnake	Gracie Bonton
Mr. and Mrs. Waton Sykes	Iline Breeding
Alvie Ray	J. Luster
Claria Ray	

Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches.....	8
Number of Members.....	355
Number of Sunday Schools.....	2
Number of Ministers.....	18

Done by order of New Durm Conference.

Howard Bostic, *Moderator*

Faye Rasnake, *Clerk*

This letter was accepted by Association and passed on.

Letcher County responded with a letter as follows:

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists.

The Letcher County Conference met with the Pine Chapel Church Saturday, August 25, 1951, and appointed the following delegates:

Seslus Dutton	Sherly Sexton	Spisy Moore
Jack Bartley	Betty Elkins	Gertrue Hale
Luther Dingus	Margert Caudell	Crayton Harvy
Lilla Dingus	Bill Smith	Stella Harvy
Claud Davis	Alberta Blevins	Velena Senters
Alma Rae Bartley	Roy Slaver	Maggie Tackett
Rubie Skeens	Doy Napier	Lum Tackett
Stella Depreist	Clarence Tolliver	Joseph Hoskins
Beulah Hibbits	Nomey Wright	Bell Sexton
T. D. Puckett	Lawerance Childers	Joyce Senters
Mrs. C. O. Caudell	Earl Sparks	Helen Bolling
Nevline Williams	Woodrow Wilson	Vonda Green
Virginia Davis	Namonie Wilson	Bessie Terry
Iva Preston	Rolie Collins	Nora Banks
Jerline Cook	F. P. McCoy	Mary Elkins
Sarah Potter	Dempsey Akers	Goldie Flannery

Our standing is as follows: We have 18 churches with a membership of 878; 18 Sunday Schools with 1900 on roll; average attendance, 1500. We have 26 ordained ministers. Value of church property, \$50,000.00. Pray for us in our work.

Monroe Hubbard, *Moderator*

Johnny Sykes, *Clerk*

This letter was accepted and passed by Association.

Next was letter from Dickenson County Conference.

To the John Thomas Association of F.W.B. when convened with the Puther Chapel Church at Millard, Va., September 6-9, 1951.

We, the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference met with the Pyles Memorial Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1951, and organized by electing Rev. E. C. Reedy Moderator and S. P. Davis, Assistant Moderator. Everett Johnson and Clinton Lambert, Clerks.

The following delegates were from their respective churches, and were delegates to the association:

Cold Spring	Carl Deel
Clinchco	Lilley Murphy, Verney Patton, Hobert Johnson, Muncy Mullins
Counts Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Puckett, Tiny Green
Davis Chapel	Absent
Duncan Gap	Mrs. Charles Powers, J. A. Faust, Mrs. Talit Miniard, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hamilton
Dyers Memorial	John Henry Sutherland, Erley Rose
Fleming Town	Lenzy Mullins
Ferby Chapel	Trula, Betty, John, and Charles Meade
Georges Fork	Mr. and Mrs. Jess Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Browning
Hill Ridge	Lee and Ralph Hill, and Ranill Writhow
Honey Camp	Follie and Bessie Rose
Hubert Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Collins
Lick Fork	A. M. Stanley and Adem Stanley
Martins Chapel	Dallis Martins, Bernie Long, Kendrick Martins
Middle Branch	Gather Vence, Jr., and Ritter Lambert
Mill Creek	May Vanover, Marthan Sauls, and Vada Sauls
Pine Grove	Emmitt Orlena Hamilton, Ora and Opal Salyers
Pine Creek	Present by letter
Pippen Chapel	Present by letter
Puther Chapel	Mrs. E. A. Reedy
Pyles Memorial	Frank Tompkins
Rachel Chapel	Ted and Alta Mullins
Rugsby Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martins
Splash Dam	Jeanie Reed, Bonnie Ratilif and Ethel Puckett
Tarpon	Melvina Davis, Alta Rose and Bernard Rakes
Yates Chapel	Mrs. Bob Jones, and Viney Edwards
Valley View	Bessie Large, Virgie Mullin, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Davis

Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	27
Number of Members	1623
Number of Sunday Schools	21
Number on Roll	1460
Average Attendance	1096
Number Ordained Ministers	34

Number Licentiates Ministers..... 2
Value of Church Property.....\$39,000.00

Done by order of the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference.

C. E. Reedy, *Moderator*
S. P. Davis, *Assistant Moderator*
Clinton Lambert and
Everett Johnson, *Clerks*

Having time to go further with the work on Friday the moderator appointed Corresponding Messenger to visit and carry letters to the following Sister Associations:

KENTUCKY STATE ASSOCIATION

Kentucky State Association will convene with the Englan Hill Church at Catlettsburg, Ky., beginning on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in June, 1952.

Monroe Hubbard E. M. Rose and wife

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

This Association convenes on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1952, at Straight Hollow, Dante, Va.

W. R. Bise	J. C. Rasnake
Fred Taylor	Gaines Vanover
Alva Dingus	Lonzo Edwards
R. L. Large	Lloyd Hillman

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

This Association convenes on Friday before 3rd Sunday in June at Bear Wallow, Dante, Va.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

This Association convenes on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in May, 1952, at Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Va.

Alvie Dingus	Cecil Ramey	Lloyd Hillman
Fred Taylor	Emory Estep	

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

The Sandy Valley Association convenes on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August at Lynn Springs Church, Lynn Springs, Va.

Cecil Ramey Emory Estep E. M. Rose and wife

Next item of business was questioning the different Conferences for their minutes for the year.

New Durm Conference.....	400
Letcher County Conference.....	525
Dickenson County Conference.....	675
Tri-State Conference.....	200
Total Minutes.....	1800

This finishing the business for the morning, by move and second Conference adjourned till 2:00 P.M. Friday evening.

FRIDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Albert Dingus and Henry Smith for this hour. Committee also requested Bro. Maston Rose to lead in prayer. Bro. Ben Powers being present was requested to sing at the opening of service. Bro. Dingus reading for a lesson 4th chapter of Ephesians.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION 2:00 P.M.

Moderator, having charge of work, omitted a lesson at this time, calling for prayer by Bro. Bill Harrison. Moderator then called for any unfinished business. The new Conference to be admitted at this time was absent and their request was tabled until Saturday morning. Conference then adjourned until Saturday morning 9:30.

Ministers' Conference was organized at this hour. The Conference voted to retain the same moderators and clerk for the Ministers' Conference.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE 2:00 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Benton Miller and Ben Powers for this hour. Preaching on the subject, "The Good Samaritans or Who is your Neighbor?" Prayer was omitted.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Fred Taylor and Charlie Isom for the night service. Lesson read was the 24th chapter of St. Luke. Prayer by Bro. M. P. Ball.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 P.M.

Moderator having charge of conference read for lesson the first Psalm. Calling for prayer by R. L. Large.

He then proceeded with the work by calling for any unfinished business. Clerk then called for the items that needed

to be attended. For the benefit of those not yet enrolled the enrollment was extended.

By move and second the conference voted to accept the Tri-State Conference into the John Thomas Association. Next was reading of their letter to the Association. This letter was accepted and passed by Association.

To the John Thomas Association when convened with the Puther Chapel Church at Millard, Virginia, on Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1951.

Greetings:

We, the Tri-State Conference, met with the New Zion Church at Big Rock, Virginia, on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1951, and organized by electing Alvie Dingus, moderator, Ernest Estep as clerk.

The following Delegates were from their respective churches:

Union Light	Roscoe Estep, John H. May, Bobby Jackson, Edward May, Evertt Estep, and Joe Jackson
New Zion Church	George Leonard and wife, Noah Lester, Rex Burnett
Ratliff Chapel	Blaine Underwood and wife, Ira Harding, Hubert Endicott and wife
Bull Creek Church	Johnny Dotson, Rolland Hunt, and Hobert Riffe

Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	4
Number of Members	298
Number of Sunday Schools	1
Number of Ordained Ministers	7
Value of Church Property	\$5,700

Done by order of the Tri-State Conference while in regular session with the New Zion Church August 11-13, 1951.

Alvie Dingus, *Moderator*

Ernest Estep, *Clerk*, Paw Paw, Ky.

Next was a letter from Southwest Association. It was read and accepted.

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Puthers Chapel Church September 6-9, 1951.

We, the Southwest Virginia Association, have chosen the following as messengers whom we pray may sit with you in

your godly work: Rev. H. V. Johnston, Bro. E. J. Kilgore and Sister Grant Eagon. Our standing is as follows:

Number of Quarterly Conferences.....	2
Number of Churches.....	42
Membership.....	2157
Ordained Ministers.....	58
Licentiates.....	10
Number of Sunday Schools.....	39
Membership.....	2818
Youth Leagues.....	9
Membership.....	391
State of Religion.....	GOOD
Value of Church Property.....	\$99,800.00

Our next association will convene with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Va., on Saturday before the third Sunday in May, 1952. Please send a large delegation.

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association May 19, 1951, while in regular session with the Meades Chapel Church, Herald, Va.

Rev. Mack Butler,
Rev. S. M. McFalls, *Moderators*
Leslie G. Ketron, *Clerk*, Herald, Va.

No reports were received from the executive board. This finishing the work of the Association it was regularly moved and seconded that it adjourn till Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1952, unless called together by the Moderator, when it will convene with the Drill Chapel Church, Drill, Va.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE WORK

Moderator called for letters from the different ministers' conferences. New Durm Ministers' Conference responding with a letter as follows:

We, the New Durm Ministers' Conference, met with the Mt. Zion Church August 11, 1951, and organized by electing J. C. Rasnake, Moderator, and Faye Rasnake as Clerk. There were nine ordained ministers present and nine absent. Their names were called and each one was voted on and their character was voted as good. Their names are as follows:

J. C. Rasnake	Homer Wilson	M. P. Ball
Harley Dye	James Hall	Edward Perkins
Charley Keen	Gonian Kelly	Dolphus Cook
Howard Bostic	Kyle Hubbard	E. W. Rasnake
Lee Wilson	Henry Ball	Benton Miller
Elmer Hess	Glen Peck	R. S. Ball

Done by order of New Durm Conference.

J. C. Rasnake, *Moderator*

Faye Rasnake, *Clerk*

This letter from New Durm Conference was accepted and passed.

Next was letter from Letcher County Ministers' Conference.

The Letcher County Ministers met with the Pine Chapel Church Saturday, August 25th, 1951. Conference was called to order. Monrowe Hubbard was appointed Moderator. The following Ministers were voted on and character passed as good:

Emory Vanover
Albert Dingus
Ersel McPeeks
Ezra Johnson
Everett Potter
John Akers
Henry Don Vest
Frank Delph
John Skeens
Donald Sexton

D. D. Moore
C. W. Ison
L. D. Mayhan
V. C. Manis
Clyde Huff
Hubert Hill
Roscoe McCloud
H. L. Cook
Harold Miles

Joe Banks
Monroe Hubbard
Hobert Spriggs
Charlie Graham
Robert Madden
Percy Elkins
Forest Beverly
Wesley Thomas
Rolie Collins

Four Ministers were removed from records at this Conference: C. C. Flannery, F. M. Rose, James Wright and Jessie Hale.

Monroe Hubbard, *Moderator*

Johnny Sykes, *Clerk*

This letter was accepted and passed by Association.

Letter from Dickenson County Ministers' Conference was next.

We, the Dickenson County Ministers' Conference, met with the Pyles Memorial Church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1951, and organized by electing Rev. Alvie Dingus, Moderator, Rev. Everett Johnson and Clinton Lambert, Clerks.

The following Ministers were present:

W. R. Bise
S. P. Davis
Kermit Deel
Ervin Hall
Walter Hughes
Willard Kiser
Vernon Kiser

Lonzo Edwards
Everett Johnson
Casper Lane
Rit Large
C. E. Reedy
Gobel Rose

Josh Rose
Henry Smith
Fred Taylor
Luther Taylor
Alex Taylor
Emory Vanover

The following Ministers were absent:

Emery Estep	George Mooney	Maston Rose
Asa Hughes	Jerry Mullins	Troy Robinson
E. C. Kiser	Monroe Mullins	Cecil Ramey
Quinton Keith	E. M. Rose	Bill Willis
B. L. Grizzel	Tailt Walford	Bill Harrison
David Kenedy		

All Ministers' names were called and passed upon as a whole. By move and second the character of the Ministers was passed as good. Eddie Rose, by request, was granted a letter to the Letcher County Ministers' Conference. A. N. Kiser was dropped from the Ministers' Conference for failure to report in person or letter, for a period of two years.

Done by order of Dickenson County Ministers' Conference while in regular session with Pyles Memorial Church.

Rev. Alvie Dingus, *Moderator*
Everett Johnson,
Clinton Lambert, *Clerks*

This letter was accepted and passed by Association.

The work of the Ministers' Conference being finished it was regularly moved and seconded to adjourn till Saturday before the second Sunday in September, unless called together by Moderator, when it will reconvene with the Drill Chapel Church, Drill, Va.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Monroe Hubbard and Vernon Kiser for this hour. Bro. Hubbard reading for a lesson 2nd chapter of Ephesians. Prayer by Lonzo Edwards.

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE 2:30 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Alva Dingus and Bill Harrison for the evening service. Bro. Dingus reading for a lesson 16 verses of the 4th chapter of 1st Timothy. Using for a text the 16th verse of the lesson read.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Bros. E. M. Rose and Benton Miller was selected to bring the message at this hour. Reading for a lesson the 22nd chapter of Revelations. Prayer by Bro. Alex Tompkins.

SUNDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Bros. Fred Taylor and Lonzo Edwards were chosen for this hour. Reading for a lesson 3rd chapter of Galatians. Prayer by Bro. Lester Able.

The Association wishes to thank the people in and around Millard, Va., for their kindness and fine spirit shown and extended to the people during this Association.

Ministers' Report

TROY ROBINSON

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions Witnessed	14
Number Baptized	10
Burials Attended	25
Memorials Held	2
Prayer Services Held	25
Couples Married	2
Miles Traveled	1110

ALBERT DINGUS

Churches Pastored	3
Sermons Preached	80
Revivals Held	4
Conversions Witnessed	90
Number Baptized	61
Burials Attended	10
Couples Married	3
Miles Traveled	2000

C. E. REEDY

Churches Pastored	5
Sermons Preached	125
Revivals Held	2
Conversions Witnessed	10
Number Baptized	15
Burials Attended	10
Memorials Held	3

HARLEY DYE

Churches Pastored	5
Sermons Preached	200
Revivals Held	2
Conversions Witnessed	18
Number Baptized	8
Burials Attended	10
Memorials Held	8
Churches Organized	1
(Helped in one)	
Miles Traveled	2000
Amount Received	\$452.26

LEE WILSON

Sermons Preached	30
Conversions Witnessed	12
Burials Attended	2
Memorials Held	5
Prayer Services Held	3
Miles Traveled	100
Amount Received	\$3.00

GONIAN KELLEY

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	35
Conversions Witnessed	2
Burials Attended	1
Amount Received	\$15.50

HOWARD BOSTIC

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons Preached	265
Revivals Held	6
Conversions Witnessed	69
Number Baptized	63
Burials Attended	13
Memorials Held	4
Churches Organized	1
Miles Traveled	4500
Amount Received	\$658.95

DOLPHUS COOK

Sermons Preached	25
Revivals Held	1
Burials Attended	1
Memorials Held	25
Prayer Services Held	5
Miles Traveled	500

W. E. RASNAKE

Churches Pastored	3
Sermons Preached	87
Conversions Witnessed	17
Number Baptized	4
Burials Attended	4
Memorials Held	4
Miles Traveled	700
Amount Received	\$42.60

EVERETT POTTER

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	105
Revivals Held	1
Number Baptized	2
Conversions Witnessed	5
Memorials Held	3
Prayer Services Held	45

EZRA JOHNSON

Churches Pastored	3
Sermons Preached	110
Revivals Held	1
Conversions Witnessed	25

Number Baptized	6
Burials Attended	2
Memorials Held	1
Prayer Services Held	38
Churches Organized	1
Miles Traveled	800
Amount Received	\$345.05

JOHN AKERS

Sermons Preached	50
Conversions Witnessed	4
Number Baptized	7
Burials Attended	3
Memorials Held	5
Prayer Services Held	1
Couples Married	2
Miles Traveled	313

WESLEY THOMAS

Churches Pastored	3
Sermons Preached	75
Revivals Held	3
Conversions Witnessed	25
Number Baptized	20
Burials Attended	6
Memorials Held	5
Prayer Services Held	55
Churches Organized	1
Couples Married	5
Miles Traveled	1000
Amount Received	\$2.50

OBITUARIES

IN MEMORY OF EURA E. SMITH

She was born April 4, 1875, and departed this life August 19, 1951, making her stay on earth 76 years, 4 months and 15 days. She was married to Floyd Smith at an early age and to this union was born 12 children; husband and 3 children preceding her in death. She leaves 5 boys and 4 girls.

About the age of 20 she was born Spiritually and joined the Primitive Baptist Church and lived with them until there was a division in the Church, she then attached to the Freewill Baptist Church at Clinchco, Va., in 1932 and there remained a member. She was loyal and faithful to her Christian duties, was an obliging neighbor and was loved by all who knew her. As Christ is always ready and willing to go to the rescue of the people, so was Mother always ready to go out of her way to help those in need and to wait on the sick, which is just as Christ would have us do. She always had a Christian smile for those she met. We will miss her so much down here, we feel though that Mother carried the light to the Shore, there Christ met her and led her to Paradise, there to rest from her labors and to await the resurrection. Brothers and sisters, we cannot afford to disappoint Mother, she will be expecting the children to be there.

Written by her son, Stewart Smith

IN MEMORY OF GEOUL DWAIN RASNAKE

In memory of Geoul Dwain Rasnake, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rasnake. He was born July 26th, and departed this life in few hours after his death; we know that our loss is heaven's gain. He leaves Mother, Dad, and a Sister and Brother to mourn his loss.

Sleep on, Geoul, and take your rest,
God called you—he knew the best.
If we could see its little face
 delighted with that happy place,
If we could hear its little tongue
So sweetly sing the heaven's song,
We would not wish it back again.
But say dear baby with God remain.

Written by his Grandmother,
Mrs. James Rasnake, Drill, Va.

IN MEMORY OF OCTAVA A. HESS

Octava A. Hess, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Wilson. She was first married to Charley Dye, to this union was born 6 children, 1 preceding her in death. She then married Josh Hess. To this union was born 1 son. She leaves to mourn her loss 6 children, 3 sisters, 3 brothers and a host of friends and loved ones. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

She was 73 years, 3 months and 13 days old.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we love is still;
A place is vacant in her home,
Which never can be filled,
Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast
There by His love her soul shall rest.

In memory of a loving sister.

Written by her sister, Susie Dye, Drill, Va.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MACK HILL

John Mack Hill was born May 19, 1860. Married to Louisa Rose, deceased this life Feb. 28, 1951, making his stay on earth 84 years, 9 months. To this union was born 3 daughters and 1 son. One daughter preceded in death. Two daughters and one son to mourn his loss and a host of friends and relatives.

About 3 months before his death, he made a confession and was baptized. He will be missed by all who knew him but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Granddaughter, Mrs. Pauline Jackson

IN MEMORY OF IRA DYE

Ira Dye was the son of Charles Dye and Mary Dye who preceded him in death some time ago. He was born Nov. 23, 1888, making his stay on earth 62 years, 9 months and 8 days. He was married to Carie Miller Dye about 39 years ago. To this union was born 3 children, two of them preceded him in death years ago, and one living. He leaves to mourn his departure one son, Odell Dye, of Drill, Va., and his daughter, Lou Rozetta Dye, and one whole brother, Phillmore Dye, of Drill, Va., and 3 whole sisters, Senta Ann Compton of Swords Creek, Va., and Effie Miller, Swords Creek, Va., and Martha

Bricky, Norton, Va.; and 3 half-sisters and one half-brother, Bertha Dye, A. H. Dye and Sarah Nelson of Swords Creek, Va., and Ethel Coleman of Skeggs, Va., and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. He told his son he was all right and felt the happiest that day he ever had since he had been sick.

Written by his son, Odell Dye, and Brother M. F. Daye

IN MEMORY OF RITA JO MCCOY

Rita Jo McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shaler McCoy was born May 28, 1935. Departed this life June 21, 1951, making her stay on earth 16 years and 24 days.

She was a very sweet girl and loved by all who knew her. She was converted in September and was baptized October 2, 1948. Rita Jo did not claim to live a perfect life. During the Revival preceding her death she re-dedicated her life to God, and seemed to be very happy. She attended school the day before her death. The morning she died she seemed so happy that she sang many sacred songs. She came to her Aunt Pearl's singing "If We Never Meet This Side of Heaven." She said, "I fixed everything up with Jesus last night and I am going to see how close I can walk with Him from now on." She was so faithful to attend Sunday School and Church and was the first up to sing.

She leaves to mourn her loss, Mother, two sisters, Janice and Rebecca. Two Grandmothers and one Grandfather, many Uncles, Aunts and Cousins.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

IN MEMORY OF MARGARETT WILSON

Margarett Wilson, the daughter of Cornelias and Nan Ball, was born January 11, 1857, departed this life May 16, 1951, making her stay on earth 94 years, 4 months and 5 days. She was united in marriage to James Wilson at the age of 18 years. To this union 9 children were born, 5 preceding her in death. She professed Faith in Christ at the age of 17 and united with the Methodist Church. She later came to the Freewill Baptists and stayed with them about 33 years. She lived a faithful Christian life. She leaves 4 children, 66 grandchildren, 144 great-grandchildren, 6 sisters, 5 brothers and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

"Sleep on Dear Mother, and take thy rest;
God called thee home, he thought it best.
You can never return to us, by the
Grace of God we can come to thee."

IN MEMORY OF GRETA DIANE ROSE

Greta Diane Rose was born May 12, 1950, and departed this life Feb. 19, 1951, making her stay on earth 9 months and 7 days. She is survived by her Father and Mother Willard and Gertude Rose, 6 sisters and 5 brothers, and a host of relatives and friends. She was loved dearly by every member of the family, and will be missed so much but she has gone to rest and to suffer no more.

IN MEMORY OF LULA HILL

Lula Hill, born February 12, 1890, deceased August 28, 1951, making her stay on earth 61 years, 6 months and 16 days. She was married to Isaiah Gilliam August 18, 1904, and to this union was born 7 children, 5 boys and 2 girls, Luther, Walter, Emerson, Luster, James, Edith, and Avie all living, 28 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, 3 brothers and 1 sister.

She professed hope in Christ about 15 years ago, she never did join any church, but she lived a faithful Christian until death. She was a faithful wife and a loving Mother. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

IN MEMORY OF ROSA PHIPPS MOORE

Rosa Phipps Moore was born at Freeling, Va., January 13, 1889. She was the daughter of John B. and Tabitha Jane Phipps. She was married to Beve Moore, May 25th, 1910, and to this union was born 5 children, Sara Kate, Opal, J. B., F. M., and Jessie Lee. Her husband preceded her in death 11 years ago.

She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Opal Wright at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 2nd.

Mrs. Moore was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church. She was a devoted Christian and a loving Mother.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

IN MEMORY OF N. H. STANLEY

He was born December 27, 1874, departed this life September 20, 1951, age 77 years, 9 months and 7 days. He was the son of James and Rebeca Beverly Stanley. He was first married to Nancy Stanley; she lived but a few years. He then married Jane Fleming Reedy who in later years preceded him in death. Having professed a hope in Christ when a young man, he took up fellowship with the Freewill Baptist Church some thirty years ago and served the Dickenson County Conference as clerk for a long period of time, which position he filled with great delight and to the satisfaction of the Conference.

Being the last of his brothers and sisters to pass away, he leaves one half brother, William Stanley of Coeburn, Va. He leaves many nephews, nieces, and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

In his Christian life he was quiet and kind to everyone he met, and had an humble disposition and everyone that knew him loved him. We feel like our loss is Heaven's gain. While his body sleeps in the grave beside his companion his soul is resting in the paradisiacal land of God awaiting the resurrection when the soul will be reunited with the Glorious body likened unto Christ and will live in the Heaven of rest. We feel like he is at rest, so sleep on Uncle Noah and take your long awaited rest, we feel like we will meet you in the great Beyond.

Written by a Nephew, J. J. Stanley

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor quit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring to those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinance, discipline and doctrine of the church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the great Head of the Church.

THE ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH

1. When any number of believers desire to be organized into a Free-will Baptist Church, they are examined by one or more regular Freewill Baptist ministers in reference to their Christian character, doctrine and ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory the applicants are organized into the church as follows: The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice. The Church Covenant shall be adopted. A prayer of consecration offered. The hand of fellowship is given. Then officers are elected.

2. There shall be male members enough to fill the public offices in the church, in order that a regular discipline may be kept up.

3. After being thus constituted they shall be at liberty, out of the number of regularly ordained ministers, to choose a pastor who shall preside over them.

MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

The times of celebrating the Lord's Supper, washing feet, and of business meetings are arranged by each local church to suit its own convenience.

Each church is required to observe the ordinance. Foot washing follows the Lord's Supper.

Conference or business meetings are opened and closed with suitable devotional exercises. The pastor acts as moderator of the business meetings of the church. In the absence of the pastor the church may meet when necessary and attend to ordinary business; but no member is excluded in the absence of the pastor.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Any person who gives evidence of a change of heart, professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and has been immersed by a proper administrator, church covenant read, explained and accepted, is received into membership by a vote of the church.

From other churches, immersed persons are received by letter. No one against whom any valid objection is made is received to membership. When any member objects to the reception of an applicant, the matter is deferred until the church can ascertain the nature of the objection. If,

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (Continued)

in the opinion of the church, the objection is not a valid one, the applicant may be received. Excluded members are received again only when they confess their errors and give evidence of repentance. Persons excluded from other churches are not received, unless it be made evident that they were excluded upon unjustifiable grounds. The hand of fellowship is extended to all who are received into the membership of the church.

DISMISSION OF MEMBERS

Only members in good standing are dismissed from the church, and these for no other reason than to unite with some other church. Such members receive letters of honorable dismission and commendation, but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into some other. A withdrawal without such letter of commendation is equivalent to excommunication, and treated as such by the church.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of a church are a Board of Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, Deacons and Deaconesses, Finance Committee, and Pastor.

Board of Trustees—The duty of the trustees shall be to hold title to all property, either in fee or gift, and to maintain all rights to same, to convey said property in the discretion of a four-fifth majority of those present at a regular quarterly meeting being announced at said church three months prior to said meeting.

Clerk—It is the duty of the clerk to keep a church book and in it record the Church Covenant, the names of the members, and all the proceedings of the church, in the exercise of its doctrine and management of its temporal affairs. He also signs all the letters and other communications made by authority of the church.

Treasurer—The treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church, and it shall be his duty to keep a regular account of all the money received, and from whom, and make a report of the same annually to the church or oftener if necessary, which funds shall be drawn on the treasury only by the order of the church.

Deacons—The deacons are elected for life or during good behavior. They should be men distinguished among their brethren for piety and benevolence. Before entering upon the duties of their office they are ordained by the pastor or other regular minister, ordination consisting of charge, laying on of hands and prayer. It is their duty to serve at the Lord's table, to distribute of the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting order in attendance upon the church, and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

Deaconesses—They assist the deacons and the finance committee, in visiting the sick, in collecting funds and distributing among the needy members, and enforcing proper discipline among female members.

Finance Committee—These have the general management of the finances of the church, subject to the church's control.

Pastor—Each church elects its own pastor out of the regular ordained ministers upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties themselves. It is the pastor's duty faithfully to preach the Word, to have the general superintendence of the church, to be himself an example to the flock, to visit the members, especially the sick, as he has the opportunity, and to do all within his power to promote the religious interest of the church which he serves, and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

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 gifts by exhortation for twelve months.

2. If they prove satisfactory 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 appointed 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 unite with the Freewill Baptist Church, he must first join this church. Then the proceedings are the same as with licentiates; which is as follows:

When he feels Divinely called he is given a license by Pastor of the Church to which he belongs. Then he is free to exercise his gift by exhortation for a period of twelve months. If proven satisfactory he is recommended to the Quarterly Meeting by said Church. Then from the Quarterly Meeting to the Ordaining Council. If proven satisfactory then he is ordained, otherwise he is granted a new license to exhort for twelve months more.

5. Any minister 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.

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.

BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. There shall be a Ministers' Conference held annually in connection with the Yearly Meeting.

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 Meetings 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. Any ministers failing to report for a period of two years, either in person or by letter, or both, shall automatically exclude himself 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 Meetings where they move.

ORGANIZATION OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Two or more churches wishing to organize a Quarterly Meeting shall appoint three delegates for that purpose and request of an adjoining Quarterly Meeting a council of not less than five members and one ordained minister which will meet with the delegates and proceed

1. To examine the delegates respecting the Christian character and doctrines of their respective churches, and the reason for such an organization as desired.
2. The right hand of fellowship and consecrating prayer.
3. The election of a moderator, clerk, and treasurer, and then proceed with such business as may come before it.
4. Delegates are elected to some Yearly Meeting or Association of the Freewill Baptists, and instructed for membership in one body.

BY-LAWS

1. No conference shall be held with less than three ordained ministers and four delegates belonging to the Yearly Meeting.
2. At the opening of each conference, the clerk's books shall be presented and the proceedings of last conference read.
3. This conference may at each regular meeting elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each quarterly meeting of the conference.
4. The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.
5. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.
6. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.
7. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.
8. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.
9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.
10. Any motion must be made by one member, seconded by another and afterwards stated by the moderator, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover or at the demand of any one member.
11. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.
12. A motion or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment by the conference.
13. Any motion or resolution containing more than one distinct proposition shall be divided, provided the call for a division be sustained by the majority.
14. When a member speaks or offers a motion he should rise and respectfully address the moderator, confine himself to the question under consideration, avoid all personalities or unkind or disrespectful language.
15. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time the moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

16. When a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him except to call him to order, ask leave to explain or to make explanation. The one allowed to explain shall confine himself strictly to an actual misunderstanding or language which may need explanation.

17. No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than five minutes at each time on any question without leave of the moderator, which leave shall be granted without debate.

18. All committees may be named by the moderator, by request of the conference.

19. The member first named on a committee shall be its chairman to call the committees together, but after it is convened the committee may elect its own chairman and secretary.

20. Voting shall be done by standing up when a vote is close, or when it becomes necessary to count the affirmative and negative, and in special cases by ballot.

21. The moderator, in case of a tie, may cast the deciding vote.

22. All members should vote on one side or the other, unless excused by the moderator.

23. No motion, discussion or other business shall be admitted while the vote is being taken.

24. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.

25. Each Quarterly Meeting shall ask its respective churches to deal with its members when necessary, according to Matthew 18:15, 17.

26. After members accept the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, then the right hand of fellowship shall be given, which is the door into the church.

27. If the minority of a Quarterly Meeting be grieved over the ruling of the majority, they have the right to appeal to the Yearly Meeting, and its decision shall be final.

28. No minister shall have a vote in the conference unless he is a member in good standing with his church and conference.

E. A. REEDY
S. M. McFALL
D. L. SMITH
ARTHUR CASTEEL
J. C. RASNAKE
W. R. STALLARD

YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, the members of the Freewill Baptist Church, in order to form a more perfect union and promote Christ's kingdom, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the John Thomas Yearly Meeting.

Article 1. This Yearly Meeting shall be called the John Thomas Yearly Meeting, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under the Constitution.

Article 2. The Conference of this Yearly Meeting shall be composed of ministers and delegates who are members of the Quarterly meetings, each Quarterly Meeting being entitled to three delegates from each church.

Article 3. The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a clerk, treasurer, and moderator, and shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting, with such assistant as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrines of the Freewill Baptist denominations, as published in the minutes of the John Thomas Yearly Meeting, and are in favor of the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application, by vote of this Yearly Meeting, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Yearly Meeting shall have the power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly work if their labor proves unsuccessful.

Article 6. The session of this Yearly Meeting shall convene on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which the Yearly Meeting is composed to represent themselves by delegates, and report their standing, prospects and statistics by letter; at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act on such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor the usages of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Yearly Meeting.

Article 7. The Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws, not inconsistent with the Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

Article 8. This Conference shall not recognize any minister or delegate unless they comply with the constitution and by-laws thereof.

Article 9. Each Quarterly Meeting shall send to the Yearly Meeting, with their annual letters, funds equal to ten cents (10c) per member in said Quarterly Meeting; said funds to be used in meeting expenses of the Yearly Meeting.

Article 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of four-fifths of the ministers and delegates present at any session, notice of such intended alterations having been given and recorded at the next previous session.

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. 1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom 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 2:2; 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 moral 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 as the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that brought 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; 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 infallibly 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 impressive of His Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just and change 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. 12:29.

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 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 Thesa. 2:11; Rom. 2:10-21.

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. 7:8; 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 teaching 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 the 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 made 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.

