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Minutes

of the

JOHN—THOMAS ASSOCIATION

of

Freewill Baptists **STATE OF VIRGINIA**

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION

Held With

Drill Chapel Church
Drill, Va.

September 8-10, 1961

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE JOHN-THOMAS ASSOCIATION—1960-1961

Amount in Treasury in 1960	\$ 61.31
Received from Quarterly Meetings and engraving	374.80
Engraving	10.00
Total in Treasury	446.11

Expenditures:

Everett Johnson—Clerk	20.00
Minutes and engraving	375.51
Total expenditures	395.51
Balance in Treasury Sept. 9, 1961	\$ 50.60
Amount received Sept. 9, 1961	\$393.30
Letcher County Conference Check	114.30
Tri-State Conference—Cash	20.00
New Durm Conference Check	30.00
Dickenson County Conference Check	218.00
Engraving Cash	11.00
Total	393.30
Total now in Treasury to Sept. 9, 1961	443.90

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MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1961

Dickenson County Conference	750
Letcher County Conference	625
New Durm County Conference	350
Tri-State County Conference	200
Hamilton	75
Total	2000

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Officers

Officers of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1961-1962.

C. W. ISOM, Burdine, Kentucky	<i>Moderator</i>
EDWARD PERKINS, Oakwood, Va.	<i>Assistant Moderator</i>
EVERETT JOHNSON, Clinchco, Va.	<i>Clerk</i>
LESTER, ABLE, Jenkins, Ky.	<i>Treasurer</i>

Ordaining Councils

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

ALBERT DINGUS, <i>Chairman</i>	Jenkins, Ky.
C. W. ISOM	Burdine, Ky.
EZRA JOHNSON	Jenkins, Ky.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

HARLEY DYE, <i>Chairman</i>	Swords Creek, Va.
BENTON MILLER	Pilgrims Knob, Va.
EDWARD PERKINS	Oakwood, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

C. E. REEDY, <i>Chairman</i>	Millard, Va.
JOE JOHNSON	Fremont, Va.
EMORY VANOVER	Clintwood, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE CINCINNATI, OHIO

ROBERT MADDEN, <i>Chairman</i>	Cincinnati, Ohio
ELIGAH W. SCARBER	Cincinnati, Ohio
FLOYD STEWART	Cincinnati, Ohio

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

CLAUDE CONN, <i>Chairman</i>	Kelsa, Va.
WILLE COMPTON	Grundy, Va.
MILES H. HURLEY	Mohawk, W. Va.

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 SALYER	Clinchco, Va.
GEORGE BROWNING	Coeburn, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

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

Introduction

Service opened with congregational singing. Bro. Harley Dye, pastor, called for prayer by Bro. Edward Perkins. Bro. Dye read for a lesson the 1st. chapter of 1st. Peter using for a text, "Foundation."

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-ninth session of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Drill Chapel Church, Drill, Va. September 8th, 9th, 1961.

Clerk having charge read for a lesson the 3rd. chapter of Colossians, 17 verses. Prayer by Sister Unice Whited. Clerk continued the work of the Association by calling for the delegates, ministers, visiting ministers, and corresponding messengers.

DELEGATES

New Durm Conference:

Walter Whited	Jenny Whited
Brady Farmer	Frazier Hale
Leonard Farmer	Eula Hale
B. E. Dye	Ralph Rasnick
Hugh Coleman	Cora Nuckles
Seaton Helton	Grover Wilson
Leonard Fuller	Arnold Smith
Ada Farmer	Hazel Wilson
Januita Wilson	

Letcher County Conference:

Mary Shelby	Cora Able
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Dickenson County Conference:

Ellis Adkins	Raymond McCarty	Ruby Sutherland
Albert Cochran	Delman Farmer	Beulah Johnson
Jim Chambers	Lee Hill	Mrs. Carter Phillips
Brack Powers	Lizzie Dotson	Warren Salyers
Muncy Mullins	Snodie Sutherland	Mr. & Mrs. Pal
Zella Lambert	Neva Sutherland	Sweeney
George Lambert	Rosa Meade	Emma Smith
Verna Patton	Charlie Lambert	Ray Salyers & Wife

Hamilton County Conference:

Absent

Tri-State Conference:

Claudia Stanley	Grace Stiltner
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MINISTERS

New Durm Conference:

Edward Perkins	Harley Dye	Gleen Peck
Gonian Kelly	James Lambert	

Dickenson County Conference:

Everett Johnson	Emory Cook	J. T. Hartsock
E. M. Rose	Joe Johnson	Ivan Reedy
C. E. Reedy		

Letcher County Conference:

Lester Able	Everett Potter
C. W. Isom	Albert Dings
Clifford Green	

Hamilton County Conference:

Absent

Tri-State Conference:

Henry Estep	Dempsy Adkins	Willie Compton
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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. C. W. Isom was elected moderator. He was given power by the association to appoint such committees and help as he needed to assist him in work. He appointed Bro. Edward Perkins as assistant moderator. He then proceeded by the electing 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*; Sister Cora Able, Hugh Coleman.

Auditing Committee:

Frazier Hale, *Chairman*; B. E. Dye, Albert Cochran.

Conference being organized the same was adjourned until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning.

FRIDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Committee appointed Bro. C. W. Isom and Edward Perkins for this hour service. Bro. Isom read for a lesson the 1st. Psalm. Prayer Sister Cora Able. Bro. Perkins read a part of the 7th chapter of St. Luke. Using for a text, "Weep Not." This was a very impressive service. A good many thoughts was brought to our minds.

FRIDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Bro. Lester Able was appointed to fill this hour. Prayer by Bro. Arnold Smith. Bro. Able read for lesson the 4th. chapter of St. John, beginning with the 20th. verse and reading through the 29th. verse. He used for a text, "Come, see a man, which told me all things I ever did: is not this the Christ?" This was a very thoughtful message. Many good points were brought out concerning Christ and his mission in the world. Bro. Everett Johnson concluded the service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Congregational singing, moderator read for a lesson the 1st. chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Bro. Reedy. Moderator declared conference open for such business that might come before it.

Letters from New Durm, Letcher County, Dickenson County & Tri-State Conference were handed to the Clerk for reading. Hamilton County being absent, was voted to be retained as of the last Association.

Letters read as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with the Drill chapel church Sept. 8-9th, 1961. We the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Peuthers Chapel church 21, 22 of July.

Brothers E. M. Rose was elected moderator, C. E. Reedy, assistant moderator.

Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, clerks. Charles Lambert treasurer of Quarterly Meeting Fund. Everett Mullins treasurer Emergency Fund. Mrs. C. E. Reedy treasurer Orphan Home Fund.

Executive Board Committee, N. B. Lambert, Chairman; O. T. Smith, Warren Sayler, Earet Rose, George Browning.

The following are delegates to the Association:

Charlie Chapel—Absent.

Clinchco—Verna Patton, Rosa Meade, Pherbia Johnson, Muncy Mullins, Bro. & Sister Ramond McCarty.

Counts—Bro. & Sister Douglas Ramsey, Bro. & Sister Alfred Green.

Davis—Russell Bevins, Maurine Bevins, Manila Davis, Emory Taylor

Duncan Gap—Absent.

Dyers Chapel—Lizie Dotson, Homer Kiser, Bro. & Sister Elmer Robinson.

Flemingtown—Guy Colley, Isom Fleming, Mamie Wright, Tivis Mullins.

Ferbie Chapel—Bro. & Sister John Meade, Gertie Baker, Ruby Meade.

Fremont—Sister Chester Smith, Jimmy Smith, Bro. & Sister Jim Eggers.

Frying Pan—Bro. & Sister Grady Rasnick, Hobert Rice, Luke Bowman, Glad Bowman.

Georges Fork—Effie Browning, Ethel Fleming, Bro. & Sister Jess Browning.

Hillridge—Lee Hill, Alva Lee Fleming, Bro. & Sister Pal Sweeney.

Honey Camp—Frank Rose, Jean Rose.

Hubbard—Bro. & Sister Barney Collins, Bro. & Sister Emmitt Rose.

Lickfork—Bro. & Sister Brack Powers, Jett Dotson, Hettie Dotson.

Martins—Hassie Martin, Maurine Fletcher, Marie Martin, Bro. & Sister Dallas Martin.

Middle Branch—Beula Johnson, Jim Chambers, Snoda Sutherland, Neva Sutherland, Ruby Sutherland.
McCoys—Hodge McCoy, Bennit Kilgore, Ruby Mitchell, Ritha Kilgore.
Mill Creek—Ellis Adkins, Wesley Edwards, Delman Farmer.
Mills Chapel—Bro. & Sister Ernest Sexton.
Pine Creek—Bro. & Sister Tolb Vanover, Willie Beverly, Bro. & Sister Corbet Farmer, Holliday McFall.
Pine Grove—Bro. & Sister Emmit Hamilton, Bro. & Sister Cecil Kiser.
Peuthers Chapel—Allen Yates, Francis Mullins, Claude Carty, Henry Carty, Lee Carty.
Pyles Memorial—John Riley, Grace Riley, Ramonia Gibson.
Phillips Chapel—James Barnes, Carter Philips, Anna Lee Barnes, Mack Holbrook.
Rachels—Ray Saylor, Alta Mullins, Roy Hall, Inez Saylor.
Rugsby—Pearl Fogleman, Goldia Kennedy, Victoria Powers.
St. Hollow—Henery Castel, Luther Skeens, Bill Castle.
Splashdam—Inez Spriggs, Reva Mullins, Elma Musick.
Tarpon—Bro. & Sister Bernard Rakes, Lucille McCown, Bro. & Sister J. E. Barton, Mrs. Charlie Miles.
Union Light—Bro. & Sister Louis Justus, Bro. & Sister Edd May, Malin Justus.
Valley View—Bro. & Sister Gaines Vanover, Foria Keith, Bama Bise, Maggie Roberts.
Yates—Albert Cochran, Vinia Edwards, Mildred Yates.

Our standing as follows:

Number of churches	33
Membership	2180
Number of Sunday Schools	29
Membership	1685
Ordained Ministers	41

Done by the order of the Dickenson Quarterly Conference while in regular session with the Peuthers Chapel Church July 21, 22nd, 1961.

E. M. Rose, *Moderator*
C. E. Reedy, *Asst. Moderator*

Clinton Lambert
Lloyd Hillman
Clerks

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while in session with the Drill Chapel Church, Sept. 8-10, 1961.

Greetings:

We the Tri-State Conference met on our regular schedule with the New Zion Freewill Baptist Church, at Big Rock, Va.

on August 26, 1961, and delegates were appointed to attend the association. They were: Bro. Tommy Brown and wife, Sister Claudie Stanley.

We have 3 churches and about 200 members. We have 6 ordained ministers and 3 licentiates.

Done by order of the Tri-State Conference while in session with the New Zion Church at Big Rock Va. August 26-27, 1961.

Claude Conn, *Moderator*
Kelsa, Va.

Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*
Grundy, Va. Box 283

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists which convenes with the Drill's Chapel Church, Drill, Va. on Sept. 8th through 10th, 1961.

We, the New Durm Conference met with the Mt. View Church and organized by electing Rev. Harley Dye, Moderator. Rev. Benton Miller, Asst. Moderator and Faye Rasnake, Clerk.

The following delegates were from their respective churches and were delegates to the Association. Mt. View Church, Gracie Compton, Ocie & Luther Lester, Corry & Robert Johnson, Oubrey & Ruby Compton, Cormie Combs.

Clinch View Church—Floyde & Mary Stevens.

Sawerwood Mt. Church—Groves Wilson, Jaunita Wilson, Hazel Wilson.

Guiding Light Church—Arnold Smith.

Fletcher Ridge Church—Brady Farmer, Ada Farmer, Leonard Farmer, Harley Nuckles, Astel Ray, Linkous Ray.

Mt. Zion Church—Leonard Dye, Hurley Ball, Eula Hale.

Ephesus Church—Ralph Bostic, Virginia Bostic, Tom Taylor, Herbert Whited, Viola Whited, Cleve Dye, Ella Dye, Daniel Beam.

Drills Chapel—B. E. Dye, Frazer Hale, Hugh Coleman.

Fullers Chapel Church—Lawrence Ray, Water Whited.

Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches	9
Number of members	about 300
Numbers of ministers	15
Number of Sunday Schools	4

Done by order of the New Durm Conference while in regular session with Mt. View Church, August 12, 1961. Rev. Harley Dye-Moderator, Rev. Benton Miller, Asst. Moderator, Faye Rasnake, Clerk.

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

We the Letcher County Quarterly Conference convened with the Allegheny Church at Allegheny, Ky. August 26, 1961.

Conference opened by singing "Some Day." Scripture lesson 50th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Albert Haynes.

Bro. Johnnie Stoffer was chosen moderator. Bro. Ezra Johnson as assistant moderator. Pulpit committee: Sister Ann Whitaker, Patsy Goodson and Sister England. Temperance talk by Bro. Loyd Pike. Sunday School talk by Bro. John Akers. Bro. Powers from Dickenson County made an oral report. Bro. Jack Bartley made a report on Pike Co. The pulpit said Bro. Ezra Johnson & Bro. Harold Harvey would preach at 11:00 hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture lesson by moderator

Prayer by—Everett Carty

Letters called for and 20 churches reported.

Letters read and passed on.

The Conference moved with a second we pay to the clerk, the sum of \$5.00 per quarter to pay expenses of mailing and time in so doing, during and in between conferences.

The conference moved with a second we have 500 minutes for the Letcher County Conference.

The conference moved with a second that Eugene Adkins be appointed as assistant clerk.

The Executive Committee said the next conference would go to the Burdine Ky. in November. Conference adjourned. Twenty churches reported with 1143 members.

Visiting Ministers:

Bro. Jack Bartley
Bro. Luther Strouth
Bro. Joe Johnson
Bro. Walter Hughes
Bro. Clyde Daniel

Bro. Cirby Conley
Bro. Jim Lsrđ
Bro. Johnie Staber, *Moderator*
Bro. Everett Potter, *Clerk*

DELEGATES

Sister Huff
Verna Adkins
Beatrice Bates
Sarah Phillips
Nevalyn Williams
Earnest Baldridge

Lawrence England
Alga Holland
Mabel Whitaker
Alberta Blevins
Linds Caldwell
Ruth Gibson

Bro. & Sister Pat Whitaker
Ollie Sanders
Allie England
Jehene Cook
Colef Holbrook
Delores Holbrook
Jasper Earls
Jaunita Belvins

Katherine Davis
Nancy Brashear
George Johnson
Briska Puckett
James Wheeler
Russell Boggs
Anna Leigh Boggs
Andrew Duff

MINISTERS PRESENT

Johnnie Stoffer
C. W. Isom
Clyde Huff
Ezra Johnson
Eugene Adkins

Eddie Rose
Everett Potter
Lester Abel
John Akers
Hubert Adams

Letters were read and passed by the association.

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, 1962, when it will convene with the Clinchco Church, Clinchco, Va. at 11 A.M. unless called together by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Bro. Albert Dingus & E. M. Rose were chosen for this hour of service. Bro. Rose read for a lesson the 8th chapter of Esther. Using for a text the 6th verse of lesson read. Prayer by Bro. Clyde Reedy. This was a very impressive message.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 1:30 P.M. MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Congregational Singing. Clerk read 14 verses of the 15th chapter of Romans. Prayer by Bro. Earet Rose.

Clerk having charge of the Conference, organized the Ministers Conference. By moving 2nd the Association Everett Johnson was retained as Clerk and Bro. C. W. Isom as Moderator.

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

Letters were handed to the clerk from the following Ministers Conference. They were as follows: Dickenson County, Letcher County, Tri-State, and New Durm Conferences.

They were read and accepted by the Association.

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association while in regular session with the Drill Chapel Church.

We the Dickenson County Ministers Conference met with the Peuthers Chapel Church July 21, 22nd, 1961. Bro. E. M. Rose was elected as moderator, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman as clerks. Ordaining council, C. E. Reedy, Joe Johnson, Emory Vanover.

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

S. P. Davis, Alvie Dingus, Asia Hughes, Everett Johnson, Willard Kiser, Quinton Kieth, Rit Large, George Mooney, Hie A. Mullins, Lee Mullins, Ted Mullins, C. E. Reedy, E. M. Rose, Maston Rose, Josh Rose, Goble Rose, Troy Robinson, Fred Taylor, Emory Vanover, Ivan Reedy, James Wright, Luke Wright, Noble Wright, Marion Belcher, Everett Smith, Joe Johnson, B. M. Moore, Rufus Kieth, Bertsie Stanley, Earl Slimp, Jr., James Short, Charlie Miles, Henry Hammons, Ersel Johnson, Robert Sayler, Bill Dixon, Lonzo Edwards, Estel Hale, Marvin Killen, M. C. (Mack) Mullins, Otis Crabtree, Cecil Colley, Vaughn Dotson, Luther Taylor, Emory Cook, J. T. Hartsock, James Hobbs, Homer Barrett, Milburn Edwards, Frank Colley.

The following ministers deceased this year: E. C. Kiser, Creed Fleming.

Done by order of the Dickenson County Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Peuthers Chapel Church July 22, 1961.

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

TRI-STATE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists while convened with the Drill Chapel Church, at Drill, Va., Sept. 8-10, 1961.

We the Tri-State Ministers Conference was organized while in session with the New Zion Church at Big Rock, Va. August 26, 1961. Bro. Claude Conn was appointed moderator and Ernest Stiltner, clerk. The ministers that were present turned in their report, and the conference accepted them and passed on their standing being good.

The following ministers were dropped from our conference for failure to report in 2 years time. George Harding, Matewan, W. Va.; Alfred Flanning, Iaeger, W. Va.; Clarence Stiltner, Grundy, Va.

Ordaining Council: Claude Conn, Willie Compton, Miles H. Hurley.

Done by order of the Tri-State Ministers Conference while in session with the New Zion Church, Big Rock, Va., August 26, 1961.

Claude Conn, *Moderator*

Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*

NEW DURM MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

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

We the New Durm Ministers Conference of Freewill Baptist met with the Mt. View Church.

We organized our conference by electing Rev. Harley Dye, Moderator and Rev. Benton Miller as Asst. Moderator, Faye Rasnick, Clerk.

There were 7 ordained Ministers present and 8 absent. Their names were called and each was voted and their characters passed as good. They were as follows:

Harley Dye, Swords Creek Va.; Benton Miller, Pilgrim Knob, Va.; Edward Perkins, Oakwood, Va.; Daniel Beam, No Address; Ralph Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.; James Lambert, Bee, Va.; Gonian Kelly, Cleveland, Va.; Glenn Peck, Drill, Va.; James Hall, Drill, Va.; Everett Rasnick, Honaker, Va.; Henry Ball, Davenport, Va.; M. T. Ball, Lebanon, Va.; Emory Ball, No Address; Charlie Keen, Swords Creek, Va.; Clinton Booth, Cleveland, Va.

By order of the New Durm Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Mt. View Church August 12, 1961.

Rev. Harley Dye, *Moderator*

Rev. Benton Miller, *Asst. Moderator*

Faye Rasnick, *Clerk*

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

We the Letcher County Conference while in regular session moved and second to retain Bro. Stoffer as Moderator of the Ministers Conference.

The Conference moved with a second that we elect Bro. Ezra Johnson to serve on the Ordaining Council with Bros. C. W. Isom and Albert Dingus.

Ministers were examined and two were dropped from the Ministers Conference. They failed to report within two years. All others were passed as good.

The Ministers were as follows: Albert Dingus, D. D. Moore, J. P. Banks, C. W. Isom, L. D. Mahan, Ersel McPeeks, Ezra Johnson, Everett Potter, Clyde Huff, Jimmy Seals, Edward H. Hall, Geo. Lester Ables, John Akers, Hilt Taylor, Johnny Stoffer, Lamie P. Hale, Leo Goode, Darwin Mullins, Hargis Brewer, C. O. Caudill, Curtis Maggard, Loyd Pike, Charles Gallion, Tommy Pike, Maxwell Hughes, George Adams, Jr., Herbert Cook, Robert Bowman.

Clifford Green, Jonah Shoop, Earnest Pack, Donald Cooker, Charles McKinley, Paul Wooten, Charles P. Randolph, Herbert Adams, Orlo Smith, Lawrence Shelby, Bill Harris, Robert Prater, Dallas Kelly, Eugene Adkins, Eddie Rose, Clyde Kelly, James Wheeler, Perry Elkins, Cletis Garrett, Harold E. Harvey, Arnold Kelly, Artemis Mullins, Herman Bates, Eugene Bowen, Edmond Maggard, Harold Miles, Eldon Hutson, Alonzo Fields.

John Vanover and William McDuffey dropped from list. Mitchell Adams sent his credentials in.

By order of the Letcher County Conference while in regular session with the Allegheny Church August 26, 1961.

Bro. Johnnie Stoffer, *Moderator*

Bro. Everett Potter, *Clerk*

This finishing the work of the Ministers Conference same was adjourned until Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1962 when it will convene with the Clinchco Church, Clinchco, Va. unless called together by the Moderator.

(The Association takes this means of thanking the people in and around Drill, Lebanon, and Honaker, Va. and elsewhere for their kindness shown and extended to the people during the Association).

SATURDAY EVENING PREACHING SERVICE

Committee appointed Bros. C. E. Reedy and Henry Estep for this hour. Prayer by Bro. Willie Compton. Bro. Reedy read for a lesson the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, Text "Charity never faileth." This was wonderful discourse on "Love." The greatest word in the Bible.

SATURDAY NIGHT PREACHING SERVICE 8:00 P.M.

Bros. Edward Perkins, Perman Lester and Edward Dye were chosen for this hour of service. Scripture lesson was omitted. Prayer by Sister Alice Coleman. Opening song "I will lay My Burdens Down."

SUNDAY SERVICE DISCONTINUED

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Minister's Report

CLIFFORD GREEN

Box 575
Hellier, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Number Sermons	105
Revivals	2
Conversions	42
Number Baptized	27
Burials Attended	3
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	100

HENRY ESTEP

Paw Paw, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	35
Baptized	10
Funerals	5
Memorial Services	1
Miles Traveled	300

CLAUDE CONN

Kelsa, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	75
Baptized	10
Revivals	2
Funerals	10
Memorial Services	2
Miles Traveled	500

MILES H. HURLEY

Mohawk, W. Va.

Sermons	75
Memorial Services	4
Funerals	3
Miles Traveled	800

WILLIE COMPTON

Grundy, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons Preached	50
Baptized	10
Revivals Held	3
Funerals	8
Miles Traveled	5,000
Amount Received	75.00

DEMPSEY ADKINS

Elk Horn City, Ky.

Sermons Preached	69
Baptized	19
Memorial Services	7
Prayer Meetings	37
Funerals	5
Amount Received	25.00

OBITUARIES



REV. E. C. KISER



Elihu Clovis "Jack" Kiser was born March 12, 1900 and died December 16, 1960, at the age of 60 years. He was the son of Edom and Sylvia Kiser. He was married to Elsie Beatrice Bowman, November 1, 1923, the daughter of Shade and Nellie Bowman.

Jack was converted to Christ at the Clinchco Church November 9, 1935, and was baptized May 3, 1936. He joined the Peuther Chapel Freewill Baptist and maintained his membership there until 1950 when he moved it to the Dyer's Chapel Church at Stratton which he and his neighbors established and built.

Brother Kiser received his call to the ministry in May, 1937, preaching his first sermon in the Middle Branch in June, 1937, and was ordained to the ministry on April 24, 1938, at Valley View Church by an ordaining Council composed of Rev. A. F. Hughes, Rev. W. R. Bise, and Rev. Thurston Meade.

Brother and Sister Kiser did not have any children born in their home. However, reared two children in their home, Ronald Jack Bowman, a nephew was kept 14 years as their own, and an adopted daughter, Beulah Marie Fletcher, whom they took when she was two weeks old and is now 14 years old. Jack was a very kind and generous man, even beyond his means. He was always ready to help any of his friends and neighbors in any way possible.

He attended public elementary school at Stratton and began laboring on public works at an early age. Much of his work was done in the mines for various coal companies and later for himself. He spent several years as an insurance and automobile salesman.

After his conversion and call to the ministry, his church work became his greatest interest. His sincerity and faithfulness to his ministerial labors won for him the utmost confid-

ence of all his fellow ministers and church people. He was honored by being made a leader in the Freewill Baptist Church circles of Dickenson and neighboring counties. He served several years as Moderator and also as Chairman of the Ordaining Council. Also, he was called to pastor three or four churches during most of his ministerial life. Probably his greatest love, however, was found in evangelistic work. He was called far and wide to conduct many revival meetings in which he was blest of the Lord to win many lost to Christ, probably more than any one has ever recorded. Probably the most satisfying ministerial rewards was in seeing so many of his own friends, relatives, neighbors and former playmates coming to Christ. His most devoted and consecrated services to his preaching duties were rendered in the very last few years that he lived, after his physical afflictions had rendered him totally unable to do manual labor.

Jack is survived by his wife Beatrice, daughter Beulah Marie, foster son Ronald Jack, and four brothers, Burton, Homer, Corbett, and Howard, also by a host of other relatives and friends. He will be deeply missed by all and especially by his churches and fellow ministers. There is certainly one great consolation, "He endured to the end," "He fought a good fight, he finished his course, and he kept the FAITH." Therefore, all his bereaved friends should take comfort in feeling certain that he has attained that peace, rest and crown that has been promised to those who love and serve the Lord. So rest in peace, Brother Kiser and we shall always hold your memory in reverence and grateful thanks.

Eight months have past since that sad day, when one we dearly loved a husband and Daddy was called away. The shock was hard, we did not know that then so soon he would have to go. A happy home we once enjoyed when we were all together, but soon how changed it was then, for Daddy you were gone forever. We miss your sweet smiling face, and the good advice you have given us. We are trusting in Jesus and longing for him to come back to earth to call his own. Then we can go to live with Jesus and Daddy in our eternal home.

Bea, Beulah, Ronald and friends

EARL ESTEP



In memory of my Dear Brother
Earl Estep who passed away Feb-
ruary 1, 1961.

In the loney grave yard beneath
the cold cold clay

where my dear Brother now is
sleeping.

I know he wanted so to stay.

But he has gone to live with Jesus,
over on the Golden Shore

where he won't be afflicted, but be
happy forever more.

Some day I plan to go and see him on
that bright and happy

Shore where we can live together and never part no more.

I know he hated so to leave us in this world of sin

But by the help of Jesus I know I'll enter in.

Written by his Sister
Tennessee Marrs

CARL DEEL

Carl Deel, born November 26, 1894. Living here on earth sixty five years, ten months, twelve days. Died October 8, 1960. Married to Ellen Robinson, February 28, 1912. To this union was born twelve children. Three having preceded him in death. Surviving his wife and nine children being six boys: Kermit, Junior, Billie, N. C., Joe and Laddie. Three girls, Faye McCoy, Agnes Carico, Nancy Sue Carico. Having thirty-five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. One sister Mrs. Martha Sauls and one brother Arthur Deel. With a host of friends and loving neighbors. Being a Christian several years and was a member of The Freewill Baptist Church served the church as Deacon for twenty years faithfully.

We feel like our loss of him is Heavens gain. He left this world with compassion in him for the lost.

MR. SHADE ESTEP

He was born March 2, 1877 and departed this life April 27, 1960. Making his stay on earth 83 years, 1 month and 25 days. He was married to Myrtle J. Coleman Estep December 19, 1901, and to this union was born 11 children, 6 sons and 5 daughters. Two sons and two daughters have gone to meet the Judgment and 4 sons and 3 daughters are left behind to mourn his loss along with 42 grandchildren and 44 great grandchildren. He joined the Freewill Baptist Church years ago and was baptized.

He didn't go any place for the past two years but he was always reading God's word. And I believe if I live faithfully till the end of life's journey I will meet Dad again.

Written by his daughter
Mrs. Dorothy Scarberry
Paw Paw, Ky.

LOUISE ARMES



Louise Armes, wife of Rufus A. Armes was born on January 31, 1896 at Leemaster, Virginia and passed away on July 9, 1961 at the age of 65 years, 6 months and 9 days.

Surviving are her husband and 6 children, Mae, Perry, Ed, Fay. Pearl and Bea. Also 14 grandchildren and a mother, 4 sisters, 3 brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church for a number of years. While her passing has brought inexpressable sorrow and grief we have in our hearts the assurance that our loss will be heaven's gain. Our sincere Prayer to God, and our deep determination is that by the Grace of God we can also live that when we are called to go we shall meet Mother in a world where there will be no partings or grief.

Written by her daughter
Mae Smith

CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN



Obituary of Christopher Sullivan the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sullivan. He was born June 22, 1890, in Russell County near Lebanon, Virginia and departed this life May 1, 1961, making his stay on earth 70 years, 10 months and 9 days.

He was married to Alta Tiller in 1912 and to this union was born 5 children. Three preceded him in death and two are still living. His wife preceded him in death on November 5, 1921.

On March 27, 1922 he was married to Alice Lambert and to this union was born 15 children. Two children and one grandchild preceded him in death. Leaving his wife Alice Sullivan and one brother Ira Sullivan and 13 children, Mrs. James Lambert, Bee, Virginia; Mrs. Johnny Quinn, Clifffield, Virginia; Mrs. Lloyd Lovett, Richmond, Virginia; Mrs. Donald Farmer, Mrs. Arley Lester, Mrs. Eurice Lester, of Bee, Virginia; Mrs. Lenza Barton of Davenport, Virginia; Mrs. Ervin Breeding, Mr. Author Sullivan, Miss Delphia Sullivan, Mr. Donald Sullivan, Miss Evonne Sullivan, Mr. James Roy Sullivan and Miss Arene Sullivan of Bee, Virginia and Mrs. Paul Harris of Venia, Virginia. 40 grandchildren and three great grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

He confessed hope in Christ during his middle age and came to be a minister and was faithful unto death.

Sleep on Dear Daddy and take your rest,
God called you because he knew it was best,
Till we meet you on that Bright Shore,
We'll meet there to part no more,
When we lay our burdens down,
And go home to wear a Starry Crown,
There I want to shake your hand,
And live together in the Glory Land.

Written by his Granddaughter,
Mrs. Bill Anderson
Grundy, Virginia

A. B. KISER

In memory of A. B. Kiser who was born April 12, 1882. Departed this life December 12, 1958. Making his stay here 76 years, 7 months and 12 days. Was married to Malinda Remines in 1899 and to this union was born 10 children, 8 boys and 2 girls, two little boys preceded him in death. He was a carpenter and worked hard until sickness overtook 5 or 6 years before he died. He was a son of Margaret and Abednigo Kiser of Dickenson County. One sister Mrs. Pelom Collie of Clintwood, Va. He was awful kind and humble during his sickness and was a member of Freewill Baptist Church. He would always sit and talk of his Mother & Dad & brother & sisters while he was sick, but they were all gone but one. He loved his children and he was loved by everybody that knew him. Mother just lived only 8 months. They have gone on vacation but they can't come back, but I know if I endure to the end I can go to them. I believe they will be in first resurrection. I sure do miss them both, they sure was sweet to me, gone but not forgotten.

Written by his daughter
Cleo Miller



MRS. ORA BELL WILSON

Mrs. Ora Bell Wilson was born August 20, 1884, and departed this life on June 22, 1961. She was aged 76 years, 10 months and 2 days. She was married to Jake Wilson in 1901, who preceded her in death 15 years ago. To this union were born 14 children, 9 sons and 5 daughters: Mrs. Mike Poskas, Cleveland, Virginia; Mrs. Walter Sykes, Cleveland, Virginia; Mrs. Evie Tiller, Davenport, Virginia; Mrs. Edith Compton, Burlington, North Carolina; Willard, Leonard, Grover and Homer of Cleveland, Virginia; George of Davenport, Virginia; Earl and Dewey, of Honaker, Virginia. 1 daughter and 2 sons preceded her in death.

She is also survived by 46 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Jim Sykes and Mrs. George Horton, of Morristown, Tennessee, and a host of friends to mourn her death. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

NELSON KAYLOR



Nelson Kaylor was born October 15, 1892, at Mendota, Virginia, and died October 25, 1960, at the age of 68. He was married to Mary Bowen in 1915 at Wilder, Virginia, and moved to Dickenson County in 1918 where he resided until death. To this union seven children were born as follows:

Robert Lee Kaylor, Malvina Davis, Alma Frances Ring (Who preceded him in death about one year), William Franklin Kaylor, Mildred Skeen, Mary Sue Mullins, and Virginia Mae Mullins, and Virginia Mae Vance. He leaves 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also, he has one living brother, Robert Kaylor.

About all brother Kaylor's working days were spent with the Clinchfield Coal Corporation at Wilder and Clinchco. His last few years were spent at home as a retired miner, where he was most patient and attentive in taking care of his afflicted wife.

Brother Kaylor was converted to Christ, baptized, and took membership with the Freewill Baptist Church at Millcreek about 18 years ago. He maintained his membership there attending church there and elsewhere as home conditions would permit.

He was a splendid neighbor, a devoted and loving father and husband, living a quiet, simple, honest and upright life in his Community. He had the love and respect of his neighbors, and of the many men with whom he worked so long in the mines.

We believe our loss will be heavens gain. We sincerely trust that his entire family and his many friends and relatives will make their calling and election sure with God with the precious hope of joining him in heaven where there will be no more sad partings or aching hearts.

Sleep on Darling and take your rest
God called you home and he knows best
Some sweet day and it won't be long
I hope to meet you around God's shining throne
Oh how we miss you and your sweet smiling face
God called you to rest in that glorious place

Written by his wife, Mary Kaylor

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 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 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.—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 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; 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. 23:19, 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 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.

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
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