

Minutes

of the

JOHN-THOMAS
ASSOCIATION

of

Freewill Baptists

STATE OF VIRGINIA

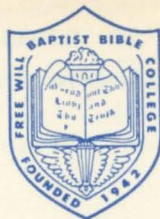
FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

Held With

Rugby Church

Coeburn, Va.

September 9-11, 1966



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Amount in		\$586.03
Total expense		574.91
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Amount received		
Pike County		104.80
Dickenson	<i>Presented By</i>	225.70
Tri-State	<u>Mr. Warren Salyer</u>	40.00
Hamilton		30.00
Letcher		120.00
New		35.00
Engraving		17.50
Engraving (Dickenson County)		5.00
Total in treasury September 1966		\$589.12

The next Association will convene with the Kelsa Chapel Church, Kelsa, Va. on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1967 at 11 A.M. unless called together by the Moderator.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1966

Dickenson County	850
Letcher County	400
New Durm	300
Pike County	400
Tri-State	300
Hamilton County	250
Total	2500

Harren Salyer
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ORPAN'S HOME OFFERINGS

DICKENSON FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Name of Church	1965 July	1965 October	1966 January	1966 April	Total
Castlewood	20.00	0	0	0	20.00
Charlie's Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Clinchco	34.12	35.40	34.67	32.82	137.01
Counts Chapel	0	0	0	20.00	20.00
Davis Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Duncan Gap	0	0	0	0	0
Dyer's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Ferbie Chapel	25.00	31.50	25.00	25.00	106.50
Flemingtown	9.00	2.50	0	2.50	14.00
Fremont	8.00	10.50	26.00	0	44.50
Frying Pan	0	5.00	0	5.00	10.00
Georges Fork	0	0	0	0	0
Hill Ridge	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Honey Camp	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Lick Fork	21.00	27.00	35.00	25.00	108.00
Martin's Chapel	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	32.00
McCoy Chapel	0	0	3.00	0	3.00
Meade's Chapel	50.00	30.00	0	48.00	128.00
Middle Branch	36.18	50.00	30.00	42.00	158.18
Mill Creek	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Mills Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Peuther Chapel	28.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	103.00
Phillips Chapel	10.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	45.00
Pine Creek	17.00	13.00	7.00	0	37.00
Pine Grove	10.00	10.00	0	20.00	40.00
Pyles Memorial	20.00	20.00	0	40.00	80.00
Rachel Chapel	13.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	33.00
Rugby	24.23	13.06	20.37	10.00	67.66
Splashdam	2.46	1.90	5.19	4.90	14.45
Straight Hollow	10.00	10.00	0	0	20.00
Tarpon	5.75	2.50	0	5.30	13.55
Valley View	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Yates Chapel	0	0	0	5.00	5.00
Middle Branch Church					
Special Offering Building Fund	250.00		Lewis Hill	5.00	255.00
Totals	691.74	400.36	329.23	433.52	1854.85

Officers

Officers of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1966-1967.

CLYDE REEDY, Clintwood, Va.	Moderator
ALBERT DINGUS, Jenkins, Ky.	Assistant Moderator
EVERETT W. JOHNSON, 32 W. Walnut, Westerville, Ohio	Clerk
LESTER ABLE, Jenkins, Ky.	Treasurer

Ordaining Councils

PIKE COUNTY

WARDY MAY, <i>Chairman</i>	McAndrews, Ky.
BENNY SLONE	Meta, Ky.
JESSE MOSLEY	McAndrews, Ky.

LETCHER COUNTY

EUGENE ADKINS, <i>Chairman</i>	Jenkins, Ky.
JOHNNY STOFFER	Jenkins, Ky.
CLYDE HUFF	McRoberts, Ky.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

HARLEY DYE, <i>Chairman</i>	Swords Creek, Va.
RALPH BOSTIC	Swords Creek, Va.
EDWARD PERKINS	Oakwood, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY

JOE JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	Fremont, Va.
E. M. ROSE	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va.
EMORY VANOVER	Wise, Va.

HAMILTON COUNTY

FLOYD R. STEWART, <i>Chairman</i>	R.R. #1, Milan, Ind.
CHARLES MCKINLEY	No Address
HAROLD RIDENER	No Address

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

CLAUDE CONN, <i>Chairman</i>	* Rt. Hurley, Va.
WILLIE COMPTON	Box 227, Grundy, Va.
HENRY ESTEP	* Rt. Hurley, Va.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

HENRY ESTEP, <i>Chairman</i>	* Rt. Hurley, Va.
CLAUDE CONN	* Rt. Hurley, Va.
WILLIE COMPTON	Box 227, Grundy, Va.
J. R. ROBINSON	Box 227, Grundy, Va.
WILLIAM C. ROBINSON, <i>Clerk</i>	Maxie, Va.

DICKENSON COUNTY

N. B. LAMBERT, <i>Chairman</i>	Nora, Va.
O. T. SMITH	Lebanon, Va.
OAKLEY MULLINS	Coeburn, Va.
EARET ROSE	Clintwood, Va.
EVERETT MULLINS	Pound, Va.

Took my place on the Executive Board, when I resigned July 22, 1966. I resigned because

HAMILTON COUNTY

MARION STEWART, <i>Chairman</i>	Cincinnati, Ohio
JOE POE	No Address
H. WILLIAMS	No Address

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

WALTER WHITED, <i>Chairman</i>	Swords Creek, Va.
CLEVE DYE	Swords Creek, Va.
ELBERT RASNAKE	Swords Creek, Va.
FLOYD STEVENSON	Honaker, Va.
FRAIZER HALE	Drill, Va.

PIKE COUNTY

V. E. HELMS	McAndrews, Ky.
JOHN T. OLIVER	Ransom, Ky.
BOBBY VARNER	Pinsonfork, Ky.

LETCHER COUNTY

CLYDE KELLY, <i>Chairman</i>	Jenkins, Ky.
LESTER ABLE	Jenkins, Ky.
EARL SMITH	Jenkins, Ky.

VISITING MINISTERS

Lester Horton, Mason & Dixon Association	Gainesville, Va.
Stewart McFall, Southwest Virginia Association	Clintwood, Va.

DEACONS AND WIVES ATTENDING

Glenn Jackson	William Green	Earet Rose
Charlie Lambert and Wife	Emory Dingus and Wife	Rufus Keith
Raymond McCarty and Wife	Eckols Mullins	Gaines Vanover and Wife

VISITING DEACONS

Cossie Meade	Manassas, Va.
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DELEGATES ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION

LETCHER COUNTY

Milford Craft	Cora Able	Lyvenna Johnson
Clarence Tolliver	Ada Mullins	Dora Caudill
Violet Mullins		

NEW DURM

Ellen Dye	Eula Hale
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HAMILTON COUNTY

William H. Elkins

DICKENSON COUNTY

Carter Boyd	Connie Browning	Snoda Sutherland
Lillian Harvey	and Wife	Zella Lambert
Polly Mullins	Vernon Dotson	Kermit McCoy
Pauline Miles	Barney Collins	Georgia Smith
Bertha Thomas	and Wife	Sally Keith
Bryon Stanley	Pearl Bise	Mrs. Carter Phillips
James Viers and Wife	Mildred Adkins	Gaines Lambert
Hershell Mullins	Maggie Rose	Ada McCoy
Paul Stanley	Guy Colley	Goldia Kennedy
Inis Bise	Flora Reedy	Harold Mullins
Echols Mullins	Dorothy Dotson	

PIKE COUNTY

Harold Anderson	Roland Stiltner	Emzy Varney
Lawrence Edwards	Nancy Edwards	

I had been
on the Exec.
Board from
July 21, 1956
until
I resigned
July 22, 1966.
10 good yrs
M. Salyer

will Baptist Ch of Morrison City Tenn. M. Salyer

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE
No DELEGATES
MINISTERS ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION
NEW DURM

Harley Dye

James Lambert

LETCHER COUNTY

Albert Dingus
Charles Galion
Clyde Huff

Johnny Stoffer
Clyde Kelly
Warren Thompson

C. W. Isom
Darwin Mullins
Lester Able

DICKENSON COUNTY

James Wright
J. T. Hartsock
James Hobbs
Maston Rose
Charlie Miles
C. P. Lane

Lewis Allen Hill
Everett Johnson
E. M. Rose
Derwood Yates
Asa Hughes
Eddie Rose

Clyde Reedy
George Salyers
Rufus Keith
Quentin Keith
R. L. Large
Joe Johnson

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Dempsey Adkins

W. C. Robinson

Henry Estep

PIKE COUNTY

Bobby Varner
Benny Slone

George Bickford

V. E. Helms

HAMILTON COUNTY

Floyd R. Stewart

Introduction

Services Friday Morning September 9th, 1966

Service was opened with congregational singing. Called for a united prayer Bro. Harley Dye Leading the prayer.

The pastors of the Rugby Church bringing the morning message. Bro. Rufus Keith reading for a lesson 3rd. chapter of Matthew 1st. through the 17th. verse. Text, "The power of God". Bro. Rose concluded the service.

Singing at close of service and a fellowship handshake. A wonderful service with God pouring His Spirit out upon His children.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Evening 2 P.M.

The forty-fourth session of the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists convened with the Rugby Church, Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va., September 9-11, 1966.

Clerk read for a lesson a part of the 119th. Psalm, beginning with the 33rd. verse and reading through and including the 40th. verse. Bro. Harley Dye leading the congregational prayer.

Conference was declared open for such legal business that might come before it.

The first item was enrolling the delegates, ministers, deacons, visiting ministers and deacons, and corresponding messengers. This work completed, clerk proceeded by electing a moderator. By regular move and second Bro. Clyde Reedy was elected to serve as moderator. The association granted him the power to appoint such committees as needed to help him in the work. Bro. Albert Dingus was appointed as assistant moderator.

Moderator then proceeded by electing a clerk and treasurer. By regular move and second of the association Everett Johnson was elected Clerk. By the same method of voting Bro. Lester Able was elected to serve as treasurer.

Committees appointed by the moderator:

Pulpit committee:

Emory Dingus, Chairman

Milford Craft

Walter Whited

Auditing Committee:

Bobby Varner, Chairman

Derwood Yates

Harley Dye

An oral report was given by Bro. Lester Horton from the Mason and Dixon Association. By regular move and second Bro. Horton's report was accepted by the association. No other reports from any other bodies at this time, the motion was made and carried that the association adjourn until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE 3:00 P.M.

Bros. Harley Dye and Bobby Varner were appointed by the committee for this hour. Bro. Dye read for a lesson a part of the 116th. Psalm, beginning with the 12th. verse and reading through the 19th. verse. Using for a text, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me".

Bro. Varney read from 2nd. Timothy 4th. chapter, beginning with the 4th. verse and reading through the 8th. verse. This was a very impressive message and a great manifestation of the Spirit among the Bros. and Sisters. Service closed with singing and a fellowship handshake.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Bros. Clyde Reedy and C. W. Isom were chosen for this hour of service. Service opened with special singing. Bro. Reedy reading for a lesson the first 9 verses of the 2nd. chapter of Hebrews. Text 1st. verse of lesson read, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip". This was a wonderful message and admonition to the Church. Singing and a fellowship handshake at close of service.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 9:30 A.M.

This session was opened with singing. Moderator read for a lesson the 13th. chapter of 1st. Corinthians. Prayer by Bro. Helms.

Moderator declared the conference open for such legal business that might come before it. Enrolled delegates, ministers, visiting ministers, deacons and visiting deacons.

Letters were called for by the moderator. They responded as follows: Pike County; Letcher County; Dickenson County; Hamilton County; New Durm and Tri-State conference.

Letters were read, time being given for comments or questions pertaining to any letter read, to be voted on as a whole. Due to questions coming up in regard to Tri-State's letter concerning by-laws adopted by Tri-State conference the ministers conference convened immediately behind closed doors.

Moderator, Bro. Clyde Reedy presided over the ministers conference and Everett Johnson as clerk.

The service continued while the ministers conference was in session.

LETCHER COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

August 27, 1966

Conference opened by singing "Just Over In Glory Land". Special singing by Brother and Sister Enoch Rose and the Johnson Family.

Scripture: St. John, chapter 15, verses 1-14.

Prayer by Brother Bob Sexton.

Delegates: Clarence Tolliver, Dora Caudill, Enos Moore, Calvin Shook, Milford Craft, Grace Huff, Virginia Franklin, Retellia Miles, Brother and Sister Ellis Venters, Brother and Sister Jesse Elkins, Paul Wooten, Henry Whitt, Clarence Eversole, Alfred Haynes, Alberta Blevins, Mary Lee Haynes, Mary Francis Haynes, Jesse Eversole, Mody Perry, Martha Broyles, Sis Sanders, Mary Shelby, Cora Able,

Sis and Dee Simpkins, Brother Eld Johnson, Lyvenna Johnson, Brother and Sister James Griffith, Marie Boggs, Arnold Pike, Sarah Nickels, Martha Crawford, Brother and Sister Dewight Puckett, Bill Proffit, Robert Bowman, Ivory Stallard, Brother and Sister Hobart Tucker, Bob Sexton, Ulysses Good, Earl Smith, Enos Cornett, John H. Smith, Elmer Blair, Lester Boyd, Verna Caudill, Willa Mae Boggs, Allie Bratcher, Harlan Feltner, Mrs. Ralph Jones, Eugene Anderson.

Delegates chose Brother Albert Dingus as moderator. The motion for moderator to appoint all necessary committees was seconded and passed. Elected to the Pulpit Committee was Sister Bertha Tucker, Sister Alberta Blevins, and Sister Mertle Lee Venters. Assistant moderator—Brother C. W. Ison. The minutes of the last meeting of the Letcher County Conference were read and approved.

Deacons enrolled: Ivory Stallard, Lester Boyd, William Greene, Robert Sexton, Chester Simpkins, Earl Smith, Ulysses Good, Jesse Eversole, Hobart Tucker, Curtis Ison, John H. Smith, Dewight Puckett, Eldred Hays, Carl Depreist, Woodrow Phillips, Mart Bolling, Clarence Lixley.

Licenates: Roosevelt Bentley, Woodrow Phillips.

Sunday School Talk—Eldred Hays.

Temperance Talk—Stanley Roberts.

Corresponding Messengers: Brother Lester Horton, Northern Va. Conference, Mason Dixon Association, Enoch Rose, Dickenson Co.

Visiting Ministers: James Wright, Dickenson Co.; Joe Johnson, Dickenson Co.; Lewis Hill, Dickenson Co.; Denver Robinson, Pike Co.

The letter from Dickenson County was read and approved. Brother Lester Horton gave an oral report on the Mason Dixon Association, Washington D. C. Brother Bill Shephard gave an oral report of the primitive Baptist. Reports of the corresponding messengers were accepted.

Corresponding messengers sent to other conferences: Brother William Greene gave a report that he and Brother Lee Meade went to Dickenson County Conference and had a wonderful time. Brother Roy Sykes reports he went to Pike County Conference and the reports were accepted.

Corresponding messengers to other conferences:

Wise County—Robert Bowman

Dickenson County—Warren Thompkins, L. Able, Charles Gallion, Woodrow Phillips, Bill Greene, Lloyd Addington

Johnson County—Lloyd Addington, Clyde Kelly

Pike County—Roy Sykes, Eddy Rose

Visiting ministers: Enoch Rose, James Wright, John Pratt, Jr., Lester Horton, Bill Shephard, Allen Hill

Motion made and seconded to retain Brother Eugene Adkins as clerk with Brother Curtis Ison as assistant clerk. Curtis declined and Calvin Shook was appointed. Conference adjourned until 2 p.m.

11:00 A.M. Service—Pulpit Committee chose Stanley Roberts and Enoch Rose.

Adjourned until 2:00 P.M.

Conference reconvened 2:00 P.M.

Song by the Johnson Family.

Scripture reading: 1st Psalms.

Prayer by Brother Herbert Adams.

Reading of the Church letters beginning with a letter from the Letcher County Youth Conference. Motion made by Brother Ezra Johnson and seconded by Brother Herbert Adams that these letters be accepted. All letters with the exception of the Long Fork Church. Brother Clyde Huff made the motion that we except these letters and Brother Bob Sexton seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

The Kent Freewill Baptist Church, Suffield, Ohio requested their letter to the Northern Ohio Conference. The motion was made by Brother Charlie Ison that the letter be granted and seconded by Brother Johnson. The motion prevailed.

The Arbitration Committee made a report to the conference on the Big Creek Church. The motion was made and seconded that we accept this report and the motion prevailed.

Lester Able made the motion and Brother Adkins seconded that we get 400 copies of the minutes. The motion prevailed. The Business Committee made three recommendations.

Conference reported quarterly meeting fund of \$102.15.

Home Mission Fund—\$156.11.

Orphanage Fund —\$100.00.

Foreign Missions Fund—\$32.00.

Brother Ezra Johnson made a report on the Home Mission. The motion was made and seconded that the report be accepted. The motion prevailed.

Brother Charles Gallion made a report on the auditing Committee. The motion was made and seconded that it be accepted and the motion prevailed.

The motion was made and seconded that Brother Eldridge Hayes will serve on the Business Committee due to the expiration of Leslie Able's term. The motion prevailed.

The motion was made that the conference be adjourned until the next conference at the Happy Freewill Baptist Church. It was seconded and the motion prevailed.

During the evening service Brother Robert Anderson was ordained.

We the Business Committee recommend that in the future the delegates from Letcher County Youth Group be registered and given a privilege to speak and vote on issues coming to this conference for consideration. The motion was made and seconded that we accept this recommendation and the motion prevailed.

signed:

Brother Lester Able

Brother Clyde Kelly

Brother Earl Smith

We the Business Committee recommend to the conference that we give to Sister Everett Potter a love offering of \$100.00 to aid her with the expense in the funeral of Brother Everett Potter. Brother Adkins made the motion to accept the recommendation and Brother John Akers seconded. The motion prevailed.

signed:

Brother Lester Able

Brother Clyde Kelly

Brother Earl Smith

We the Business Committee recommend to the conference that the churches of this conference rotate and have the conference at their church. In the event one church is not able to finance the same, then two or more churches will combine in the support of our conference meeting. The motion was made and seconded that we accept this recommendation. The motion prevailed.

signed:

Brother Lester Able

Brother Clyde Kelly

Brother Earl Smith

We the Business Committee recommend to send the conference to the Happy Freewill Baptist Church on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November (November 26-27, 1966). The motion was made and seconded that

we accept the recommendation. The motion prevailed.

signed:

Brother Lester Able
Brother Clyde Kelly
Brother Earl Smith

ALBERT DINGUS, Moderator
C. W. ISON, Asst. Moderator
EUGENE ADKINS, Clerk
CALVIN SHOOK, Asst. Clerk

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with the Rugby Chapel Church, Sept. 9, 10, 1966.

We the Dickenson County Conference met with the Meade's Chapel Church July 23, 24, 1966.

Bro. C. E. Reedy was elected as moderator. Rufus Keith Assistant moderator, Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, Clerks. Charles Lambert, treasurer, Q. M. Fund. Everett Mullins, treasurer; Emergency Fund; Mrs. C. E. Reedy, treasurer, Orphan Home fund.

Executive Committee: N. B. Lambert; Chairman, O. T. Smith. Oak Mullins, Earet Rose, Everett Mullins.

The following are delegates to the association:

Castlewood—Margaret Hale, Lula Jessie, Bro. Donald Reynolds.

Clinchco—Rosa Meade, Muncy Mullins, Bertha Thomas, Rose McKenzie, Bro. and Sis. Vernor Dotson.

Counts Chapel—John Puckett, Bertha Puckett, Pearl Perrigan, Brenda Estep.

Davis Chapel—Tommy Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Blevins, Desta Davis.

Duncan Gap—Tommy Large, Mack Mullins.

Dyers Chapel—Jim Pruitt, Bro. and Sis. Elmer Robinson, Bro. and Sis. Oscar Sexton, Sister Maggie Rose.

Fergie Chapel—Ada McCoy, Kermet McCoy, Rufus Strange.

Flemington—Guy Colley, Bonnie Dutton, Tivis Mullins, Fannie Stone.

Fremont—Eda Gay Patton, Patsy Sperrow, Barbara Stanley.

Frying Pan—Bro. and Sis. Holt Rice, Bro. and Sis. James E. Viers, Esther Rasnick, Rose Powers.

George Fork—Walton Beverly, Eura Beverly, Virgie Kenndy.

Hill Ridge—Bro. and Sis. Palmer Sweeney, Carter Boyd, Bro. and Sis. Ben Stanley.

Honey Camp—Mona Beverly, Maggie Rose.

Hubbard Chapel—Bro. and Sis. Bernie Collins, Sallie Kieth, Bro. and Sis. Webster Hubbard, Bro. and Sister Charles Baker.

Lick Fork—Connie Browning, Emma Browning, Margie Vanover.

Martins Chapel—Hassie Martin, Dallas Martin, Theodore Hicks.

Meades Chapel—Bro. and Sis. Hastings Ward, Viola Meade, Beatrice White, Goldia Kiser, Pauline Rose.

McCoy's Chapel—Bro. and Sis. Earl Lee, Bro. and Sis. Hodge McCoy, Norma Whitlow, Clarabelle McCoy.

Middle Branch—Snoda Sutherland, Rassie Lambert, Beulah Johnson, Gaiens Lambert.

Mill Creek—Bro. and Sis. Ellis Adkins, Bro. and Sis. Ray Edwards, Zella Lambert.

Mill's Chapel—Mr. and Mrs. Thurmon Sproles, Mary Ruth Sproles, Shirley Sproles.

Pewthers Chapel—Pearl Bise, Inis Bise, Zella Carty, Gilbert Arrowood, Henry Carty.

Phillips Chapel—Mrs. Carter Phillips, Alice Holbrook, Arthur Salyer.

Pine Creek—Bro. Elzie Mullins and Wife, Bro. John Pratt and Wife.

Pine Grove—Monroe Hamilton, Dayton Stidham, Ruby Gouge.

Pyle's Memorial—Kate Mullins, Emmitt Mullins.

Rachel's Chapel—Paul Stanley, Sis. Stanley, Iritta Salyers, Cassie Salyers.

Rugby Chapel—Echols Mullins, Harold Mullins, Goldia Kennedy and Georgia Smith.

Straight Hollow—Glenn Castle, Shirly Castle, John Miller and Wallace Sexton.

Splashdam—Bro. and Sister Earl Perrigan, Reva Mullins, Nadean Belcher, Ethel Puckett.

Tarpon—Dora Puckett, Faye Hill, Pauline Hill, Wanda Rakes, Bernard Rakes, Bill Hill.

Valley View—Bryon Stanley, Daisy and Susie Dotson, Floria Keith, Sarah Lane, Macy Dameron.

Yates Chapel—Merida Boggs, Alta Boggs, Bro. and Sis. Clayton Hay, Bro. and Sis. C. S. Lane, Mildred Mullins.

Our standing is:

No. of Churches	34
Membership	2257
No. Sunday Schools	25
Enrollment in S.S.	1438
Ordained Ministers	58

By order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session with the Meade's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Va., July 22-23, 1966.

C. E. Reedy Moderator

Rufus Keith Assistant Moderator

Clinton Lambert and Lloyd Hillman Clerks

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Greetings:

We, the New Durm Conference met with the Guiding Light Church August 13-14th., 1966 and organized by electing Bro. Harley Dye as moderator and Bro. Edward Perkins as Assistant moderator and Ruby Compton as clerk. The following delegates enrolled from their respective churches:

Guiding Light—Arnold Smith, Jason Lane, Bert Diamond, Leona Diamond, Lizzie Dye.

Flitcher's Ridge—Ray Farmer, Ada Farmer, Finis Farmer, Estelle Ray, Brady Farmer.

Ephesus Church—Ellen Dye, Mary Russ.

Mt. Zion Church—Bernard Fuller, Leonard and Ruth Dye, Jean Owens, Frazier and Eula Hale.

Fuller's Chapel—Walter Whited.

Tunnel Hill—Marvin Honaker.

Valley View—Hazel Dye, Loella Napier, Jess Shell.

Mt. View—Aubrey and Ruby Compton, Clarence and Gracie Compton, Kaye Compton.

Clinchview—Elbert Rasnake.

Drill's Chapel—Eunice Whited.

By order of the New Durm Conference while in regular session with the Guiding Light Church at Rowe, Va., August 13-14th., 1966.

Harley Dye, *Moderator* Edward Perkins, *Assistant Moderator*

..... Ruby Compton, *Clerk*

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptist. When convened with the Rugby Church, at Coeburn, Virginia, Sept. 9, 11, 1966. We send as delegate, our beloved Bro. William H. Elkins, whom we pray you to receive to set with you in your godly deliberation. Our standing is as follows:

State of Religion	Good	Average No. of Pupils	225
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Baptized	30	No. of Officers	15
Died	02	No. of Teachers	15
Total Membership	250	Home Missions	\$5.00
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good	For Minutes	\$25.00
Ministers Present: Floyd R. Stewart, Charles McKinley, Harold Ridner, Kenneth Jones, Johnny St. Clair.			

The Executive Boards: Bro. Joe Poe, Marion Stewart, H. Williams.

By order of the Hamilton County Conference, assembled in conference this 13th day of August, 1966.

Bro. Floyd R. Stewart, *Moderator*

Bob McQuire, *Clerk*

THE PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association when convened with the Rugby Church, Coeburn, Va., Sept. 9 and 10th, 1966.

We the Pike County Conference met with the Owsley Church, Owsley, Ky. on Sept. 3rd, 1966.

Conference opened with congregation singing. Prayer was led by Rev. Reffer Justice. Rev. Wardy May called conference to order for electing a moderator. Rev. V. E. Helms was elected moderator. Rev. Benny Slone was appointed assistant moderator. The moderator appointed the various committees to serve at this conference. And then called the clerk to read the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes were accepted as read. Moderator called for letters from the Sister Churches. All letters were received as read. We had 15 churches to letter up to conference. We received one new church into our conference, it was organized on June 18, 1966. Two churches were dismissed this past year from our conference. We have 17 churches with a membership of 1048. We have 47 ordained ministers in our conference. We are sending as delegates the following:

Bro. Roland Stiltner, Kimper, Ky.	Sis. Elsie Justice, Owsley, Ky.
Bro. Harold Anderson, Kimper, Ky.	Sis. Nixola Charles, Zebulon, Ky.
Bro. Lawrence Edwards, McAndrews, Ky.	Bro. Everett Gannon, Meta, Ky.
Bro. Emzy Varney, McAndrews, Ky.	Sis. Prue Gannon, Meta, Ky.
Bro. Albert Hinkle, McAndrews, Ky.	Sis. Nancy Edwards, McAndrews, Ky.
Sis. Christine Daniels, Owsley, Ky.	

We have 13 Sunday Schools in our conference. We are enclosing a check for the amount of \$104.80. Motion made that we order 400 minutes. Done by order of the Pike Co. Conference in regular session.

Rev. V. E. Helms, *Moderator*

Rev. Bobby Varney, *Clerk*

CHURCHES, ADDRESSES AND PASTORS OF PIKE CO. CONFERENCE

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| 1. Octavia J.—McAndrews, Ky. | Rev. Bobby Varney |
| 2. Island Creek—Island Cr., Ky. | Rev. Reffer Justice |
| 3. Owsley—Owsley, Ky. | Rev. Benny Slone |
| 4. Belfry—Huddy, Ky. | Rev. Robey Kendrick |
| 5. Edo—Kimper, Ky. | Rev. Sonny Hatfield |
| 6. Meat House—Meta, Ky. | Rev. Jesse Mosley |
| 7. Sooke's Creek—Yeager, Ky. | Rev. Ray Williams |
| 8. Turkey Creek—Turkey Creek, Ky. | Rev. Richard Hughes |
| 9. Mt. Zion—Hatfield, Ky. | Rev. Ernest Murphy |
| 10. Grassy—Zebulon, Ky. | Rev. Walter Sullivan |
| 11. Elk Horn City—Elk Horn City, Ky. | Rev. James B. Potter |
| 12. Bluespring—Ransom, Ky. | Rev. John C. Hatfield |
| 13. Rockhouse—Rockhouse, Ky. | Rev. Wilson Justice |
| 14. Phephs—Phelps, Ky. | Rev. Leonard West |
| 15. Virgie—Virgie, Ky. | Rev. Tommy Pike |

16. Leckieville—Leckieville, Ky. Rev. John Layne
 17. Toler Creek—Harold, Ky. Rev. Reffer Justice

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE—FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with Rugby Church, Route 2, Coeburn, Virginia, September 9, 10 and 11, 1966.

We, the Tri-State Conference met with the Elk Creek Church, Argo, Kentucky, July 30, 1966. Bro. Claude Conn was elected Moderator and Bro. Willie Compton was appointed Assistant Moderator. Bro. William C. Robinson was elected Clerk and Bro. Joe Barnnet was elected Treasurer.

The following committees were elected:

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Claude Conn, Chairman	Star Route, Hurley, Va.
Willie Compton	Box 227, Grundy, Va.
Henry Estep	Star Route, Hurley, Va.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Henry Estep, Chairman	Star Route, Hurley, Va.
Claude Conn	Star Route, Hurley, Va.
Willie Compton	Box 227, Grundy, Va.
J. R. Robinson	846 Gilliam St., Abingdon, Va.
William C. Robinson, Clerk	Maxie, Virginia

Appointed as delegates to the Association were Bro. Miles and Sis. Delphia Salmons; Bro. Austine and Sis. Geraldine Salmons and Bro. Carlos McClain.

A motion was made to incorporate the adopted By-Laws of our Conference into our letter to the Association. Motion was carried.

The following By-Laws have been adopted by the Tri-State Conference and recorded in the Court at Grundy, Virginia:

1. The Conference will convene its quarterly meeting on the Saturday before the fifth Sunday of each month that has five Sundays.

2. The Clerk shall call the Conference to order for the election of the Moderator.

3. No member shall speak more than twice nor longer than five minutes each time on any question without leave of the Moderator; such leave being granted without debate.

4. When a member speaks or offers a motion; he should rise to his feet and respectfully address the Moderator, confine himself to the question under consideration, avoid all personalities or unkind and disrespectful language.

5. Clerks will be elected to one year term but can succeed themselves as long as they are voted in.

6. Clerks will be paid \$5.00 at each quarterly meeting.

7. Treasurers will be elected as the Clerk.

8. Moderator shall appoint all committees with the exception of the Ordaining Council and Executive Committee which shall be elected at the yearly meeting from the Ministers of the Conference.

9. Moderator shall appoint the Assistant Moderator.

10. Any business to be brought before the Conference shall be taken before the Business Committee for consideration. If the Business Committee considers it worthy they shall bring it before the Conference.

11. The ordinances of the Gospel are administered by ordained Ministers.

12. When churches that are already organized wish to unite with the quarterly conference, a council will be called the same as organizing a new church.

12. Deacons that are to be ordained are to qualify according to I Timothy 3:8-13.

13. The Pastor of the church shall instruct all of the Officers in the respective duties of the offices they hold.

14. The Yearly Minister Conference will convene with the quarterly conference meeting before September.

Our standing as follows:

Number of Churches	9
Number of Members	400
Number of Sunday Schools	3
Number Enrolled in Sunday Schools	205
Number of Ordained Ministers	13
Number of Licentiates	3

Done by order of the Tri-State Conference while in regular session with the Elk Creek Church, Argo, Kentucky, July 30, 1966.

Claude Conn, *Moderator*

Willie Compton, *Assistant Moderator*

William C. Robinson, *Clerk*

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Service opened with the Rugby choir singing "Turn Back". Bro. Albert Dingus opened service, reading for a lesson 12th. chapter of St. Luke beginning with the 16th. verse and reading through the 20th. verse. Prayer by Sister Ellen Dye. Bro. Dingus used for a text "Lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven". Bro. Horton concluded service. Lesson Matthew 5th. chapter 13-16th. verse. Text "The Invisible Church".

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 2:00 P.M.

Conference called together by singing. Moderator read for a lesson the 1st. Psalm. Prayer by Sister Dye.

Moderator called for unfinished business. The first item was accepting letters. By regular move and second it was agreed to accept the letters as read except that portion which would conflict with the already established by-laws and regulations of the John-Thomas Association given by the Tri-State conference. This was voted favorably by the association.

Report of the auditing committee found the books to be in order. Report of the executive committee. Bro. Varney appointed chairman.

(1) We, the executive committee do resolve this day and present to the Association: That all business be examined by the executive committee before it comes before the Association,

(2) Motion moved and carried that Pike County and Hamilton County receive the next association following the Tri-State in 1967, and schedule be worked out from there accordingly. Pike County in 1968 and Hamilton County in 1969,

(3) We, recommend our Association have the clerk to notify the Ky. State Association, that in the event they are considering disposing of the Orphans Home at Louisa, Ky., first get in touch with the John-Thomas Association.

By order of the Executive Committee:

Rev. Robert Varney, Chairman.

This finishing the work of the conference same was adjourned until Friday before the second Sunday in September 1967, when it will convene with the Kelsa Chapel Church, Kelsa, Va. at 11:00 A.M. unless called together by the Moderator.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

There was much discussing of questions and seemingly at close of meeting there was a better understanding between the ministers present. It was agreed

there would be further meetings at convenient times to discuss the points of doctrines and to better understand each other and become better acquainted. It was the expression of those present that these meetings were needed and we are looking forward for much to be accomplished.

THE LETTERS FROM THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS: SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE 2 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Leonard Farmer and Rit Large, for this hour of service. Bro. Farmer reading the First Psalm. Bro. Warren Salyers led in prayer. Bro. Large concluded the service. Bro. J. T. Hartsock dismissed the service in prayer.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE 7:30 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Charles Gallion and Bro. Kelly for this hour of service. Bro. Gallion read for the lesson 3 verses from Jude. Prayer by Eckol Mullins, Bro. Kelly closed the service.

We had a good service and God wonderfully blessed.

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists, when convened with the Rugby Freewill Baptist Church at Coeburn, Virginia.

We the Hamilton Co., Ministers Conference met with the Dayton Freewill Baptist Church at Dayton, Ky., August 13, 1966.

Bro. Floyd R. Stewart was elected Moderator, Bro. Charles McKinley, Ass't., Bro. Harold Ridener, Clerk.

Bro. Floyd R. Stewart, Bro. Charles McKinley, Bro. Harold Ridener was elected to be placed on the ordaining council.

The following ministers are in good standing in our conference:

Floyd R. Stewart, David Crouse, Roy Johnson, Harold Ridener, Vestal Hutson, Johnny St. Clair, Eldon Hutson, Don Howard, Kenneth Jones, Charles McKinley.

Bro. E. W. Scarber died. One was brought before the conference on article 12 of the by laws to be dealt with. Done by order of the Hamilton County Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Dayton Freewill Baptist Church at Dayton, Ky.

Bro. Floyd Stewart, *Moderator*

Bro. Harold Ridener, *Clerk*

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while in regular session with Rugby Chapel Church Sept. 9, 10, 1966.

We the Dickenson County Ministers met with the Meades Chapel Church July 23, 1966. Bro. C. E. Reedy was elected moderator; Clinton Lambert and Lloyd Hillman as clerks. Ordaining Council: Bros. Joe Johnson, Emory Vanover, E. M. Rose. Ordaining Council ordained Bros. Hasting Ward, Billy Branson. Points of doctrine were discussed at length in a closed session. Also agreed to meet in another closed session at the next quarterly meeting. St. Hollow Church Oct. 22, 1966. Bro. Lee Mullins was given a letter in good standing to join the Northern Ohio Conference. The following were dropped from our Conference. Hiram Cantrel, Nobel Wright, Henry Thomas, for failing to attend the Conference for a period of two years.

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

Billy Branson, Otis Crabtree, Cecil Colley, S. P. Davis, Alva Dingus, Bill Dixon, Earl Dotson, Vaughn Dotson, Emory Cook, Homer Barrett, Paul Fields, Estel Hale, Lewis Allen Hill, J. T. Hartsock, Edward Hale, James Hobbs, Asa Hughes, Rufus Keith, Quinton Keith, Marvin Killen, R. L. Large, Tommy Large, Claude Large,

C. B. Lane, Vester McKenney, Hie A. Mullins, Ted Mullins, M. C. Mullins, Guy Mullins, C. E. Reedy, Ivan Reedy, Howard Reynolds, Milburn Reynolds, E. M. Rose, Maston Rose, Josh Rose, Goble Rose, Troy Robinson, Everett Smith, James Short, Robert Saylers, Wythe Saylers, Fred Taylor, Luther Taylor, John Pratt, Jr., James Wright, Luke Wright, Hasting Ward, Emory Vanover, Jim Lee Meade, Charlie Miles, B. M. Moore, Everett Johnson, Ercel Johnson, Joe Johnson, Alonzo Edwards, Derwood Yates.

Done by order of the Dickenson County Ministers Conference while in regular session with the Meades Chapel Church, July 23, 1966.

C. E. Reedy, *Moderator*

Clinton Lambert, *Clerk*

Lloyd Hillman, *Clerk*

NEW DURM

We the New Durm Ministers Conference of Freewill Baptist met with the Guiding Light Church on the 13th of August, 1966 and organized by electing Harley Dye Moderator and Edward Perkins as the assistant Moderator, and Ruby Compton as Clerk. The following Ministers were present:

Harley Dye, Edward Perkins, Ralph Bostic, Howard Bostic, Edward Dye, James Lambert, Leonard Farmer, Truel Brown, Kyle Hubbard.

Ministers absent: Earnest Crabtree, Everett Rasnick, Gonian Kelly, Henry Ball, Daniel Beam, Russel Miller, Austin Fields.

By order of the New Durm Ministers Conference, while in session with The Guiding Light Church at Rowe, Virginia, August 13, 1966.

Harley Dye, *Moderator*

Edward Perkins, *Assistant Moderator*

Ruby Compton, *Clerk*

TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists; when convene with the Rugby Church, Route 2, Coeburn, Virginia, September 9, 10 and 11, 1966.

We, the Tri-State Conference met at the Elk Creek Church, Argo, Kentucky and convened the Minister's Conference by electing Bro. Claude Conn as Moderator, Bro. Willie Compton as Assistant Moderator and Bro. William C. Robinson, Clerk. There were 9 ministers present with reports and 7 ministers absent whose reports were passed on and accepted. Bro. Estill Mullins, 309 College Place, Ypsilanti, Mich. was excluded due to improper conduct. We have 13 Ordained Ministers and 3 licentiates.

Ordained Ministers to receive good standing cards are:

Claude Conn, Star Route, Hurley, Virginia; Willie Compton, Box 227, Grundy, Virginia; Flem Stepp, Gary, West Virginia; Floyd Dotson, 971 Maple Street, Wyandotte, Mich.; Miles H. Hurley, Argo, Kentucky; William McKinley Boyd, Route 1, Vansant, Virginia; Henry Estep, Star Route, Hurley, Virginia; William C. Robinson, Maxie, Virginia; Dempsey Adkins; Box 414, Elkhorn City, Kentucky; Britt Jackson, Star Route, Box 171, Hurley, Virginia; J. R. Robinson, 846 Gilliam Street, Abingdon, Virginia; Edward May, Hurley, Virginia and Herbert May, Star Route, Box 170, Hurley, Virginia.

Licensed Ministers are Arville Honeycutt, Hellier, Kentucky; Miles B. Salmons, Roseann, Virginia and Clay Nelson, Route #3, Abingdon, Virginia.

Done by order of the Tri-State Minister's Conference while in session at the Elk Creek Church, Argo, Kentucky, July 30, 1966.

Claude Conn, *Moderator*

William C. Robinson, *Clerk*

Willie Compton, *Assistant Moderator*

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Convened at the Seco Baptist Church August 27, 1966. The motion was made and seconded that the Minister's Conference keep the same officers and moderator of the quarterly conference. The motion prevailed.

The motion was made by Brother Charles Gallion and seconded that all of the ministers names be read and voted on as a whole to receive a good standing card. The motion prevailed.

The following ministers requested their minister's letters from this conference to other conferences of their choice.

Rev. Ernest Pack

Rev. Arlo Smith

Rev. Stanley Roberts

Rev. Charles McKinley

The motion was made by Brother Johnson and seconded by Brother Huff that these letters be granted. The motion prevailed.

The motion was made by Charles Gallion that Brother Eugene Adkins replace Brother Gallion on the Ordaining Council due to the expiration of his term. The motion was seconded and prevailed.

Brother Charles Ison made the motion and Brother John Akers seconded that Minister's Conference adjourn until next year. The motion prevailed.

Albert Dingus, *Moderator*

Eugene Adkins, *Clerk*

C. W. Ison, *Assistant Moderator*

Calvin Shook, *Assistant Clerk*

NAMES OF MINISTERS THAT ARE IN GOOD STANDING

Albert Dingus, Jenkins, Ky.; C. W. Ison, Burdine, Ky.; D. D. Moore, Hylton, Ky.; J. P. Banks; L. D. Mahan, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ersel McPeeks, Payne Gap, Ky.; Ezra Johnson, Jenkins, Ky.; Clyde Huff, McRoberts, Ky.; Jimmy Seals, Hemphill, Ky.; Edward H. Hall; Geo. Lester Able, Jenkins, Ky.; John Vanover, John Akers, Scuddy, Ky.; Johnny Stoffer, Burdine, Ky.; Lonnie P. Hale; Leo Goode; Darwin Mullins, Deane, Ky.; C. O. Caudill, Dunham, Ky.; Dallis Kelly, Jenkins, Ky.; Eugene Adkins, Jenkins, Ky.; Eddie Rose, Dorton, Ky.; Clyde Kelly, Jenkins, Ky.; James Wheeler, Columbus, Ohio; Percy Elkins, Jenkins, Ky.; Cletis Garrett; Arnold Kelly, Kent, Ohio; Herman Bates, Payne Gap, Ky.; Edmon Maggard; Harold Miles; Alonzo Field; Charles Gallion, Jenkins, Ky.; Tommy Pike, Jenkins, Ky.; George Adams, Jr.; Robert Bowman; Lawrence Shelby, Jenkins, Ky.; Herbert Adams, Burdine, Ky.; Paul Wooten; Donald Cooper; Wilson Hall, Virgie, Ky.; Glen Miller; Roy Sykes; Morris Dotson, Jenkins, Ky.; Bill Crawford; Harry P. Whitaker, Jenkins, Ky.; Tensley Stamper; James Mahan, Jenkins, Ky.; William Aldridge; Roscoe Brummitt; Jasper Earls; Lloyd Addington, Jenkins, Ky.; Warren Tompkins, Jenkins, Ky.; Clyde Damron, Hylton, Ky.; Gordon Fields; Ira Harvey; Arnold Kelly Jr., Kent, Ohio; Robert Feltner; Lloyd Pike; Robert Anderson.

58 Ministers

Eugene Adkins, *Clerk*

MINUTES OF THE 4th MINISTER CONFERENCE OF PIKE COUNTY

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association, of Freewill Baptist, when convened with the Rugby Church, Coeburn, Va., Sept. 9 and 10th, 1966.

We the Pike Co. Ministers Conference met with the Octavia J. Church August 6th, 1966 at McAndrews, Ky.

Rev. V. E. Helms was elected as moderator. Prayer was led by Rev. Wilson Justice. Moderator called conference to order for business by reading Rev. 22, 10 for a scripture.

Clerk read minutes of previous meeting, minutes received as read. The clerk read names of all ministers belonging to the conf.

It was discussed about ministers not attending conference. We will deal with those who fail to report in person or by letter, for a period of two years.

Motion was made and seconded that the conf. remain as it is and would be for ministers only behind closed doors. But this motion did not carry.

The Moderator read 1st chapter of 1st Timothy to the body. It was openly discussed and much was accomplished.

Motion was made and carried the next conf. would convene the 1st Sat. in April, 1967 with the Owsley Church, Owsley, Ky.

Song and right hand of fellowship was passed among the brethren. Ministers attending this session were as follows. Wardy May, Leonard West, V. E. Helms, Benny Slone, William G. King, Phillip Hackney, Sonny Hatfield, Jesse Mosley, Tom Hunt, Johnny Cline, Bobby Varney, Robey Kendrick, Dock Hunt, Wilson Justice, Willie Darty, Jr. Harrington, Garland Varney, O. H. Greer, Noah Chapman, Luther Boyd, Reffer Justice, Ervin Bently, Ernest P. Murphy, Dewitt Rose, George Bickford, Richard Hughes, James B. Potter, Freddie Coleman, Charles W. McSweeney.

The Rev. Dewitt Rose and Enoch Booth, will no longer receive a card of good standing from the Pike County Conference.

Motion made and carried that we adjourn from business dismissed in prayer by Rev. Wardie May.

Done by the order of the Pike County Ministers Conference assembled in session, this 6th day of Aug., 1966.

V. E. Helms, *Moderator*

Bobby Varney, *Clerk*

GOOD STANDING NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS BELONGING TO PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

Leonard West, McAndrews, Ky.; Freddie Coleman, Yeager, Ky.; Jesse Mosley, McAndrews, Ky.; Tom Hunt, McAndrews, Ky.; Wardy May, McAndrews, Ky.; Ralph Kitchen, Garden City, Mich., 950 Middle Belt, Rd.; V. E. Helms, McAndrews, Ky.; Richard Hughes, Aflex, Ky.; John T. Oliver, Ransom, Ky.; Charles W. McSweeney, Ragland, W. Va.; Tommy Skeens, Ransom, Ky.; Ervin Bentley, Rockhouse, Ky.; Phillip Hackney, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Walter Sullivan, Pinsonfork, Ky.; James H. Owens, Pikeville, Ky.; Henry Charles, Toler, Ky.; James Cassidy, Meta, Ky.; Wilson Justice, Pikeville, Ky.; Bennie Slone, Meta, Ky.; Luther Boyd, Island Creek, Ky.; Arlie Daniels, Praise, Ky.; James Potter, Lookout, Ky.; Ray Williams, Pikeville, Ky.; Don Lee, Pikeville, Ky.; Garland Varney, Kimper, Ky.; Walter Ramsey, Ragland, W. Va.; Bobby Varney, Pinsonfork, Ky.; Dock Hunt, Owsley, Ky.; O. W. Greer, Belfry, Ky.; Robey Kendrick, McAndrews, Ky.; Willard Smith, Zebulon, Ky.; Johnny Cline, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Sonny Hatfield, Lobato, W. Va.; Jr. Harrington, Owsley, Ky.; Ernest P. Murphy, Hatfield, Ky.; Noah Chapman, McViegh, Ky.; Emmett McPeck, Grundy, Va., Rt. 1, Box 1140; Herbert Goff, Zebulon, Ky.; Dave Blankenship, Meador, W. Va.; Willie Darty, Matewan, W. Va.; Lee Roberts, Hampton, Va., 7 Holley St.; Wayne Sullivan, Ransom, Ky.; George Bickford, Rockhouse, Ky.; William G. King, Meta, Ky.; Frank Rich, Pikeville, Ky.; Reaford Justice, Owsley, Ky.

This finishing the work of the Minister's Conference same was adjourned until Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1967, when it will convene with the Kelsa Chapel Church, Kelsa, Virginia at 11:00 a.m. unless called together by the moderator.

Due to a funeral at Yates Chapel Church the Sunday service was discontinued.

(The Association takes this means of thanking the people in and around Rugby Church for their kindness shown to and extended to the people of this association, and especially to the ladies auxiliary that labored so faithfully to prepare the food in such a wonderful way.)

Ministers' Reports

HENRY ESTEP Hurley, Va.

Sermons	75
Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Professions Witnessed	4
No. Baptized	2
Additions to Church	4
Churches Organized	1
Funerals	8
Miles Traveled	500
Memorials	3
Money Rec'd	\$25.00

WILLIAM C. ROBINSON Maxie, Va.

Sermons	62
Churches Pastored Assistant	1
Professions Witnessed	32
No. Baptized	9
Additions to Church	42
Churches Organized	1
Funerals	2
Memorials	1
Miles Traveled	2856
Money Rec'd	\$147.22

DEMPSEY ADKINS Elkhorn City, Ky.

Sermons	65
Churches Pastored	1
No. Baptized	1
Additions to Church	1
Funerals	4
Miles Traveled	500
Money Rec'd	\$3.00

BRITT JACKSON Box 171, Hurley, Va.

Sermons	100
Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Professions Witnessed	Few
Additions to Church	2
Funerals	4
Memorials	3
Miles Traveled	625
Money Rec'd	\$13.00

J. R. ROBINSON Abingdon, Va.

Sermons	105
Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Professions Witnessed	Few
No. Baptized	4
Additions to Church	4
Churches Organized	1
Memorials	1
Money Rec'd	\$71.95

EDWARD MAY Hurley, Va.

Sermons	104
Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Professions Witnessed	8
No. Baptized	4
Funerals	4
Memorials	2
Miles Traveled	1000
Memorials	2

HUBERT MAY Box 170, Hurley, Va.

Sermons	40
Revivals	1
Professions Witnessed	4
Funerals	3
Miles Traveled	500

CLAUDE CONN Hurley, Va.

Sermons	104
Churches Pastored	2
Revivals	1
Professions Witnessed	2
No. Baptized	2
Additions to Church	2
Churches Organized	1
Memorials	4
Miles Traveled	1200

FLOYD DOTSON 971 Maple St., Wyandotte, Mich.

Sermons	35
Professions Witnessed	1
Miles Traveled	1100

MILES HURLEY Argo, Ky.

Sermons	35
Revivals	3
Professions Witnessed	3
Funerals	4
Memorials	4
Miles Traveled	155

WILLIAM McKINLEY BOYD Vansant, Va.

Sermons	66
Revivals	1
Professions Witnessed	32
No. Baptized	28
Additions to Church	42
Funerals	5
Memorials	5
Miles Traveled	1500
Money Rec'd	\$27.00

WILLIE COMPTON
Box 227, Grundy, Va.

Sermons	112
Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Professions Witnessed	32
No. Baptized	32
Additions to Church	42
Churches Organized	1
Funerals	11
Marriages Solemnized	15
Miles Traveled	2100
Memorials	2
Money Rec'd	\$130.00

JAMES WHEELER
863 Oak St., Columbus, Ohio

Sermons	50
Revivals	6
No. Baptized	15
Burials Attended	8
Prayer Services	22
Visited Other Churches and Preached	19

LLOYD PIKE
Mayking, Ky.

Sermons	175
Revivals	5
Converts	35
Baptized	14
Funerals	20
Miles Traveled	4000

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

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	170
Revivals	5
Conversions Witnessed	5
No. Baptized	6
Memorials	5
Prayer Services	70
Churches Organized	1
S. S. Organized	1
Couples Married	1

ROY C. JOHNSON
324 Elm St., Newport, Ky.

Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	32
No. Baptized	6
Funerals	1
Couples Married	2

ELDON HUTSON
Caryville, Tenn.

Sermons	52
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	5
Money Rec'd	\$45.00

CHARLES MCKINLEY

306 Broadway, Harrison, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	80
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	11
No. Baptized	10
Burials Attended	2
Prayer Services	30
Couples Married	2
Money Rec'd	\$15.00

HAROLD RIDENER

2744 Faber Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Conversions Witnessed	8
No. Baptized	5
Burials Attended	3
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	30
Amount Rec'd	\$200.00

JOHN LEE CLAIR

Rt. #1, Sunman, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	Appro. 200
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	1
No. Baptized	1
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	Appro. 25
Churches Organized	1
S. S. Organized	1

DON HOWARD

1067 Marshall Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	137
Conversions Witnessed	48
No. Baptized	33
Prayer Services	52
Couples Married	2

KENNETH E. JONES

206 3rd Ave., Dayton, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	15
Baptized	9
Amount Rec'd	\$400.00

DANIEL BEAM
Lebanon, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	60

ARNOLD KELLY JR.

1906 Brady Lake Rd., Kent, Ohio

Sermons	50
Conversions Witnessed	6
Baptized	5
Funerals	1
Prayer Services	35

ERNEST CRABTREE

Rt. 2, Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	44
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	27
No. Baptized	18
Burials Attended	4
Memorials	3
S. S. Organized	1
Young Peoples Service Every Friday Night.	
Amount Rec'd	\$62.00

KYLE W. HUBBARD

Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	52
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	6
Baptized	4
Burials Attended	14
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	2
S. S. Organized	1
Couples Married	20

EDWARD DYE

Oakwood, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	91
Revivals	1
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	2
Amount Rec'd	\$6.00

TRUEL BROWN

Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	1
Baptized	1
Burials Attended	8
Memorials	5
Amount Rec'd	\$50.00

JAMES LAMBERT

Rt. A, Box 252, Bee, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	52
Memorials	Several
Prayer Services	12
Amount Rec'd	\$20.00

HOWARD BOSTIC

Rt. 1, Box 23, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	5
No. Baptized	2
Burials Attended	10
Prayer Services	15
Amount Rec'd	\$200.00

HARLEY DYE

Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	90
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	2
No. Baptized	1
Burials Attended	31
Couples Married	7
Amount Rec'd	\$379.00

RALPH BOSTIC

Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	Approx. 100
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	3
No. Baptized	3
Amount Rec'd Approx.	\$600.00

EDWARD PERKINS

Oakwood, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
No. Baptized	2
Burials Attended	3
Memorials	1

C. R. MILLER

Rt. #2, Lebanon, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
No. Sermons	60
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	5
Funerals	2
Memorials	11
Prayer Services	8
Amount Rec'd	\$50.00

EUGENE ADKINS

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	3
Sermons	100
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	No Record
No. Baptized	No Record
Prayer Services	No Record
Funerals	5
Memorials	5
S. S. Organized	1
Couples Married	1
Amount Rec'd	\$110.00

ALBERT DINGUS

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Assisted Pastor in	1
Sermons	About 50
Conversions Witnessed	About 150
Baptized	About 20
Funerals	17
Memorials	3
Prayer Services	40
Couples Married	2

ARNOLD KELLY SR.

1906 Brady Lake Rd., Kent, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	40
Conversions Witnessed	6
Baptized	5
Funerals	1
Prayer Services	25
Couples Married	10
Amount Rec'd	\$50.00

CHARLES P. RANDOLPH

1188 N. Main St., Akron, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	90
Conversions Witnessed	4
Rededications	3
Prayer Services	40
Couples Married	2

GEORGE L. ABLE

Jenkins, Ky., Box 137

Sermons	42
Conversions Witnessed	6
Funerals	4
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	50

W. M. CRAWFORD

Pound, Va.

Sermons	60
Conversions Witnessed	45
Funerals	4
Prayer Services	10

DALLAS KELLY

Box 542, Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	Appro. 75
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	Several
Baptized	Several
Funerals	Several
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	35

STAN ROBERTS

3804 Hudson Dr., Stow, Ohio

Sermons	320
Revivals	19
Conversions Witnessed	351
Baptized	93
Funerals	13
Prayer Services	No Record
Amount Rec'd	No Record

PAUL WOOTEN

Suddy, Ky.

Sermons	75
Conversions Witnessed	15
Baptized	5
Funerals	2
Prayer Services	50

LEONARD FARMER

Rt. 2, Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored	4
Burials Attended	1

ERNEST PACK

1186 Goodyear Lane, Suffield, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Conversions Witnessed	26
Funerals	1
Sermons	No Record
Prayer Services	No Record

JASPER EARLS

Viccio, Ky.

Sermons	30
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	25
Funerals	10
Prayer Services	20

EZRA JOHNSON

Box 286, Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	132
Conversions Witnessed	16
Baptized	9
Funerals	12
Memorials	9
Prayer Services	45
Churches Organized	1
Amount Rec'd	\$60.00

IRA HARVEY

Day, Ky.

Sermons	37
Conversions Witnessed	7
Funerals	2
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	7

RALPH E. JONES

Jackhorn, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	85
Conversions Witnessed	2
Funerals	2
Memorials	1

ROY SYKES

Lookout, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	Appro. 75
Conversions Witnessed	4
Baptized	3
Funerals	6
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	Several

WILLIAM ALDRIDGE

Rt. #1, Box 97, Hazard, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	72
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	16
Baptized	7
Funerals	7
Prayer Services	47

OBITUARY

JOSEPH EMORY TUCKER



Joseph Emory Tucker departed this life on Friday, September 16th at Downey, Calif. after a short illness. He was the son of Alex and Martha Ann Bentley Tucker, born June 13, 1902 in Letcher Co. Kentucky being 64 Years 3 months and 3 days of age at his death. He is survived by his wife, Alice Wright Tucker, four sons, Truman of Cleveland, Ohio, Charles of Calif., Hobart and Ben of Chicago, Ill. Two daughters, Dixie Byrd and Dorothy Upshaw of Calif. Two brothers, Hobart of Payne Gap, Kentucky and James of Shelby Gap, Kentucky.

He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.
But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love . . .

ARTHUR LEE MEADE



Arthur Lee Mead of Jenkins, Ky., passed from this life on August 20, 1966 at his residence of an apparent heart attack. He was the son of Albert and Rebecca Castle Meade born August 15, 1899 in Scott Co., Va. He is survived by his wife Dorothy Swindall Meade of Jenkins, Ky. Three children, Pebble Lee Motz of Michigan. Lavon Estep of Pound, Va., and Sherell at Home. One brother, Albert Meade of Coeburn, Va. Two sisters, Mary Linda Salyers of Coeburn, Va. Nannie Careco of Kingsport, Tenn. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13

IN MEMORIAM OF JOAN BARKER



Mrs. Joan Barker, Coeburn, Virginia, died Saturday, March 26, 1966, in a Louisville, Ky. hospital, at the age of 33.

Survivors include her husband, Paul Barker, Louisville, two daughters Paula Joe Barker and Robin Lynn Barker, both of Louisville. Three sons, Stevie Barker, Tommy Barker and Guy Barker, all of Louisville. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Powers, Coeburn, Va. Five sisters, Mrs. Mildred Knupp, Lakeland, Fla., Mrs. Maggie Rink, Alexandria, Va., Mrs. Margie Sluss, Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Rosie Mullins, Coeburn, Va., Mrs. Leo Burke, Coeburn, Va. Two brothers, Steward Powers, Indianapolis, Ind., and James Powers, Comet City, Ill.

KENIS MCGUIRE



In memory of our loving father, Kenis McGuire, born December 21, 1904 and passed away January 19, 1966. Making his stay here on earth 61 years and 1 month. He was born in Pikeville, Kentucky. He was married to Maggie Wolford and to this union was born 3 sons, William, Bobby, Franklin, 3 daughters, Betty, Claudette, Bonnie. He has 18 living grandchildren. To mourn his death he leaves his wife, children, and grandchildren, 6 brothers, and 5 sisters. For a number of years he was a member of the Belfry, Ky. Freewill Baptist Church in Pike County, Eastern, Ky. In 1952 he moved to Dayton, Ky. He became a member of the Dayton, Ky. Freewill Baptist Church, and for a number of years was a faithful member and deacon. I know the Dayton church membership will miss him very much, for he loved everyone and was loved by everyone who knew him. He was a kind and gentle

husband to his wife and a loving father to his children. There is a vacant spot in our lives and in the church, that can never be filled. Our loss is heaven's gain. The testimony he left before he passed this life, makes me believe he is in heaven where his worries and sorrows are over. I expect to see him some day over on heaven's shore, as I am walking that straight and narrow road that leads home.

Written for the McGuire Family
By his Son and Granddaughter
Bob McGuire and Mary McGuire

TAMMY ANNETTE TUCKER



God gave to Ernest and Peggy Tucker a little angel on June 20, 1960, naming her Tammy Annette, who filled their hearts and lives with love and joy. She departed from this life August 27, 1966.

She leaves to mourn her little brother, Ernest Glenn, her grandmothers, Mrs. Anna Adkins, East Jenkins, Mrs. Pearl Tucker, Chicago, and grandfather, Mr. Grady Tucker, Neon. She also leaves a host of uncles, aunts, relatives and friends.

Tammy's light shown so bright on earth that we feel it will shine even brighter for God in heaven.

*when the wings of an earthly home come loose from an
implanted heart*

BENNIE KENNEDY

With a sad heart we will write the obituary of our loving father, Bennie Kennedy. He was born on March 8, 1901 and died September 28, 1965. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and 5 children, also a lot of relatives and friends.

He joined the Rugby Chapel Freewill Baptist Church thirty years ago and served as deacon for many years. He was loved by all who knew him. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Sleep on dear papa and take your rest.
We know that Jesus does things best.

Written by:
The Family

EVERETT EDWARD POTTER



In loving memory of a loving husband and father,
Rev. Everett Edward Potter.

He was born March 5, 1905, at Hylton, Ky., and passed this life Aug. 15, 1966.

He spent 30 years of his married life in Payne Gap, Ky. He was converted and was baptized May 28, 1938. He lived a faithful consecrated life to God to the end of the way. We know our loss is heaven's gain. Our hearts are broken with grief, but we hope to meet him again some day.

His Wife and Children
Mrs. Sarah Jane Potter

SHERRY MICHELLE VANCE

Born Jan. 9, 1965, died Feb. 23, 1965. She was the daughter of Robert Vance and Louise Rose Vance she leaves a broken hearted father, mother, sister, 3 brothers, grand parents many aunts, uncles and friends.

The Lord just loaned her to us for a short while, but those few weeks were happy ones for us. We all loved her so much she was so dear and near to our hearts. We thank God it's a little angel we don't have to worry about. It can't come back to us but by the grace of God we can go to it.

It Budded on Earth
To Bloom in Heaven

TIMMIE DEAN DOTSON



It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my darling grandson, Timmie Dean Dotson. He was born April 19, 1962 and died August 29, 1966; making his stay here 4 years, 4 months and 10 days. In all of his short life, he neither walked nor talked and his life in this world was filled with suffering. He leaves behind his parents Howard and Ida Mae Dotson; his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Flim Dotson and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Scarberry; 1 sister and a host of other relatives to mourn him.

Little Timmie is at rest,
God always knows whats best;
With Him he'll suffer no more
On that happy, golden shore.
With God's grace there is where
I intend to go;
When this life of heartaches
is o're.

Written by his Grandmother
Mrs. Dorothy Scarberry
Paw Paw, Kentucky

REVEREND HENDERSON JACKSON COMPTON



Henderson Jackson Compton was born in March of 1880 and departed from this life May 28, 1966 at the age of 86. He had been a Christian for 30 years and a minister of the Gospel for 25 years. All who knew him loved him. He was a pillar of strength to the younger Ministers and a wise teacher to all that would seek the truth of God's word. He preached God's word and lived as he preached. Our loss is truly Heaven's gain. Preceding him in death was his first wife and four sons. Surviving him is his second wife, Mrs. Sarah Looney Compton of Grundy, Virginia, one son, Reverend Willie Compton of Grundy, Virginia, two daughters, Margie Woods and Nancy Estep, both of Grundy, Virginia. By the grace of God we shall meet him on the golden shore of Heaven when our Savior, Jesus comes to claim us.

Written by his son and daughter-in-law
Rev. Willie Compton and wife, Elsie

RICKY DALE MARRS



In memory of my baby boy, Ricky Dale Marrs; born May 3, 1960, died September 9, 1961. Age 16 months, 6 days.

On a hill not far away
I can see a flowery grave
It's there my little darling sleeps
He left us here to mourn and weep.

Written by his mother
Tennessee Marrs

FLORENCE ESTEP WEON



It is with much sorrow that I write the obituary of our loving mother, Florence Estep Weon, born April 20, 1890, departed this life October 29, 1965; making her stay on earth 74 years, 6 months and 9 days. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, 5 daughters, 2 sons, 68 grandchildren and 63 great grandchildren. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church and we know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Oh, dear mother how we miss you
No one on earth can ease the pain
But by God's grace we'll meet in Heaven
To never part again.

Written by her daughter
Blanche Duty

GRIDLY DEWEY HURLEY



Gridly Dewey Hurley was born April 14, 1905 and departed this life August 6, 1965 following a heart attack, making his stay here 60 years, 4 months and 8 days. He was the son of Rev. Walter and June Stacy Hurley. He married Rebecca Sullivan Dotson and 8 daughters and 3 sons were born to this union. His wife and 2 children preceded him in death. He leaves 3 sons, 6 daughters, 1 stepdaughter, 3 stepsons, 3 brothers, 4 sisters and 18 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn him. He had been a member of the Freewill Baptist Church for several years.

Written by his stepdaughter
Ethel Dotson Hurley

ROY L. PRATER



In memory of my dear brother, Roy L. Prater, who passed away August 22, 1964.

Dear brother you have gone to your new home
Where so many loved ones have already gone
I know you wanted to stay,
Though you could not ever say;
But thanks be to God where you are today,
No words will come too hard to say.
Life on earth is such a short span,
I pray that God will take my hand
And lead me to that beautiful land.

Written by his sister
Tennessee Marrs

JAMES L. SCARBERRY



In memory of James L. Scarberry, 42, of Hurley, Virginia, who died in the Walter Reed Army Hospital, Washington, D. C., on September 28, 1965, after an illness of several months. He was a veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict. He served in the army for 21 years. He is survived by two daughters, four sisters, and one brother. He leaves a host of friends and loved ones to mourn his death.

Written by Henry Estep

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,

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

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father, through his dear Son, unto the World, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:2; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression fell, and by means brought on himself a miserable and moral state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:27; John 3:15-17; I Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for Him, but as the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that brought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; John 5:1, 10.

7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability

must be born again. Then by trusting His promise and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved.—II Tim. 4:7.

8. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

9. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

10. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father of the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine 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.

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and the year is as follows: Friday be-
fore the 2nd Sunday in September at
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Letcher County Conference	1972
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