

Bible College

Minutes

of the

**JOHN THOMAS
ASSOCIATION**

of

Freewill Baptists

STATE OF VIRGINIA

THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION

Held With

Pine Chapel Church
Jenkins, Ky.

SEPTEMBER 6-7, 1957

Working List 8/17/57

TREASURER'S REPORT OF JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION — 1957-1958

Total in Treasury September 1956.....	\$688.34
King Printing Co.—1650 Minutes.....	284.83
Clerk	20.00
Total disbursements.....	304.83
Balance in Treasury 9-7-'57.....	383.51

Received into Treasury 9-7-'57:

Letcher County — (Check).....	\$115.00
Tri-State Conference — (Cash)	17.00
New Durm Conference — (Cash).....	34.40
Dickenson County Conference — (Check).....	200.30
Added to Treasury 9-7-'57.....	366.70
Balance Brought Forward.....	383.51
Total in Treasury 9-7-'57.....	\$750.21

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1957-1958

Dickenson County	700
New Durm Conference	300
Letcher County Conference	600
Tri-State Conference	150
Total	1750

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Officers

Officers of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1957-1958:

C. W. ISOM, Burdine, Ky.	Moderator
ALVA DINGUS, McClure, Va.	Assistant Moderator
EVERETT JOHNSON, Clinchco, Va.	Clerk
LESTER ABLE, Jenkins, Ky.	Treasurer

Ordaining Councils

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

ALBERT DINGUS, <i>Chairman</i>	Jenkins, Ky.
C. W. ISOM	Burdine, Ky.
L. D. MAHAN	Payne Gap, Ky.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

JAMES HUTCHISON, <i>Chairman</i>	Keen Mt., Va.
HARLEY DYE	Swords Creek, Va.
BENTON MILLER	Pilgrim's Knob, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

E. C. KISER, <i>Chairman</i>	Stratton, Va.
C. E. REEDY	Millard, Va.
ALVA DINGUS	McClure, Va.

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

CLAUDE CONN, <i>Chairman</i>	Paw Paw, Ky.
GEORGE HARDING	Paw Paw, Ky.
HENRY ESTEP	Paw Paw, Ky.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

LUTHER DINGUS	Jenkins, Ky.
LESTER ABLE	Jenkins, Ky.
HERBERT WILLIAMS	Jenkins, Ky.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

WALTER WHITED	Swords Creek, Va.
CLEVE DYE	Swords Creek, Va.
ELBERT RASNAKE	Swords Creek, Va.
FLOYD STEVENSON	Honaker, Va.
FRAZIER HALE	Drill, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

EARET ROSE	Clintwood, Va.
N. B. LAMBERT	Nora, Va.
O. T. SMITH	Coeburn, Va.
WARREN SALYERS	Clinchco, Va.
GEORGE BROWNING	Coeburn, Va.

Introduction

Service was opened by congregational singing. Message of introduction was given by the pastors of Pine Chapel Church, namely Bros. Albert Dingus and C. W. Isom. Bro. Dingus read for a lesson the 133rd Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Fred Taylor. Bro. Dingus used for text: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity." Bro. Isom concluded the service.

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-fifth session of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Pine Chapel Church, Jenkins, Ky., September 6-7, 1957.

Clerk having charge of conference read for a lesson 9 verses of the 2nd chapter of 1st Corinthians. Prayer by Aunt Mary Powers.

Clerk continued with the work by calling for and enrolling the delegates, ministers, visiting ministers and corresponding messengers.

DELEGATES

Letcher County—

James H. Whitaker
Maydell Dingus
Ernest Blevins
Cora Able
Lena McPeaks

Amos Gray
Mary Powers
Hobart Cassel
Bro. and Sister Burl Gunnels

Dickenson County—

Muncey Mullins
Lee Hill
Vina Edwards
Verna Patton
Alva Lee Fliming

Bro. and Sis. Barnie Collins
Bro. and Sister Warren Salyers
Bro. and Sister Mertia Boggs
Bro. and Sister Gaines Vanover

New Durm Conference—

Walter Whited
Paul Hess
Eula Hess

Bro. and Sister Cleve Dye
Sister Dorton Mullins

Tri-State Conference

Edward Maye
Wayman Hurley

Ernest Stiltner

MINISTERS

Letcher County—

Albert Dingus
Eugene Adkins
W. A. Looney
C. W. Isom
Artemus Mullins
Ersel McPeaks
Lester Able
Everett Potter

Johnny Stoffer
Bill Harris
L. D. Mahan
Darwin Mullins
Eddie Rose
D. D. Moore
C. O. Caudle

New Durm Conference—

Glen Peck
Benton Miller

Winfred Hess

Tri-State Conference—

Claude Conn
Brit Jackson

Dempsey Adkins

Dickenson County Conference—

Fred Taylor
Clyde Reedy
Alva Dingus
Everett Johnson

E. M. Rose
James Wright
E. C. Kiser

VISITING MINISTERS

Lonzo Edwards, Liberty Association, Detroit, Michigan

VISITORS

Mrs. May Satsers, Corbin, Ky.
Mrs. Margaret Mahan, Corbin, Ky.

Clerk declared the conference open for such legal business that might come before it. First item of business was the electing of a moderator. By regular move and second Bro. C. W. Isom was elected. Moderator was given power to appoint such committees as needed to assist in the work.

Moderator proceeded by electing a clerk and treasurer. By move and second conference voted to retain Everett Johnson as Clerk and Lester Able as Treasurer.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Pulpit Committee—

Muncey Mullins, Chairman Maydell Dingus Cora Able

Auditing Committee—

Amos Gray, Chairman Ernest Blevins Mertia Boggs

Moderator appointed Alva Dingus to assist him as Moderator.

Letters were called for and the following were handed the clerk: Dickenson County, Letcher County and New Durm. Business was carried over 'till Saturday morning.

By move and second the conference was adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Committee chose Bros. Benton Miller and Fred Taylor for this hour. Lesson and prayer were omitted. Bro. Miller used for the foundation of his talk "Let Brotherly Love Continue."

FRIDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Bros. Alva Dingus and Glen Peck were chosen for this hour. Bro. Dingus read for a lesson 4th chapter of 1st Timothy. Prayer by Everett Johnson. Bro. Dingus used for text "Take Heed Unto The Doctrine."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Conference opened with singing. Moderator read for a lesson the 101st Psalm. Prayer by Sister Sexton.

Moderator declared Conference open for such legal business that might come before it. First item was calling for letters. All conferences reported by letter. Letters were read and accepted.

They were as follows:

The Letcher County Conference met with the Allegheny F.W.B. Church August 24 and 25, 1957. The following were delegates:

Edna Bates
Lena McPeaks
Aunt Mary Powers
George Ison
Cora Able
Sister Amos Gray
Amos Gray
Ombra Bartley
Hoover Bartley
Dollie Bartley
Jimmy Bartley
Jack Williams
Willie Baldridge
Kimeron Gardner
Sue Whitaker

Russell Davis
John Damron
James Damron
Grace Huff
Marybel Whitaker
Clifford Green
Dorothy Green
Essie Stafford
Dwight Puckett
Braska Puckett
Bernard Coldwell
Linda Coldwell
Alpha Taylor
Albert Blevins
Ray Wright

Nona Whitaker
 Eugene Glisson
 Wanda Glisson
 Ollie Sanders
 Almae Blevins
 D. L. Benfield
 Burl Gunnels
 Bro. and Sis. Hurbert Williams
 Roscoe Brummett
 Aldred Hayes
 Pat Walters
 Mable Walters
 Ulysee Goode

Sister Ray Wright
 J. H. Whitaker
 Earnest Blevins
 Catherine Davis
 Clarence Tollier
 Annie Leigh Boggs
 Mable Ratliff
 Earnest Baldridge
 Thomas Hyden
 Roy McDaniel
 Sis. Roy McDaniel
 Betty Reed
 Clyde Damron

Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	25
Number of Members	1150
Number of Sunday Schools	21
Number on Roll	1200
Average Attendance	1000

The Conference gave the Kent F.W.B. Church of Kent, Ohio, a letter of Demission in order to join the Northern Ohio Baptist Conference.

Pray for us that we will grow and increase in our churches and members.

The Ordaining Council ordained Bro. Roy McDaniel, Bro. Eugene Glisson, Bro. Charles Eldon Hutson and Bro. Clifford Green in our last conference.

Rev. L. D. Mahan, Moderator
 Rev. C. W. Ison, Assistant Moderator
 Rev. Eugene Adkins, Clerk
 Rev. Everett Potter, Assistant Clerk

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with Pine Chapel Church, Jenkins, Ky., on the 6th of Sept. 1957.

We the Russell County, New Durm Conference, met with the Ephesus Church and organized by electing the following: Rev. Harley Dye, Moderator; Rev. M. P. Ball, Assistant Moderator; Faye Rasnake, Clerk.

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

Ephesus Church —
 May Robinet
 Henry Robinet

Ida Whited

Guiding Light Church —

Arnold Smith

May Smith

Fullers Chapel Church—

Walter Whited

Corb Ray

Ralph Rasnake

Betty Rasnake

Drill Chapel Church —

B. E. Dye

Ida Hale

Paul Hess

Frazier Hale

Eula Hess

Casey Blankenship

Mt. View Church —

Lina Diamond

Robert Johnson

Bert Diamond

Corey Johnson

Flitchers Ridge Church —

Fannie Flitcher

Brady Farmer

Harley Nuckles

Mt. Zion Church —

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Ball

Leonard Dye

Ruth Dye

Mrs. Jackson

Clinch View Church —

Fannie Kelley

Sourwood Mt. Church —

Hazel Wilson

Grover Wilson

Juanita Wilson

Ora Wilson

Indian Creek Church —

Virginia Bostic

Teldia Osborne

Lundy Rose

James Breeding

Kathryn Bostic

Hallie Breeding

Ida Bell Wilson

Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches.....	11
Number of Members.....	344
Number of Ministers.....	19
Number of Sunday Schools.....	5

Done by order of the New Durm Conference while in regular session with Ephesus Church, August 10, 1957.

Rev. Harley Dye, Moderator

Rev. M. P. Ball, Assistant Moderator

Faye Rasnake, Clerk

To the John Thomas Association:

We, the Tri-State Conference, met on August 3, 1957, with the Harmon Chapel Church at Maxie, Va., and elected Bro. Claud Conn as Moderator of the Conference and Ernest Stiltner, Clerk. The following delegates were appointed to attend the Association: Bro. Ed Maye, Bro. Dempsey Adkins, Bro. Bobby Jackson, Bro. Brit Jackson and Bro. Waymon Hurley. We have four churches and about 170 members. We have seven ordained ministers and two licentiates. Pray for us that our conference will grow stronger.

Done by order of the Tri-State Conference while in session with the Harmon Chapel Church,, Maxie, Va., August 3, 1957.

Claud Conn, *Moderator*
Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*

GREETINGS!

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists which convenes with the Pine Chapel Church, Jenkins, Ky., Sept. 6, 7, 1957.

We, the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists, met with the Dyers Chapel Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1957.

We organized our Conference by electing Bro. Alvie Dings, Moderator; Quinton Kieth, Asst. Moderator; Lloyd Hillman and Clinton Lambert as Clerks.

We received one new church into our Conference, the Straight Hollow Church of Dante, Va. We also agreed to buy 700 minutes for this year.

The following delegates were present at our Conference and are delegates to the Association:

Clinchco—Muncy Mullins, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Salyers, Nelly Robinson, Verna Patton.

Charlies Chapel—Absent.

Counts Chapel—Bell Rose, Sally Puckett.

Davis Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dotson, Herbert Hall, Jess Adkins, Emory Taylor.

Duncan Gap—Dave Mullins, Nora Powers, John Kieth, Huldia Kieth.

Dyers Chapel—John Henry Sutherland, H. L. Kiser, Julia Robinson.

Flemingtown—Lethia Branham, Quinton Branham, Emory Dutton, Thelma Artrip, Ansylia Dutton.

Ferby Chapel—Absent

Fremont—Will Damron, Birdie Damron, Emma Smith.
Georges Fork—Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Beverly.
Hillridge—Lee Hill, Alva Lee Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Pal Sweeney.
Honey Camp—Fallie Rose, Bessie Rose, Clara Smith.
Hubbard Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Strouth, Mr. and Mrs. Webster Hubbard.
Lick Fork—Mr. and Mrs. Brack Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Connie Browning, Hattie Kieth.
Martins Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Martin.
Middlebranch—Minnie Phillips, Jim Chambers, Martha Johnson, Ruben Lambert, Lizzie Lambert.
McCoy's Chapel—Ollard Mitchell, Ruby Mitchell, Daisy McCoy.
Mill Creek—Martha Ann Sauls, Mr. and Mrs. Delmon Farmer.
Mills Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Sprolles, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Saylers.
Pine Creek—Elzie Mullins, Willie Newberry.
Pine Grove—Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gouge, Myrta Foster.
Pippins Chapel—Absent.
Peuters Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Claude Carty.
Pyles Memorial—Everett Mullins, James Short, Curtis Mullins, Fanny Mullins.
Rachels Chapel—Frankie Kieth, Dussie Kieth, Janis Kieth.
Rugsby—Mattie Jean Martin, Oakly Mullins, Cedar Mullins, Lila E. Saylers.
Splashdam—Absent.
Tarpon—Dora Puckett, Lucille McCowan, Pauline Miles, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barton.
Union Light—J. H. Estep, Joe Ramey, Tunis Plumey.
Valley View—Gaines Vanover, Lura Vanover, Virgie Mullins.
Yates—Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Boggs, Vina Edwards.
Straight Hollow—Luther Skeen, Henry Cassel.

Our standing:

32 Churches, Membership	2006
24 Sunday Schools, Membership	1430
Ordained Ministers	48
Licentees	4

We agreed to have the Association at the Rugsby Church when it comes to our Conference in 1958.

Done by order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session with the Dyers Chapel Church, July 26 and 27, 1957.

Alvie Dingus, *Moderator*
 Quinton Kieth, *Asst. Moderator*
 Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, *Clerks*

Moderator called for letters from corresponding messengers. No letters being present he asked for oral reports from messengers who visited other Associations.

KENTUCKY STATE ASSOCIATION

Bro. Albert Dingus gave a fine report from the Kentucky State Association. This report was accepted.

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

Bro. E. M. Rose gave a good report. His report was accepted.

Next item of business was the report of the committees. Auditing committee reported the treasurer's books in good order.

The next session of the John Thomas Association will convene with the Rugby Church, Coeburn, Va., Route 2 (Caney Ridge.)

The work of the Association being finished for this session, same was adjourned by move and second until Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1958, when it will convene with the Rugby Church, Coeburn, Va., Route 2 (Caney Ridge), unless called together by the Moderator.

The Ministers' Conference was organized by retaining the same clerk and moderator. Same was adjourned until 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Committee appointed Bros. E. C. Kiser and Johnny Stoffer for this hour. Bro. Kiser read four verses of the 5th Chapter of Matthew. Also three verses of the 4th Chapter of Acts. Prayer by Bro. Earet Rose. Bro. Kiser used for text "Look on Us."

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 2:00 P. M.

Conference opened with singing. Moderator read for a lesson the 1st Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Adam Senters.

Moderator declared the Ministers' Conference open for the transaction of such business that would legally come before it.

Letters were handed the Clerk from Letcher County, Dickenson County, New Durm and the Tri-State Conferences. These were read and accepted by the Association.

They were as follows:

We, the Letcher County Ministers' Conference, met with the Alleghany Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1957, and organized our Conference, electing Rev.

L. D. Mahan as Moderator, and Rev. Eugene Adkins and Rev. Everett Potter as Clerks. We retained the same Ordaining Council: Albert Dingus, C. W. Isom and L. D. Mahan.

We had 27 ministers present and 28 absent; 5 reported by mail—the total of ordained ministers is 60. Percy Elkins and Harrison Middleton were dropped from the Preachers Conference. All the ministers were voted on and their characters good. We have licensed preachers.

The conference adjourned until next August, 1958, unless called together by the moderator.

Rev. L. D. Mahan, Moderator
Rev. Eugene Adkins, Clerk

We, the New Durm Ministers, met with the Ephesus Church, August 10, 1957, and organized by electing Rev. Harley Dye, Moderator, Faye Rasnick, Clerk.

There were 9 Ordained Ministers present and 8 absent. Their names were called and each was voted on and their character passed as good. They were as follows: Glen Peck, Drill, Va.; Gordon Kelly; James Hutchenson, Honaker, Va.; Lee Wilson; Martin Ball; Benton Miller, Pilgrim Knob, Va.; Harley Dye, Swords Creek, Va.; Elijah Tiller; Edward Perkins, Oakwood, Va.; Grover Lambert, Viena, Va.; Charlie Keen; J. C. Rasnake, Honaker, Va.; Everett Rasnake, Council, Va.; James Lambert; Henry Ball; James Hall, Drill, Va.; Johnie Stevens.

Done by order of the New Durm Conference while in session with the Ephesus Church, August 10, 1957.

Rev. Harley Dye, Moderator
Faye Rasnake, Clerk

August 3, 1957

We the Tri-State Ministers' Conference met with the Harmon Chapel Church at Maxie, Va., on August 3rd, 1957, and organized by electing Claude Conn as moderator and Ernest Stiltner as clerk.

The following ministers were present: Claude Conn, Kelsa, Va.; Willie Compton, Grundy, Va.; Miles H. Hurley, Mohawk, W. Va.; Troy Dotson, Mohawk, W. Va.

Licentiates are: Clarence Stiltner, Grundy, Va.; Dempsy Adkins, Elkhorn City, Ky.

Those absent were: Walter Hurley, Mohawk, W. Va.; George Harding, Matewan, W. Va.; Alfred Flanning, Iager, W. Va. We have 7 ordained ministers.

All ministers were called on and a report of each was voted on and accepted, their character being good.

This brings the Ministers' Conference to a close, unless called together by moderator, until next August, 1958. Done by order of the Tri-State Conference while in session with the Harmon Chapel Church at Maxie, Va., August 3-4, 1957.

Claude Conn, Kelsa, Va., Moderator
Ernest Stiltner, Grundy, Va., Clerk

To the John Thomas Association:

We, the Dickenson County Ministers' Conference, met with the Dyers Chapel Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July 1957.

We organized our Conference by electing E. M. Rose as moderator, Clinton Lambert and Lloyd Hillman as clerks. All ministers were in good standing. C. T. Dutton was dropped as he has moved his letter to another conference in Ohio.

The following ministers were present: Alvie Dingus, Bill Harrison, Asa Hughes, Everett Johnson, E. C. Kiser, Willard Kiser, Quinton Keith. Hie A. Mullins, Lee Mullins by letter. C. E. Reedy, E. M. Rose, Maston Rose, Goble Rose, Fred Taylor, Luther Taylor, Emory Vanover, Ivan Reedy, Everett Smith, James Hobbs, Luke Wright, Joe Johnson, B. M. Moore, Rufus Keith, James Short.

The following ministers were absent: W. R. Bise, S. P. Davis, Kermit Deel, Erwin Hall, Emory Estep, Walter Hughes, Kasper Lane, Rit Large, George Mooney, Ted Mullins, Monroe Mullins, Josh Rose, Troy Robinson, Cecil Ramey, James Wright, Marion Belcher, Rice Bowman, D. F. Kennedy, Creed Fleming, Adam Stanley, Carmel Lane, Bertsie Stanley, Earl Slimp, Jr.

Bros. E. C. Kiser, C. E. Reedy, Alvie Dingus were reelected to the Ordaining Council.

Done by order of the Dickenson County Ministers' Conference while in regular session with the Dyers Chapel Church July 27, 1957.

E. M. Rose, Moderator
Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, Clerks

This finishing the work of the Ministers' Conference, same was adjourned 'til Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1958, when it will convene with the Rugby Church, Coeburn, Va. (Caney Ridge) unless called together by the Moderator.

Moderator called the regular conference to order for the work of unfinished business. The following request was handed the Clerk:

"We, the building committee of the Letcher County Conference, ask the John Thomas Association for a donation to help finish a church we now have under construction."

This request was put before the Association and some discussion was made. The executive committee reported as follows:

"We, the executive committee, do agree to donate \$100 toward finishing the work of the building mentioned, provided the church mentioned is deeded to the Freewill Baptists."

Committee:

Lester Able, Luther Dings,
O. T. Smith, Warren Salyers,
Earet Rose, Walter Whited

The business being finished, Conference was adjourned until Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1958, when it will convene with the Rugby Church, Coeburn, Va. (Caney Ridge), unless called together by the Moderator.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Bros. Clyde Reedy and Claude Conn were chosen for this hour. Bro. Reedy read for a lesson part of the 8th Chapter of Acts. Prayer by Bro. Lonzo Edwards. Bro. Reedy used for a text "Preached Unto Him Jesus."

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Hershel McPeaks and Dallas Kelly for this hour. Prayer was omitted. Text used, "The New Covenant."

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Bros. Lawrence Shelby and Albert Dings were chosen for this hour. Prayer omitted. Text used, first verse of the 5th Chapter of 2nd Corinthians:

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

The association takes this means of thanking the people in and around Jenkins for the kindness shown and extended to the people during this association.

Ministers' Report

HERMAN BATES, JR.

Boy 503

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	Assisted in 2
Number Sermons	126
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	6
Number Baptised	4
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	40
Amount Received	\$20.22

EZRA JOHNSON

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	3
Number Sermons	103
Revivals	5
Conversions Witnessed	25
Number Baptised	20
Burials Attended	12
Memorials Held	3
Prayer Services	52
Amount Received	\$205.85

BILL HARRIS

Pikeville, Ky.

Number Sermons	41
Conversions Witnessed	8
Baptised	2
Funerals Attended	3
Miles Traveled	500

LESTER ABLE

Jenkins, Ky.

Number Sermons	39
Conversions Witnessed	6
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	57

ROBERT MADDEN

Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	12
Baptised	10
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	35

IKE YOUNG, JR.

Kona, Ky.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	94
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	9
Baptised	1
Burials Attended	3
Miles Traveled	763

JIMMIE SEALS

Hemphill, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	130
Conversions Witnessed	3
Burials Attended	4
Prayer Services	80

L. P. HALE

Elkton, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	1
(Assisted in 2)	
Conversions Witnessed	2
Baptised	2
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	25
Amount Received	\$14.00

LEE GOOD

Stanley, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
(Assisted)	
Sermons	40
Revivals	2
(Assisted in)	
Conversions Witnessed	2
Baptised	2
Prayer Services	34

FLOYD STEWART

Milan, Indiana

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	65
Revivals	5
Conversions Witnessed	6
Baptised	5
Burials	1
Prayer Services	35
Churches Organized	1
Couples Married	3
Amount Received	\$10.00

HAROLD E HARVEY

Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	15
Baptised	2
Burials	1
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	52
Churches Organized	1
Sunday Schools Organized	1

Ministers' Report

—EVERETT POTTER Payne Gap, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	56
Conversions Witnessed	4
Baptised	2
Burials	2
Memorials	5
Prayer Services	30
Sunday Schools Organized	1

IRA HARVEY Day, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	240
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	7
Baptised	8
Burials	1
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	125

12 CLETIS GARRETT Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	158
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	5
Baptised	8
Added to Church	11
Burials	2
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	5
Couples Married	1

DALLAS KELLY Burdine, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons (about)	60
Conversions Witnessed	15
Baptised	3
Burials Attended	7
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	20
Amount Received	\$40.00
Miles Traveled	3000

JAMES D. RICHTER Dayton, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
(Assisted)	
Sermons	26
Revivals	2
(Assisted)	
Conversions Witnessed	24
Baptised	2
Prayer Services	28

EDMOND C. MAGGARD Pikeville, Ky.

Sermons	91
Prayer Services	31
Burials	6
Memorials	2
Conversions Witnessed	3
Baptised	1
Amount Received	\$30.00
Miles Traveled	1868
Expense	\$27.40
Churches Pastored	1
Assisted Pastor	1

DARWIN MULLINS Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	90
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	20
Baptised	6
Burials	3
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	45
Couples Married	1
Amount Received	\$20.00

ALBERT DINGUS Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons (about)	65
Revivals	3
(Assisted in)	
Conversions Witnessed	10
Baptised	4
Burials	28
Prayer Services (about)	50
Couples Married	8
Amount Received	\$3000.00

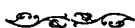
EUGENE ADKINS- Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	3
Sermons (about)	75
Conversions Witnessed	14
Baptised	4
Burials	5
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	20
Couples Married	1
Miles Traveled	3000
Amount Received	\$20.00

JAMES WHEELER Pikeville, Ky.

Sermons	75
Prayer Services	50
Conversions Witnessed	9
Revivals	2
Burials	4

OBITUARIES



REV. L. DODGE COLEMAN AND WIFE, ALOPHARE PUCKETT COLEMAN

Rev. L. Dodge Coleman was a minister of the Freewill Baptist Church for 35 years and pastor of the Paw Paw Church for 31 years. He was a great leader in the community and state and was loved by all who knew him.

Alophare Puckett Coleman, the faithful wife of L. Dodge Coleman, preceded him in death April 5, 1957, at the age of 80 years, four months and 23 days. She was a great helper in Gospel work and a loving mother; she will be missed by all who knew her.

Rev. L. Dodge Coleman, 86 years old and one of Pike County, Kentucky's earliest pioneers, went home to be with God on June 19, 1957, after an illness of three years.

He was united in matrimony to Alophare Puckett on March 15, 1894; to this union was born 12 children—eight girls and four boys. Also 60 grandchildren and 85 great grandchildren.

My work down here will soon be over,
Then I'm going home to rest.
I know I'll meet my many loved ones
In that home of perfect bliss.

Chorus

1

There'll be many mansions bright in glory,
There'll be a mansion bright for me;
There my soul shall live forever
In that bright eternity.

2

Mother told me of that city
Where Jesus went so long ago;
She said 'He'd build for us a mansion
On that bright eternal shore.

3

Dad will be there with mother
Sitting at my Saviour's feet.
Oh! I'm longing now to join them
And praise God; my Christ I'll meet.

In memory of Mother and Dad
by their daughter,
HAZEL SHONE

JANE MEADE

It is with much regret that I attempt to write the obituary of my dear and loving grandmother, Martha Jane Meade.

She was born May 28, 1881 and died October 17, 1956, making her stay on earth 75 years, 4 months and 19 days. She was the daughter of Harvey and Francis Lane of Scott County, Virginia. In the year 1905 she was united in marriage to Jim Richmond Stallard and he preceded her in death in the year 1908. To this union was born two children, Pridemore Stallard, Tabernash, Colorado, and Daphne Stallard Meade, Pound. In the year 1912, she was married to Solomon Meade and to this union was born two sons, Charles C. Meade, Pound, and Fletcher Meade, Richmond. Mr. Meade preceded grandmother in death on August 17, 1940.

To mourn her death, she leaves four step-children, 16 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and a host of step-grandchildren.

Grandmother became a Christian at about the age of 16 and lived a consecrated Christian life until her death. She was a member of the Ferby Chapel Church. She was a very devoted wife and loving mother, and loved by all who knew her. I feel that our community is much better by her having lived in it. She bore many burdens and sorrows during her stay here on earth but we feel that with her passing all her burdens and sorrows are over. I would say especially to the children that Dad's and Mother's cares and sorrows are all past and I feel that their Christian work was well done. We know that their greatest desire would be for us all to meet them in Heaven.

Written by
INEZ M. WILSON

JAMES MONROE ESTEP

In sad but with loving remembrance I write the obituary of my brother, James Monroe Estep. Born Feb. 6, 1919, he departed this life March 19, 1957, leaving behind to mourn his loss a wife and six children, father and mother and four brothers and three sisters and a host of friends and relatives. My brother is missed by many friends. We pray to meet him in a better land. For it was God's will to send His call, which is coming to us all. Sleep on, brother, and take your rest; God called you—He knew what was best.

Written by his sister,
MRS. DOROTHY SCARBERRY
Paw Paw, Ky.

L. D. COLEMAN

In sad but loving memory of Rev. L. D. Coleman, who made his stay here on earth 86 years, one month, seven days, deceased this life June 19, 1957.

He had 13 children, 58 grandchildren; he has 11 children living to leave behind. God gave him a wonderful blessing to have spiritual children, who were loving and kind to him in his afflictions. Brother Coleman was almost helpless and had to be waited on for 21½ years. We thank God for giving his children health and spiritual strength to be patient with their father in his afflictions.

Brother Coleman was a minister of the Gospel for 34 years; went over the mountains, down the valleys to take the Gospel to our lost people and seemed to enjoy it most; even when the roads were bad he would ride horseback through the rain, heat, and cold to be a servant for God.

He leaves his children and many friends to mourn his loss. His seat seems so empty in our Church, but we understand God always knows best. We miss his presence and his talk. He was our pastor at Paw Paw Church for about 30 years, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by
LILLIAN LESTER

WINNIE ELLEN HURLEY

Winnie Ellen Hurley, wife of Robert Jonathan Hurley, passed from this life May 10, 1956. She was born Dec. 25, 1889, the daughter of William Blevins and Melvine Vanover. She was born at Iaeger, W. Va., McDowell County. She became a member of the church (Missionary Baptist,) about the year 1916, later moving her membership to the Freewill Baptist Church. Living on this earth to mourn her loss were nine children and a host of grandchildren and many friends. We hope our loss is Heaven's gain. He called you to be with the angels. So sleep on, dear mother, and take your rest—God knows best. May we meet on that happy shore, to part no more and go home to wear a crown. And there I hope to shake your loving hand and live forever and ever in the Glory Land.

Written by
MILES HURLEY
Argo, Ky.

AGNES VANOVER

Agnes Vanover, daughter of Wiley and Rushie Stanley, was born July 25, 1911, and departed this life May 28, 1954, at the age of 39 years. She was united in marriage to Estil Vanover in the year 1925. To this union was born eight children; two preceded her in death.

Agnes became a Christian in the year 1943, and was baptised by Brothers Asa Hughes and Willard Martin. She took up fellowship with the Valley View Church; she was a good Christian mother, and lent a helping hand to all. She was a good worker in the church and community. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sleep on, Dear Sister, and take your rest,
God called you to be with the blest;
May we meet on the other shore—
Meet there to part no more.
Where we lay our burdens down
And go home to wear a crown,
There I hope to shake your hand,
And live together in Glory Land.

Written by a sister in the church,
LURA VANOVER

JAMES SCARBERRY

In memory of Bro. James Scarberry, son of Martin and Matilda Dotson Scarberry, born March 10, 1883; deceased June 4, 1956. He was married twice and to these unions were born eight children, two deceased and six living. He confessed a hope in Christ and was baptised by L. D. Coleman, Sept. 18, 1932, and was one among the choice brothers always at his home church bearing good fruit, pleasant and Christianly and was loved by all Christian workers and believed within his heart that men lived after this life; that men lived in a new world, and said he was prepared to meet God in peace; and I, the writer, his pastor, believed he will meet Him in the sweet bye and bye.

His brother in Christ,
DODGE COLEMAN

EMMA SUTHERLAND

In memory of our loving mother, Emma Sutherland, the daughter of Joseph and Margaret Elkins. She was born April 15, 1833, making her stay here on earth 73 years, 7 months, and 9 days. She was married to Alex Sutherland and to this union was born 11 children. Her husband and five children preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss are three daughters, three sons, three stepsons, two stepdaughters, two sisters, 29 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

She belonged to the Freewill Baptist Church. Mother was dearly loved by those who knew her, and she loved for people to visit her. She was good and kind to everyone.

Sleep on, dear mother, and take your rest; we know some day you will live with the blessed. We loved our dear mother so much it was hard to give her up, but we know God knew best. Up in Heaven she won't be sick any more. We hope to shake your loving hand and live forever in Glory Land.

Written by her daughter,
LILLIE

NORA HURLEY

In memory of sister Nora Hurley, wife of Arthur Hurley, and a good mother, who passed away January 20, 1957. She was born in Buchanan County, Va. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurley of Argo, Ky. She was 37 years of age; she leaves five brothers and five sisters and four daughters: Charlene, Rhoda Alice, Shelby Jean, and Freda Darlene; also her husband, Arthur Hurley, to mourn her loss. Her dying words were "Singing and trusting in the Lord 'til I die." Her seat is vacant in her home and at church her seat is empty—it cannot be filled.

Sleep on, dear mother, and take your rest, God called you to be with the blessed. May we meet on the other shore—meet there no more to part. I know she is with Jesus—she accepted Christ some few years ago and was baptised by Adern Daves. She would say, "I am going to live with Jesus." She would say, "Come on, Jesus, I am just waiting to see You." I hope and trust and pray to shake her hand some glad day.

Written by her mother-in-law,
BARBARA HURLEY

IN MEMORY OF DANIEL PROTER

I write the obituary of my son-in-law, Daniel Proter. He was born November 20, 1937, making his stay on earth 20 years, four months and 21 days. He leaves behind his wife, Mrs. Genet Scarberry Proter, his father, mother, six brothers, four sisters, and a host of friends and relatives. I would love to say to his father, mother, brothers and sisters, "Repent and live for the Lord, while we have the time and opportunity, for there is no repentance after death.

We all miss him very much, and I pray to God to meet him in a better world where meeting will never break up.

Written by his mother-in-law,
MRS. DOROTHY SCARBERRY
Paw Paw, Ky.

ALAPHAIRE PUCKET COLEMAN

In memory of a sweet, humble mother. She was born Nov. 12, 1876. She passed away on April 5, 1957, making her stay on earth 80 years, 4 months and 7 days.

Sister Coleman was the mother of 13 children. She was blessed to see her family grown. She had a good, loving and kind family toward her in her afflictions. She had been blind for years. She always had a sweet smile and a kind word toward everyone. I will remember the words she told me before she passed away. She said when she got on the other side of life, she could see her Saviour—her eyes wouldn't be blind.

She had 58 grandchildren, her own children and many friends to mourn her loss. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by
LILLIAN LESTER

EMERY DOTSON

In remembrance of Brother Emery Dotson, of Argo, Ky.

He was the son of John Dotson and Clacurch Dotson. He was born in Buchanan County, Va., age 62 years. He was married to Margie Hunt. To this union was born three sons and four daughters; seven living children and wife to mourn his loss; but we hope our loss is Heaven's gain. So, children, if you expect to see Daddy again, you must be born again.

Written by
MILES HURLEY
Argo, Ky.

IN MEMORY OF JOE JACKSON

A loving father and a brother in Christ, Daddy was born April 25, 1899 and departed this life September 30, 1956, making his stay on earth 57 years, five months and five days. He was united in marriage to Myrtie Hurley, January 2, 1921; to this union was born 12 children—seven boys and five girls. One preceded him in death. He was converted and baptised in 1950 and lived a good, clean and Christian life. From that day on he loved to go to church and to have services in his home. He was loved by all who knew him. He leaves to mourn him his wife and 11 children, 24 grandchildren, and his mother and four brothers and three sisters, all of Kelso, Va. There is a vacant place in our home—his chair is not filled. But we will meet our daddy in Heaven if it's God's will.

Written by his son,
BOBBY JACKSON

IN MEMORY OF JAMES SCARBERRY

I write the obituary of my father, James Scarberry. Born March 10, 1883 and departed this life June 4, 1956, making his stay on earth 73 years, 2 months and 24 days.

He was married to Jane Slone in 1900 and to this union was born four children, Dewey, Willie, Dorothy and Hazel. Willie preceded him in death and also his wife. In 1931, he was married to Lois McClanahan; to this union four children were born. Everett and his wife preceded him in death. He reared his last family by himself; he was a good Christian father and had many hardships to bear. He has gone to be with Jesus where trouble will be no more.

Sleep on, Daddy, and take your rest; we will meet you where parting will be no more.

Written by his daughter
PEARL SCARBERRY

ROBERT JONATHAN HURLEY

Robert Jonathan Hurley passed from this life January 9, 1956. He was born February 28, 1870, the son of John Bogal Hurley and Martha Jacobs. He was the father of 17 children and lived a Christian life the greater part of his life. He united with the church about the year 1910 and was ordained preach by the Missionary Baptist Church. He lived all of his life in Buchanan County, Va., being born at Kelsa, Va. So we hope our loss is Heaven's gain. Brother Robert Hurley was a

Freewill Baptist minister. He was loved by everyone. So sleep on, dear brother and take your rest—God knows best. He called you to be with His angels. May we meet on that happy shore to part no more and go home to wear a crown. And there I hope to shake your loving hand and live forever and ever in Glory Land.

Written by
MILES HURLEY

OBITUARY OF EBBIE MOORE

On April 11, 1956, as God was gathering flowers, He reached down in His infinite wisdom and mercy and picked one of the loveliest rose buds that has ever grown, to place in the Master's bouquet at the great white throne. Sister Ebbie Moore was a loving and affectionate mother, sister and friend; she never grew tired of rendering service to others.

Her vacancy in her home, church, and community can never be filled. We miss her, but we know that our loss is her eternal gain.

We bow in humble submission to the Father's will and thank Him for her life and for the years of our acquaintance with her. She had a heart of gold, ever ready to help the needy. She was a blessing to all who knew her; her life will be a light to my pathway when I am tempted to fall by the wayside.

She was born March 13, 1890; she became a Christian and was united with the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church. She remained faithful to the Lord and to her church until God saw fit to call her home.

She was the wife of Farris Moore, who preceded her in death April 18, 1952. Sister Moore died in Bristol Memorial Hospital; the funeral was conducted in Valley View Freewill Baptist Church by the pastors, Rev. Asa Hughes and Bill Harrison. The body was laid to rest in the Temple Hill Cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers.

May God bless her family that their hearts may be knitted together in love.

Her life's trails are over,
The victory has been won,
Though it was hard to part,
We say, "God's will be done."

Written by
MRS. ASA HUGHES

CHARLES LEE WILLIAMS

Charles Lee Williams was born September 17, 1884 at Stuart, Virginia. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams. He departed this life October 9, 1957. Making his stay on earth 73 years and 21 days.

August the 29, 1914 he was married to Miss Jettie Harbour. To this union was born 10 children, 6 girls and 4 boys. One girl, Lucille, and one son, Donald, and 2 grandchildren preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Mrs. Jettie Williams, 5 daughters, Mrs. Arlus Shook, Edgerton, Ohio; Mrs. Carmel Johnson, Mrs. Mrs. Frank Phillips and Betty Lou Williams, all of Clinchco, Virginia; Mrs. Irene Ankney of Defiance, Ohio; 3 sons: Warren and Clarence of Sandusky, Ohio, and Doris of Clinchco, Virginia. He also left one brother and one sister, 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He was converted in his home December 1, 1955. Bro. Ben Powers visited him in his home, had prayer and sung for him. He enjoyed it very much. He told Bro. Powers to sing "The Unclouded Day" for him. It was his favorite song. He was a devoted husband and a loving and kind father.

We feel our loss is heavens gain.

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 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 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 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 move 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 Friday 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.—1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; Acts 24:15; 1 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. 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 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; 1 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 impress 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.

