

Minutes

of the

**JOHN—THOMAS
ASSOCIATION**

of

Freewill Baptists
STATE OF VIRGINIA

FORTIETH SESSION

Held With

Clincho Church
Clinchco, Va.

September 7-9, 1962

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE JOHN-THOMAS ASSOCIATION—1961-1962

Amount in Treasury September 9, 1961	\$ 50.60
Received from Quarterly Conferences & engraving fee	397.40
Total in Treasury	448.00

Disbursements:

Everett Johnson, Clerk	20.00
Minutes & engraving	399.76
Total disbursements	419.76
Balance in treasury September 8, 1962	28.24

Amount received September 8, 1962:

Dickenson County Conference—Check	\$220.00
Letcher County Conference—Check	135.70
Hamilton County Conference—Cash	4.00
Tri-State Conference—Cash	35.00
New Durm Conference—Check	30.00
Total in Treasury Sept. 8, 1962	452.94

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MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1962

Dickenson County Conference	725
Letcher County Conference	500
New Durm County Conference	300
Tri-State County Conference	200
Hamilton	75
Total	1800

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BAPTIST ORPHAN'S HOME OFFERING
DICKENSON FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Name of Church	April	July	Total
Charlie's Chapel	\$ 3.00	\$	\$ 3.00
Clinchco	50.00	39.94	89.94
Counts Chapel		18.11	18.11
Davis Chapel	21.10	13.00	34.10
Duncan Gap			00.00
Dyer's Chapel	30.00	30.00	60.00
Fergie Chapel		40.32	40.32
Flemingtown	8.00	2.50	10.50
Fremont			00.00
Frying Pan			00.00
Georges Fork			00.00
Hill Ridge	9.10	8.70	17.80
Honey Camp	12.00		12.00
Hubbard Chapel			00.00
Lick Fork	25.00	16.00	41.00
Martin Chapel		8.59	8.59
McCoy Chapel			00.00
Middle Branch	31.00	33.50	64.50
Mill Creek	15.00	15.00	30.00
Mills Chapel			00.00
Peuther Chapel	10.00	10.00	20.00
Phillips Chapel	15.00	10.00	25.00
Pine Creek			00.00
Pine Grove	10.00	10.00	20.00
Pyles Memorial	16.00	12.00	28.00
Rachel Chapel	10.00	8.00	18.00
Rugby		23.00	23.00
Splashdam	5.00	7.50	12.50
Straight Hollow	9.00	10.00	19.00
Tarpon	3.00	3.00	6.00
Union Light		4.00	4.00
Valley View	20.08	18.85	38.93
Yates Chapel		5.00	5.00
Meads Chapel	10.00	10.00	20.00
Castlewood Community		50.00	50.00
Totals	\$312.28	\$407.01	\$719.29

MRS. C. E. REEDY, *Treasurer*

Officers

Officers of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1962-1963.

C. W. ISOM, Burdine, Ky.	Moderator
C. E. REEDY, Millard, Va.	Assistant Moderator
EVERETT JOHNSON, Clinchco, Va.	Clerk
LESTER ABLE, Jenkins, Ky.	Treasurer

Ordaining Councils

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

ALBERT DINGUS, <i>Chairman</i>	Jenkins, Ky.
CLYDE KELLY	Jenkins, 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

JOE JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	Fremont, Va.
LUKE WRIGHT	Clintwood, Va.
EMORY VANOVER	Clintwood, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE CINCINNATI, OHIO

DAVID CROUSE, <i>Chairman</i>	Cincinnati, Ohio
VESTAL HUTSON	Cincinnati, Ohio
FLOYD STEWART	Cincinnati, Ohio

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

CLAUDE CONN, <i>Chairman</i>	Kelsa, Va.
WILLE COMPTON	Grundy, Va.
EDWARD MAY	Kelsa, 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 R. 3, Gate City, Va.
GEORGE BROWNING Coeburn, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

MARION STEWART Cincinnati, Ohio
HENRY HUTSON
BOSTON STEWART

Introduction

Service opened with congregational singing. Bro. Clyde Reedy, pastor of Clinchco Freewill Baptist Church, delivered the morning message. Bro. C. W. Isom was called on for prayer.

Bro. Reedy read for a lesson 11 verses of the 3rd. chapter of 1st. Cor., using for a text, "We are laborers together with God."

PROCEEDINGS

The fortieth session of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Clinchco Freewill Baptist Church, Clinchco, Va., September 7th-9th., 1962.

Clerk having charge read for a lesson 5 verses of the 8th. chapter of Matthew. Bro. Homer Willis leading in prayer. Clerk declared conference open for such legal business that might come before it.

First item was the enrolling of Delegates, Ministers, visiting ministers and corresponding. They were as follows:

DELEGATES

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Jim Chambers	Walter Burchette & Wife
Mrs. Walter Carty	Ellis Adkins
Dussie Keith	Eva Woods
Verna Patton	R. J. Lambert
Jett Dotson	Nannie Vanover
Willard Counts & Wife	Hassie Martin
Maggie Rose	Arle Puckett & Wife
Raymond & Lorene McCarty	Floria Keith
Lucille McCowan	Delmin Farmer & Wife
Macie Dameron	Merdia Boggs & Wife
Rometa Salyers	Arthur Salyers
Munsey Mullins	Shirley Stanley
Tivis Vanover	Lee Hill
Edward May & Wife	Goldie Kennedy
Kathleen Puckett	Clinton Lambert
Charlie Taylor & Wife	

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Cora Able	James Griffith & Wife
Mary Shelby	William Green & Wife
Ivy Preston	Wanda Green & Husband

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Eula Hale	Walter Whited	Harley Nuckles
Frazier Hale	Ellen Dye	E. P. Crabtree

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Willie Riffe

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Floyd Stewart

MINISTERS

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Emory Cook	E. M. Rose	S. P. Davis
C. E. Reedy	Rit Large	Everett Johnson
Emory Vanover		

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Lester Able	Clyde Kelly	C. W. Isom
Albert Dingus		Ezra Johnson

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Harley Dye	James Lambert
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TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Edward May

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Floyd Stewart

VISITING MINISTERS

Homer Willis, Nashville, Tenn.

Robert Shocky, Ashland, Ky.

B. C. Stumbo, Rt. 1., Box 5, Cattlesburg, Ky.

Fru Vanhoose

Next item of business was the electing of a moderator. By regular move and second Bro. C. W. Isom was elected moderator. The Association gave moderator power to appoint such committees as he needed to assist him in the work.

He appointed Bro. Clyde Reedy assistant moderator. Moderator proceeded by electing a clerk and treasurer. By regular move and second Everett Johnson was retained as clerk and Lester Able as Treasurer.

Committees appointed:

Pulpit Committee:

Warren Salyer, *Chairman*; Walter Whited, Merdia Boggs.

Auditing Committee:

Munsey Mullins, *Chairman*; Frazier Hale, Warren Salyer.

Oral report from Kentucky State Association by Bro. Stumbo was accepted by the Association.

Report from Bro. Homer Willis on the work of Mission at home and abroad was accepted by the Association.

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

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Committee appointed Bro. Vanover and Bro. Stumbo for this hour. Bro. Vanover reading from the 2nd chapter of James. Prayer by Sister Ellen Dye. Bro. Vanover using for a text "Life." Bro. Stumbo concluded the service.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Bro. Homer Willis and Bro. C. W. Isom was appointed for this hour of service. Bro. Willis read a lesson from the 2nd. chapter of Titus. Prayer by Sister Mary Powers.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Conference opened with congregational singing. Moderator recited the 1st. Psalm for the lesson. Prayer by Bro. Homer Willis.

Moderator proceeded by calling for letters from the different Quarterly Conferences. They responded as follows:

Dickenson county, New Durm, Letcher county and Hamilton county. Tri-State being absent clerk was empowered to place their letter in the minutes when received. Letters were read and accepted.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with the Clinchco Freewill Baptist Church Sept. 7, 8th. 1962. We the Dickenson County Conference met with the Flemingtown Church July 20, 21, 1962.

Brother Joe Johnson was elected Moderator, Brother James Wright Asst. Moderator. Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman as clerks. Charles Lambert treasurer Quarterly Meeting fund, Everett Mullins treasure Emergency fund, Mrs. C. E. Reedy treasurer Orphans Home fund.

Executive Committee; N. B. Lambert, chairman; O. T. Smith, Warren Sayler, Earet Rose, Everett Mullins.

We received the following churches into our Conference this year; Castle Woods Community Church, and Meades Chapel.

The Union Light Church was given a letter of dismission to join the Tri-State Conference.

The following are delegates to the association.

Castlewood—Trula Jessie, Joe Jessie, Lula Jessie, Emmitt Baily.

Charlie Chapel—Carol Mullins.

Clinchco—Munsey Mullins, Mr. & Mrs. Ramond McCarty, Verna Patton, Rosa Meade.

Counts—Nina Lee Anderson, Jewel Rose, Selma Sloan.

Davis—Sis. Bennie Beverly, Sis. Russel Bevins.

Duncan Gap—Maggie Mullins, Emma Large, Tommy Large.

Dyers Chapel—Ransom Lambert, J. Mack Rose, Lizie Dotson, Maggie Rose, Sis. B. M. Moore.

Fergie Chapel—John Meade, Grace Baker, Flora Robinson.

Flemingtown—Jim Dutton, Bonnie Dutton, Charlie Sowards, Lillie Sowards

Fremont—Bro. & Sis. Will Damron, Bro. & Sis. Tivis Vanover, Shirley Vanover.

Frying Pan—Betty Anderson, Rose Powers, Bro. & Sis. Holt Rice.

Georges Fork—Bro. & Sis. W. E. Beverly, Bro. & Sis. Ross Browning.

Hillridge—Lee Hill, Alva Lee Fleming, Cleve Green.

Honey Camp—Maude Strouth

Hubbards Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Barney Collins, Bro. & Sis. Wheller Senters, Bro. & Sis. Milton Collins, Odey Hubbard.

Lick Fork—Frank Powers, Jett Dotson, Helen Vanover, Margie Vanover.

Martins—Hassie Martin, Bro. & Sis. Willard Martin.

Meads Chapel—Mary Stanley, Bro. & Sis. Clyde Kiser, Maizie Large.
McCoys—Bennit Kilgore, Retha Kilgore, Ruby Mitchell, Hodge McCoy.
Middle Branch—Jim Chambers, Viuce Lambert, Ruben Lambert, Snoda Sutherland.
Mill Creek—Bro. & Sis. Delmon Farmer, Ellis Adkins, Eva Woods, Lucille Fuller.
Mills Chapel—Bro. & Sis. Therman Sproles, Mary Sayler, Opal Dixon.
Peuthers—Henry Carty, Claude Carty, Arlie Puckett, Georgia Puckett, Delphia Bise, Gertrude Carty.
Phillips—Sis. Carter Phillips, Bro. & Sis. Auther Sayler, Gay Nell Cook, Alice Holbrook.
Pine Creek—Tob Vanover, Bro. & Sis. Corbett Farmer, Willie Beverly, Bro. & Sis. Tollie Moore, Odell Mullins, Jimmie Branham, James Killen, Bro. & Sis. Guy Vanover.
Pine Grove—Bro. & Sis. Emmitt Hamilton, Bro. & Sis. Carl Hill.
Pyles Memorial—John Riley, Grace Riley.
Rachels—Rometa Saylers, Alta Mullins, Dussie Kieth.
Rugsby—Bro. & Sis. Oakley Mullins, Sis. Sedar Mullins, Lula Kennedy, Glodia Kennedy.
Splashdam—Ines Spriggs, Monie Spriggs, Ethel Puckett, Reva Mullins, Tennessee Mullins.
Straight Hollow—Luther Skeens, Henry Castle.
Tarpon—Bro. & Sis. Walter Puckett, Lucille McCowan, Kathleen Puckett.
Valley View—Lenard Clay, Flora Kieth, Jannie Hughes, Kelly Sloan, Byran Stanley, Bertha Stanley.
Yates—Merdia Boggs, Alta Boggs, Mary Puckett, Mildred Mullins.

Our standing as follows:

Number of Churches	34
Membership	2192
Number of Sunday Schools	29
Membership	1752
Ordained Ministers	56

Done by order of the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference while in regular session with the Flemington Church, July 21, 22, 1962.

Joe Johnson, *Moderator*
James Wright, *Asst. Moderator*

Clinton Lambert
Lloyd Hillman
Clerks

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist which convenes with the Clinchco Church, Clinchco, Va. on Sept. 7th. thru 9th., 1962.

We the New Durm Conference met with the Fletcher's Church and organized by electing Rev. Benton Miller Moderator, Rev. Edward Perkins Asst. Moderator, and Faye Rasnake clerk.

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

Fletcher Ridge Church—Ada Farmer, Harley Nuckles, Cora Nuckles, Leonard Farmer.

Clinch View Church—Earnest Crabtree

Guiding Light Church—Lina Diamond

Mt. Zion Church—Earl Wilson, Virginia Wilson, Leonard Dye, Ruth Dye, Eula Hale, Christian Wilson.

Ephesus Church—Herbert Whited, Ella Dye, Cleve Dye.

Drills Chapel Church—Everett Rasnake, Jr., Frazer Hale.

Fullers Chapel Church—Walter Whited.

Mt. View Church—Aubrey Compton, Ruby Compton.

Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	9
Number of members	about 300
Number of Ministers	15
Number of Sunday Schools	4

Done by order of the New Durm Conference while in regular session with Fletchers Ridge Church Aug. 11, 1962.

Rev. Benton Miller, *Moderator*

Rev. Edward Perkins, *Asst. Mod.*

Faye Rasnake, *Clerk*

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Clinchco Church at Clinchco, Va., on Friday before the 2nd. Sunday in Sept., 1962.

We, the Letcher County Conference, met with the Happy Freewill Baptist Church at Happy, Ky., on August 25th and 26th, 1962. The Conference opened with singing, a Scripture lesson was read, and prayer by Amos Gray.

The enrolling of delegates and Ministers followed. Brother Ezra Johnson was Moderator. Brother Clyde Kelly was Asst. Moderator.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Moderator appointed Brother Charles Gallion for the temperance talk, and Brother C. O. Caudill for the Sunday School talk. Both were made and accepted.

The Delegates were:

Tony Spencer	Ed. Williams	Preston Hale
John Combs	Mary Shelby	Cora Abel
Dewey Cole	Ivy Preston	Dorothy Dover
Verna Adkins	Ulyse Goode	Elba Dover
Bro. & Sis.	Cossie Wampler	Clearance Dover
Wm. Green	Jim Stafford	Lee Roach
Sister Green	Mary Statzer	Donald Cooper
Olga Holland	Grace Wampler	Pearl Mann
Bro. & Sis.	Marvin Baker	Anna Pratt
James Griffith	Fred Seibers	Russell Fleming
Russell Davis	Tillie Ricketts	Clyde Damron
John Blevins, Jr.	Lurla Wooton	Dock Williams
Fonso Calwell	Clarence Eversole	Gertrude Hale

We took in one new church, Mt. Adams of Cincinnati; also dismissed one church to join Ohio Conference.

Our standing:

Number of Churches	22
Number of members	1357
Number of Sunday Schools	20
Average Attendance	1500
Ordained Ministers	55

By order of the Letcher County Conference while in regular session with the Happy Freewill Baptist Church 25th & 26th of August, 1962, at Happy, Ky. Roy Sykes was ordained.

Dunham Church at Dunham, Ky., is asking for the next yearly association, which convenes in September, 1963.

Rev. Ezra Johnson, *Moderator*
 Rev. Clyde Kelley, *Asst. Moderator*
 Eugene Adkins, *Clerk*

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptist, which convened with the Clinchco Church at Clinchco, Va., Sept. 7-9, 1962. We send as delegate our beloved brother Floyd R. Stewart, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

State of Religion	Good
Total Membership	40
Number of Churches	2
Enclosed for Minutes	\$4.00

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptist while in regular session with the Clinchco Church, Clinchco, Va., beginning Aug. 8, 1962.

We the Tri State Conference, met with the Bull Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Mohawk, W. Va., July 28, 1962. We appointed delegates to attend the Association, Bro. Edward May and wife, Bro. Lownie Wolfred and wife, Bro. Whitsel Matney and wife.

We have 6 churches and a membership of about 350. We have 12 ordained ministers and 1 licentate.

Done by order of the Tri State Conference while in regular session with the Bull Creek Free Will Baptist Church, July 28, 1962.

Claude Conn, *Moderator*
Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*

Letters being passed by the Association, Moderator called for any other business. Report from the auditing committee was read. Books were reported in good order. Oral report from Bro. Vanhooose was accepted. Report from Bro. Homer Willis was accepted.

Next item was the appointing of messengers to the Kentucky State Association. The messengers appointed are:

Bros. Clyde Kelly, Albert Dingus, Lester Able, C. W. Isom, E. M. Rose and Sister Mattie Rose.

The Kentucky State Association will convene with the Freewill Baptist Church, 2121 29th St., Ashland, Ky., on the 3rd. Friday through Sunday in June, 1963.

This finishing the work of the Association, same was adjourned until Friday before the 2nd. Sunday in September, 1963, when it will convene with the Dunham Church, Dunham, Ky., at 11:00 A.M. unless called together by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Committee appointed Bro. Clyde Kelly and Bro. J. T. Hartsock for this hour of service. Bro. Kelly read for a lesson 15 verses of the 12th. chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by Sister Bonnie Pritchard.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 2:30 P.M.

Conference opened singing. Clerk having charge read the 1st. 4 verses of the 3rd. chapter of Colossians. Prayer by Bro. Amos Gray.

Clerk declared the Ministers Conference open for such business that might come before it. By move and second of the Association it was voted to retain Bro. C. W. Isom as moderator and Everett Johnson as clerk. Moderator taking charge called for the letters from the Minister's Conferences.

They responded as follows:

Dickenson County, Letcher County, New Durm Conference. Tri-State Conference and Hamilton County Conference. They were read and passed upon as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with Clinchco, Freewill Baptist Church, Sept. 7th, 8th, 1962.

We the Dickenson County Ministers Conference met with Flemington Church July 21, 22, 1962.

Bro. Joe Johnson was elected Moderator, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman as clerks.

Bro. C. E. Reedy resigned from the Ordaining Council. Ordaining Council for this year Joe Johnson, Emory Vanover, and Luke Wright.

The following are Ministers 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, Otis Crabtree, Cecil Colley, M. C. (Mack) Mullins, Vaughn Dotson, Tommy Large, Luther Taylor, Emory Cook, J. T. Hartsock, Homer Barrett, Milburn Edwards, Frank Colley, James Hobbs, Hiram Cantrell, Alex Tompkins, Earl Dotson, and Wythe Saylers.

Done by order of the Dickenson County Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Flemington Church, July 22, 1962.

Joe Johnson, *Moderator*
Clinton Lambert, *Clerk*
Lloyd Hillman, *Clerk*

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Ministers' Conference organized by retaining Brother Ezra Johnson as moderator and Eugene Adkins as clerk. Conference excluded Harold E. Harvey from Ministers' Conference on character. Brother Clyde Kelly was elected on Ordaining Council and Brother C. W. Isom resigned. Ministers' Conference voted for the clerk to ask the yearly association permission for the Ordaining Council to have power to appoint council to fill in, in case one of the Ordaining Council is absent. (The permission was granted by the Association.)

Ministers characters were passed as good.

Done by order of the Letcher County Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Happy Freewill Baptist Church at Happy, Kentucky, August 25 and 26, 1962.

Rev. Ezra Johnson, *Moderator*

Rev. Eugene Adkins, *Clerk*

MINISTERS TO RECEIVE GOOD STANDING CARDS

Name	Address	Name	Address
Albert Dingus	Burdine, Ky.	Cletis Garrett	
J. P. Banks		Arnold Kelly	Kent, Ohio
D. D. Moore	Hylton, Ky.	Herman Bates	Payne Gap, Ky.
C. W. Isom	Burdine, Ky.	Eugene Bowen	
L. D. Mahan		Edmond Maggard	
Earsel McPeeks	Payne Gap, Ky.	Harold Miles	
Ezra Johnson	Jenkins, Ky.	Alonzo Fields	
Everett Potter	Payne Gap, Ky.	Charles Gallion	Burdine, Ky.
Clyde Huff	McRoberts, Ky.	Tommy Pike	
Jimmy Seals	Hemphill, Ky.	Maxwell Hughes	
Edward H. Hall		George Adams	
George Lester Able	Jenkins, Ky.	Lawrence Shelby	Jenkins, Ky.
John Vanover		Arlo Smith	
John Akers		Herbert Adams	Burdine, Ky.
Johnny Stoffer	Burdine, Ky.	Charles P. Randolph	
Lonnie P. Hale	Elkton, Va.	Paul Wooten	
Leo Goode	Elkton, Va.	Charles McKinley	
Darwin Mullins	Rockhouse, Ky.	Donald Cooper	Cincinnati, Ohio
Harkis Brewer	McRoberts, Ky.	Earnest Pack	
C. O. Caudill	Dunham, Ky.	Jonah Shoope	
Lloyd Pike	Mayking, Ky.	Clifford Green	
Robert Prater		Andrew Duff	
Dallas Kelly	Burdine, Ky.	Wilson Hall	
Eugene Adkins	Jenkins, Ky.	Fred Sieber	
Eddie Rose	Dorton, Ky.	Glen Miller	
Clyde Kelly	Jenkins, Ky.	Roy Sykes	
James Wheeler		Robert Bowman	
Percy Elkins	Jenkins, Ky.		

We dropped 17 for violating article 5 of the By-Laws of the Ministers Conference.

NEW DURM MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with Fletchers Ridge Church.

We the New Durm Ministers Conference of Freewill Baptist met with Fletchers Ridge Church.

We organized our Conference by electing Rev. Benton Miller Moderator, Rev. Edward Perkins Asst. Moderator, and Faye Rasnake clerk.

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

Harley Dye, Swords Creek, Va.; Benton Miller, Pilgrim Knob, Va.; Edward Perkins, Oakwood, Va.; Ralph Bostic,

Swords Creek, Va.; Austin Fields, Lebanon, Va.; Daniel Beam, Lebanon, Va.; Leonard Farmer, No Address; Everett Rasnake, Council, Va.; Gonian Kelley, Cleveland, Va.; Glen Peck, Drill, Va.; James Hall, Drill, Va.; James Lambert, Bee, Va.; Emory Ball, No Address; Henry Ball, Davenport, Va.; Kyle Hubbard, Honaker, Va.; Charlie Keen, Swords Creek, Va.

By order of the New Durm Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Fletchers Ridge Church Aug. 11, 1962.

Rev. Benton Miller, *Moderator*

Rev. Edward Perkins, *Asst. Mod.*

Faye Rasnake, *Clerk*

TRI-STATE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist, while in regular session with the Clinchco Freewill Baptist Church, Clinchco, Va. Aug. 8, 1962.

We the Tri State Ministers Conference, met with the Bull Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Mohawk, W. Va., July 28, 1962. And organized the Tri State Ministers Conference. Bro. Claud Conn was elected as moderator, Ernest Stiltner Clerk. The ministers that were present were Bro. Alfred Flanning, Bro. Claud Conn, Bro. Henry Estept, Bro. Britt Jackson, Herbert May, Willie Compton, Hibbert Hurley, Troy Dotson, George Harding, Edward May, Dempsey Adkins, and Clarence Stiltner.

The ordaining council were: Claud Conn, Willie Compton, Edward May. All ministers were voted on and approved by the conference.

Done by order of the Tri State Conference while in regular session with the Bull Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Mohawk, W. Va. July 28, 1962.

Claud Conn, *Moderator*

Ernest Stiltner, *Clerk*

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

Ministers are as follows:

E. W. Scarber, Rt. 1, Morris Hill, Ind.; Floyd R. Stewart, Rt. 1, Milan, Ind.; Vestal Hutson, Cincinnati, Ohio; Eldon Hutson, Cincinnati, Ohio; David Crouse, Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert Madden, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Done by order of Hamilton County Conference assembled in conference this 1 day of Sept., 1962.

We are sending our Bros. in Christ to be placed on the Ordaining Council: Bro. David Crouse, Floyd R. Stewart, Vestal Hutson.

Also Executive Board: Marion Stewart, Boston Stewart, Henry Hutson.

This finishing the work of the Ministers Conference the same was adjourned until Saturday before the 2nd. Sunday in September, 1963, when it will convene with the Dunham Church, Dunham, Ky., unless called together by the Moderator.

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

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Bro. Albert Dingus and Bro. Ezra Johnson were chosen for this hour of service. Bro. Dingus read for a lesson the 4th. chapter of 2nd. Timothy. Prayer by Bro. Shocky. Bro. Dingus used for a text "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. E. M. Rose and Rit Large for this hour of service. Bro. Large being absent, Bro. Reedy read for a lesson the last 5 verses of the 28th chapter of Matthew. Using for a text "The power of God."

Benediction by Bro. Amos Gray.

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Minister's Report

August 1961 — August 1962

EDMON C. MAGGARD

Janancy, Ky.

Sermons	70
Baptized	4
Confessions witnessed	9
Prayer services	17
Funerals attended	7
Churches pastored	1

JIMMY SEALS

Jackhan, Ky.

Churches pastored	1
Revivals	2
Burials	5
Prayer services	30
Couples married	10

LEO GOOD

Stanley, Va.

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	40

LONNIE P. HALE

Elkton, Va.

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	40
Burials	1

CLYDE KELLEY

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	1
Conversions witnessed	Several
Baptized	25
Burials attended	12
Memorials	1
Prayer services	75
Couples married	3
Am't Rec'd	appro. \$225.00

EUGENE ADKINS

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	60
Revivals	1
Conversions witnessed	10
Baptized	5
Burials attended	3
Memorials	3
Prayer services	20

CHARLES P. RANDOLPH	
Sermons	50
Conversions witnessed	4
Baptized	6
Burials attended	2
Couples married	1

ANDREW DUFF	
Churches pastored	1
Sermons	110
Conversions witnessed	65
Baptized	60
Burials attended	4
Memorials	3
Prayer services	20

PAUL WOOTON Scuddy, Ky.	
Sermons	45
Churches pastored	Assi'st 1
Conversions witnessed	75
Baptized	25
Burials attended	3
Memorials	7
Prayer services	30

DONALD COOPER Rt. 2, Sunman, Ind.	
Pastored 1 church 6 months	
Sermons	100
Revivals attended	2
Conversions witnessed	41
Baptized	8
Burials attended	1
Memorials	1
Prayer services	50
Churches organized	1
S. S. organized	1

FRED T. SEIBERS 1421 Main St., Cincinnati, Ohio	
Churches pastored	1
Sermons	20
Conversions witnessed	22
Baptized	6
Burials attended	1
Prayer services	15
Couples married	1
Am't Rec'd	\$10.00

ROBERT MADDEN 724 State Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio	
Sermons	100
Revivals	2
Conversion witnessed	9
Baptized	4
Prayer services	52
Am't Rec'd	\$42.00

CHARLES MCKINLEY 1933 Chapel Rd. Hamilton, Ohio	
Sermons	35
Revivals held	1
attended	1
Conversions witnessed	8
Baptized	2
Burials attended	2
Prayer services	25

Couples married	1
Am't Rec'd	\$2.00

ALBERT DINGUS Jenkins, Ky.	
Churches pastored	2
Sermons about	50
Revivals worked in	2
Conversions witnessed	10
Baptized	6
Burials	26
Memorials	2
Couples married	1

CHARLES GALLION Jenkins, Ky.	
Churches pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	50
Baptized	25
Burials	15
Prayer services	20
Am't Rec'd	\$100.00

EZRA JOHNSON Box 286, Jenkins, Ky.	
Churches pastored	1
Sermons	75
Conversions witnessed	26
Baptized	18
Burials	15
Memorials	6
Prayer services	50
Couples married	6

CLETIS GARRETT Rt. 1, Dilaboro, Ind.	
Churches pastored	1
Sermons	130
Conversions witnessed	6
Baptized	4
Burials	3
Memorials	2
Prayer services	52
Churches organized	1

HENRY ESTEPT Paw Paw, Ky.	
Churches pastored	1
Sermons	50
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	5
Baptized	10
Memorials	3

BRITT JACKSON Kelsa, Va.	
Churches pastored	2
Sermons	162
Revivals	3
Conversions witnessed	45
Baptized	31
Burials	3
Memorials	4
Prayer services	31
Churches organized	1
Am't Rec'd	\$13.00

CLEARENCE STILTNER
Vansant, Va.

Sermons	60
Revivals	2
Baptized	5
Burials	1
Am't Rec'd	\$50.00

DEMPSEY ADKINS
Elkhorn City, Ky.

Sermons	37
Conversions witnessed	17
Baptized	17
Burials	5
Memorials	7

MILES H. HURLEY
Argo, Ky.

Sermons	150
Conversions witnessed	10
Burials	8
Memorials	15
Prayer services	25
Churches organized	1

EDWARD MAY
Kelsa, Va.

Churches pastored, asst. in	1
Sermons	162
Revivals	3
Conversions witnessed	62
Baptized	20
Burials	5
Memorials	5
Prayer services	60

WILLIE COMPTON
Grundy, Va.

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	165
Revivals	3
Baptized	17
Burials	11
Memorials	3
Prayer services	52
Couples married	12
Am't Rec'd	\$139.00

CLAUD CONN
Kelsa, Va.

Churches pastored	2
Sermons	80
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	16
Baptized	16
Burials	15
Memorials	2
Churches organized	1

HERBERT MAY
Kelsa, Va.

Sermons	75
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	25
Baptized	4
Burials	5
Memorials	3

Prayer services	25
Churches organized	1

VESTAL HUTSON
1994 Baltimore St.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	65
Revivals	1
Conversions witnessed	10
Baptized	6
Prayer services	52
Churches organized	1
S. S. organized	1
Couples married	5

DANIEL C. CROUSE
801 Matson Pl.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sermons	60
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	20
Baptized	10
Burials	2
Memorials	1
Prayer services	50
Am't Rec'd Approx;	\$200.00

FLOYD R. STEWART
Rt. 1, Milan, Ind.

Churches pastored	1
Sermons	80
Prayer services	26
Couples married	3

ELDON HUTSON
145 E. Clifton Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sermons	50
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	8

HARLEY DYE
Swords Creek, Va.

Churches pastored	2
Sermons	115
Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	10
Baptized	9
Burials	14
Memorials	1
Prayer services	3
Couples married	2
Am't Rec'd	\$556.00

DANIEL BEAM
Box 752, Lebanon, Va.

Sermons	75
Revivals	1
Conversions witnessed	1
Baptized	3
Memorials	1
Prayer services	25
S. S. organized	1
Am't Rec'd	\$12.00
Miles traveled	2250

OBITUARIES



MRS. MERTY RIFE



Born May 13, 1896, living here on earth sixty-five years. Died September 26, 1961. Married to Bud Rife who preceded her in death Sept. 25, 1950. They had 8 sons and 1 daughter, all living. Hobert and Earnest of Chicago, Ill.; Willie, Stopover, Ky.; Estil, Luther, Charlie, Junior and Kennie of Argo, Ky. One girl Ermal Hunt, Argo, Ky. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church several years.

Sleep on Mother, take your rest. God called you away because he knew what was best. With our dear Savior

I know she waits, with a glad welcome just inside the Pearly Gate. I know she hated to leave her dear children in this world of sin, but if it is God's will I will meet her in the end.

Written by her son
Willie Rife, Stopover, Ky.

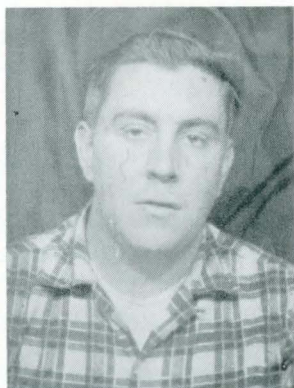
GEORGE JOHNSON

Born November 27th 1889. Deceased this life June 2nd, 1962. Making his stay on earth 72 years, 6 months, and 6 days. He was united in marriage to Belva Lockwood Mullins, who preceded him in death. To this union was born 4 children. Elsie of Shalbiana, Ky. Earl of Chicago, Illinois; Ezra of Jenkins, Ky; Edna of Payne Gap, Ky. He was later married to Rosie Belle Stanley who also preceded him in death. To this union was born 3 children. Helen of Jenkins, Ky; Nona of Payne Gap, Ky; and Virnel who preceded him in death. In 1936 he was united in marriage to Nannie King. She departed this life Aug. 25, 1959. He joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1953 and lived a faithful life until death. Though his presence with us will be greatly missed. For he leaves to mourn his loss a number of Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, also 3 brothers, Ben Johnson of Hylton, Ky.; Gilbert Johnson of Mannassas, Virginia; 4 sisters Lilly Vanover of Bristol, Tenn.; Lula Bentley of Neon, Ky.; Ada Johnson of Detroit, Michigan; Louise

Nagy of Washington, D. C. and 9 step-children and a host of friends. We feel our loss in his Eternal gain.

Sleep on dear Daddy
Your sufferings o'er
We'll meet again
On Heaven's Shore
And there with Christ
We'll Live for Aye
Throughout one Great
Eternal Day

Written by His Son
Ezra Johnson



JIMMIE HURLEY

Jimmie Hurley was born January 26th, 1933. His stay on earth was 29 years 6 months and 14 days. He departed this life July 9th, 1962, following a short illness. He was the son of Hairrson Hurley and Phoebe Blankenship Hurley. Leaving to mourn his loss the widow, Ethel Hunt Hurley and three children, Nellie Mae 6, Carter Lee 5, and Brenda Kay 3. Leaving three brothers Estil Hurley and Buford Hurley both of Stopover, Ky.; and Ernesteen Hurley of Blackey, Va. Three sisters Josephine Hurley and Magdaline Rife both of Stopover, Ky., and Velva Coleman of Mohawk, W. Va. His mother, brothers and sisters had preceded him in death.

He was baptized June 24th, 1962, living a Christian life 15 days.

Sleep on dear Brother
And take your rest
for God has called you
to be with the blest
but on that great morning
so bright and so fair
We'll meet you in Heaven
in that city four square

Written by
His Brother and Sister in Christ
Joe and Phyllis Barnett.
Argo, Kentucky

ELLEN HALL



With an aching heart and by the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved wife, Ellen Hall.

She was born August 3rd, 1870, and deceased this life Feb. 14, 1962, making her stay on earth 92 years, 6 months, and 11 days.

She was the mother of 7 children born to her by her first marriage, two of which preceded her in death. She raised a granddaughter, a great granddaughter, and a foster daughter. She was just like a mother to them all.

She professed a hope in Christ over 35 years ago. During that time she lived a wonderful Christian life until God called her home to heaven. She loved to go to church and hear the good preaching and singing. She always made an effort to attend church, even when she was not able hardly to walk, and have to ride on horseback. With trembling hands, she would stand up and testify as to how good the Lord had been to her. I've heard her ask the members of the church to pray for her loved ones, that God would save their souls before it was too late. She wanted everyone to go to heaven with her.

There is an empty place in all our homes that no one can fill, but we feel that she is just asleep and waiting for the judgement day when Jesus comes back to gather his jewels.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss, a loving husband, 5 heartbroken children, a foster daughter, and about 150 grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also left a host of friends who loved her and now miss her very much.

I want to say to all of her children: if you want to live with mother in her new home in Glory, get ready while you have time. If you do, you can ride on the cloud with mother to heaven.

Written by her husband
Harlen Hall

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, 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:
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