

Minutes
Of The
JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING
Of

Freewill Baptists

VA. - KY. - OHIO - IND.

FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION

Held With

Valley View
Freewill Baptist Church

CLINTWOOD, VA.

September 9-10, 1977

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1976-1977

Amount bought forward 1976 \$2347.59

Expenses for 1976-1977:

Minutes	1531.00
Clerk	50.00
Total paid out	1581.00
Total in treasury 1977	766.59

Amount Received in 1977:

Letcher County	385.25
Letcher County Pictures	10.00
Hamilton County Conference	35.00
New Durm Conference	125.00
New Durm Pictures	10.00
Mid-Ohio Conference	75.00
Dickenson County Conference	700.00
Dickenson County Pictures	5.00
Pike County Conference	355.75
Pike County Pictures	20.00
Total Received	1721.00
Total in Treasury	\$2487.59

The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting will convene with the Payne Gap Freewill Baptist Church at Payne Gap, Ky. on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1978, unless called together by the Moderator, at 11:00 A.M.

VISITING MINISTERS ATTENDING THE YEARLY MEETING

Rev. Homer E. Willis, Nashville, Tenn. (Cumberland Conference); Rev. James Earl Raper, Children's Home, Greeneville, Tenn.; Rev. John D. Murray, Newport News, Va. (Missionary to France); Rev. Monroe Hale, Wise, Va. (Wise County Conference); Rev. C. D. Turner, Wise, Va. (Wise County Conference); Rev. Clyde Hay; Percy Elkins, Jenkins, Ky.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1977

Dickenson County	1450
Oval W. Hillman, Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. 24228	
Pike County	650
Rev. Robert Varney, Rt. 2, Box 21, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41543	
Letcher County	600
Homer Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 16-A, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	
New Durm	300
Mrs. Loella Napier, Box 372, Honaker, Va. 24260	
Hamilton County	100
Rev. Jay M. Davidson, Rt. 3, Box 493, Brookville, Ind. 47012	
Mid-Ohio Conference	150
Total Minutes	3250

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CHILDREN'S HOME OFFERINGS — DICKENSON FREEWILL

BAPTIST CONFERENCE

Name of Church	July	Oct.	Jan.	April	Total
Annandale	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Bear Wallow	0	0	0	0	0
Castlewood	20.00	0	0	20.00	40.00
Clinchco	37.00	37.15	36.45	35.16	145.76
Counts Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Davis Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Denver Chapel	0	0	25.00	0	25.00
Duncan Gap	0	0	0	0	0
Dyer's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Ferbie's Chapel	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Flemingtown	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	10.00
Fremont	61.00	50.00	23.60	25.00	159.60
Frying Pan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
George's Fork	0	0	0	0	0
Gladey Fork	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Hill Ridge	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Honey Camp	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Hubbard Chapel	0	0	0	0	0
Lick Creek	25.00	10.00	0	10.00	45.00
Lick Fork	145.00	125.00	125.00	150.00	545.00
Light House Church	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Martin's Chapel	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Meade's Chapel	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	240.00
Middle Branch	45.50	31.25	0	42.50	119.25
Mill Creek	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Mill's Chapel	54.26	190.66	129.35	101.51	475.78
Peuther Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Phillip's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Pine Creek	27.00	25.23	25.00	25.00	102.23
Pine Crest	0	0	0	0	0
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	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Reed Valley	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Rugsby	31.37	27.59	35.00	37.44	131.40
Splashdam	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Straight Hollow	43.00	39.00	30.00	49.00	161.00
Tarpon	10.00	15.00	0	20.00	45.00
Valley View	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	320.00
Yates Chapel	10.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	70.00
TOTAL	\$1,026.63	\$1,088.38	\$ 966.90	\$1,053.11	\$4,135.02

SPECIAL GIFTS

July 26, 1976—Special Offering	\$ 41.50
January 22, 1977—Special Offering in Memory of Rev. S. M. McFall	\$ 267.48

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 1977 YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Minnie Phipps	Alva Lee Fleming	Virginia Turner	Betty Fletcher
Hassie Martin	Edrie Dotson	Ernestine Hibbitts	Richard Mullins
Patty Murphy	Willie Rose	Bill Willis	Ira Hay
Darrell Hibbitts	Ivel Hay	John C. Stanley	Anna Lee Bartly
Ruby Hay	Lillian Hay	Virgie Wright	Steve Wallace
Kathleen Hill	Macel Phillips	Tessie Wallace	Nova Minton
Lawrence Kiser	Kathy Powers	Ernest Minton	Virgie Kennedy
Henry Carty	Patty Mullins	Rose Powers	Delmon & Myrtle Farmer
Shirly M. McPeek	Vona Mullins	Willard Counts	Sam Anderson
Mrs. Elzie Mullins	Burness & Lucille Powers	Marie Hileman	Loretta Hamilton
Reba Counts	Kelly Ring	Edford Dotson	Ruby Gouge
Edna Ring	Shirley Reed	Raymond Hamilton	Arlenia Pilkenton
Orlena Hamilton		Ada Willis	
David McPeek			

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Enoch M. Rose	Alva Dingus	Joe Johnson	Kermit Moore
Alonzo Edwards	Mack Mullins	Ted Mullins	James R. Phipps
B. M. Moore	Clayton Hay	Derwood Yates	Everett W. Johnson
I. T. Stallard	Franklin Hall	Roy C. Vanover	Harlin L. Rose

DEACONS FROM DICKENSON COUNTY

Ranel Withrow	Earet R. Rose	Arvil Powers	O. T. Smith
Wesely Edwards			

DELEGATES FROM PIKE COUNTY

Lena Slone	Orville Hamilton	Dessie Morgan	Sarah Hamilton
Mildred Varney	Suda Slone	James Ed Derry	Dolly Derry
G. C. Dye	Fannie Dye	Virginia Runyon	Gerelene Martin
Weasie V. Fain	Curtis Branham	Charley Martin	Lovia Ann Kinny

MINISTERS FROM PIKE COUNTY

Dempsey Adkins	Robert Varney	Bennie F. Slone	Woodrow Mullins
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DELEGATES FROM LETCHER COUNTY

Clarence Tolliver	Franklin Anderson	Mary Elkins	Earl Combs
John H. Smith	Cora Able	Enos Cornett	Gusta Reynolds
Sarah Trinkle	Tom Trinkle	Bobby Wayne Elkins	

MINISTERS FROM LETCHER COUNTY

Homer L. Mullins	Ersel McPeek	Tommy England	Lloyd Addington
Ezra Johnson	Charles Gallion	Geo. W. Reynolds	Albert Dingus
George L. Able	William Crawford		

DEACONS FROM LETCHER COUNTY

Milford Craft	James Whitaker	Earl L. Smith	David Russell
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DELEGATES FROM NEW DURM

Alice Farmer
Hattie Hubbard

Mary Alice Hale

Ada Farmer

Loella Napier

MINISTERS FROM NEW DURM

Kyle Hubbard

Leonard Farmer

MID-OHIO CONFERENCE

Viola Franks

MINISTERS FROM MID-OHIO

Boyce C. Franks

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

(None Present)

Officers

Officers of The John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists were elected for the year 1977-1978:

Homer Lee Mullins, Ashcamp, Ky.	Moderator
Derwood Yates, Rt. 2, Box 299, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Assistant
	Moderator
Everett W. Johnson, 11 Locust St., Bristol, Va. 24201 (466-8877)	Clerk
Oval W. Hillman, Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va.	Treasurer

Ordaining Councils

Mid-Ohio Conference

Emory Smith, Chairman

Boyce C. Franks

Frank Tyree

New Durm Conference

Harley Dye, Chairman

Edward Perkins

Kyle Hubbard

Pike County Conference

Robey Kendrick, Chairman

Bennie Slone

Curtis Wellman

Dickenson County Conference

Joe Johnson, Chairman

Wyth Salyers

Enoch Rose

Letcher County Conference

Homer Lee Mullins, Chairman

Herman Bates, Jr.

Sherman Whitaker

Visiting Deacons

Cossie Turner, Wise, Va.

James E. Addington, Wise, Va.

Executive Committee

Letcher County Conference

Earl Smith, Chairman

Milford Craft

Caleb Holbrook

New Durm Conference

Leonard Farmer, Chairman

Frazier Hale

Brady Farmer

Cleve Dye

Bura Dye

Elbert Rasnake

John Ray

Jessie Shell

Mid-Ohio Conference

Emory Smith, Chairman

Boyce Franks

Frank Tyree

Dickenson County

N. B. Lambert, Chairman

Earet Rose

O. T. Smith

Ernest Sexton

Childrens' Home

Quarterly Meeting

Treasurer, Beverly Wallace

Treasurer, Vona Mullins

Emergency Fund Treasurer, Everette Mullins.

Pike County Conference

Robert Varney, Chairman

Robey Kendrick

Bennie Clone

Alternates: Gerria Reynolds

Homer Adkins

Introduction

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Services opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Bobby Varney. Special singing by a quartet from Dayton, Ohio and Bro. and Sister Rose and Bro. Derwood Yates.

Bro. Derwood Yates, pastor of Valley View F.W.B. Church, read a lesson from John 16, 7th verse through 11th verse. This was a very inspirational message.

It closed with singing and a time of fellowship and was dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food by Bro. Enoch Rose.

PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-fifth session of The John-Thomas Yearly meeting convened with the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church, Clintwood, Va., September 9, 1977.

Congregational singing. Clerk having charge of the meeting, read from Revelation 14th chapter and the 13th verse, also from Second Chronicles, 7th chapter and the 14th verse. Prayer by Bro. James Raper.

Meeting was declared open for such business that may come before it. First item was enrolling of delegates, ministers, visiting ministers, corresponding messengers and deacons. This was taken care of by passing out enrollment cards.

The Clerk proceeded by election of a Moderator. By regular move and second Bro. Homer Lee Mullins was elected to serve as Moderator.

Motion carried. Motion by Bro. Ezra Johnson to give the Moderator power to appoint all committees as needed. They are as follows: Bro. Derwood Yates was appointed to serve as Assistant Moderator. By motion of Bro. Ezra Johnson and second by Bro. Derwood Yates, Everett Johnson was retained as Clerk. Motion carried.

Move by Bro. Derwood Yates that Bro. Oval Hillman serve as Treasurer, seconded by Bro. William Crawford. Motion carried.

Pulpit Committee: Bro. Earet Rose, Chairman; Milford Craft and James Whitaker.

Auditing Committee: Bros. Bobby Varney, Chairman; B. M. Moore and Lloyd Addington.

At this time Bro. Raper, from the Children's Home at Greeneville, Tenn., gave a report on the work at the home. Bro. John D. Murray, a Missionary going to France to work with Bro. Don and Sister Billie Sexton, also gave a talk concerning his work there. Remember them in your prayers.

Motion made by Bro. Ezra Johnson to receive these reports, second by Bro. Lester Able. Motion carried.

Moderator called for reports from any one visiting other Associations. No reports. Clerk was given permission by the Moderator to read a letter from Bro. Don and Sister Billie Sexton, our adopted family of the Yearly Meeting. Remember them in your prayers and also with your help financially. God will bless you.

A love offering was received to send to the Children's Home, Greeneville, Tenn. in the sum of \$200.

Motion was made by Bro. Albert Dingus to adjourn until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning. Seconded by Bro. William Crawford. Motion carried.

PREACHING SERVICE FRIDAY EVENING 2:30 P.M.

Committee appointed Bros. Boyce Franks and James Raper for the evening service. Bro. Franks opened the service. Bro. Raper read from 18th chapter of Acts, 24th verse through 28th verse. These were great messages.

PREACHING FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 P.M.

Bros. Kyle Hubbard and Bobby Varney were chosen for this hour. Congregation sang "Stand By Me" and "Heaven's Jubilee." Prayer by Bro. Trigg Smith. Bro. and Sister Smith sang "When My Story Has Been Told." Sister Virginia Runyon sang "Will My Lord Be Satisfied With Me." Bro. Clayton Hay sang "I'm Satisfied With Him" and "Just As Long As Eternity Rolls."

Bro. Kyle Hubbard read from 4th chapter of Ephesians. Text "Walk worthy of the vocation to which ye are called." He was greatly blessed in the message. Bro. Varney read from the 12th chapter of Romans. Bro. Varney, too, was blessed with a great message. Congregation sang "I'll Fly Away" and "Lily of The Valley." Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Clayton Hay.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION 9:30 A.M.

Congregational singing. Moderator read for a lesson Luke, 10th chapter, 38th through 42nd verses. Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Addington. Enrolling of delegates, deacons, ministers, visiting ministers and corresponding messengers.

Bro. Homer Willis, from the Cumberland Association gave an oral report. By regular move and second Bro. Willis's report was received. Motion carried.

Moderator called for letters from the Quarterly Meetings. They responded as follows: Dickenson County, Pike County, Letcher County, New Durm Conference, Mid-Ohio Conference and Hamilton County Conference. Letters were read. Hamilton County's letter was tabled by the Executive Boards of the Yearly Meetings until 1978, for lack of information. Their name to be dropped to bottom of schedule. The Letters are as follows that were accepted:

PIKE COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Association:

The Pike County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptist convened on August 27, 1977 with the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church at Huddy, Ky. Rev. Morgan Chapman was in charge of devotions, and read Psalm 91. Congregational singing and prayer was led by Rev. Jimmie Skeens. Rev. Curtiss Wellman was elected Moderator and appointed Rev. Benny Slone as his assistant. After the ordinary business was taken care of, a motion was made to letter up to the John-Thomas Association. A motion was made and passed to send \$355.75 for membership fees. The following were appointed as delegates.

Name	Address	Church
Bro. & Sis. G. C. Dye	Forest Hills, Ky.	Leckieville
Sister Suda Slone	Meta, Ky.	Owsley
Sister Mildred Varney	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Octavia
Sister Betty McQuire	Kimper, Ky.	Owsley
Bro. Curtiss Branham	Racoon, Ky.	Grassy
Lovia Ann Kinny	Pikeville, Ky.	Grassy
Bro. & Sis. Ed Derry	Rockhouse, Ky.	Unity
Sister Virginia Runyon	Pinsonfork, Ky.	Leckieville
Sister Lena Slone	Meta, Ky.	Edo
Brother Terry May	Kimper, Ky.	Edo
Bro. & Sis. Charley Martin	Robinson Creek, Ky.	Caney Creek
Bro. & Sis. Orville Hamilton	Virgie, Ky.	Caney Creek
Sister Weasie Fain	Robinson Creek, Ky.	Caney Creek
Sister Jesse Morgan	Robinson Creek, Ky.	Caney Creek

We pray that they may sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

Statistics		Financial Report	
Churches	19	Don & Billie Sexton	\$ 754.09
Membership	1411	Children's Home	\$ 413.91
Ministers	63	Local Causes	\$ 95,218.18
Licensed Ministers	16	Value of Church Property	\$703,500.00
Deacons	66		
Enrollment of Sunday School	645		
Mid-week Avg. Att.	292		
C.T.S. Membership	35		
Women's Auxiliaries	93		
Master's Men	15		

Rev. Curtis Wellman, Moderator
Rev. Robert Varney, Clerk

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Valley View Church at Clintwood, Virginia, September 9th and 10th, 1977.

Greetings:

We, the Dickenson County Conference, convened with the Light House Church, Dante, Virginia, on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July 1977. Bro. Joe Johnson was elected Moderator. Assistant Moderator, Bro. B. M. Moore. Clerks: Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman, and Alva Lee Fleming. Q. M. Treasurer Sis. Vona Mullins. E. M. G. Treasurer Bro. Everette Mullins. Children's Home Treasurer Sis. Beverly Wallace. Executive Committee: Bros. N. B. Lambert, Earet Rose, O. T. Smith and Ernest Sexton. Ordaining Council: Bros. Joe Johnson, Chairman; Wythe Salyers and E. M. Rose. Conference voted to buy 1,450 minutes. Amount enclosed for minutes \$700.00.

Our church statistics are as follows:

Churches	40
Church Membership	2799
Sunday Schools	35
Enrolled in Sunday School	1743
Ministers	83
Women's Auxiliaries	3

The following are delegates to the Yearly Meeting:

Annadale Church—Pastor, Noble Wright—Delegates by letter.
 Bearwallow Church—Pastor, J. T. Hartsock—Delegates: Bro. Johny Wright, Sister Lona Powers and Sister Ellen Hale.
 Clinchco Church—Pastor, Gobel Rose—Delegates: Nell Robinson, Mrs. Basil Stanley, Mrs. Dorothy Dotson, Mr. Tommy Thomas, Mr. Jim Thomas and Junior Dotson.
 Counts Church—Pastor, Carl Rose—Delegates: Bro. Kenneth Branham, Sis. Ida Branham, Bro. Alfred Green and Sister Vickie Sutherland.
 Castlewood Comm. Church—Pastor, Howard Reynolds—Delegates: Katherine Sexton and Trula Jessee.
 Duncan Gap Church—Pastor, Tommy Large—Delegates: Bobby Mullins and Elmer Mullins.
 Denver's Chapel Church—Pastor, Garcie Lane—Delegates: Parkis Mullins and Chester Mullins.
 Davis Chapel Church—Pastor, Jim Lee Meade and Quintin Keith—Delegates: Terry Davis and Russell Bevins.
 Dyers Chapel Church—Pastor, Joe Johnson—Delegates: Bro. Herbert Kiser, Bro. Fred Kiser, Bro. Jimmy Lothery and Sis. Fay Kiser.
 Ferbie Chapel Church—Pastor, Lester Robinson—Delegates: Sister Wanda Hylton, Karen Robinson and Thettie Robinson.
 Frying Pan Church—Pastor Hie A. Mullins—Delegates: Rose Powers, Kathy Powers, Esther Rasnick, Gene Hay, Francis Mullins and Mark Mullins.
 Freemont Church—Pastor, Everett Smith and Gobel Rose—Delegates: Eda Gay Patton, Emma Smith, Bernice Buchanan and Timmy Carty.
 Flemingtown Church—Pastor, Hie A. Mullins—Delegates: Peggy Anderson, Vona Mullins, Fannie Stone, Emma Smith, Donnie Tipton and Kay Tipton.
 Georges Fork Church—Pastor, Franklin Hall—Delegates: Karen Mullins, Virgie Kennedy, Shirley Reed and Effie Browning.
 Gladys Fork Church—Pastor, Wayne Mullins—Delegates: Elgie Stallard, Sarah Nichols, Arlena Pilkenton and Joanne Stallard.
 Hill Ridge Church—Pastor, Wythe Salyers—Delegates: Sharon Hillman, W. C. Rose, Gene Kerr and Clarence Boyd.
 Hubbard Chapel—Pastor, Charles Baker—Delegates: Garland McCarthy, Hurley Collins, Lorene McCarthy and Janice Collins.
 Honey Camp Church—Pastor, Ayers Kennedy—Delegates: Gerald and Nancy Rose, Everette and Aleta Moore, George Brown, Darrell and Janie Green and Joe Wagoner.
 Lighthouse Church—Pastor, Bill Dixon—Delegates: Paul Salyers, Judy Salyers, Fred Salyers and Brown Grizzel.

Lick Fork Church—Pastor, Carter Boyd—Delegates: Burness Powers, Lucille Powers, Pat Slemple, Donna Bevins, Norma Large, Audrey Stanley.

Lick Creek Church—Pastor, Clayton Hay—Delegates: Ira Hay, Ruby Hay, Daisy Owens and Ival Hay.

Mills Chapel Church—Pastor, Paul Fields—Delegates: Marie Hileman, Ethel Jordan, Mrs. Caroline Lasley, Pauline Richardson and Thurman Sproles.

Meade Chapel—Pastors, Hasting Ward and Homar Richardson—Delegates: Lance Stanley and Helen Stanley.

Middle Branch Church—Pastors, Joseph Johnson and Vester McKenney, Jr.—Delegates: Charles Taylor, Emma Taylor, J. E. Stanley and Nancy Stanley.

Mill Creek Church—Pastor, J. T. Hartsock—Delegates: Brother and Sister Delmar Farmer, Brother Sillis Adkins and Lella Lambert.

Martin Chapel Church—Pastor, Joe Johnson—Delegates: Reba Counts, Hassie Martin, Margie Martin and Brother Willard Counts.

Pine Creek Church—Pastors, Ersel Johnson and James Phipps—Delegates: David McPeck, Shirley McPeck, Minnie Phipps, Joan Hall and Bertha Mullins.

Pine Crest Church—Pastor, B. M. Moore—Delegates: Carl Yates and Evona Yates.

Peuther Chapel Church—Pastors, Paul Fields and Joe Glen Sluss—Delegates: Lawrence Kiser, Ray Puckett, Henry Carty, Ruby Puckett and Frankie Vanover.

Pine Grove Church—Pastors, Jim Lee Meade and Quentin Keith—Delegates: Raymond and Loretta Hamilton and Jennie and Orlena Hamilton.

Pyles Memorial Church—Pastor, Lester Hampton—Delegates: Randal Baker, Richard Mullins and Goldie Mullins.

Phillips Chapel Church—Pastors, Howard Reynolds and Joe Johnson—Delegates: Louise and Bill Palmer, Nora and Earnest Minton and Adeline Phillips.

Rugsby Church—Pastors, Enoch M. Rose and Ted Mullins—Delegates: Edford Dotson, Darrell Hibbits, Edra Dotson, Ernestine Hibbits.

Rachel's Chapel Church—Pastors, Enoch Rose and Maston Rose—Delegates: Mae Marshall, Alta Mullins, Juanita Blevins, Samantha Mullins, Cowan Mullins and Alger Keith.

Reed's Valley Church—Pastors, Howard Reynold and Elmer Miner—Delegates: Billy and Shirley Chafin, O. H. and Carnation Cantrell, Vernon and Nancy Jessee.

Splashdam Freewill Church—Pastor, Lonzo Edwards—Delegates: Virginia Turner, Kathy Hill, Bill Willis, Ada Willis, Ann Bartley, Tessie Wallace, Steve Wallace, Virgie Wright, Revie Mullins, John Stanley and Patty Fields.

The Straight Hollow Church—Pastor, Harry Whitaker—Delegates: Donna Cook, Wanda Osborne, May Robinson and Lucille Whitaker.

Tarpon Church—Pastor, Carter Boyd—Delegates: Jay Owens, Ruben Sykes and Garfield Turner.

Valley View Church—Pastor, Derwood Yates—Delegates: Jack Johnson, Tolby Mooney, Ronald Roberts, Ronnie Rose, Elizabeth Johnson, Agnes Mooney, Nancy Roberts, Donna Rose, Erie Dotson, Linda Wright and Nell Hawkins.

Yates Chapel Church—Pastor, Wythe Salyers—Delegates: Harry Bise, Sandra Bise, Patsy Murphy, Betty Fletcher, Patty Mullins, Lillian Hay.

We, the Dickenson County Conference, passed the following Resolution concerning moving of membership to another church.

When a member wishes to move their membership to another church they go and are accepted by the Church they wish to unite with. The Clerk of the Church they are uniting with sends a letter asking for a letter of good standing. The letter is sent to the church by mail or given to the Clerk. No member shall be given the letter to carry to another Church.

This by-law to take effect after July Conference 1977.

B. M. Moore, Moderator
 Early Rose, Asst. Moderator
 Lloyd Hillman, Clerk
 Alva Lee Fleming, Clerk
 Oval Hillman, Clerk

Done by Order of the Dickenson County Conference while in session with the Light House Church, Dante, Virginia, July 22 and 23, 1977. Moderator Bro. Joe Johnson; Asst. Moderator Bro. B. M. Moore; Clerks Bros. Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman and Alva Lee Fleming.

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting:

The Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptists convened with the Haymond F.W.B. church on Saturday, August 27, 1977.

Bro. Herman Bates leading the singing. Scripture reading from Isaiah 9th chapter, 6th and 7th verse. Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Addington.

The following delegates were enrolled: Robert Potter, Margaret Osborn, Lady Bentley, Virginia Bates, Willard Blake, Albert Miracle, Belle Kelly, Fay Hall, Vivian Sexton, John D. Shook, Truman Conley, Debbie Taylor, Delores Holbrook, Janice Cable, Beulah Potter, Troy Osborn, Francis Greer, Enos Cornett, James Kiser, Elizabeth Foutch, Caroline Tolliver, Anna Lee Davis, Carrie Hall, Velda Maggard, Maxine Shook, Dortha Whitt, Wilma Taylor, Franklin Anderson, Sonja Wright, Morine Hardin, Roy Caudill, Janice Phillips, Elsie Anderson, Irene Kiser, Ethel Dixon, Velva Deprest, Loretta Galion, Sam Lucas, Thula Isom, Tommie Hale, Lizzie Webb, Margie Caudill, Sarah Trinkle, Mary Elkins, Loretta Davis, Mollie Miracle, Judy Adams, Vickie Helton, Bertha Cook, Don Roger Ratliff, Alpha Taylor, Ethel Mullins, Alice Lucas, Leslie Webb, Lavon Conley, Steve Taylor, Georgie Fleenor, Tom Trinkle, Ida Rose, Ersell Sergeant.

A motion was made and seconded that Bro. Ralph Proffitt serve as Moderator. Motion carried. Bro. Albert Dingus was appointed to serve as Assistant Moderator. Bro. Homer Lee Mullins made a motion to give Moderator power to appoint all committees; this was seconded. Motion carried.

Pulpit Committee: Earl Smith, Chairman; Eldred Hays, Jack Whitaker.

Executive Committee: Carl Smith, Chairman; Milford Craft, Caleb Holbrook.

We had with us Bro. Jimmy Hopson and Bro. Roy Vanover, visiting ministers.

The Moderator appointed the following to visit other conferences: Dickenson County: Bros. Homer L. Mullins, Tommy England, Dean Fields and Wendall Austin. Wise (East): Bros. Clarence Tolliver, John Deprest, Ralph Vickers. Wise (West): Bro. Clarence Tolliver.

Sunday School talk given by Bro. Ralph Vickers. Temperance talk by Bro. William Preston. Motion made by Bro. Sherman Whitaker and seconded by Bro. Dean Fields to receive both talks. Motion carried.

Pulpit Committee reports that Bros. Richard Gibson preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour; Millard Bates, Jr. at the evening service; Johnny Stoffer and Charles Galion at the night service.

Bro. Albert Dingus made a motion to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. Seconded. Motion carried.

Conference opened at 1:30 P.M., Bro. Charles Galion leading the hymn, "I'll Be Satisfied." Prayer by Bro. Darwin Mullins. The Church letters were all read and approved by usual vote. Bros. Raymond Hall Langley was ordained in the evening service. Bros. William Preston and Ralph Vickers were ordained in the night service.

Ordaining council: Bros. Homer Lee Mullins, Chairman; Herman Bates, Jr., Sherman Whitaker.

The Executive Committee reported that the next Conference will convene with the Hylyon Chapel Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in November, 1977.

Ralph Proffitt, Moderator; Albert Dingus, Assistant Moderator;
Homer Johnson, Clerk; Henry Whitt, Assistant Clerk.

Conference Report

Church Fund	\$382.00	Ministers	65
Home Mission	162.00	Churches	19
Children's Home	188.00	Membership	1541
Bro. Don Sexton	85.00		
Total	817.00		
Conference Donation	99.08		
Total	\$916.08		

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting when convened with the Valley View Church at Clintwood, Va., September 9, 1977.

We, the New Durm Conference, met with Valley View Church August 12, 1977. Bro. Kyle Hubbard was elected Moderator. Bro. Leonard was appointed Assistant Moderator.

The following delegates were selected for the Yearly Meeting: Brady and Ada Farmer, Estel and Hattie Ray, Mamie Bostic, Alice Farmer, Mary Alice Hale, Loella Napier.

Statistics

Churches	11	Ordained Ministers	30
Membership	500	Licentiates	5
Sunday Schools	10	Value of church property	\$180,000.00
Deacons	33		

By order of New Durm Conference while convened with the Valley View Church August 12-13 at Honaker, Va.

Kyle Hubbard, Moderator
Loella Napier, Clerk

MID-OHIO CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting while in session with the Valley View Church, Clintwood, Va., September 9, 1977.

Our delegates were: Sister Viola Franks, Sister Emory Smith.

Statistics

Churches	2
Membership	37
Ordained Ministers	4
Sunday Schools	2
Average Attendance	43

Financial Report

Local Causes	
Evangelistic	\$ 21.00
Building & Repair	4,816.50
Literature	163.09
Other	180.00
	150.17
Total	5,330.76
Outside Causes	
Home Missions	194.79
Education	109.11
Outside Causes	303.90
Total Expenditures	5,634.66
Value of church property	\$30,000.00

Emory Smith, Moderator
Randolph Gregory, Clerk

By regular move and second the letters were accepted. Motion carried. The Auditing Committee reported the Yearly Meeting books were in order. By regular move and second the Treasurer's Report was approved. Motion carried.

This finishing the work of the Yearly Meeting, a move by Bro. Alva Dingus to adjourn and second by Bro. William Crawford, when the next Yearly Meeting will convene with the Payne Gap Freewill Baptist Church, Payne Gap, Ky., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1978 at 11:00 A.M. unless called together by the moderator.

The Yearly Meeting wishes to thank all that made this Yearly Meeting possible and God for His Blessings, for the wonderful fellowship among the Brothers and Sisters. May God continue to bless each of you.

SATURDAY MORNING PREACHING SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Committee chose Bros. Joe Johnson and Albert Dingus for this hour. Singing by the Johnson Trio, Hill Ridge Singers, Sister Pearl Jones, and Bro. Earet Rose. Bro. Johnson read for a lesson James 5th chapter, 13th through the 18th verse. Bro. Johnson brought a wonderful message and the Holy Spirit abounded in a great way. During this wonderful message a sister came out of the congregation and requested to be anointed and have prayer. This request was granted. Bro. Dingus concluded the service. Singing and fellowship handshake. Dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION 1:30 P.M.

Service opened with singing by the Edwards Quartet. Lesson read by Clerk in organizing the Ministers' Conference. Prayer by Bro. Woodrow Mullins. Clerk declared Conference open for the purpose of organizing Ministers' Conference. Bro. Albert Dingus made motion to retain same Clerk and Moderator for the Ministers' Conference. Seconded by Bro. Derwood Yates. Motion carried. Moderator called for the reading of the letters from the Ministers' Conference. They were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Dickenson County Ministers Conference convened with Light House Church, Thursday evening at 7:30, July 21, 1977.

Meeting called to order by the Clerk. Bro. Wes Edwards led us in a song, and Bro. Elmer Miner led us in prayer.

Bro. Joe Johnson was elected Moderator. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The congregation registered at this time. We had present 28 ministers, 26 deacons, 3 licentiates, 2 visitors and 1 visiting minister, Bro. Elmer Miner from Wise County conference. Total attendance was 60.

Roy C. Vanover was reelected Clerk. Joe Johnson, Enoch Rose and Wyth Salyers were reelected as Ordaining Council.

Subject brought up by Bro. Homer Barret about dividing up the conference since we have 40 churches in our quarterly conference. This met stiff opposition and was dropped.

Bro. Ezra Johnson was granted a letter from Dickenson County Ministers Conference to Letcher County Conference.

Conference voted to accept Bro. Everett Johnson's letter that would be mailed on Friday morning.

Bro. Kenneth Sproles and Bro. Roger Bevins joined the ministers conference.

An offering of \$59.84 was taken up for the expense of the ministers conference. Bro. Ersel Johnson preached from Romans, 8th chapter. Bro. Jim Lee Meade will be the speaker in October.

We sang a song and were dismissed with a handshake.

Joe Johnson, Moderator
Roy C. Vanover, Clerk

The following is a list of Ministers to receive Ministers Cards for 1977-1978.

Boyd, Carter
Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228 — Hill
Ridge
Bevins, Roger
Rt. 2, Box 325, Pound, Va. 24279

Cantrell, Coy M.
Rt. 3, Box 132, Clintwood, Va. 24228
— Hill Ridge
Carico, Alden
Rt. 3, Box 161, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631
— Pine Creek

Castle, Glen R.
 Box 353, Dante, Va. 24237—Straight
 Hollow
 Conley, Dallas
 9620 Maury Rd., Fairfax, Va. 22030
 — Anna Dale
 Cook, Emory
 Box 321, Dante, Va. 24237 — Phil-
 lips Chapel
 Crabtree, Tennie B.
 370 Manassas Dr., Manassas, Va.
 22110 — Denver Chapel
 Deloach, Paul
 Rt. 1, Box 130, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 — Dyers Chapel
 Dingus, Alva
 Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228 — Hill
 Ridge
 Dingus, Ralph
 Gen. Del., Clinchco, Va. 24226 —
 Tarpon
 Dixon, Bill
 Rt. 1, Box 17C, Castlewood, Va.
 24224 — Mills Chapel
 Edwards, Lonzo
 Rt. 1, Box 258, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 — Yates Chapel
 Fields, Paul
 Box 306, McClure, Va. 24269 —
 Peuther Chapel
 Hale, Estol
 Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Davis
 Chapel
 Hale, Glynn
 Dante, Va. 24237 — Bear Wallow
 Hall, Franklin
 Rt. 2, Box 293, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 — Pine Creek
 Hampton, Lester
 Rt. 1, Box 33, Pound, Va. 24279 —
 Pyles Memorial
 Hartsock, J. T.
 Rt. 1, Castlewood, Va. 24224 — Phil-
 lips Chapel
 Hobbs, Doyle
 Box 193, Castlewood, Va. 24224 —
 Mills Chapel
 Hobbs, James
 71011 Central Ave., Elizabethton,
 Tenn. 37643 — Rugby
 Hay, Clayton
 Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228 — Yates
 Chapel
 Hay, Clyde
 Box 341, Clintwood, Va. 24228 —
 Pine Creek
 Johnson, Ersel
 Rt. 3, Clintwood, Va. 24228 — Pine
 Creek
 Johnson, Everett W.
 11 Locust St., Bristol, Va. 24201 —
 Meade Chapel
 Johnson, Joe
 Rt. 4, Box 223, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 — Middle Branch
 Keith, Harold Wayne
 Rt. 2, Box 336, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 — Rachel's Chapel
 Keith, Quinton
 Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Rachel's
 Chapel
 Kiser, James C.
 Rt. 2, Box 87B, Grundy, Va. 24416
 — Dyers Chapel
 Kennedy, Ayers
 Clintwood, Va. 24228 — Pine Creek
 Killen, Marvin
 Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Pine
 Creek
 Large, Tommy
 Wise, Va. 24293 — Duncan Gay
 Layne, Garcia B.
 7412 Garrison St., Manassas, Va.
 22110
 Layne Hollis
 Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Davis
 Chapel
 Lee, E. B., Jr.
 Rt. 1, Nora, Va. — Light House
 McKinney, Vester
 Rt. 1, Box 184, Clinchco, Va. 24226
 — Counts Chapel
 Meade, Jim Lee
 Rt. 4, Box 174, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 — Meade Chapel
 Miles, Charlie
 Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228 —
 Tarpon
 Moore, B. M.
 Rt. 1, Box 179, Nora, Va. 24272 —
 Dyers Chapel
 Moore, Kermit
 P. O. Box A 21, Pound, Va. 24279 —
 Pyles Memorial
 Mullins, Bill Mack
 Box 271, Clintwood, Va. 24228 —
 Pine Creek
 Mullins, Donnie Joe
 Rt. 1, Box 153, Wise, Va. 24293 —
 Duncan Gap
 Mullins, Guy
 Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226 — Dyers
 Chapel
 Mullins, Harold D.
 Rt. 3, Box 73 A, Clintwood, Va.
 24228 — Frying Pan
 Mullins, Hie
 Rt. 3, Box 84C, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 — Fleming Town
 Mullins, Lee
 964 Van Atta Ave., Marion, Ohio
 43302 — Frying Pan
 Mullins, Mack
 Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Duncan
 Gap

- Mullins, Robert
Rt. 2, Box 180, Pound, Va. 24279 — Pyles Memorial
- Mullins, Ted
Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Rachel's Chapel
- Mullins, Wayne
Rt. 1, Box 317, Pound, Va. 24279 — Gladly Fork
- Phipps, James R.
Rt. 1, Box 392 A, Clintwood, Va. 24228 — Valley View
- Reedy, Clyde E.
Rt. 2, Madisonville, Tenn. 37354 — Peuther Chapel
- Reynolds, Howard
Box 67, Sword's Creek, Va. 24649 — Castlewood
- Richardson, Homer
Rt. 4, Box 197 A, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Meade's Chapel
- Robinson, Lester
Pound, Va. 24279 — Ferbie Chapel
- Rose, Carl
Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226 — Counts Chapel
- Rose, Early
McClure, Va. 24269 — Dyers Chapel
- Rose, Enoch
Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Rugsby
- Rose, Goble
Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226 — Counts Chapel
- Rose, Harlan L.
Rt. 1, Box 446, Clintwood, Va. 24228 — Hill Ridge
- Rose, Lloyd
Rt. 4, Box 163, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Meade Chapel
- Salyers, Wythe
Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Rachel's Chapel
- Sexton, Wallace
Dante, Va. 24237
- Shortt, James D.
P. O. Box 224, Pound, Va. 24279 — Pyles Memorial
- Sluss, Joe Glenn
Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228 — Fleming Town
- Smith, Everett
Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226 — Fremont
- Spriggs, Gaylord
V.I. Ranch Rd., Rt. 3, Box 570 C, Bristol, Tenn. 37620 — Splash Dam
- Sproles, Kenneth
Box 377, Castlewood, Va. 24224
- Stallard, I. T.
Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, Va. 24279 — Gladly Fork
- Sykes, Glenn
Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, Va. 24256 — Tarpon
- Sturgill, Ulis
Rt. 1, Box 104, Pound, Va. 24279 — Gladly Fork
- Taylor, Fred
Wise, Va. 24293 — Pyles Memorial
- Vanover, Roy C.
P. O. Box 382, Pound, Va. 24279 — Pyles Memorial
- Ventro, Jimmy
Rt. 2, Box 184, Pound, Va. 24279
- Ward, Hasting
Rt. 1, St. Paul, Va. 24283 — Meade Chapel
- Whitaker, Harry
Box 361, Dante, Va. 24237 — Straight Hollow
- Wright, Noble
5746 Backlick Rd., Apt. T4, Springfield, Va. 22150 — Anna Dale
- Yates, Derwood
Rt. 2, Box 299, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Valley View

The Following Ministers Have Lifetime Cards

- Barrett, Homer
Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226 — Counts Chapel
- Dotson, Earl
R 995 5th Ave., Mansfield, Ohio 44905 — Rachel's Chapel
- Keith, Rufus
Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230 — Rachel's Chapel
- Tompkins, Alex
Rt. 1, Box 364 A, Moneta, Va. 24121 — Fleming Town

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Yearly meeting when convened with the Valley View Freewill Baptist Church at Clintwood, Va., September 9-10, 1977.

We, the ministers of the Pike County Conference met and convened at the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church, Huddy, Ky., on August 26, 1977. Rev. Benny Slone took charge of devotions and the electing of a Moderator. We sang "I'll Fly Away", then prayer was led by Rev. Dempsy Adkins. Rev. Slone read for a scripture the 4th chapter of 1st Timothy.

Motion was made and seconded that Rev. Sonny Hatfield serve as Moderator for the next six months; motion carried. Minutes of the previous meeting were

read and approved. Rev. Miles Casey was appointed by Moderator to be his assistant.

Moderator read the rules and regulations governing the Ministers Conference. Motion was made and seconded to elect three ministers to serve on committee to determine who would receive a good standing card for life. This committee consists of Rev. Jimmie Skeens, Rev. John C. Hatfield and Rev. Herbert Goff.

Motion was made and carried that we prepare a letter to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting.

The committee reported that Revs. John T. Oliver, Phillip Hackney, O. H. Greer, Dock Hunt and George Bickford be given lifetime cards of good standing.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn from business until our next Ministers Conference in February at the Grassy Church. Dismissed by Rev. Phillip Bostic.

34 ministers present; 6 Reported by letter.

Rev. Sonny Hatfield, Moderator

Rev. Robert Varney, Clerk

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Rev. Robey Kendrick, Rev. Benny Slone, and Rev. Curtiss Wellman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Rev. Robert Varney, Rev. Robey Kendrick and Rev. Bennie Slone.

ALTERNATES: Rev. Gerria Reynolds and Rev. Homer Adkins.

Ministers Belonging to the Pike County Conference

Name	Address	Church
John T. Oliver	Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Phillip Hackney	Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	Octavia
O. H. Greer	Goody, Ky. 41529	Octavia
Robert Varney	Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Octavia
Benny F. Slone	Meta, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Sonny Hatfield	Box 108, Inez, Ky. 41224	Turkey Creek
Ray Williams	Rt. 4, Box 820, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Garland Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
John C. Hatfield	Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
E. P. Murphy	Hatfield, Ky. 41514	Mt. Zion
George Bickford	Box 151, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
William G. King	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Frank Rich	Rt. 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Richard Hughes	Box 66, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	Turkey Creek
Wilson Justice	Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Unity
Luther Boyd	Owsley, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Dock Hunt	Rt. 3, Box 64, Pikeville, Ky.	Owsley
Robey Kendrick	Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Johnny Cline	Box 65, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	Turkey Creek
Noah Chapman	701 Vabinder, Chesterfield, Ind.	Octavia
Herbert Goff	Racoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Woodrow Mullins	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Caney Creek
Willard Ray	Box 33, Hatfield, Ky.	Mt. Zion
Onis Varney	354 Jewett St., Elgin, Ill. 60120	Octavia
Lawrence Ball	Switzer, W. V.	Octavia
Curtiss Wellman	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Perry Kendrick	Jay Street, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Joe Hackney	Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Everette Mullins	Rt. 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Miles Casey	Phelps, Ky.	Meathouse
Edgar West	McVeigh, Ky. 41546	Octavia
Dennis Hinkle	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Mike Carter	Box 135, Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	Turkey Creek
Gerria Reynolds	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Homer Adkins	Owsley, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Jimmy Skeens	Rt. 5, Box 267, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
William Akers	Sidney, Ky. 41564	Mt. Zion

Walker Smith	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Buford Thacker	Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Eugene Ellison	Detroit, Mich.	Open Door
Phillip Bostic	Meta, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Estil P. Adkins	Owsley, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Edward Lee Atkins	Owsley, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Craig N. Barthelmas	19 Mammoth Mall, Rt. 9, Kinston, New York, 12401	Open Door
Tom Carrol	Pikeville, Ky.	Island Creek
Bud Ross	Box 1123, Williamson, W. Va. 25661	Turkey Creek
Goble Thacker	Greasy Creek, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Dwight Buckley	Owsley, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Velon Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 871, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Simmy Adkins	605 Plum St., Wyandotte, Mich.	Open Door
Barry Robinson	Rt. 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Morgan Chapman	Meta, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Emmett McPeck	Rt. 1, Box 259, Grundy, Va. 24614	Unity
William J. Browning	Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Harold Anderson	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Meathouse
Donnie Williamson	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Belfry
Ronald Coleman	Rt. 1, Box 424, Elkhorn City, Ky.	Unity
Thomas Epling	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Open Door
Arnold Damron	Wyandotte, Mich.	Unity
Dempsey Adkins	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Caney Creek
Albert Damron	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Community
Robert Payne	11909 Cloverdale, Cleveland, O. 44141	
Ray Leedy	Stone, Ky. 41567	

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Letcher County Freewill Baptists convened with the Haymond Church at Haymond, Ky., August 26, 1977.

Bro. Herman Bates led the singing "Have a Little Talk With Jesus." Bro. Albert Dingus led in prayer. While in prayer some brother came forward for anointing.

The following ministers were present: Clayton Swindall, Percy Elkins, George Adams, Jr., Johnny Stoffer, Frank Dixon, Eugene Anderson, Corbett Overbee, Hollis E. Bevins, Darwin Mullins, Jonah D. Wright, Leon Bolden, Bobby W. Elkins, Paul Gibson, Cecil Mullins, Charles Galion, William Preston, Herman Bates, Jr., Ersel McPeck, Stanley R. Tackett, Julius H. Gibson (licentiate), Albert Dingus, Clyde Damron, Albert Damron, Sherman Whitaker, Carl Breeding, W. M. Crawford, Robert Hampton, Windell R. Austin, Arnold Noles, Clarence Hall, Don McKnight, Ralph Vicars, Ralph E. Proffit, Ezra Johnson, Millard Bates, Dean Fields, Eddie Rose.

Minutes were read and approved by usual vote. Motion carried. Bro. Ezra Johnson was welcomed from Dickenson County Conference back into Letcher County Conference.

A letter of good standing was granted to Bro. Albert Damron to go to Pike County Conference. Bro. Homer Lee Mullins was re-elected as Moderator with power to appoint as needed assistants.

Bro. Arnold Noles motioned for adjournment. Second by Bro. Johnny Stoffer.

Ministers in Good Standing

Alleghany Church: Roy Sykes, Hellier, Ky.; Richard Gibson, Ashcamp, Ky.; Johnny Clair.

Big Creek Church: W. C. Aldridge, Rt. 1, Box 106, Drakesboro, Ky.

Burdine Church: Albert Dingus, Burdine, Ky.; Pat Whitaker, Jenkins, Ky.; Sherman Whitaker, Jenkins; John C. Deprest, Box 182, Jenkins, Ky.; William Preston, Ralph Vickers.

Clover Lick Church: Clarence Hall, Don McKnight.

Dry Fork Church: Lloyd Addington, Pound, Va.; Jonah Wright, Payne Gap, Ky.; Andy Timblin, Jenkins, Ky.

Dorton Church: Eddie Rose, Dorton, Ky.; Caleb Holbrook, Dorton, Ky.; McCoy Tackett, Myra, Ky.; George W. Reynolds, Dorton, Ky.; Robert Hampton, Box 135, Robinson Creek, Ky.

Franks Creek Church: Frank Dixon, Cumberland, Ky.

Happy Church: Paul Wooten, Scuddy, Ky.; Jasper Earls, Vico, Ky.; John Akers, Scuddy, Ky.; Langly Melton.

Hemphill Church: Ralph Proffit, Fleming, Ky.; Arnold Noles, Neon, Ky.; Earl Breeding, Seco, Ky.; Millard Bates, Whitesburg, Ky.; Windell Austin, Corona, Ky.; Darwin Mullins, Neon, Ky.; W. D. Fields, Jackson, Ky.; Gordon Fields, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Hylton Church: Homer Lee Mullins, Ashcamp, Ky.; Edmond C. Maggard, Jonancy, Ky.; Clyde Damron, Shelby Gap, Ky.; Tommy England, Ashcamp, Ky.; Clayton Swindall, Ashcamp, Ky.

Haymond Church: Larry R. Jones, Fleming, Ky.; Ova Land, Neon, Ky.

Marshalls Branch: Johnny Stoffer, Rt. 2, Jenkins, Ky.; Bobby W. Elkins, Jenkins, Ky.; Randell P. Mullins, Myra, Ky.

Moore's Chapel: David I. Brewer, Neon, Ky.; Elonzo Colwell, Neon, Ky.; Eugene Anderson, Jackhorn, Ky.; Dennie Fleming, Jackhorn, Ky.

Payne Gap Church: Herman Bates, Jr., Jenkins, Ky.; Ersel McPeck, Jenkins, Ky.; Ezra Johnson, Jenkins, Ky.

Pine Chapel: Percy Elkins, Jenkins, Ky.; George Lester Able, Jenkins, Ky.; Charles Galion, Jenkins, Ky.; Thomas D. Miller, Jenkins, Ky.

Virgie Church: Fred Coleman, Pikeville, Ky.; Leon Bolden, Pikeville, Ky.; Albert Damron, Virgie, Ky.; Cecil Mullins, Dorton, Ky.

Whitesburg Church: Ira Harvey, Day, Ky.; Corbet Overbee, Haymond.

New Durm Ministers Conference

Services opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Harley Nuckles. Scripture lesson read by Bro. Leonard Farmer. By regular move and second it was voted to retain same Moderator and Clerk for Ministers Conference. It was regular moved and seconded that all the ministers report in person or by letter to the Conference in order to receive a good standing card.

A move was made and seconded that the Conference retain the same Ordaining Council, as follows: Bros. Harley Dye, Chairman; Edward Perkins, Kyle Hubbard.

This conference now in session stands adjourned until August 1978.

Kyle Hubbard, Moderator
Loella Napier, Clerk

Ministers recommended for good standing cards: Harley Dye, Glenn Stevens, Leonard Farmer, Eugene Miller, Truel Brown, Mose Napier, Howard Bostic, Russell Miller, Curtis Hubbard, Edward Perkins, Russell Harris, Kyle Hubbard, Claud Rose, Willie Compton, Charlie Keen, Earnest Crabtree, Clarence Miller, Carl Noel, Kyle Brown, Edward Dye, Allen Stevens, David Perkins.

MID-OHIO MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings to the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting:

The Mid-Ohio Ministers Conference met at the Blooming Grove F.W.B. Country Chapel Church on Sat. August 13, 1977.

The ministers present were: Revs. Boyce Franks, Emory Smith, Paul Tyree, Frank Tyree, and Ronnie Kendricks.

The Conference opened with prayer with Rev. Boyce Franks, selected as Moderator. Our discussions in general were doctrine and promotion of the gospel. Discussion was held on the organization of new churches where there are none of our denomination. Also discussed encouraging the association to acquire a campground for the yearly meeting.

Ministers to receive good standing cards are: Rev. Frank Tyree, Boyce Franks, Emory Smith and Paul Tyree.

Rev. Boyce C. Franks, Moderator
Randolph Gregory, Clerk

Letters were read and by move of Bro. Bobby Varney to receive letters as read. This was seconded by Bro. Alva Dingus. Motion carried.

Clerk read the manuscript from which the minutes will be printed. Move by Bro. Albert Dingus to accept the reading. Second by Bro. William Crawford. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bro. Albert Dingus to adjourn until Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1978, when it will convene with the Payne Gap Church, Payne Gap, Ky. unless called together by the moderator. Second by Bro. Derwood Yates. Motion carried. This is the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting Conference.

SATURDAY—September 10, 1977

Afternoon Service 2:00 P.M.

After enjoying the blessing of a good lunch which was served by the ladies of Valley View Church, the afternoon session was called together by singing.

After a brief summary of the work of the Yearly Meeting by the clerk, Bro. Homer Lee Mullins advised the ministers and all the church to think on their covenant with the church and to read their minutes. A move and second was received to accept and adopt all the work of the Yearly meeting. This was unanimous and the yearly meeting was adjourned.

Preaching on Saturday afternoon was by Bro. Charles Gallion and Bro. Bennie Slone. Both were blessed to speak on advice to the church. After a closing song and a fellowship handshake, we were dismissed by Bro. Trigg Smith.

Saturday Night—7:30 P.M.

We met for a special song service with the choir from the Lone Pine Chapel Church at Pound, Virginia. After a congregational song, the choir was introduced by Bro. Kermit Moore, the pastor of Lone Pine Chapel. They sang many beautiful, spiritual songs. This choir had about 30 members present and most of them were very young (teenagers). Everyone received a blessing from their singing and their testimonies. As was requested, a special prayer was given by Bro. Kermit Moore and Sisters Ruth Ervin, Alice Mullins and Joyce Ramey was anointed with oil.

After more singing one young girl was converted and gave a wonderful testimony. After a closing congregational song and a fellowship handshake, we were dismissed by one of the young brothers in the Lone Pine Chapel Choir.

Sunday—September 11, 1977

Another good service was enjoyed at the 11:00 A.M. service. After two congregational songs, we had prayer led by Brother Carrol Dotson. We had special songs by sisters Wanda Rakes, Freda Smith and Linda Wright.

We heard a wonderful message by Bro. Roger Freeman from II Kings 2:26—"Get thee to Anathoth". After closing song and fellowship handshake, we were dismissed by Bro. Burley Moore.

Minister's Report

REV. DOUGLAS QUICKSALL

Rt. 2, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Sermons	50
Conversions Witnessed	2
Baptized	2
Burials Attended	1
Prayer Services	40
Couples Married	2
Amount Received	\$10.00

REV. J. M. DAVIDSON

Rt. 3, Box 49, Brookville, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Prayer Services	12

REV. VESTAL HUTSON

3783 Ebenezer Rd., Cinn., Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	50
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	10
Baptized	6
Burials Attended	2
Prayer Services	48
Couples Married	3
Amount Received	\$50.00

REV. DAVID ROGER

6536 Hearne Rd., Cinn., Ohio.

Sermons	25
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REV. DAVID L. CARPENTER

R.R. 1, Summan, Ind.

Sermons	30
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REV. ARLO SMITH, SR.

R.R. 1, Summan, Ind.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	150
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	1
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	3
Couples Married	4

REV. PAUL G. TYREE

Rt. 1, Greensprings, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	50
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	3
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	2
Amount Received	\$100.00

REV. EMORY SMITH

416 James St., Crestline, Ohio

Sermons	45
Revivals	1
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	1
Amount Received	\$22.00

REV. PAUL WOOTEN

Rt. 1, Box 7, Scuddy, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	106
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	11
Baptized	9
Burials Attended	10
Memorials	6
Prayer Services	39

REV. CLYDE DAMRON

Rt. 1, Box 25C, Shelby Gap, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	3
Conversions Witnessed	25
Baptized	20
Burials Attended	20
Memorials	5
Prayer Services	50
Couples Married	6

REV. MILLARD BATES, JR.

705 Maryland Drive., Whitesburg, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
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REV. ARNOLD NOLES

Neon, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	60
Conversions Witnessed	5
Baptized	2
Burials Attended	6
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	8

REV. W. M. CRAWFORD

Box 393, Pound, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	50
Conversions Witnessed	25
Baptized	2
Burials Attended	7
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	10
Churches Organized	1
S.S. Organized	1

LLOYD D. ADDINGTON

Rt. 2, Box 589, Pound, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	50
Conversions Witnessed	10
Burials Attended	3
Memorials	2

REV. ALBERT DINGUS

Jenkins, Ky.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	50
Conversions Witnessed	10
Burials Attended	4
Memorials	3
Prayer Services	50
Couples Married	3

EZRA JOHNSON

Box 286, Jenkins, Ky. 41537

Sermons	312
Conversions Witnessed	5
Burials Attended	12
Memorials	3
Couples Married	1
Amount Received	\$3.25

REV. FRANK TYREE

4618 N. Co. 2, Clyde, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	75
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	6
Prayer Services	22

REV. BOYCE C. FRANKS

Rt. 2, Mt. Gilead, Ohio

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	95
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	8
Baptized	1
Prayer Services	40
Couples Married	1

REV. EDWARD PERKINS

Oakwood, Va.

REV. C. R. MILLER

Rt. 2, Box 139, Lebanon, Va.

Revivals	4
Conversions Witnessed	35
Baptized	29
Funerals	33
Sermons	54
Amount Received	\$154.90

REV. HOWARD BOSTIC

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

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	65
Revivals	4
Conversions Witnessed	7
Baptized	8
Burials Attended	10
Prayer Services	7
Amount Received	\$400.00

REV. CARL A. NOEL

Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	Undetermined
Revivals	5
Conversions Witnessed	11
Baptized	10
Memorials	2
Amount Received	Undetermined

REV. KYLE BROWN

Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	Asst. Pastor 1
Sermons	38
Conversions Witnessed	3
Baptized	5
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	2

REV. EUGENE MILLER

Box 161, Swords Creek, Va.

Sermons	52
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	8
Baptized	14
Memorials	3
Prayer Services	7

REV. HARLEY DYE

Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	2
Sermons	68
Conversions Witnessed	4
Baptized	3
Burials Attended	8
Couples Married	8
Amount Received	\$2400.00

REV. CLARENCE MILLER

Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	65
Burials Attended	2
Memorials	2
Prayer Services	10
Amount Received	\$300.00

REV. EDWARD DYE

Oakwood, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	51
Revivals	5
Conversions Witnessed	5
Baptized	5
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	1

REV. TRUELL W. BROWN

P. O. Box 700

Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	150
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	12
Baptized	8
Burials Attended	9
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	25

REV. LEONARD E. FARMER

Rt. 2, Box 369, Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	3
Amount Received	\$186.00

REV. DAVID PERKINS

Box 108, Swords Creek, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	71
Revivals	2
Conversions Witnessed	19
Baptized	9
Burials Attended	1
Memorials	4
Prayer Services	23

REV. EARNEST CRABTREE

Honaker, Va.

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons	77
Revivals	1
Conversions Witnessed	2
Baptized	2
Memorials	1
Prayer Services	5
Amount Received	\$200.00

OBITUARIES

ARNOLD GOUGE



In memory of a kind, loving brother, who was born July 28, 1912 and passed away September 10, 1976. He was a member and a deacon of the Pine Grove Freewill Baptist Church.

He was always faithful to his duties, his life was a great light for us. He worked so hard and faithful to help build the new Pine Grove Church. His memory will always linger in the church to us. As we worked, he would say, "I do pray to live to see this church finished." His funeral was the first to be held in the new church.

He talked so wonderfully before his passing. He said he saw many of his loved ones that went before. He called them by their names. He is missed by all that knew him.

Sleep on dear brother, your labor down here will not be in vain,
Down here you suffered many heartaches and pain, we know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his sisters
Desta, Orlena and Eula;
niece Judy and nephew Kelly.

MARVIN RATLIFF



It is with sad and lonely hearts we shall attempt to write the obituary of our beloved husband and father, Marvin Ratliff. He was born March 27, 1909, departing from this life September 24, 1976. He was married to Mable Sanders Ratliff on October 26, 1945. To this union was born three children: Jerry Wesley Ratliff, Linda Potter and Chyrell Baker all of Ash Camp, Ky. He was the son of William and Mazie Senter Ratliff, who preceded him in death. He leaves behind two brothers, Oscar and Thadus Ratliff of Ash Camp; one sister, Gladys Baldrige of Shelby Gap. He also leaves five small grandchildren to miss his presence. We will miss him greatly, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his lonely wife and daughter.

Gladys Ratliff
Linda Potter

HARLAN DEEL

Harlan Deel was born May 22, 1903. His stay on earth was 72 years, 7 months and 16 days. He was married to Alta Edwards on August 8, 1929. To this union was born four children: Ina Lee Rose, Coeburn, Va., Arbutus Yates, Jerlene Ratliff and Nell Fleming of Clintwood, Va. He also left nine grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Emily Jane Thomas, of Nealy Ridge and four half brothers and five half sisters.

He was a kind, loving father and husband. He was a Christian and member of Yates Chapel Church. He will be sadly missed by his many friends and loved ones. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Alta

GLADYS RASNAKE WILSON

I will try and write the obituary of our Mother, Gladys Rasnake Wilson. She was born 1906, departed her stay Jan. 17, 1976. She was the daughter of Rev. Jonas and Mary Rasnake. She married Grover Wilson of Council who preceded her in death July 26, 1967. To this union was born eight boys and eight girls. Eight children preceded them in death. She was loved by everyone that knew her and was a good Christian Mother. She has been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church since she was a young girl.

She was sick for a long time and bore her sickness patiently, always trusting the Lord.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we love is still;
A place is vacant in our home
It can never be filled.

We feel that Mother is resting from her suffering and our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her Daughter-In-Law:
Mae Wilson

CLARENCE COMPTON

Clarence Compton passed away Feb. 4, 1977, at the age of 62. He was born Jan. 7, 1915 and was a lifelong resident of Buchanan County. He lived at Council, Va. all his life. He was a retired farmer, lumberman and miner.

Surviving Clarence are his wife, Gracie Dotson Compton; two sons, Rev. Willie Compton and Ervin Compton of Council, Va.; one sister, Margaret Thompson, Bakersfield, California; and one brother, Aubery Compton, Honaker, Va. He had six grandchildren.

He had a host of friends everywhere.

Even though his death left a vacant place in our hearts, in our church and homes, his presence is still near.

These memories will make us more determined to live on for Christ where we feel he is at rest waiting for us.

By: Gracie Compton, wife
Eula Compton, daughter-in-law



DIXIE MAE SCOTT

With God's help I will try to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Dixie Mae Scott. She was the daughter of Mrs. Florence Mullins Scott and the late George W. Scott. She was married to Grayson (Dock) Scott for 33 years.

She was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for more than twenty years.

She was born Dec. 4, 1919 and died Sept. 4, 1969, making her stay here 49 years and 9 months. She is also survived by a son, Ralph Scott, of Gibsonburg, Ohio; a daughter, Janet Blackburn, of Canada, Ky. and eight grandchildren.

Mother, you are still loved and missed more than words can say, and with God's help we'll see you again some day. Rest in peace.

Your loving daughter,
Janet Blackburn

ROMA VARNEY

Roma McCoy Varney, 73, of McAndrews, Ky. died Oct. 4, 1976, in the Williamson Memorial Hospital, Williamson, W. Va. She was born Aug. 23, 1903, a daughter of the late John B. and Polly McCoy. She was married to Emzy (Zeke) Varney who survives.

She had been a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church since March 8, 1939. She had sung many years for the glory of God. She was a faithful worker until the end.

She is also survived by one son, Jesse Lee Varney, and one brother, Epp McCoy, both of McAndrews.

She is sadly missed by her brothers and sisters in Christ and loved by all who knew her. We feel our loss is her gain.



RANSOM CLINE

Brother Ransom Cline, 67, of Turkey Creek, Ky. died Dec. 21, 1975 at his home following a brief illness. He was born March 23, 1908 in Martin County, Ky., the son of the late Roland and Ibba Fields Cline. He was married to Maxine Sellards Cline who survives. He was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church at the time of his death.

He is survived, in addition to his wife, by 2 daughters, 3 stepsons, 4 brothers and one sister. He was preceded in death by one son. Bro. Cline was a real Christian and is sadly missed by a great number of friends and family. We feel our loss is his gain.



LILLIAN MAE FRANCIS



With a sad and lonely heart, I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear departed wife.

Lillian Mae Francis was born October 13, 1921 and was the daughter of Thomas and Emma Blackburn McGuire.

She gave her life to God and was baptized on May 19th, 1972. She was a member of the Turkey Creek Freewill Baptist Church and was a very dedicated Christian until death.

She died suddenly and many were greatly shocked and grieved at losing such a friend and loved one. But I, her husband, am completely satisfied that our great loss is Heaven's gain and one day, by the grace of God, I'll meet her again.

I could not begin to tell how I feel at her loss; no words can explain so I will end by saying God bless everybody that reads this.

I am going to meet her again someday and we will sing again as she loved to do here in church. My prayer is that I'll meet each and every one of you there.

Written by your brother in Christ
Lacie M. Francis

SIRONEY JANE SULLIVAN



I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Sironey Jane Sullivan, born May 4, 1887, departed this life December 28, 1976. She was married to Melvin Sullivan, who preceded her in death. To this union was born twelve children, seven of whom preceded her in death, five surviving. She is also survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren and a host of friends and loved ones. She was a member of the Blue Springs Baptist Church for approximately 27 years. I feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by Floyd Sullivan, her son with
whom she made her home for several
years before her passing
Sadly missed by all of us.

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 at liberty, out of the number of 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 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 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 or 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 makes 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 re-instated 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 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 one year, 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.
7. Resolution of Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting. To all pastors and churches, as recommended by the ministers' conference in called session with the Yates Chapel Church, October 21, 1950.
 - 1—That all Freewill Baptist using our church houses must hold a card of good standing with their conference or otherwise be in good standing with their Freewill Baptist Conference.
 - 2—That Pastors, Deacons, and Trustees must approve all appointments of non-Freewill Baptist Ministers.
 - 3—All funeral services be excepted from these resolutions.
 - 4—All church clerks are to be notified of these resolutions.
8. The Dickenson County Ministers Conference recommends to the Yearly Meeting that our older ministers, who would be approved by an appointed committee, be given good standing cards for life. (This recommendation was accepted and passed by a vote of 20-2 by the Yearly Meeting, Sept. 11, 1976.)

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.
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 decision 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 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 Meetings.

Article 7. The Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws, not consistent 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 commended 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 another, 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 in 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.

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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:

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