

Minutes

of the

**JOHN - THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING**

of

Freewill Baptist

VA.-W.VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

FIFTIETH SESSION

Held With

CANEY CREEK FREEWILL BAPIST

CHURCH

Route 2

Pikeville, Kentucky

September 8-9, 1972

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971-1972

Amount brought forward 1971	\$466.11
Amount received in letters for 1971	828.00
Total in treasury 1971	\$1294.11

Expenses:

Clerk	50.00
Minutes	906.69
Total expense	\$956.69

Balance in treasury September 1972	\$337.42
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Received in 1972:

Offering	82.35
Pike County with letter	202.50
New Durm with letter	65.00
Dickenson County with letter	342.45
Hamilton County with letter	50.00
Letcher County with letter	165.00
Engraving County with letter	7.50
Total received in 1972	914.80
Total in treasury	\$1252.22

The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting will convene with the Lick Fork F. W. B. Church, Clintwood, Virginia, on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1973 unless called together by the Moderator.

The introductory message will be given by the pastor of the Lick Fork Church at 11:00 a.m., 1973. Those that may be traveling from the North to this church take Route 23 to Pound, Virginia, take 83 to Georges Fork, turn right, follow Route 72 to the church. The church is brick and is located above the highway on the right. Hope this will be of help to you.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1972

Dickenson County	1100
Mr. Clinton Lambert, Clintwood, Virginia 24228	
Letcher County	650
Mr. Edwin Johnson, Route 2, Box 29, Jenkins, Kentucky 41537	
Pike County	450
Rev. Bobby Varney, Box 21, Route 2, Pinsonfork, Kentucky 41543	
Hamilton County	250
Mr. Arnold Baker, 2315 Madison Avenue, Norwood, Ohio 45212	
New Durm Conference	275
Mrs. Loella Napier, Box 372, Honaker, Virginia 24260	
Total Minutes	2725

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**CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERINGS
DICKENSON FREEWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE**

	1971 July	1971 October	1972 January	1972 April	Total
Anna Dale	0	0	0	0	0
Castlewood	0	0	0	10.00	10.00
Clinchco	34.42	35.14	34.71	36.10	140.37
Counts Chapel	18.47	25.49	46.12	25.19	115.27
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	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Flemingtown	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	10.00
Fremont	14.00	17.00	18.40	26.00	75.40
Frying Pan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Georges Fork	0	25.00	0	0	25.00
Hill Ridge	10.00	11.00	15.00	10.00	46.00
Honey Camp	0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Lick Fork	50.00	60.00	75.00	100.00	285.00
Manassas	10.00	0	0	5.00	15.00
Martin's Chapel	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	32.00
McCoy's Chapel	6.00	10.00	7.00	10.00	33.00
Meade's Chapel	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	240.00
Mill Creek	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Middle Branch	44.00	35.00	30.00	50.00	159.00
Mill's Chapel	0	0	5.00	89.38	94.38
Peuther Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Phillips' Chapel	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Pine Creek	21.00	20.00	23.00	20.00	84.00

	1971 July	1971 October	1972 January	1972 April	Total
Pine Grove	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Pyle's Memorial	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Rachel Chapel	0	0	0	22.60	22.60
Rugby	15.00	12.60	0	18.51	46.11
Splashdam	5.00	0	9.50	5.31	19.81
Straight Hollow	17.00	12.00	15.00	16.00	60.00
Tarpon	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Valley View	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Yates Chapel	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Bearwallow				25.00	25.00
Total	\$515.39	\$533.73	\$549.23	\$739.59	\$2,337.94
Special Offering Flemington Sunday School					100.12
Mrs. C. E. Reedy Treasury TOTAL—					\$2,438.06

**DICKENSON COUNTY
CHURCHES OF FREWILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE**

CHURCH	PASTORS	DEACONS	Memb.	S. S.
Castlewood	Howard Reynolds	Sam Helbert	23	30
Clinchco	C. E. Reedy	Newton Bailey Garland Mullins Raymond McCarty Johnny Forish	134	39
Counts Chapel	Goble Rose Everett Smith	Kermit Green Garmon Edwards	109	30
Davis Chapel	Quintin Keith Jim Lee Meade	Estel Hale Thomas Mullins	88	26
Duncan Gap	Tommy Large	Elmer Mullins Cecil Mullins	26	58
Dyers Chapel	Joe Johnson B. M. Moore	Sam Sutherland Tivis Counts Bill Hale	138	68
Fergie Chapel	Clyde Reedy	Brother and Sister James Sawyers	54	75
Flemington	Joe Johnson B. M. Moore	Ervie Dutton Lee Artrip	100	30
Fremont	Everett Smith Goble Rose	Harry Carty Hershel Mullins	46	
Frying Pan	Hie A. Mullins	Bob Rasnick Holt Rice	28	
George's Fork	Herbert Rowlett	Walton Beverly Herbert Mullins	34	58
Hill Ridge	Wythe Saylers Carter Boyd	Earet Rose Ranel Withrow	66	45
Honey Camp	Marvin Killen Josh Rose	Charles Rose David Mullins	23	
Hubbard Chapel	LeRoy Mullins	Roy Hubbard Webster Mullins	41	48

CHURCH	PASTORS	DEACONS	Memb.	S. S.
Lick Fork	Derwood Yates	Fred Lane		
	Carter Boyd	Edgar Edwards	94	55
Martin Chapel	Joe Johnson	Connie Browning		
		Basil Rasnick	109	90
Meades Chapel	James Rose	Beecher Long		
		Claude Markland	59	
McCoy Chapel	Emory Cook	Corey Kiser		
	Jim L. Meade	Slimp McCoy	27	55
Middle Branch	C. E. Reedy	George Lambert	104	
	Joe Johnson	Simon Sutherland		
Mill Creek	J. T. Hartsock	Chas. C. Lambert	58	
Mills Chapel	Paul Fields	Roy Edwards		
		Roy Patrick	83	60
Peuther Chapel	C. E. Reedy	Thurmond Sproles		
	Paul Fields	Claude H. Carty	99	60
Phillips Chapel	Howard Reynolds	Francis Mullins		
		James Barnes	49	70
		Robert Culberstson		
Pine Creek	Ayers Kennedy	Arthur Saylers		
	Marvin Killen	E. E. Mullins	83	35
Pine Grove	Jim Lee Meade	Cecil Kiser	82	50
Pyles Memorial	Quinton Keith	Arnold Gouge		
	Roy Vanover	Edward Mullins	56	56
		Everett Mullins		
Rachel Chapel	Enoch Rose	Rufus Keith	74	45
	Ted Mullins	Voda Blevins		
		Howard Marshall		
Rugby	Enoch Rose	Emory Dingus	127	61
	Ted Mullins	Eckles Mullins		
Splashdam	Lonzo Edwards	Jim Mullins	55	60
		Emory Hammon		
		Bruce Sutherland		
Straight Hollow	Harry Whitaker		25	50
Tarpon	Wythe Salyers	Joe Potter	60	33
	Carter Boyd	Ralph Dingus		
Valley View	Asa Hughes	Fred Roberts	77	110
	Derwood Yates	Burley Moore		
		George Kendrick		
Yates Chapel	Wythe Salyers	Bro. and Sis. Roy Bise	42	45
	Rufus A. Kennedy	Bro. and Sis. John Yates		
Anna Dale	Noble Wright		23	
Bearwallow	J. T. Hartsock	Jimmy Hall	18	54
		Glenn Hale		
Manassas	Billy Smith	Raymond Crabtree	29	61
Totals			2354	1612

OFFICERS

Officers of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists who were elected for the year 1972-1973. Rev. Clyde Reedy, Clintwood, Virginia, Route 1, Box 52, 24228 Moderator
 Rev. Albert Dingus, Jenkins, Kentucky Assistant Moderator
 Everett W. Johnson, 140 W. Home Street, Westerville, Ohio 43081 Clerk
 Oval W. Hillman, Route 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Virginia 24228 Treasurer

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE ASSOCIATION

DICKENSON COUNTY

Oval W. Hillman	Mrs. Jess Davis	Clarence Boyd
Roy M. Beverly	Muncie Mullins	Gilvie Dingus
Georgia Smith	Joyce Carroll	Muncie Bostic
Edith Boyd	Gilbert Arrowood	Virgie Wright
Mrs. Muncie Mullins	Ruby Deel	Sharon Boyd
Maxie Sluss	Nadean Belcher	Jess Davis
O. T. Smith	June Kilgore	Walton Beverly

Deacons

Bro. C. C. Lambert	Bro. Everett Mullins	Ralph Dingus
Bro. Earet Rose		

Ministers

Rev. E. M. Rose	Rev. Carter Boyd	Rev. Alva Dingus
Rev. C. E. Reedy	Rev. Everett W. Johnson	Rev. Roy C. Vanover

PIKE COUNTY

Bro. Jesse Casey	Bro. Dessie Morgan	Buncie Bryant
Bro. Crystlene Ratliff	Bro. Victor Williams	Sarah Mullins
Bro. Suda Slone	Amy Williams	Teresa Daniels

Ministers

Rev. Bobby Varney	Rev. Homer Adkins	Rev. Edgar West
Rev. Bennie F. Slone	Rev. Jimmy Skeens	Rev. Woodrow Mullins
Rev. Albert Damron	Rev. Garland Ray	

Deacons

Troy Bryant	Nelse Elliott	Manin Ratliff
Orville Hamilton	Emsey Varney	Press Brewer

HAMILTON COUNTY

Marge Baker	Lois Howard	Mrs. Bob McQuire
Rachel Love		

Deacon

Arnold Baker

Ministers

Rev. Don Howard	Rev. Bob McQuire
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NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Ministers

Rev. Kyle Hubbard	Rev. Allen Stevens
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LETCHER COUNTY

David Russell	Clarence Tolliver	Bertha Tucker
Kenneth Childers	Tom Trinkle	Earl L. Smith
Earsel Cantrell	Sara Jane Trinkle	Ruth Craft

Evelyn Bolden

Arvil Ratliff

Rev. Albert Dingus
Rev. Edmon. C. Maggard
Rev. Ezra Johnson

Ministers
Rev. Johnny Akers
Rev. Leon Bolden

Rev. Homer Lee Mullins
Rev. George L. Able

Milford Craft

Deacons
D. Wright

INTRODUCTION

Service was opened with congregational singing. A good Spirit was among the people. Bro. Woodrow Mullins, pastor of the Caney Creek F. W. B. Church, brought the morning message. He read from the 14th chapter of Job, 1 through the 9th verse. Text was the 1st verse of lesson read. This was a very inspirational message, and the Holy Spirit was manifested in the hearts of His People. Prayer was by Bro. Earet Rose.

Dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food by Bro. Clyde Reedy.

PROCEEDINGS

The 50th session of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting convened with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Route 2, Pikeville, Kentucky, September 7-9, 1972.

Meeting was opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Jimmy Skeens. Clerk read for lesson 3rd chapter of 2nd Peter, 10 through and including the 16th verse.

Clerk proceeded with the work by electing of a moderator. By regular move and second Bro. Clyde Reedy was duly elected. The Yearly Meeting gave the Moderator power to appoint such help as needed to take care of the business. Bro. Reedy appointed Bro. Albert Dingus as assistant Moderator. Moderator proceeded by electing a clerk. Bro. Albert Dingus made the motion that Everett Johnson be retained as clerk. Bro. Alva Dingus seconded the motion. Motion carried, Everett Johnson was retained as clerk. Moderator proceeded by electing of a treasurer. Motion was made to retain Bro. Bobby Varney, Due to Bro. Varney's illness he declined the nomination. Motion was withdrawn. Motion was made by Bro. Alva Dingus that Bro. Oval Hillman serve as treasurer. This was seconded. Motion carried, Bro. Oval Hillman was elected as treasurer.

The following were appointed to the committees named:

Pulpit Committee: Bros. Press Brewer, Chairman; Milford Craft; Kyle Hubbard.

Auditing Committee: Bros. Gilbert Arrowood, Chairman; Lester Able; Orville Hamilton.

Motion was made that delegates going from the Yearly Meeting to any Sister Associations to do or carry on any business for the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting, expenses to be paid by the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting. This was seconded and motion carried.

A finance committee was appointed by the moderator to come up with ways and means to meet the expense of the Yearly Meeting, which has been increasing in cost over the years. The following are on the committee:

Bros: Jonah Wright, Letcher County; Woodrow Mullins, Pike County; N. B. Lambert, Dickenson County; Kyle Hubbard, New Durm Conference.

The above named gave the following report: We, your committee recommend to the Yearly Meeting that we raise the amount to be sent to the Yearly Meeting (from each Quarterly Conference) from 15¢ to 25¢ per member.

Signed:

N. B. Lambert

Kyle Hubbard

Woodrow Mullins

Jonah D. Wright

All Delegates, Ministers, deacons, visiting members and corresponding messengers were enrolled by card.

The pulpit committee reported that Bro. Allen Stevens would bring the evening message and Bros. Albert Dingus and Albert Damron would bring the Friday night message.

Yearly Meeting being organized and committees appointed same was adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, by regular move and second. Dismissed with prayer and blessings on food by Bro. Clyde Reedy.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE 3:00 P. M.

Singing by the congregation and Bro. Earet Rose. Bro. Allen Stevens read for a lesson 2nd Timothy 3rd chapter 1st through 5th verse. Prayer was omitted. Text 1st verse of lesson read.

This was a very plain and simple message, just as plain as the text, "*This know, also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*" Read the rest of the chapter.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:30 P. M.

Bro. Albert Dingus had charge of the service. Had congregational singing also the trio from the church. Prayer by Bro. Woodrow Mullins.

Bro. Albert Damron opened the service. Bro. Albert Dingus concluded the service using text "Judgement". Both these Brethren brought a wonderful message.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSIONS 9:30 A. M.

Moderator opened the business by calling for a song. Congregational singing. He read the 1st Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Kyle Hubbard.

Proceeded by enrolling of delegates, ministers, visiting ministers, deacons and corresponding messengers. This was done by card. Called for the auditing committee report. They reported that the books were found to be in order and the money accounted for.

A motion was made to accept the finance committees recommendation which was as follows: "We, your finance committee recommend to the Yearly Meeting that we raise the amount to be sent to the Yearly Meeting (from each Quarterly Conference) from 15¢ to 25¢ per member." This was seconded. Motion carried.

The letters from the Conferences were called for Dickenson County, Pike County, New Durm. Clerk was granted power to take care of Letcher County letter as it had been sent by mail. Letters were read, and by regular move and second were accepted. Motion carried.

LETTER FOR 1971

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Conference opened by singing the prayer, and moderator called for and elected. Bro. Don Howard elected moderator, Bro. Don proposed Bro. Stewart to assist him. Conference empowered moderator to elect all committees.

Delegates and ministers enrolled. Assistant Moderator read BY-LAWS of conference. Minutes read and approved by conference. Treasurers report read with

amendment to give a clear report at this conference or the next conference, passed by conference.

Bro. Joe Allen, Bro. Simon Tanksley, Bro. Franklin Combs on Pulpit Committee. Bro. David Phillips for talk on Sunday School. Bro. Hermon Young talks approved by conference. Motion made and seconded to adjourn until 1:30 p.m., passed by conference.

At 1:40 p.m., conference called to order by assistant moderator and special singing called for. Special singing Main Street Church singers.

Prayer called for, prayer was made and moderator called for letters of Churches. Letters read and approved by conference. Bro. Charles McKinley elected Clerk of Conference. Bro. Jay Davidson Assistant Clerk. Bro. James Nelson Treasurer.

Report of Bro. Howard from having checked on the covenant and lapel pins, Covenant cost about \$12.00. Lapel pins, initial cost is \$100.00.

Motion made to appoint committee to check with each church on covenant passed by conference. Committee Bro. Carl Noel, Bro. Floyd Stewart to check with each church. Committee to let Clerk know how many wants the Covenant Lapel Pins.

It was discussed to raise funds to buy Lapel Pins. Clerk asked conference to vote whether to raise funds or not, with no church being obligated to buy. Vote was 15 to 5 to start raising funds for pins.

Pulpit committee dismissed to select preacher for afternoon service. Ordaining council dismissed to question licentee. Licentate approved by ordaining council. Bro. Herman Young ordained. Motion made to adjourn until next appointed time, passed by conference.

Rev. Don Howard, Moderator
Rev. Charles McKinley, Clerk

PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

Letter to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists meeting Caney Creek F. W. B. Church, Esco, Kentucky, on September 8-9, 1972.

Moderator's name and address: Robey Kendrick, Belfry, Kentucky.

Clerk's name and address: Robert Varney, Pinsonfork, Kentucky and Rev. Gerria Reynolds, Treasurer, McAndrews, Kentucky.

The following delegates were enrolled: Jesse Casey, Monis Ratcliff, Ray and Barbara Slone, Christline Ratliff, Junior Church, Robert Charles, Gerlene Martin, Wilson Fleming, Dessie Morgan, Alice Fleming, Sarah Mullins, Teresa Daniels, Victor and Amy Williams, Suda Slone, Bradley Charles, Lewis Varney, and Homer Keene.

Statistics:	
Number of churches	17
Church membership	1350
Number of ordained ministers	54
Number of licensed ministers	9
Number of ordained deacons	54
Enrolment of Sunday Schools	738
Average attendance of Sunday School	531
Enrolment of Church Training Service	30
Average attendance of Church Training Service	20
Enrolment of Woman's Auxiliaries	44
Average attendance of Woman's Auxiliaries	32
Enrolment of Master's Men	20
Average attendance of Master's Men	19
Mid-week service average attendance	285

Financial Report:

Spent for local causes	\$27,131.16
Foreign missions	\$ 459.00
Orphanage	\$ 286.00
Amount enclosed for fees	\$ 202.50

CHURCHES AND PASTORS OF PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

Octavia, McAndrews, Kentucky	William G. King
Belfry, Huddy, Kentucky	Robey Kendrick
Leckiville, Aflex, Kentucky	O. H. Greer
Turkey Creek, Turkey Creek, Kentucky	Sonny Hatfield
Mount Zion, Hatfield, Kentucky	Ernest P. Murphy
Meathouse, Meta, Kentucky	Edgar West
Edo, Kimper, Kentucky	Benny Slone
Grassy, Zebulon, Kentucky	Perry Kendrick
Island Creek, Island Creek, Kentucky	Frank Rich
Owsley, Owsley, Kentucky	Benny Slone
Sookey Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky	Benny Slone
Caney Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky	Woodrow Mullins
Unity, Rockhouse, Kentucky	Wilson Justice
Greasy Creek, Greasy Creek, Kentucky	Jimmie Skeens
Community, Canal Fulton, Ohio	Ronnie Kendrick
Tolers Creek, Harold, Kentucky	Reffer Justice
Bluespring, Ransom, Kentucky	John C. Hatfield

Rev. Robert Varney, Clerk

Rev. Robey Kendrick, Moderator

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Letter to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists meeting Caney Creek F. W. B. Church, Pikeville, Kentucky, on September 8-9, 1972.

Moderator's name and address: Floyd R. Stewart, Route 1, Milan Indiana 47031

Clerk's name and address: Arnold Baker, 2315 Madison Avenue, Norwood, Ohio 45213

The following delegates were enrolled: Franklin Combs, Rachel Love, Maggie Stewart, Eva Roberts, J. B. Stewart, Joe M. Love, Randolph Gregory, Florence Quicksall, Robert E., Simon Farkay, Willetta Gregory, William H. Tanksley, Rosalle Nelson, James M. Nelson, William Jennings, and Bob and Pat McGuire.

Statistics:

Number of churches	6
Church membership	300
Number of ordained ministers	11
Number of ordained deacons	3
Financial Report: Building and Repair	\$699.00
Amount enclosed for fees	\$50.00

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Letter to the John-Thomas Association of Free Will Baptists meeting Caney Creek Church, Pikeville, Kentucky, on September 8, 9, and 10, 1972.

Moderator's name and address: Bro. Harley Dye, Route 1, Box 92, Swords Creek, Virginia

Clerk's name and address: Mrs. Mose Napier, P. O. Box 372, Honaker, Virginia 24260

The following delegates were enrolled: Clarence and Gracie Compton, Ruth and Leonard Dye, Lawrence and Faye Ray, Elbert Rasnake, Brady Farmer, Tom and Dorothy Childress, Thomas and Ruby Mitchell, Jess and Stella Shell, Mona Tillen, and Bernard Tillen.

Period of time covered in this report, from August 1971 to August 1972.

Statistics:

Number of churches	11
Church membership	412
Number of ordained ministers	26
Number of ordained deacons	27
Enrolment of Sunday Schools	7
Average attendance of Sunday School	46

Financial Report:

Spent for local causes	\$3,760.25
Foreign missions	\$ 50.00
Home missions	\$ 246.00
Orphanage	\$ 239.61
Amount enclosed for fees	\$ 65.00

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting while in regular session with the Caney Creek Church, Route 2, Pikeville, Kentucky, September 8-9, 1972. We the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptist met on Friday before the 4th Sunday, July 1972, with the Dyers Chapel Church. Bro. Derwood Yates, Moderator. Wythe Salyers, Assistant Moderator. Clerks Clinton Lambert, Lloyd Hillman, Alva Lee Fleming. Q. M. Treasurer Charles Lambert. E. M. Treasurer, Everett Mullins. Orphan Home Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Reedy. Executive Committee: N. B. Lambert, O. T. Smith, Oakley Mullins, Earet Rose, and Everett Mullins.

Our Conference received the Bearwallow Church of Dante, Virginia this year. The Centerville Freewill Baptist and the Burk Freewill Baptist were dropped from our church this year. Our Conference voted to buy 1100 minutes this year.

Goldia Kisel, President. Ruby Dotson, Secretary. Meeting time is 1st Saturday in each month at Lickfork Church.

Statistics:

Number of churches	36
Church membership	2354
Number of ordained ministers	67
S.S.	30
Enrolment of Sunday Schools	1612
Enrolment of Woman's Auxiliaries	3
Average attendance of Woman's Auxiliaries	49

The following are delegates to the Association:

Annadale—Reported by letter.

Bearwallow—Cora Hale, Linda Hale, Wallace Sexton, Nettie Hallaway.

Castlewood—Sister Hazel Reynolds, Sister Katherine Sexton and Bro. Newton Bailey.

Clinchco—Bro. Jim Thomas, Sister Bertha Thomas, Bro. and Sister Muncy Mullins, Sister Vernie Patton, Bro. Darrel Thomas.

Counts—Bro. Johnny Pycgett, Bro. and Sister Sylvan Mullins.

Davis—Sister Prince Dotson and Jennifer Dotson.

Duncan Gap—Bro. Gerald Osborne, Bro. Donnie Joe Mullins, Bro. Elmer Mullins.

Dyers Chapel—Homer Kiser, Sister Peggy Sexton, Sister Bessie Sexton, Sister Palma Deloach, Sister Velva Stanley.

Ferbie Chapel—Bro. and Sister Kermit McCoy, and Sister Gertie Baker.

Flemingtown—Mamie Wright and Emory Dutton.

Fremont—Bro. E. M. Phipps, Sister Berneice Stanley, Bro. and Sister Gary Bruner and Bro. Jerry Ratliff.

Frying Pan—Bro. Holt Rice, James E. Vires, Eugene Hay, Sister Altha Rice, Leota Vires, Esther Rasnick, Rose Powers.

Georges Fork—James Yates, Virgie Kennedy, and Theda Smith.

Hillridge—Bro. and Sister Clarence Boyd, Bro. Oval Hillman, Sister Goldia Large.

Honey Camp—Charles and Eva Rose, David and Easter Mullins.

Hubbard Chapel—Howard and Irene Miller, Foyster and Gina Bolling, Garland and Lorene McCarthy.

Lick Fork—Bro. Arvil Dotson, Sister Lena Dotson, Norma Large, Hattie Keith, Bessie Large, Janice Addington, Karen Stanley, Clercie Robinson.

Manassas—Bro. Crockett Kelly.

Martin Chapel—Bro. and Sister Willard Counts, Sister Hassie Martin.

Meades Chapel—Sister Mary Stanley, Sister Mary Kaylor, Sister Bea White.

McCoys Chapel—Bro. Hodge McCoy, Sister Hazel McCoy, Sister Clara Bell McCoy, Sister Daisy McCoy.

Middle Branch—Dorothy Austin, Bro. Leo Silcox, Palmer Sutherland, Sister Catherine Calo.

Mill Creek—Bro and Sister Delman Farmer, Bro. and Sister Wesley Edwards, Bro. Ellis Adkins.

Mills Chapel—Pauline Richard, George Long, Lola Long, Ernest Sexton, Bonnie Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Genne Glanary.

Peuther Chapel—Bro. Muncy Bostic, Claude H. Carty, Henry B. Sutherland, Sister Mary Yates, Net Sutherland, Gilbert Arrowood.

Phillips Chapel—Adeline Phillips, Lorene Holbrook, Ida Marshall, Arthur Salyers, and Juanita Johnson.

Pine Grove—Mrs. Ray Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Watson Hamilton, Mrs. Orlena Hamilton.

Pine Creek—Monroe Beverly, Jess Davis, Louise Beverly, Belle Davis.

Pyle's Memorial—Sister Golden Vanover, Sister Dona Baker, Bro. Allen Gibson, Bro. Jessie Collins.

Rachel's Chapel—Samantha Mullins, Michael Mullins, Alta Mullins, Verdie Yates, Auanell Blevins, Patricia Marshall.

Rugby—Sister Vona Mullins, Georgie Smith, Nita Ratliff, Lula Kennedy, and Nell Dingus.

Splashdown Chapel—Sister June Kilgore, Sister Vergie Wright, Sister Nadean Belcher, Sister Reeva Mullins, Sister Maxie Sluss.

Saint Hollow—Sister Sallie Deskins, Sister Dora Deskins, Bro. Darrel McCowan.

Tarpon—Ruby Deel, Jaye Hill, Joyce Carroll, Gilvie Dingus.

Valley View—Francis Hale, Tennessee Kendrick, Fred Raines, Sarah Raines, and Janice Hughes.

Yates Chapel—Frank Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Deel, and Preston and Bonnett Stanley.

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings

To the John-Thomas Association while in session with the Caney Creek Church. The Letcher County Conference convened with the Haymond Freewill Baptist Church, August 26, 1972.

Brother Ezra Johnson lead the singing, *Just Over in the Glory Land*.

Scripture reading: Psalms 95th chapter.

Prayer by Brother I. T. Stallard.

The following delegates were enrolled: Hassel Cable, Earsel Cantrell, Christine Williams, Clayton Swindall, Russell Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Ratliff, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Trinkle, David Russel, Georgia Flenor, Margie Caudill, Mary Simpkins, Elma Robinette, Henry Wilson, Carrie Hall, Eula Robinson, Charlotte Bryant, Danny Bryant, Maggie Duty, Ann Tackett, Jolene Tackett, Michael Tackett, Dortha Mullins, Wanda Tackett, Mc Coy Tackett, Denver Webb, Bertha Dixon, Frank Dixon, Anna McKnight, Ortha Adkins, Grace Huff, Gerldine Robinson, Kalton Robinette, Leon Bolden, Robert Hampton, Clarence Tolliver, Rosa Bentley, Delorse Mullins, Ersel Sargent, Garnett Mullins, Ella Green, Christine Williams, T. D. Puckett, Doyle Caudill, Janet Caudill, Hobert Sparks, Bessie Eversoll, Donald Duty, Katie Tackett, and Alpha Taylor.

Brother Albert Dingus was chosen by move and second to the the moderator.

Brother Homer Lee Mullins made a move to give the Moderator power to appoint all Committees. This was seconded by usual vote.

Brother Herman Bates, Jr. was appointed assistant moderator.

The Pulpit Committee—Clarence Tolliver, Russel Fleming and Jack Whitaker.

* The Executive Committee—Russel Fleming, Danny Mullins and Brother Cantrell.

Visiting Minister: Brother I. T. Stallard from Wise County.

Brother Stallard gave an oral report, stating they had 35 churches and 80 ordained ministers.

Visiting Deacon: Brother Oscar Shephard.

Brother and Sister Lloyd Parker and Brother and Sister Arthur Hick from Cannelton, Indiana visited us during the conference.

Brother Ezra Johnson made a move that Brother Russel Fleming serve another three years on the executive committee. This was seconded by usual vote.

Delegates to visit Dickenson County Conference: Homer Lee Mullins, Milford Craft, Eddie Rose, Albert Dingus and Johnny Stoffer.

Wise County Conference: Ezra Johnson, Herman Bates, Jr., Bill Crawford and Ralph Jones.

Brother Ezra Johnson ask to be relieved from the Arbitration Committee.

Brother Herman Bates request Ed to be relieved and Brother Ersel McPeek states his request to be relieved from the same committee.

Brother Eddie Rose replace Brother Herman Bates.

Brother Homer Lee Mullins replace Brother McPeek.

Brother Ralph Jones replace Brother Johnson.

Brother Ezra Johnson and Brother Milford Craft visit Pike County conference and report they had a wonderful welcome at Pike County Conference.

A motion was made to receive the reports, this was second by the delegates.

A motion was made by Brother Ezra Johnson; the pastor of a church in Lethcer County Conference be elected the last church meeting in August each year. He will hold office for one year and is elected by secret ballot.

This motion was seconded and also by usual vote.

A motion was made that we request 650 minutes.

The Ordaining Council—Brother Ezra Johnson, Brother Lawrence Shelby, Protem, and Brother Vardney Bolling, Protem.

The Pulpit Committee says Brother Ezra Johnson will be bringing the eleven o'clock message.

Brother John Clair will bring the message this evening.

Brother Homer Lee Mullins tonight.

The Sunday service was for Brother D. C. Hughes to decide for that service.

Brother Leon Bolden and Brother Cash Eversol was ordained in the evening service.

The Sunday School talk was given by Brother Ralph Jones.

The Temperance talk by Brother Ersel McPeck.

A motion and second was made to receive both talks.

A motion was made to adjourn until our next Conference which will convene with Hylton Chapel Church beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in November 1972.

Total Membership	1100
Ministers	60
Churches	20
Conference Report:	
Church Fund	\$213.75
Home Mission	127.00
Orphan Fund	125.00
Don Sexton	25.00
Foreign Mission	20.00
Total	\$510.75
Conference Donation	\$ 72.47
Treasury	\$583.22

Albert Dingus, Moderator

Herman Bates, Jr., Assistant Moderator

Edwin Johnson, Clerk

Henry Whitt, Assistant Clerk

Bro. Albert Dingus gave a report on the finances of Bro. Donald Sexton, who is our adopted family as missionaries in France. Do remember them in your prayers and also with finances.

By regular move and seconded, conference was ajourned until 1:00 p.m.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A. M.

Committee appointed Bros. Homer Lee Mullins and Enoch Rose for this hour. Singing was by the Rose Quartet, Bro. Earet Rose, the Trio from the church. Prayer by Sister Bonnie Pritchard. Bro. Mullins used for a text 13th verse of 15th chapter of Saint John. Bro. Enoch Rose concluded the service, using "*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" These were wonderful messages and a wonderful Spirit abounded among the brethren and sisters. Service was closed by singing "*Amazing Grace*" and a fellowship handshake.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 2:00 P. M.

Conference opened with singing. Moderator read for a lesson 1st Cor. 13th chapter. Prayer by Bro. Carter Boyd. Moderator colled for unfinished business. Hamilton County's letter was read. Motion made to accept the letter. A second was made. Motion carried.

This finishing the work of the Yearly Meeting the same was adjourned until Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1973, when it will convene with the Lick Fork Church, Clintwood, Virginia, unless called together by the moderator.

MINISTERS CONFERENCES 2:30 P. M.

Ministers Conference organized by retaining same moderator and clerk. Moderator called for letters from the various conferences. They responded as follows: Dickenson County, Pike County and New Durm Conference. Clerk was given authority to put Hamilton County and Letcher County letter in the minutes. The letters were read by move and seconded, they were accepted. Motion carried.

NO LETTER FOR 1972

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Conference opened and moderator elected. Bro. Floyd Stewart elected. Minutes read and approved. Letter received concerning Bro. Lawrence Stephens papers. Motion made and seconded to send committee to see Bro. Lawrence Stephens. Committee is Bro. Don Howard and Bro. Floyd Stewart. Nomination for Ordaining Council Bro. Don Howard, Bro. Don Howard placed on Ordaining Council.

It was brought to attention of Conference to have an evangelist in the Conference. Bro. Floyd Stewart nominated and passed by Conference.

Motion made to retain same clerk, motion passed by Conference. Motion made to adjourn, passed by Conference.

Ministers to receive good standing cards:

Rev. Don Howard, 1067 Marshall Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Rev. Vestal Hutson, 3783 Ebenezer Road, Cincinnati, Ohio
Rev. Robert Matney, 416 E., Crestline, Ohio
Rev. Robert McQuire, 1115 Central Row, Erlanger, Kentucky
Rev. Charles McKinley, Route 1, Guiford, Indiana
Rev. Carl A. Noel, Route 3, Fredericktown, Ohio
Rev. Arlo Smith, Sr., Route 3, Sunman, Indiana
Rev. Floyd R. Stewart, Route 1, Milan, Indiana
Rev. Clyde Tyree, 25 Maple Street, Tiffin, Ohio
Rev. Boyce Franks, Route 2, Mount Gilead, Ohio
Rev. Frank Tyree, Route 2, Clyde, Ohio
Rev. Douglass Quicksall, Route 1, Lawrenceburg, Indiana
Rev. Emory Smith
Rev. Orford Currington, 1117 Rosemont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio
Rev. Roger Hutson, 3783 Ebenezer Road, Cincinnati, Ohio
Rev. Jay Davidson, Route 3, Brookfield, Indiana
Rev. L. D. Mahan, Erlanger, Kentucky
Rev. Roy C. Johnson, 4 Peter G. Noll Homes, Newport, Kentucky
Rev. Jeff Carroll, Route 2, Bellville, Ohio

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Dickenson County Ministers Conference met and convened at Dyers Chapel on July 20, 1972.

Conference opened by singing "*Leaning On The Everlasting Arm*". Motion made to re-elect B. M. Moore as moderator, motion carried. Roy C. Vanover was elected clerk.

Bro. Harry Whitaker made a real good talk on 15th art of faith.

Bro. Everett Johnson reported to conference by letter.

Sixteen ministers present.

Licentiate, Wallace Sexton present.

Visiting minister: Burley Powers.

Visiting deacon: Emory Hammond.

Executive member: N. B. Lambert

Deacons and Executive members are invited to attend the ministers conferences which are held Thursday night before Quarterly Meetings, at the church where the Quarterly Conference is to be held, at 7:00 p.m.

Derwood Yates made motion to adjourn until October.

Sung "*Amazing Grace*" and had hand shake. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Paul Fields.

The following Ministers are in good standing to receive good standing cards. Claude Large and Quinton Keith were dropped from the ministers conference for not reporting to the conference for a period of two years.

MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

Charlie Baker
Carter Boyd
Alden Carico
Bill Dixon
Earl Dotson
Emory Cook
Homer Barett
Paul Fields
Estel Hale
Clayton Hays
J. T. Hartsock
William E. Hale
James Hobbs
Asia Hughes
Rufus Keith
Marvin Killen
Tommy Large
Vester McKinner
Hie Mullins
Ted Mullins
M. C. Mullins
Remire Mullins
Guy Mullins
C. E. Reedy
Howard Reynolds
E. M. Rose
Maston Rose
Josh Rose
Goble Rose
Carl Rose
Early Rose
S. M. McFall

Herbert Rowlett
Alex Tompkins
Everett Smith
Wythe Salyers
Fred Taylor
Luther Taylor
Luke Wright
Noble Wright
Hasting Ward
Emory Vanover
Jim Lee Meade
Charlie Miles
B. M. Moore
Everett Johnson
Joe Johnson
Ersel Johnson
Lonso Edwards
Derwood Yates
Ayers Kennedy
Cecil Mullins
Richard Stapoloton
Lee Mullins
Billy Smith
Roy Vanover
Gerald Osborn
Emitt Lampkins
Bill Mae Mullins
Alvie Dingus
Jerry Slimp
Carl Ellis
Harry Whitaker
Harold Mullins

Motion made to re-elect Joe Johnson as moderator, motion carried.

Meeting opened with prayer by Alonzo Edwards.

1973 Yearly Meeting will covene with Lick Fork Church.

Alonzo Edwards mentioned getting identification cards for Deacons, this will be discussed at Conference in October.

Enoch Rose mentioned conducting our buisness on Thursday night instead of Saturday so the ministers could get to attend the evening preaching service.

Motion made to retain present ordaining council, motion carried. Joe Johnson, Wythe Salyers, and E. M. Rose.

Ministers Conference adjourned until July 1973.

Claude Large and Quinton Keith dropped from Ministers roll for failure to report to conference for two years.

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Pike County Ministers Conference met and convened at the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church, Huddy, Kentucky, on August 25, 1972. Opened by Rev. Robey Kendrick. Congregational singing "*Filling My Way With Love*". Prayer was led by Rev. Benny Slone.

Conference was called to order by Rev. Robey Kendrick by reading for a scripture 5th chapter of Second Timothy. Rev. Curtis Wellman was elected moderator by unanimous vote. Assistant—Rev. V. E. Helms.

Moderator called clerk to read minutes of previous meeting. In absence of the clerk, Rev. Bobby Varney. Rev. Gerria Reynolds was elected to take his place at the meeting. Minutes were read and approved by majority vote.

Moderator called for reading of letters of absent ministers, approved as read. Floor was open for discussion on points of doctrine. Rev. Jake Shadd brought forth the discussion on the Greasy Creek Church established in our Conference. Everyone agreed the right thing was done in accepting the church into our Conference.

Rev. William King brought up the subject of receiving members into the churches. Motion made and carried to drop this subject and abide by by-laws. Bro. Benny Slone asked the pastors of other churches to help rebuild the Sookey Creek Church building which recently burned.

Motion made and carried to letter up the John-Thomas Association. Motion made and carried to adjourn until next conference which will be held the last Friday in February, at the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church, Zebulon, Kentucky.

Ministers attending:

Gerria Reynolds
John C. Hatfield
William G. King
Walter Sullivan
V. E. Helms
Joe Hackney
Ernest P. Murphy
Robey Kendrick
Curtiss Wellman
Johnny Cline
Benny Slone
Edgar West
Walker Smith
Phillip Hackney
Garland Ray

Perry Kendrick
Albert Damron
Everett Mullins
Lawrence Ball
Jake Shadd
Homer Adkins
Mike Carter
Luther Boyd
Herbert Goff
Dencil May
John T. Oliver
Jimmy Skeens
O. H. Greer
Richard Hughes

Ministers reporting by letter were Willard Ray and Mickey Maynard.

Rev. Curtis Wellman, Moderator

Rev. Gerria Reynolds, Clerk Protem

MINISTERS BELONGING TO PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

Leonard West	McAndrews, Kentucky
Jesse Mosley	McAndrews, Kentucky
V. E. Helms	McAndrews, Kentucky
John T. Oliver	Ransom, Kentucky
Phillip Hackney	Turkey Creek, Kentucky
Benny Slone	Meta, Kentucky
Ray Williams	Pikeville, Kentucky
Garland Varney	Kimper, Kentucky
Bobby Varney	Pinsonfork, Kentucky
O. H. Greer	Belfry, Kentucky
Sonny Hatfield	Sprigg, West Virginia
Ernest P. Murphy	Hatfield, Kentucky
John C. Hatfield	Ransom, Kentucky
Emmett McPeck	Grundy, Virginia
George Bickford	Rockhouse, Kentucky
William G. King	McAndrews, Kentucky
Frank Rich	Pikeville, Kentucky
Reffer Justice	Greasy Creek, Kentucky
Richard Hughes	Aflex, Kentucky
Ervin Bently	Rockhouse, Kentucky
Walter Sullivan	Pinsonfork, Kentucky
Wilson Justice	Pikeville, Kentucky
Luther Boyd	Island Creek, Kentucky
James Potter	Lookout, Kentucky
Dock Hunt	Owsley, Kentucky
Robey Kendrick	Belfry, Kentucky
Johnny Cline	Turkey Creek, Kentucky
Junior Harrington	Owsley, Kentucky
Noah Chapman	McAndrews, Kentucky
Herbert Goff	Zebulon, Kentucky
Woodrow Mullins	Pikeville, Kentucky
Jake Shadd	Cinderalla, West Virginia
Willard Ray	Hatfield, Kentucky
Onis Varney	Elgin, Illinois
Albert Damron	Pikeville, Kentucky
Garland Ray	Virgie, Kentucky
Lawerence Ball	Switzer, West Virginia
Curtis Wellman	Hardy, Kentucky
Ronnie Kendrick	Canton, Ohio
Micky Maynard	Canton, Ohio
R. F. Hatfield	Ransom, Kentucky
Perry Kendrick	Pikeville, Kentucky
Joe Hackney	Belfry, Kentucky
Everett Mullins	Island Creek, Kentucky
Miles Casey	Phelps, Kentucky
Edgar West	McViegh, Kentucky
Dennis Hinkle	McHenry, Illinois
Mike Carter	Turkey Creek, Kentucky
Gerrie Reynolds	McAndrews, Kentucky
Homer Adkins	Owsley, Kentucky
Jimmie Skeens	Island Creek, Kentucky
William Akers	Sidney, Kentucky
Dencil May	Lenore, West Virginia
Walker Smith	Williamson, West Virginia

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference convened with the Haymond Freewill Baptist Church, August 26, 1972.

Brother Albert Dingus, Moderator.

Prayer by Brother George Lester Able.

Ministers present at meeting:

Albert Dingus
Lester Able
D. C. Hughes
John Akers
Ezra Johnson
Johnny Stoffer
Homer Lee Mullins
Vardney Bolling
Ersel McPeck
Leon Bolden
Darwin Mullins
John Clair
Robert Hampton
Fred Coleman
Paul Wooton

The Ministers voted to drop Brother Herbert Adams from the good standing list as he had failed to attend the conference according to the by-laws of the Ministers Conference. This was moved and seconded by the brothers present.

The list of members in good standing were read and all approved for good standing cards.

Brother Homer Lee Mullins made a motion to retain Brother Albert Dingus for another year as Moderator of the Ministers Conference. This motion was seconded.

Albert Dingus, Moderator
Edwin Johnson, Clerk
Henry Whitt, Assistant Clerk

MINISTERS IN GOOD STANDING

Alleghaney Church
Roy Sykes, Hellier, Kentucky

Bolling Fork Church
Estle Mullins, Elkhorn City, Kentucky
George Coleman, Route 2, Box 902, Pikeville, Kentucky
Paul G. Hopson, Hellier, Kentucky

Big Creek Church
W. C. Aldridge, Hazard, Kentucky
Corbet Overbee, Hazard, Kentucky
Cash Eversol, Route 1, Hazard, Kentucky

Burdine Church
Albert Dingus, Jenkins, Kentucky
Pat Whitaker, Jenkins, Kentucky
James Mahan, Burdine, Kentucky
Arnold Kelly
Sherman Whitaker, Jenkins, Kentucky
David Shook, Jenkins, Kentucky
Rodney Vickers, Burdine, Kentucky

Cloverlick Church
Richard McFarlin, Eolia, Kentucky
Clarence Hall, Cumberland, Kentucky
Frank Dixon

Dunham Church
Charles Gallion, Jenkins, Kentucky
Lloyd Addington, Pound, Virginia

Dorton Church
Eddie Rose, Dorton, Kentucky
Caleb Holbrook, Dorton, Kentucky

Franks Creek Church
Alonzo Fields, Cumberland, Kentucky

Happy Church
Paul Wooten, Scuddy, Kentucky
Ira Harvey, Day, Kentucky
Jasper Earls, Vicco, Kentucky
Cleatus Garrett, Route 2, Haweysville, Kentucky
John Akers, Scuddy, Kentucky

Hemp Hill Church
Ralph Jones, Jackhorn, Kentucky
Glenn Miller, Jackhorn, Kentucky
Ralph Proffitt
Arnold Noles, Neon, Kentucky
Larry R. Jones, Fleming, Kentucky
Earl Breeding, Seco, Kentucky

Hylton Chapel Church
Homer Lee Mullins, Shelby Gap, Kentucky
Edmond C. Maggard, Jonancy, Kentucky
Clyde Damron, Shelby Gap, Kentucky

Haymond Church
D. C. Hughes, Fleming, Kentucky

Marshalls Branch Church
Johnny Stoffer, Route 2, Jenkins, Kentucky

Moors Chapel Church
Clyde Huff, McRoberts, Kentucky
Robert Anderson, McRoberts, Kentucky
David I. Brewer, McRoberts, Kentucky
Elonzo Caldwell, McRoberts, Kentucky

Neon Church
Darwin Mullins, Deane, Kentucky
C. O. Caudill, Dunham, Kentucky
Gordon Fields, Carlisle, Ohio
George Adams, Jr., Ermine, Kentucky
Tommie Pike, Jenkins, Kentucky

Payne Gap Church
Ezra Johnson, Jenkins, Kentucky
Herman Bates, Jr., Payne Gap, Kentucky
Vardney Bolling, Payne Gap, Kentucky
Bill Crawford, Pound, Virginia
Ersel McPeck, Payne Gap, Kentucky

Pine Chapel Church
Percy Elkins, Jenkins, Kentucky
George Lester Able, Jenkins, Kentucky
Lawrence Shelby, Jenkins, Kentucky
Lloyd Pike, Mayking, Kentucky
Andy Timblin, Jenkins, Kentucky

Seco Church
Cecil Mullins, Jenkins, Kentucky
Woodrow Phillips, Seco, Kentucky
Hargus Brewer, Route 2, Box 408, North Wilksboro, North Carolina

Virgie Church
Fred Coleman, Pikeville, Kentucky
Leon Bolden, Route 4, Pikeville, Kentucky

Whitesburgh Church
Tensley Stamper, McRoberts, Kentucky
Herbert Adams, Burdine, Kentucky

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE 1:30 P. M.

Singing by: Brother and Sister Ralph Dingus—Local Trio
Prayer by: Brother Carter Boyd. Preaching by Brother Bennie Slone.
Dismissed by Brother Bobby Varney.

SATURDAY NIGHT 7:30 P. M.

Songs: "*What a Day That Will Be*", "*I Can Tell You the Time*", "*Take My Hand, Precious Lord*".

Prayer by Brother Troy Bryant. Preaching by Brothers Albert Damron and Woodrow Mullins.

Dismissed by Brother Monis Ratcliff.

SUNDAY MORNING 11:00 A. M.

Songs: "*Where The Soul Never Dies*", "*Home of The Soul*", "*I Would Not Be Denied*", "*I'll Live in Glory*", and "*Jesus Take My Hand*".

Fellowship hand shake, prayer by Bro. Charlie Martin.

Special singing by Caney Creek Singers, "*Ten Thousand Angels*" and "*I Know Who Holds Tomorrow*".

Preaching by Brothers Albert Damron and Edward C. Maggard—no dismissal.

This finishing the work of the ministers conference same was adjourned until Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1973, when it will convene with the Lick Fork Church, Clintwood, Virginia, unless called together by the moderator.

(The Yearly Meeting takes this means of thanking the people in and around the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church for their kindness shown to and extended to the people of this Yearly Meeting, the homes that opened their doors and invited us in to enjoy what God had blessed them with, and the ladies that so wonderfully prepared the food in such a wonderful way.)

ALBERT DINGUS

Jenkins, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	50
Revivals	1
Number Baptized	4
Burials Attended	29
Memorials	3
Couples Married	3

HOMER LEE MULLINS

Ash Camp, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	100
Revivals	7
Conversions Witnessed	66
Number Baptized	27
Burials Attended	11
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	50
Couples Married	3

CORBETT OVERBEE

Highland Hts., Hazard, Kentucky

Sermons	23
Memorials	1
Churches Organized	1

EZRA JOHNSON

Box 286, Jenkins Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	65
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	28
Number Baptized	5
Burials Attended	7
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	34
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$1.40

JOHN MASSIE

Honaker, Virginia

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	65
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	10
Number Baptized	6
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	3
Couples Married	9
Amount Received	\$107.49

CLETTES GARRETT

Route 2, Hawesville, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	18
Number Baptized	14
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	52
Couples Married	2

EARNEST CRABTREE

Honaker, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	55
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	2
Number Baptized	6
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	40
S. S. Organized	1
Amount Received	\$100.00

JAY DAVIDSON

Route 3, Brookville, Indiana

Memorials	2
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DAVID PHILLIPS

Route 1, Box 94
Guilford, Indiana

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	40
Conversions Witnessed	9
Number Baptized	9
Burials Attended	2
Prayer Services	5
Couples Married	3

BOYCE C. FRANKS

Route 2, Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	80
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	7
Number Baptized	2
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	40

CLYDE TYREE

25 Maple Street
Tiffin, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	10
Number Baptized	10
Burials Attended	3

DAVID R. HUTSON

3783 Ebenezer Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sermons	30
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	35
Number Baptized	3
Burials Attended	2

ROY C. JOHNSON

4 Peter Noll Home
Newport, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	4
Conversions Witnessed	22
Number Baptized	17

BOB MCGUIRE

1115 Central Row
Erlanger, Kentucky

Sermons	50
Conversions Witnessed	5
Number Baptized	3
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	25
Churches Organized	1
S. S. Organized	1

DON HOWARD

5320 Werk Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	156
Conversions Witnessed	30
Number Baptized	5
Burials Attended	4
Prayer Services	52
Couples Married	4

JAY M. DAVIDSON

R. R. 3, Brookville, Indiana

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	104
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	5
Number Baptized	1
Prayer Services	10

EMORY SMITH

420 E. Main Street
Crestline, Ohio

Sermons	35
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	10
Number Baptized	3
Prayer Services	15

HERMAN C. YOUNG

750 Charles Street
Galion, Ohio

Sermons	12
Conversions Witnessed	3
Prayer Services	12

HARLEY DYE
Swords Creek, Virginia

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	75
Conversions Witnessed	12
Number Baptized	10
Burials Attended	15
Couples Married	12
Amount Received	\$380.00

CHARLES MCKINLEY
R. R. 1, Box 95
Guilford, Indiana

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	120
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	5
Number Baptized	2
Burials Attended	4
Memorials	3
Prayer Services	50
Couples Married	3
Amount Received	\$270.00

KYLE HUBBARD
Honaker, Virginia

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	80
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	6
Number Baptized	6
Burials Attended	16
Couples Married	28

CLYDE TYREE
25 Maple Street
Tiffin, Ohio

Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	2
Burials Attended	2
Couples Married	1

BOYCE C. FRANKS
Route 2, Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	6
Number Baptized	5
Prayer Services	5

W. M. CRAWFORD
Pound, Virginia

Sermons	150
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	25
Number Baptized	4
Burials Attended	8
Memorials	2
Churches Organized	1

FLOYD R. STEWART
R. R. 1, Milan, Indiana 47031

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	12
Number Baptized	8
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	1
Couples Married	3

CARL NOEL
R. R. 3, Box 104
Fredrickstown, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	6
Number Baptized	5
Burials Attended	2
Prayer Services	5
Couples Married	3
Amount Received	\$49.56

DON HOWARD
1067 Marshall Ave.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	87
Conversions Witnessed	13
Number Baptized	13
Burials Attended	4
Prayer Services	52

These were the reports Hamilton County Conference mailed in last year, 1971.

HERMAN BATES, JR.
Jenkins, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	72
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	3
Number Baptized	4
Burials Attended	18
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	49
Couples Married	6

JAMES LAMBERT
Route A, Box 252, Bee, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	52
Number Baptized	2
Memorials	8
Prayer Services	5
Amount Received	\$50.00

EDWARD DYE
Box 304, Oakwood, Virginia

Churches Pastored	2
Conversions Witnessed	3
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	1
Amount Received	\$10.50

EDWARD PERKINS
Oakwood, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Number Baptized	2
Burials Attended	2
Couples Married	1

LLOYD PIKE
Jenkins, Kentucky

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	86
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	49
Number Baptized	13
Burials Attended	1
Miles Traveled	1900

CLARENCE MILLER
Swords Creek, Virginia

Sermons	45
Number Baptized	5
Memorials	1
Amount Received	\$22.00

EUGENE MILLER
Honaker, Virginia

Sermons	31
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	5
Number Baptized	2

HOWARD BOSTIC
Swords Creek, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	85
Revivals	6
Conversions Witnessed	16
Number Baptized	18
Burials Attended	14
Prayer Services	7
Amount Received	\$300.00

TRUEL BROWN
Swords Creek, Virginia

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	85
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	25
Number Baptized	10
Burials Attended	18
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	25
Amount Received	\$225.00

ALLEN STEVENS
Box 749, Honaker, Virginia

Sermons	87
Revivals	4
Conversions Witnessed	23
Number Baptized	5
Burials Attended	9
Funerals Sung In	44
Radio B. C.	21

CHARLES MCKENNLEY

R. R. 1, Box 95 A
Guilford, Indiana

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	180
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	11
Number Baptized	4
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	50
Couples Married	5
Amount Received	\$100.00

FLOYD R. STEWART

R. R. 1, Box 238, Stewart Road
Milan, Indiana

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	205
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	75
Number Baptized	35
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	3
Missions Organized	1
Couples Married	5

JEFF CARROLL

R. D. 2, Bellville, Ohio
Conversions Witnessed 4

DOUGLAS QUICKSALL

Route 1, Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	100
Number Baptized	45
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	40

VESTAL HUTSON

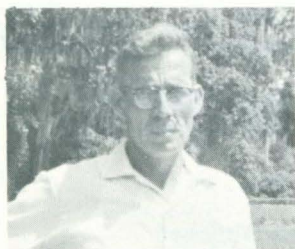
3783 Ebenezer Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

Sermons	50
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	40
Number Baptized	30
Burials Attended	3
Couples Married	1

CARL A. NOEL

Route 1, Swords Creek, Virginia

Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	5
Number Baptized	5
Burials Attended	2

OBITUARY OF BOYD MAYNARD

Born October 11, 1918 at Zebulon, Kentucky; passed away April 11, 1972.

He was the son of Grundy and Ella Brown Maynard who survives. He is also survived by his wife Ruth Parsons Maynard; two sons Ronald, Hardy, Kentucky; and James Randal of McAndrews, Kentucky. One daughter, Mrs. Barbara May of McAndrews, Kentucky.

He was a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church since July 4, 1948 and served as treasurer of the church for a number of years. He was faithful in all things and will be a great loss to the church. We trust his passing will be his eternal gain.

Sadly missed by the family and many brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus and a host of friends and relatives.

OBITUARY OF V. E. HELMS



V. E. (Bill) Helms, 73, of McAndrews, Kentucky; died Monday at 8:05 p.m. in the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital following a sudden illness.

Born May 7, 1899 in Virginia, he was the son of the late J. B. and Laura Helms. He was married to the former Gusta Morris, who survives.

Helms was a minister of the Freewill Baptist Church. He was a retired miner with the Eastern Coal Company and was a member of Stone Lodge 890

F&AM where he was a past master. He was also a past high priest of Lodge No. 183 of Stone.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Carlenus Helms of Louisville, Kentucky; Dennis Helms of Bossier City, La., and Jack Helms of Alexandria, Virginia; two daughters, Mrs. Zelma Williamson of Roanoke, Virginia and Mrs. Lurla Dean of Holden; and six grandchildren.

Additional survivors include a brother, Charlie Helms of McAndrews; and three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Tolley, Mrs. Carrie Richardson and Mrs. Hattie Richardson, all of Pulaski, Virginia.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church with the Revs. Buddy Kendricks and John C. Hatfield officiating. Burial will follow in the Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy.

OBITUARY OF TENNESSEE DINGUS



We gather here today to pay tribute to one of our dearest and most beloved and gentle ladies. All of us who have had the good privilege of knowing and being associated with Mrs. Tennessee White Dingus, has been indeed blessed by this association.

Tennessee was born May 18, 1908, the daughter of John and Deliah Mullins. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church since 1927. She was married on April 20 of 1926 to Alva Dingus.

She was a gracious person, kindly in disposition, generous in her association with her neighbors and friends and always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to those in need or distress.

She passed on to the other side at 7:15 a.m. Sunday March 26, 1972 at a Norton, Virginia hospital. The Lord has taken for his own, this loved wife, mother, and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Alva L. Dingus; two sons, Harold Dingus and Bobby Dingus; one daughter Mrs. Tresia Perrigan; six brothers, David, Josh, Beve, Thomas, Grant, and Ervin White; four sisters Mrs. Carrie Dingus, Mrs. Blanch Church, Mrs. Lorrane Barton, and Mrs. Myrtle Hicks. Seventeen grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Mother, rest in peace. You have done your best to help us, and we owe you our all.

OBITUARY OF M. LAMBERT



In memory of our dear loving father who passed from this life April 9, 1972 at the age of 82. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church and served as a deacon until ill health forced him to stay home. He was humble and patient during his long illness. Born in Buchanan County, he was the son of Harve and Ellen Combs Lambert. His wife, Maude V. Lambert and a son Clyde E. preceeded him in death.

Surviving are five daughters and five sons; Bonnie, Bill and Wayne, at home. Mrs. Burton Coleman, Clinton and George of Alexandria, Virginia, Mrs. Arthur Cook, Honaker, Virginia, Mrs. Emory Boyd, Vasant, Virginia, Mrs. Dallas Ratliff, Davenport, Virginia, Elmer, Sterling, Virginia. Twenty-eight grandchildren and forty-five great grandchildren.

God knows how much we miss you dad,
Never shall you memories fade;
Loving thoughts shall ever wander to the place where you are laid
Our aching hearts are longing for your face we see no more
But we hope some day to meet you and mother on that bright and golden shore.

Written by Blanche and Bonnie

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 omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up 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 Freewill 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 a liberty, out of the number of regularly ordained ministers, to choose a pastor who shall preside over them. We recommend that the church elect their pastor by secret ballot, and this annually.

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 they 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 way. 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 the church. Then the proceedings are the same as with licentiates; which is as follows:
When he feels Divinely called he is given a license by Pastor of the Church to which he belongs. Then he is free to exercise his gift by exhortation for a period of twelve months. If proven satisfactory he is recommended to the Quarterly Meeting by said Church. Then from the Quarterly Meeting to the Ordaining Council. If proven satisfactory then he is ordained, otherwise he is granted a new license to exhort for twelve months more.
5. Any minister leaving the Freewill Baptist Church and desiring to be reinstated shall be dealt with as though they had never belonged to the church.
6. If a minister becomes disorderly, or preaches a doctrine contrary to the Freewill Baptist faith, the minister may at once be called to question by the church offended. They must be given a fair and impartial trial, by evidence mainly by the Freewill Baptist members; if the charges shall be sustained, they shall be dealt with as follows:

The churches have the exclusive right to deal with the ministers under their care.

If the charges are against a licentiate, it must be reported to the Quarterly Meeting, and their decision shall be final.

7. Any ordained minister of the Freewill Baptists may serve the church in the absence of the pastor, in every Gospel order required of him by the church.

BY-LAWS OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

1. There shall be a Ministers' Conference held annually in connection with the Yearly Meeting.

2. The object of the Ministerial Conference is to discuss points of doctrine and examine the Christian character of the ministers.
3. All ministers in the John Thomas Yearly Meetings are requested to attach themselves to the Ministers' Conference and must be governed by the rules and regulations of the Ministers' Conference.
4. All ministers belonging to the Conference are required to report themselves to the Conference annually, either in person or by letter or both.
5. Any ministers failing to report for a period of two years, either in person or by letter, or both, shall automatically exclude himself from the Conference.
6. All ministers moving to another Yearly Meeting shall take a letter of dismission and commendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Yearly Meetings where they move.

ORGANIZATION OF QUARTERLY MEETING

Two or more churches wishing to organize a Quarterly Meeting shall appoint three delegates for that purpose and request of an adjoining Quarterly Meeting a council of not less than five members and one ordained minister which will meet with the delegates and proceed:

1. To examine the delegates respecting the Christian character and doctrines of their respective churches, and the reason for such an organization as desired.
2. The right hand of fellowship and consecrating prayer.
3. The election of a moderator, clerk, and treasurer, and then proceed with such business as may come before it.
4. Delegates are elected to some Yearly Meeting or Association of the Freewill Baptists, and instructed for membership in one body.

BY-LAWS

1. No conference shall be held with less than three ordained ministers and four delegates belonging to the Yearly Meeting.
2. At the opening of each conference, the clerk's books shall be presented and the proceedings of last conference read.
3. This conference may at each regular meeting elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each quarterly meeting of the conference.
4. The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.
5. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.
6. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.
7. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.
8. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.
9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise of God.
10. Any motion must be made by one member, seconded by another and afterwards stated by the moderator, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover or at the demand of any one member.
11. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.

12. A motion or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment by the conference.
13. Any motion or resolution containing more than one distinct proposition shall be divided, provided the call for a division be sustained by the majority.
14. When a member speaks or offers a motion he should rise and respectfully address the moderator, confine himself to the question under consideration, avoid all personalities or unkind or disrespectful language.
15. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time the moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.
16. When a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him except to call him to order, ask leave to explain or to make explanation. The one allowed to explain shall confine himself strictly to an actual misunderstanding or language which may need explanation.
17. No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than five minutes at each time on any question without leave of the moderator, which leave shall be granted without debate.
18. All committees may be named by the moderator, by request of the conference.
19. The member first named on a committee shall be its chairman to call the committees together, but after it is convened the committee may elect its own chairman and secretary.
20. Voting shall be done by standing up when a vote is close, or when it becomes necessary to count the affirmative and negative, and in special cases by ballot.
21. The moderator, in case of a tie, may cast the deciding vote.
22. All members should vote on one side or the other, unless excused by the moderator.
23. No motion, discussion or other business shall be admitted while the vote is being taken.
24. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.
25. Each Quarterly Meeting shall ask its respective churches to deal with its members when necessary, according to Matthew 18:15, 17.
26. After members accept the Bible as their rule of faith and practice, then the right hand of fellowship shall be given, which is the door into the church.
27. If the minority of a Quarterly Meeting be grieved over the ruling of the majority, they have the right to appeal to the Yearly Meeting, and its decision shall be final.
28. No minister shall have a vote in the conference unless he is a member in good standing with his church and conference.

E. A. REEDY
 S. M. McFALL
 D. L. SMITH
 ARTHUR CASTELL
 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 twenty-five cents (25¢) per member in said Quarterly Meeting; said funds to be used in meeting expenses of the Yearly Meeting.

Article 10. The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of four-fifths of the ministers and delegates present at any session, notice of such intended alterations having been given and recorded at the next previous session.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man; who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day

to judge both the quick and dead.—1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; Acts 24:15, 1 John 2:2.

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

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

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commanded the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:27; John 3:15-17; 1 Tim. 2:4.

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

7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability must be born again. Then by trusting His promise and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved.—II Tim. 4:7.

8. We believe in 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.

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.

YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE

The Yearly Meetings will be held in the Quarterly Conferences as listed below beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September, at 11 a.m. as year listed:

Dickenson	1973
Letcher	1974
New Durm	1975
Pike	1976
Dickenson	1977
Hamilton	1978
Letcher	1979
Pike	1980
New Durm	1981
Dickenson	1982
Letcher	1983
Pike	1984

The Quarterly Conference to get the Yearly Meeting the next year, will please report in its letters to the Yearly Meeting the previous year which of its churches the Yearly Meeting will be held with. We can have the meeting place printed in the minutes.

