

Minutes

of the

**JOHN—THOMAS
ASSOCIATION**

of

Freewill Baptists
STATE OF VIRGINIA

THIRTY-EIGHTH SESSION

Held With

Dyer's Chapel Church
Stratton, Va.

September 9-11, 1960

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE JOHN-THOMAS ASSOCIATION—1959-1960

Amount in treasury at end of year 1959.....	\$536.17
Expenditures for year 1959.....	474.86
Balance in treasury 1959	61.31

Received into treasury 1960:

New Durm Conference (check)	\$ 33.10
Tri-State Conference (cash)	20.00
Letcher County Conference (check)	100.00
Hamilton County Conference (check)	7.70
Dickenson County Conference (check)	204.00
Engraving for the year 1959.....	10.00
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Total in treasury.....	446.11

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MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1960

Dickenson County Conference	700
Letcher County Conference	625
New Durm County Conference	250
Tri-State County Conference	100
Hamilton County Conference	125
Total	1800

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Officers

Officers of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1960-1961.

C. W. ISOM, BURDINE, Kentucky..... *Moderator*
L. D. MAHAN, Payne Gap, Ky..... *Assistant Moderator*
EVERETT JOHNSON, Clinchco, Va..... *Clerk*
LESTER, ABLE, Jenkins, Ky..... *Treasurer*

Ordaining Councils

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

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

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

HARLEY DYE, *Chairman* Swords Creek, Va.
BENTON MILLER Pilgrims Knob, Va.
EDWARD PERKINS Oakwood, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

E. C. (JACK) KISER, *Chairman* Stratton, Va.
C. E. REEDY Millard, Va.
ALVA DINGUS McClure, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE CINCINNATI, OHIO

ROBERT MADDEN, *Chairman* Cincinnati, Ohio
ELIGAH W. SCARBER Cincinnati, Ohio
FLOYD STEWART Cincinnati, Ohio

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

CLAUDE CONN, *Chairman* Kelsa, Va.
WILLIE COMPTON Grundy, Va.
HENRY ESTEP Paw Paw, Ky.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES LETCHER COUNTY

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 SALLYER	Clinchco, Va.
GEORGE BROWNING	Coeburn, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

W. H. ELKINS	Cincinnati, Ohio
JOE POE	Cincinnati, Ohio

VISITING MINISTERS

WALTER GLOVER, Clinch Valley Association	Dante, Va.
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Introduction

Service opened with congregational singing. Bro. Joe Johnson, Pastor of the Dyer's Chapel Church, read for a lesson the 23rd Psalm. Bro. C. W. Isom of Burdine, Ky., concluded the service. Bro. Isom used for a text the 59 verse of the 119 Psalm. "I thought on my ways and turned my feet unto thy testimonies." Sister Ellen Dye led in prayer.

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-eighth session of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Dyer's Chapel Church, Stratton, Virginia, September 9th, 11th, 1960.

Clerk, having charge of the association, read for lesson the 1st Psalm. Bro. Clinton Lambert led in prayer. Clerk continued the work by calling for the delegates, ministers, visiting ministers and corresponding messengers:

DELEGATES

Dickenson County:

Ellis Adkins & Wife
Munsey Mullins
Albert Cochran
Flora Keith
Nora Rose
Lee Hill
J. E. Barton
Vina Edwards
Lizzie Dotson
Flora Reedy
Maggie Rose
Hassie Martin
Emmit Rose
Wesley Edwards
Brack Powers

Warren Salyer & Wife
Alva Lee Fleming
Neva Sutherland
James Chambers
Simon Sutherland
Wheeler Senter & Wife
Cleve Dye & Wife
John H. Sutherland
Gaither Lambert
Cecile Mullins
Clara Kiser
Plez Salyers
Ilene Mullins
Margarett Shortt

New Durm Conference:

Sister Ellen Dye
Ellis Nuckles
Anne Jay Nuckles

Walter Whited
Ada Farmer
Cora Nuckles

Letcher County Conference:

Sister Cora Able

Hamilton County Conference:

Sister Mary Stewart

MINISTERS

Dickenson County:

Fred Taylor
Goble Rose
E. C. (Jack) Kiser
Joe Johnson
C. E. Reedy
Emory Vanover

B. M. Moore
Everett Johnson
Robert Salyer
Josh Rose
E. M. Rose
Asa Hughes

Letcher County:

C. W. Isom
Ezra Johnson
Chas. McKinnely
Albert Dingus
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Lester Able
L. D. Mahan
Donald Cooper
Clyde Kelly

New Durm:

Winfred Hess

Harley Dye

Hamilton County:

Floyd Stewart

Clerk declared the conference open for the business that might come before it. The first item was electing of a moderator. By move and second, Bro. C. W. Isom was elected to serve as moderator. He was given power to appoint such committees and help as he needed to assist him in the work. He appointed Bro. L. D. Mahan as assistant moderator. He then proceeded by the electing of a clerk and treasurer, Everett Johnson was retained as clerk and Lester Able as treasurer.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Pulpit Committee:

Walter Whited, *Chairman*; Tivis Counts, Chris Stapleton.

Auditing Committee:

Munsey Mullins, *Chairman*; Clyde Kelly, Rufus Keith.

An oral report was given by Bro. Albert Dingus who visited the Kentucky State Association with Bros. Joe Johnson and Clyde Kelly. The report was passed and accepted by the association.

Conference being organized and work started, same was adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Saturday morning.

FRIDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Committees appointed Bros. Harley Dye and Walter Glover for this hour of service. Bro. Dye read for a lesson the 3rd chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Bro. Donald Cooper. This was a wonderful hour of service and a great manifestation of His wonderful spirit.

FRIDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Bros. Floyd Stewart and Donald Cooper were chosen for this hour. Prayer by Bro. Warren Salyer. Bro. Stewart read for a lesson the 35th Chapter of Isaiah. Text: "Ye are the light of the World" "Know ye not that you are the messengers of God."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Congregational singing. Moderator, having charge of the conference, read for a lesson the 48th. Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Earet Rose.

Moderator then declared the conference open for such legal business that might come before it.

Letters from New Durm, Letcher County, Dickenson County and Hamilton County were handed to the clerk for reading. Tri-State being absent, the clerk was given power to receive their letter and put same in the minutes.

The letters were as follows:

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Dyer's Chapel Church at Stratton, Va. on Friday before the 2nd. Sunday in September, 1960.

Greetings:

We, the Letcher County Conference met with the Kent, Ohio Freewill Baptist Church at Kent, Ohio, on August 27th, 28th., 1960. The Conference was opened with singing. A scripture lesson was read by the clerk. Prayer.

The enrolling of the delegates, and ministers followed. Bro. Clyde Kelly was elected moderator and Bro. Albert Dingus was ass't. moderator.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Moderator appointed Bro. Jack to give a talk on Temperance and Bro. Lawrence Shelby to give a talk on Sunday Schools.

The delegates were:

Cora Able	Roy Blevins	Ellis Younts
Lloyd Parker	Charles McKinley	Dwight Pucket
Donald Cooper	Carl Reynolds	Jack Bartley
Mary Shelby	Ray Wright	
Douglas Kelly	Arlo Smith	

Our standing:

Number of Churches	22
Number of Members	1000
Number of Sunday Schools	18
Average Attendance	1490
Ordained Ministers	62

There were 18 churches reported.

By order of the Letcher County Conference while in regular session with the Kent Ohio Baptist Church August 27th. & 28th., 1960, at Kent, Ohio.

Rev. Clyde Kelly, *Moderator*

Rev. Everett Potter, *Ass't Moderator*

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association while in regular session with the Dyer's Chapel Church, Stratton, Va. September 9-11, 1960.

Greetings:

We, the Hamilton County Conference send as delegates to the Association, the following whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations: Marion Stewart, Lula Stewart, Mary Stewart.

Our standing is as follows:

State of religion	Good
Membership	77
Prayer Meeting	Good
Sunday School	Good
Average number Pupils	80
Number of Officers	6
Number of Teachers	6

Ministers belonging to our church: Floyd Stewart, Robert Madden, Elijah W. Scarber, James Isom, Freddie Jamell, Dale Rictor.

By order of the Hamilton County Conference while in regular session August 13th., 1960.

Robert Madden, *Moderator*
James Isom, *Clerk*

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association while in regular session with the Dyers chapel church September 9-10th., 1960.

We the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Straight Hollow church July 22, 23, 1960.

We organized our Conference by electing Bro. Joe Johnson Moderator, Bro. E. M. Rose, Asst. Moderator, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, Clerks. The following were delegates to the Quarterly Conference and are delegates to the Association.

Charlie Chapel—Sterling Mullins, Sis. Elzie Cantrell.

Clinchco—Sis. Warren Sayler, Muncy Mullins, Verna Patton, Nellie Robinson.

Counts—Nina Lee Anderson, Selma Sloan, Thurline Viers.

Davis—Bro. & Sis. J. C. Dotson, Estal Hale, Reta Ann Meade.

Duncan Gap—Absent.

Dyers Chapel—Lizie Dotson, Maggie Rose, J. H. Sutherland, Homer Kiser.

Flemingtown—Tivis Mullins, Isom Fleming, Lizzie Mullins, Mamie Wright.

Ferby Chapel—Absent.

Fremont—Bro. & Sis. Will Damron, Bonnette Stanley.

Frying Pan—Everett Rice, Glad Bowman, William Hammons.

Georges Fork—Walton Beverly, Eura Beverly, Virgie Kennedy.

Hillridge—Lee Hill, Alva Lee Fleming.

Honey Camp—Frank Rose, Jean Rose.

Hubbard—Bro. & Sis. Whellar Centers, Bro. & Sis. Everett Rose.

Lick Fork—Bro. & Sis. Brack Powers, Bro. & Sis. Arvil Dotson, Emma Vanover.

Martins—Bro. & Sis. Dallas Martin, Hassis Martin, Willard Counts.

McCoys—Ruby Mitchell, Carie McCoy, Daisy McCoy.

Middle Branch—Snoda Sutherland, Nina Sutherland, Relda Silcox, Jim Chambers, Gather Lambert.

Mill Creek—Bro. & Sis. Aron Deel, Bro. & Sis. Ellis Adkins, Bro. & Sis. Wesley Edwards, Mack Artrip.

Mills Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Ernest Sexton, Bro. & Sis. Thermon Sproles.

Pine Creek—Bro. & Sis. Wille McGlothian.

Pine Grove—Bro. & Sis. Arnold Gouge, Bro. & Sis. Monroe Hamilton.

Peuthers Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Claude Carty, Pearl Bise, Sis. Cecil Mullins

Pyles Memorial—Sis. James Short, Edward Mullins, Sis. Edward Mullins.

Rachels Chapel—Alta Mullins, Larkin Carty.

Rugsby—Nell Dingus, Goldie Kennedy, Cedar Mullins, Oakley Mullins.

Straight Hollow—Luther Skeens, Henry Castle.

Splash Dam—Absent.

Tarpon—J. E. Barton, Pauline Miles, Alta Taylor, Vergie Kiser.

Valley View—Flora Kieth, Macey Damron, Rita Stanley.

Yates—Albert Cochran, Vina Edwards, John Yates.

Union Light—J. H. Estep, Johnny May.

Our standing as follows:

Number of churches	32
Membership	2040
Number of Sunday schools	28
Membership	1654
Ordained Ministers	46

Done by order of the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference while in regular session with the Straight Hollow church Dante Va. July 22, 23, 1960.

Joe Johnson, *Moderator*
 E. M. Rose, *Asst. Moderator*
 Clinton Lambert
 Lloyd Hillman
Clerks

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Dyer's Chapel Church, Stratton, Va. on the 9-11 of September, 1960.

Greetings:

We, the New Durm Conference met with the Fullers Chapel Church and organized by electing Bros. Harley Dye as moderator and Winfred Hess as Ass't. Moderator and Faye Rasnake as Clerk.

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

Fullers Chapel Church—Walter Whited, Jinnie Whited, Ralph Rasnake, Laura Rasnake.

Drill's Chapel—Paul Hess, Eula Hess, Eunice Whited, Hue Coleman, Leonard Fuller.

Mt. View Church—Ezra Johnson, Aubry Compton, Ruby Compton.

Ephesus Church—Cleve Dye, Ella Dye, Ellen Dye.

Mt. Zion Church—Leonard Dye, Ruth Dye.

Fletcher's Ridge—Ellis Nuckles, Brady Farmer, Ada Farmer.

Clinch View Church—I. F. Stevens, Elbert Rasnake.

Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	10
Number of Members	331
Number of Ministers	14
Number of Sunday Schools	5

By order of the New Durm Conference while in regular session with the Fullers Chapel Church, August 12th., 1960.

Rev. Harley Dye, *Moderator*

Rev. Winfred Hess, *Ass't Moderator*

Faye Rasnake, *Clerk*

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Dyer's Chapel Church, Stratton, Va. September 9-11, 1960.

Greetings:

We, the Tri-State conference met with the Harmon Chapel Church at Maxie, Va. August 6-7, 1960 and appointed delegates to attend the Association.

Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	3
Number of Members	200
Number of Ministers	6

Pray for us that we will grow stronger and continue in the work of the Lord.

By order of the Tri-State Conference while in regular session with the Harmon Chapel Church, Maxie, Va. August 6-7, 1960.

Claude Conn, *Moderator*

Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*

These letters were accepted by the association. Next item of business was the appointing of messengers to the Ky. State Association. Those that volunteered to go were: Bros. Albert Dingus, D. H. Moore, L. D. Mahan, Poe Johnson.

The auditing committee reported the books of the Association were in good order.

This finishing the work of the Association, the same was adjourned until Friday before the 2nd. Sunday in September, 1961, when it will convene with the Drill Chapel Church, Drill, Va. at 11:00 A.M. unless called together by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Ezra Johnson and Fred Taylor for this hour of service. Bro. Johnson read the 20th chapter of St. John beginning with the 19th. verse and reading through the 29th. verse. Bro. Johnson used for a text, "Peace be unto you." This was a wonderful message, by Bros. Johnson and Taylor. Prayer by Bro. James Short.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 2:00 P.M. MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Congregational singing. Lesson was read by the Assistant Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Amos Gray.

Clerk having charge, organized the ministers conference. By move and second the conference voted to retain the same clerk and moderator, namely, Everett Johnson and C. W. Isom.

Moderator taking charge, declared the conference open for such legal business that might come before it.

Letters were handed the clerk, same were heard and passed by the Association. They were as follows:

NEW DURM MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

We, the New Durm Conference met with the Fullers Chapel Church August 13th, 1960 and organized by electing Bro. Harley Dye as moderator and Faye Rasnake as Clerk.

There were 7 ordained ministres present and 6 absent. There names were called and each was voted on and their characters passed as good.

They were as follows:

Rev. Harley Dye	Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Benton Miller	Pilgrim Knob, Va.
Rev. Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va.
Rev. Winfred Hess	418 Center St. Richlands, Va.
Rev. James Lambert	Bee, Va.
Rev. Gonian Kelly	Cleveland, Va.
Rev. Charlie Keen	Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Chris Sutherland	Bee, Va.
Rev. James Hall	Drill, Va.
Rev. Everett Rasnake	Honaker, Va., Rt. 1
Rev. Martin Ball	Lebanon, Va.
Rev. Glen Peck	Drill, Va.
Rev. Henry Ball	Davenport, Va.

We voted to retain the same ordaining council.

By order of the New Durm Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Fullers Chapel Church, August 12, 1960.

Harley Dye, *Moderator*
Faye Rasnake, *Clerk*

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association while in regular session with the Dyers Chapel Church, Stratton, Va.

We the Dickenson County Ministers Conference of Free-will Baptists met with the Straight Hollow Church, Dante, Va.

We organized our Conference by electing Bro. Joe Johnson as Moderator, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman as clerks.

The following Ministers are members of our Conference and in good standing.

S. P. Dingus, Alvie Dingus, Asia Hughes, Everett Johnson, E. C. Kiser, Willard Kiser, Quinton Kieth, Rufus Kieth, Rit Large, George Mooney, Hie A. Mullins, Mack Mullins, Lee Mullins, Ted Mullins, C. E. Reedy, E. M. Rose, Maston Rose, Josh Rose, Goble Rose, Troy Robinson, Fred Taylor, Luther Taylor, Emory Vanover, James Wright, Luke Wright.

Noble Wright, Marion Belcher, Everett Smith, James Hobbs, Ivan Reedy, Joe Johnson, B. M. Moore, Creed Fleming, Bertsie Stanley, Earl Slimp Jr., James Short, Charlie Miles, Henry Hammons, Ersel Johnson, Robert Sayler, Bill Dixon, Lonzo Edwards, Estel Hale, Marvin Killen, Otis Crabtree, Cecil Colley.

The following Ministers deceased this year: Bros. W. R. Bise, D. F. Kennedy.

The following were given letters of Dismissal to join other Conferences: C. R. Bowman, Cecil Ramey, Bill Harrison.

The following ministers were dropped for failure to report within 2 years: Walter Hughes, Adam Stanley, Carmel Lane, Monroe Mullins.

Ordaining Council: E. C. Kiser, C. E. Reedy, Joe Johnson.

Done by order of the Dickenson County ministers Conference while in regular session with the Straight Hollow church July 22, 23, 1960.

Joe Johnson, *Moderator*

Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, *Clerks*

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Ministers Conference organized by retaining Bros. Clyde Kelly as moderator and Everett Potter as Clerk.

The work of the conference was as follows:

By a move and second of the conference it was voted by the conference that a minister that was ordained in this conference (Letcher County Conference) be required to maintain his status in this conference for at least a year, unless they have moved away to another community or church.

Minister's characters were passed as good. We voted to retain the same ordaining council.

By order of the Letcher County Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Kent Ohio Freewill Baptist church, Kent, Ohio, August 27th, 1960.

Rev. Clyde Kelly, *Moderator*

Rev. Everett Potter, *Clerk*

TRI-STATE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with the Dyers Chapel Church, Stratton, Va., September 10th, 1960.

We, the Tri-State Conference met with the Harmon Chapel Church at Maxie, Va. on August 6th, 1960 and organized the

ministers conference by electing Bros. Claude Conn as moderator and Ernest Stiltner, clerk.

A report of the ministers were given and accepted as being in good standing. Those present were: Bros. Claude Conn, Miles H. Hurley, Willie Compton, Dempsey Adkins, Clearence Stiltner, Henry Estept, Troy Dotson.

By order of the Tri-State Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Harmon Chapel Church, Maxie, Va. August 6, 1960.

Rev. Claude Conn, *Moderator*

Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Dyers Chapel Church, Stratton, Va. September 10, 1960.

The conference elected Bro. Robert Madden, Moderator and Bro. James Isom as clerk.

The ministers belonging to our conference were passed upon as good and characters the same. We appointed the ordaining council as follows:

Bro. Robert Madden as chairman. Floyd R. Stewart and Eligah W. Scarber.

By order of the Hamilton County Ministers Conference while in regular session the 13th day of August, 1960.

Bro. Robert Madden, *Moderator*

Bro. James Isom, *Clerk*

No other work to come before the Ministers Conference same was adjourned until Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1961 when it will convene with the Drill Chapel Church, Drill, Va. unless called together by the Moderator.

(The Association takes this means of thanking the people in and around Stratton, Nora, Clincho, Clintwood and elsewhere for their kindness shown and extended to the people during this Association).

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE 2:30 P.M.

Committee appointed Bro. Albert Dingus for this hour. He called for prayer by Bro. Clyde Reedy. His text was, "Preach the Word."

This was a very sound and strong doctrinal sermon. It was enjoyed by those that heard it.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Congregational singing. Bro. Hershell Mullins' singers; Sunday school girls and Amburgey children, had a wonderful song service.

Bro. B. H. Moore read from Genesis 6th chapter 1st through the 9th verse, using for a text, the word, "Escape" taken from Hebrews 2nd chapter, 3rd verse. Service concluded by Bro. Joe Johnson. Prayer by Sister Ritter Lambert. Dismissed by Bro. Sam Sutherland.

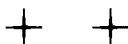
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Had a wonderful song service by the Sunday School Girls and Bro. Elzia French.

Bro. Joe Johnson read 2nd chapter of St. John, 1st verse through the 11th verse. Prayer by Bro. Charles Taylor.

Text, the 5th verse, "His Mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever He saith unto you do it."

Bro. B. H. Moore concluded the service. Benediction by Bro. John H. Sutherland.



Minister's Report

JIMMIE SEALS

Jackhorn, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Number Baptized	5
Revivals Held	1
Number Conversions	7
Prayer Meetings	30
Couples Married	1
Sermons approx.	100

HAROLD E. HARVEY

807 Hawthorne Ave.,
Cincinnati 5, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals held	2
Conversions witnessed	10
Number Baptized	8
Burials Attended	4
Memorials held	1
Prayer services	52
Couples married	10
Miles traveled	10,000

FLOYD STEWART

R. R. #1 Milan, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
Number Sermons	94
Revivals	1

JAMES ISOM

Sunman, Ind.

Number Sermons	223
Conversions Witnessed	27
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	36

ROBERT MADDEN

1119 Queen City, Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	1
Conversions witnessed	8
Number Baptized	5
Prayer services	40

Minister's Report

L. D. MAHAN

Payne Gap, Ky.

Churches Pastored	2
Number Sermons	120
Revivals	1
Conversions	4
Burials attended	6
Amount received	\$100.00

ELIGAH W. SCARBER

Moore's Hill, Ind.

Number Sermons	57
Burials attended	2
Couples married	12

GEORGE LESTER ABLE

Jenkins, Ky.

Number Sermons	49
Conversions Witnessed	7
Burials attended	2
Memorials	1
Prayer services	50

HAROLD C. MILES

Vicco, Ky.

Number Sermons	45
Conversions witnessed	4
Burials attended	1
Prayer services	12
Couples married	1

DONALD COOPER

Summan, Ind. R. R. #1

Number Sermons	40
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	45
Number Baptized	2
Burials attended	1
Prayer services	40
Amount received	\$15.55
Miles traveled	800

LEO GOOD

Stanley, Va.

Churches pastored	1
Number sermons	100
Revivals	1
Prayer services	35

ALBERT DINGUS

Box 748 Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons (approx.)	50
Conversions witnessed	10
Number Baptized	3
Burials Attended	22
Memorials	3
Prayer services	30
Churches organized, helped	1
Couples Married	3

CHARLES MCKINLEY

R. R. #1, Dillslow, Ind.

Number Sermons	35
Revivals	1
Conversions witnessed	30
Number Baptized	4
Burials attended	1
Prayer services	50

CLETTES GARRETT

Rt. #1 Laweranceburg, Ind.

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	75
Members received	42
Conversions witnessed	35
Number Baptized	32
Burials attended	2
Memorials	2
Prayer services	52
Amount received	\$122.70

LONNIE P. HALE

106 West Spootswood, Elkton, Va.

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	1
Prayer services	25

ARLO SMITH

Sunman, R. R. #1, Ind.

Number Sermons	80
Conversions witnessed	25
Number Baptized	1
Assisted baptism	13
Burials attended	1
Memorials	1
Prayer services	15
Conducted 2 radio programs weekly for 1 year with preaching service.	

Minister's Report

CLAUDE CONN

Kelsa, Va.

Sermons preached	150
Memorials	2
Churches Pastored	2
Funerals	19
Baptized	10
Revivals	1
Amount received	\$40.00

CLARENCE STILTNER

Vansant, Va.

Sermons	90
Baptized	9
Memorials	6
Revivals	3
Amount received	\$75.00
Miles traveled	600

WILLIE COMPTON

Grundy, Va.

Sermons	150
Memorials	3
Funerals	5
Pastored Churches	2
Baptized	25
Revivals	2
Amount received	\$50.00
Miles traveled	500

TROY DOTSON

Mohawk, W. Va.

Sermons	30
Funerals	5
Memorials	3

DEMPSY ADKINS

Elkhorn City, Ky.

Sermons	84
Funerals	3
Churches pastored	1
Revivals	1
Miles traveled	1766

HERBERT H. ADAMS

Sermons	61
Revivals assisted in	1
Conversions witnessed	5
Baptized	11
Burials	2
Prayer Services (approximate)	45
Couples Married	1
Miles traveled (approximate)	1200

MILES H. HURLEY

Mohawk, W. Va.

Sermons	55
Memorials	2
Funerals	3
Miles traveled	300

OBITUARIES



CATHERINE SMITH McGLOTHINE

Catherine Smith McGlothine died April 16, 1960, making her stay on earth 77 years. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church for a number of years. She was loved by all who knew her.

We will long miss her but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. She always had a place in her home for the poor.

Her testimony was that she was ready to go, but the only thing, she had so many friends and loved ones she hated to leave.



A Note of Remembrance

Aunt Catherine, you are gone,
But to remember your smile we don't feel alone.
For the smile God gave you was so sweet,
And the way you wore it—it was so neat.
We feel with Jesus you have a better home;
We pray for all to live as you did
and meet you around God's eternal throne.

Written by her niece and nephew
Aubrey and Ruby Compton

NOAH ALLEN COOK

Noah Allen Cook, the son of Virgil and Sarah Cook, was born Sept. 20, 1950; died September 21, 1959, making his short stay on earth 7 hours. Left to mourn his loss, father, mother, one sister Betty Cook, one brother Franklin Cook. Two brothers and one sister deceased. One grandmother and grandfather and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Sleep on, darling, and take your rest.
God called you home; He knew it was best.

DORIS GAY RASNAKE

Doris Gay Rasnake, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rasnake, born August 30, 1957, died Jan. 20, 1960. Making her stay on earth 2 yr., 4 mo., 21 days. Leaves to mourn her loss her parents Mr. & Mrs. Earl Rasnake, three brothers: Gary, Larry, Randel and two sisters Joyce and Phillies. Grandparents Mr. & Mrs. James Rasnake and Mr. & Mrs. Marshel Perkins and a host of friends. We know our loss is Heavens gain.

Little Gay is gone to rest to live with God and all the blessed; Its little throng, we will always praise a Saviour's love, redeeming grace.

But, O, Gay, how we miss you since you've been gone away;
We hope to meet you up in heaven some bright, eternal day.
How gladly we will meet you when we anchor on Heaven's Shore;

We will be with you to part no more.

If we could see its little face delighted with that happy place,
If we could hear its little tongue so sweetly sing the heavenly songs,

We would not wish it back again but say, little Gay, with God remain.

Written by Grandmother
Mrs. James Rasnake

REV. LEE WILSON



In memory of a dear beloved husband and father, Preston Lee Wilson, age 46 years, 5 months and 29 days at his death February 15, 1960.

In the year of 1931 he was married to Hazel Kiser. To this union was born eleven children, 4 of whom preceded him in death. 7 are living. Roy Lee, Curtis, Lonnie, Giles and Lillian are still at home.

Zelma Head and Alden Wilson of Elkton, Maryland. He also leaves 9 grandchildren, a mother, 5 sisters and 7 brothers. Mrs. Ore Wilson mother, Mrs. Myrtle Packas, Mrs. Beauty

Sykes of Cleveland, Va. Mrs. Bessie Tiller, Mrs. Marie Tiller of Council, Va. Mrs. Edith Compton of Burlington, N. C., Wilard Wilson, Leonard Wilson of Cleveland, Va. Dewey Wilson of Hoanker, Va. Virginia, George Wilson of Davenport, Va.

Grover Wilson, Homer Wilson of Cleveland, Va., Earl Wilson of Honaker, Va. One brother and sister, Edward, Gladys and father preceded him in death.

He was converted and baptized early in life. A short time later he was ordained to preach in the Freewill Baptist church. He loved to go to church and have services in his home. Our home is so lonely since Daddy is gone, because there is a vacant place that will never be filled. Daddy was dearly loved by those who knew him. He loved for people to visit him. We loved Daddy so much it was hard to give him up, but we know God knew best. Up in Heaven he won't be sick anymore.

He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. I know that his greatest desire would be for us all to meet him in Heaven.

He was, a devoted husband and a loving kind father, but we feel our loss is heavens gain. The day before he died he told his son Lonnie that Jesus was coming after him, perhaps before daylight.

Written by his daughter-in-law
Ella Wilson

GEORGE A. FIELDS

In memory of Brother George A. (Alec) Fields who was killed in a mine accident October 2, 1959.

Alec was born August 9, 1926, making his stay on earth 33 years, 1 month, and 23 days.

Surviving are his widow Clara Johnson Fields and 3 children, Judy, Ronnie, and Dennis. Also his father and mother Mr. & Mrs. Tivis Fields, all of Dante, Va. He also leaves 9 brothers and 4 sisters and a host of friends.

Brother Alec was converted in a Tent Revival and was baptized. He was a member of St. Hollow Freewill Baptist Church and served as a Deacon. He was the leader of the Evangelier Quartet. Alec had a wonderful singing voice, always singing the spirit.

There's an empty place in our life that no one else can fill. But we have the great assurance of meeting Alec again in the new city, There we'll sing together again, praising Christ these endless ages where death can never separate. We truly know he loved the Lord and feel he is at rest with Jesus our blessed redeemer, whom he sang and testified of while here.

Written by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Salyers
who truly mourn the loss of a precious
friend and brother in Christ.

JUNIOR CLAY LAMBERT



Junior Clay Lambert was born April 2, 1934, at Ailey, Virginia and died January 21, 1960, at the age of 25 years, 9 months and 19 days. He was the son of Bruce and Ada Lambert.

He attended school at Middle Branch where he was loved and respected by his schoolmates and teachers.

He was converted to Christ, baptised and joined the Freewill Baptist Church at Middle Branch in the days of his youth, about nine years ago. He has been a faithful and devoted

member of his church through the last days of his life.

Junior was married to Miss Margaret Yates on August 18, 1956. They have one child, Roger Lee, who is now 31 months of age. His Christian Faith and influence, no doubt, helped to win his wife to the Lord early in their married life. Junior was a loving, loyal and faithful young husband and father in his home.

He was employed by the Dickenson County School Board as a bus driver in 1955 and has rendered very satisfactory service as such until his accidental death while on duty, while trying to help another driver get his stalled bus and children in to school after he had finished his own run.

In his church, home, community and on the job he was loved and highly respected by all who came in contact with him. His humble, quiet and lovely spirit was quick to win and keep friends for him wherever he went. He was always ready to speak a kind word and offer a helping hand to anyone that he was able to help.

He leaves besides his wife and son, father and mother, three brothers, Gaither, Isaac and Vince; three sisters, Edna, Nell and Rose, all of Ailey, Virginia; his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Yates, of Leck, Virginia; and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

While Junior's passing has brought inexpressable sorrow and heartache to us all, we do have in our hearts the assurance that our loss will be his eternal gain. Our sincere prayer to God and our deep determination is that by the Grace of God we can all so live that when we are called to go that we shall meet him in a world that will have no sad partings or grief.

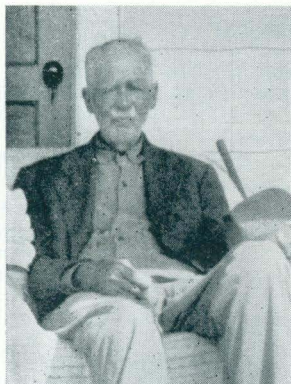
Prepared by his wife Margaret and sister Edna

SILAS CORBETT RAY

Silas Corbett Ray, born August 29, 1900, departed this life January 20, 1960, making his stay on earth 59 years, 4 months, 21 days. He was married to Gussie Hess April 4, 1922. To this union were born nine children of which 2 preceeded him in death. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Mrs. Gussie Hess Ray; three sons, Lawrence, Donald and Ralph; four daughters, Minnie Pearl, at home; Mrs. Ralph Rasnake, Mrs. Holland Hess, Mrs. Frank Dye all of Swords Creek, Va. Three brothers, Ira Ray, Cedar Bluff, Va.; Miles Ray, Swords Creek, Va.; Wesley Ray, of Bishop, Va. Three sisters: Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard, Mrs. Noah Perkins, both of Swords Creek, Va.; Mrs. King Ball, of Abingdon, Va.; and eighteen grandchildren. He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. He professed faith in Christ in August of 1945 and was united with the Freewill Baptist Church and lived a faithful member until his death. We feel that our loss is heavens gain.



REV. W. R. BISE



William Robert Bise was born August 3, 1870, and died August 10, 1960 at the age of ninety years and six days. He leaves to mourn his loss his companion Mincy A. Bise, and one son, Ted Bise, of Rt. #1, Clintwood, Virginia; three brothers, M. S. Bise, Charles Bise, and James A. Bise, Rt. #1, Clintwood, Virginia; six grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

Rev. Bise was converted and baptized on Caney Creek about 55 years ago. He later moved to the Bise Community in 1908 and along with a few of his neighbors and friends, he led the way in organizing the Peuther Chapel Church where he kept his active membership until the end. He

has been a very influential minister and leader in the Freewill Baptist Church throughout his Christian life. He had a special gift and interest in organizing and pastoring churches.

He has had considerable illness during the last many years of his life, but the longer he lived the stronger his interest and faith in the Lord's work grew. His church work was his first object in life. He was very punctual and active in all his ministerial duties until he became so feeble he just had to give it up.

He was a very faithful husband and loving and kind father. His clean, simple life was always a wonderful example for his and his neighbor's children. Also, he was always interested and active in worthwhile community activities. He served several years on the District School Board. School children and teachers always best wishes and help when needed.

Rev. Bise was preceded in death by three children, Edd Bise, Rushie Stanley, and Pearl McFall, all of whom were Christians long before their passing. He has left a wonderful Christian record. We feel that his works and influence will live on in the lives of the people and friends he has served, and his suffering and labors of this world are over and that he has reached his eternal rest with God.



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 this 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 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 Friday before the second Sunday in September at 11:00 A. M. 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 quickeneth 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; 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 mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

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

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

The schedule for the Associations and the year is as follows: Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September at 11:00 A.M.

New Durm Conference.....1961
Dickenson County Conference 1962
Letcher County Conference1963
Dickenson County Conference 1964
Letcher County Conference1965
Dickenson County Conference 1966
Tri-State Conference1967
Dickenson County Conference 1968
Letcher County Conference1969
New Durm Conference1970
Dickenson County Conference 1971
Letcher County Conference1972
Hamilton County Conference 1973
Letcher County Conference1974
New Durm Conference1975
Dickenson County Conference 1976
Letcher County Conference1977
Dickenson County Conference 1978

