

Minutes

of the

**JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING**

of

Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

62ND SESSION

**Held With
SPLASH DAM
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Haysi, Virginia**

September 7-8, 1984

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1982-1983

Amount brought forward in minutes 1983	\$ 2,753.16
Amount received in letters 1984	
Dickenson County	1,100.00
Pike County.....	600.00
Letcher County.....	522.75
Mid-Ohio	150.00
New Durm	160.00
For Engraving	
Dickenson County	16.00
Pike County.....	22.50
Mid-Ohio	14.00
New Durm	7.00
For Childrens Home	
Mid-Ohio	<u>600.00</u>
Total received in letters	\$ 3,192.75
Total in Treasury	\$ 5,945.91
Expenses for 1983-84	
Childrens Home	\$ 600.00
Clerk	100.00
Minutes and shipping	2,160.00
Total Paid out	<u>2,860.00</u>
Balance in treasury	\$ 3,085.91

The John Thomas Yearly Meeting will convene with the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church at Hellier, Kentucky in Letcher County on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1985 at 11 AM. That will be September 6th and 7th 1985.

Directions to the Alleghany Church: coming from Pikeville, Kentucky—take Rt. 460 to Hellier and turn right on Rt. 195 and go about 6 miles from the mouth of Marrowbone; from the Jenkins area—take 197 down Elkhorn creek and turn left on Rt. 195.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1984

Dickenson County	1600
Oval Hillman, Route 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Virginia 24228	
Phone (703) 835-8395	
Letcher County.....	700
Homer B. Johnson, Box 542, Jenkins, Kentucky 41537	
Pike County.....	650
Rev. Robert Varney, HC 64-330, Pinsonfork, Kentucky 41555	
Phone (606) 353-7704	
New Durm	300
Bernard McGlothlin, Route 1, Box 152, Vansant, Virginia	
Mid-Ohio	75
Rev. Cecil Roger, 217 Paradise Street, Orville, Ohio 44667	<u> </u>
Total Minutes	3325

DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 1984 YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Goldie Fink	Lois Mullins	Virgie Wright
Patty Mullins	Opal Church	Maxie Sluss
Brenda Price	Berelene Brown	Lena Dotson
Charles R. Saunders	Fred Lilly	Feniel Mullins
Freddy J. Turner	Virginia Turner	Joyce Faye Carroll
Trulah Frazier	N.B. Lambert	Judy S. Branham
Steve Wallace	Johnny Branham	Anna Lee Bartley
Tessie Wallace	Ada Willis	Bill Willis
Beverly Wallace	Curtiss Leon Owens	Dorothy Owens
Lloyd Hillman	Kathy Hill	Charles Wayne Stanley
Mrs. I.T. Stallard	Norma Jean Fleming	Dennis Willis
Sharon Willis	Alva Lee Fleming	Thurman Sprales
Inis A. Spriggs	Clint Lambert	Tuil Hay
Gilmer Martin	Agnes Bise	Robert F. Phillips
Roger Stanley	George C. Long	Delman Farmer
Mrs. Deoman Farmer		

DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Oval Hillman	Earet R. Rose	Beecher Long
William Mack Fink	Ira Hay	Wilburn C. Barton

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

I.T. Stallard	B.M. Moore	Ralph R. Rasnick
Lonzo Edwards	Enoch Rose	Billy Darrel Willis
Derwood Yates	Roy C. Vanover	Vester McKinney Jr.
Paul E. Fields	Franklin Hall	Howard Reynolds
Gaylord Spriggs	Jack W. Meade	Carter Boyd
Finas A. Hill	Clayton Hay	Winfred Large
Danny E. Sluss	Bruce Pilkenton	Joe Johnson
Bill Crawford		

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Pat Wayne Whitaker	Shelia Rose	Carl A. Rose
Sarah Trinkle	Russell Whitaker	Sharon Whitaker
Mae Reed	George C. Damron	Barbara Damron
John Shook	Maxine Shook	Arvel Ray Damron

LETCHER COUNTY DEACONS

Milford Craft	James H. Whitaker	Ercel Cantrell
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LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

John C. DePriest	Herman Bates Jr.	William H. Preston
Homer Lee Mullins	Herbert H. Stallard	Ersel McPeck
Charles Gallion	Jerome Bellamy	Lloyd Addington
Randolph R. Gill Jr.		

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Noah Smith	Walker McCoy	Lula Belle Gross
Lovia Kinney	Mildred Varney	Suda Slone
William H. Maynard	Peggy Maynard	Verniece Ratliff
Judith Maynard	Nancy Burgess	Terry Lee May

PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

Joe May	Theron Farmer
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PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Velon E. Burgess	Bobby Varney	Joe Hackney Jr.
Benny F. Slone	Dennis Hinkle	

NEW DURM DELEGATES

Ada Farmer	Willetta Gregory	Helen Harris
Troy Haris	Rachel McGlothlin	Randy Gregory

NEW DURM DEACONS

Brady Farmer	Ronald Johnson	Estel Rax
Johnny Woodward	James F. Phillips	Herbert Whited

NEW DURM MINISTERS

Billie McGlothlin	Kyle Hubbard	Leonard Farmer
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MID-OHIO MINISTERS

Ronnie A. Kendrick	Cecil Rogers
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VISITING MINISTERS

Con Sexton	John R. Burgess	James E. Raper
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OFFICERS

The officers elected to serve for the year 1984-1985 are as follows:

<i>Moderator</i>	Rev. Derwood Yates
<i>Assistant Moderator</i>	Rev. Homer Lee Mullins
<i>Clerk</i>	Rev. Bobby Varney
	HC 64-330 Pinsonfork, Kentucky 41555, Phone (606) 353-7704
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bro. Oval Hillman
	Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Virginia 24228, Phone (703) 835-8395

ORDAINING COUNCILS

DICKENSON COUNTY: Joe Johnson, Enoch Rose, Wythe Salyers—Chairman

LETCHER COUNTY: Darwin Mullins, Herman Bates Jr., Richard Gibson—Chairman

PIKE COUNTY: Bennie F. Slone, Bobby Varney, Homer Adkins—Chairman

NEW DURM: Edward Dye, Claude Rose, Leonard Farmer—Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON COUNTY: N.B. Lambert, O.T. Smith, Earet Rose, Earnest Sexton, Derwood Yates.

LETCHER COUNTY: Lester Boggs, Earl Smith, Milford Craft—Chairman

PIKE COUNTY: Bennie F. Slone, Robey (Buddy) Kendrick, Bobby Varney—Chairman

NEW DURM: Elbert Rasnake, Virgil Childress, Frazier Hale Jess Shell, Brady Farmer—Chairman, Cleve Dye, John Ray.

MID-OHIO: Raymond Stanley, Frank Tyree, Dorman Ixos—Chairman

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 A.M.

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist met and convened with the Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church at Haysi, Virginia on Friday, September 7, 1984.

Rev. Carter Boyd, the pastor, took charge of the devotions with the congregation singing "The Dearest Friend I Ever Had." He gave a hearty welcome to the visiting Brothers and Sisters from the different conferences.

Rev. Homer Lee Mullins led in prayer and then we had some special singing by some of the Sisters of the church at Splash Dam. Brother Earet Rose sang, and then Sister Hattie Mullins sang. Rev. Carter Boyd came forward to bring the morning message. He read Joshua 1st chapter, verse 1-11 for a scripture and brought a real inspiring message on obedience.

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and passed the right hand of fellowship.

The benediction and blessing over the food was asked by Brother Alonzo Edwards.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:15 P.M.

After a delicious meal that was prepared by the ladies of the church, the yearly meeting met back at 1:15 with the congregation singing "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All." Rev. Derwood Yates, the moderator, was in charge of the devotions. Prayer was led by Brother Leonard Farmer. Rev. Yates read a scripture from Romans 8 verses 1-14 to open the yearly meeting for business. The first item of business was the electing of a moderator to serve for the coming year. Rev. Derwood Yates was nominated and there were no other nominations, so Rev. Yates was elected to serve as moderator for another year. Conference gave Brother Yates the power to appoint all necessary committees. He chose Rev. Homer Lee Mullins to be the assistant moderator.

The committees appointed are as follows:

Pulpit Committee

Bro. George Wallace

Bro. Milford Craft

Bro. Brady Farmer

Audit Committee

Rev. Benny F. Slone

Rev. Johnny Branham

Rev. Leonard Farmer

By motion made and voted upon, the offices of clerk and treasurer will remain the same as before—Clerk, Rev. Bobby Varney and Treasurer, Brother Oval Hillman.

The clerk distributed enrollment cards to be filled out by the ministers, deacons and delegates in attendance.

Motion made and seconded and passed by vote of association that the minutes of last year's meeting would be accepted as printed in the minute books and that the clerk would not be required to read them today.

The Pulpit committee reported that Rev. Don Sexton would bring the afternoon message and that prayer would be led by Brother Buddy Yates.

Rev. Don Burgess gave a report from the Virginia State Association, saying that their work was progressing quite well and wished our association well. A motion was made by Rev. B.M. Moore and seconded by Brother Alonzo Edwards to accept his report, and that he be seated with us in our meeting. Motion carried by vote of association.

Rev. Don Sexton gave a report on the Tennessee State Association and from the missionaries. He reported that we now have a total of 110 missionaries on the field. Rev. B.M. Moore made a motion and Brother Alonzo Edwards seconded it to receive his report. Motion passed by vote of conference.

Rev. Bobby Varney gave a report concerning Brother John and Sister Panzy Murray in France. He had talked to him and said that his work was doing fine and that the church was growing. His report was accepted as given.

The Audit committee reported that the treasurer's books were found to be in order. Motion made by Rev. Homer Lee Mullin and seconded by Brother Alonzo Edwards to accept their report. Motion passed by vote of aye.

We had some special singing by different groups of singers.

Motion made and carried to adjourn from business until Saturday Morning at 9:30 and that there would be no Friday night service this year. Prayer was led by Brother Buddy Yates, and Brother Sexton came forward and read Romans 8 verse 18 and 1st Kings chapter 17. He brought a wonderful message of inspiration to the Christians concerning faith.

The congregation sang and passed the right hand of fellowship. The benediction was asked by Brother Ralph Rasnick.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30

The moderator, Rev. Derwood Yates took charge of the Association by asking Rev. Carter Boyd to conduct the devotions. Congregation sang "When I See the Blood" and prayer was led by Brother Jack Meade. The moderator read from the 16th chapter of St. John for a scripture to open the Saturday morning session of the yearly meeting for business.

The clerk passed out enrollment cards to ministers, deacons and delegates that had not registered on Friday. The clerk then came forth to read the letters from the sister conferences; Letcher County, Pike County, Dickenson County, New Durm and Mid-Ohio all reported. Hamilton County failed to get their letter in and it will be laid over until next year. Brother Earet Rose made motion and Brother Brady Farmer seconded it to accept all letters as read except business which was to be discussed. (The letters follow on page 7.)

The pulpit committee reported Rev. Howard Reynolds bring morning message and that Rev. Bobby Varney and Rev. Homer Lee Mullins bring the afternoon message.

This bringing our business session to a close, motion made by Rev. Roy C. Vanover, seconded by Rev. Velon Burgess and passed by vote to adjourn until next appointed time unless called together for a special session. The Congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and prayer was offered by Rev. Kyle Hubbard.

Rev. Reynolds came forward and read from 1st John Chapter 3 verses 1-10 for a scripture text "Behold what manner of Love" brought a wonderful message seasoned with the Holy Spirit. Congregation sang and passed hand of fellowship. Dismissed by Brother Earet Rose.

By move, second and vote of the yearly meeting, this section of Article of The Ministry in our minute books had been left out by a typographical error in the minute book of 1945, and that we should put it back in the book to read as follows ARTICLE 6: If the charges be against an ordained Minister, then the yearly meeting shall report to or call the ordaining council together and they shall try the case and their decision shall be final. Motion was made by Brother Clayton Hay and seconded by Brother Brady Farmer and carried by vote of the association.

After much discussion on the resolution presented by the Dickenson County conference that in the minute book under Organization of a Church #2, should read that all churches have male members to fill all offices except, Clerk and Treasurer. Motion made by Rev. Ronnie Kendrick and seconded by Brother Joe May to insert this in the minutes, carried by vote of association.

The resolution presented by Rev. Homer Lee Mullins in 1983, that no minister belonging to another conference could pastor one of our churches. After much discussion on this matter it was voted upon and failed to pass. Then Rev. Homer Lee Mullins made the motion for a minister to pastor one of our churches, he must belong to the John Thomas Association; seconded by Billy Darrell Willis, carried by vote of aye.

Motion made by Rev. Homer Lee Mullins, seconded by Rev. Joe Johnson to adjourn this association until the Friday before the second Sunday in September 1985, which will be September 6th and 7th 1985. We will convene with the Alleghany Freewill Baptist Church in Letcher County.

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

After the Yearly meeting of The John-Thomas Association was adjourned, we moved on into the ministers conference at the morning session so all of the afternoon could be used for the worship service.

Motion made by Rev. Bennie F. Slone and seconded by Rev. Homer Lee Mullins to retain all officers of the yearly meeting to serve the ministers conference motion carried by vote of conference.

The clerk read the letters from Letcher County, Pike County, Dickenson County, New Durm and Mid-Ohio ministers conferences. Hamilton County failed to get their letter here to get accounted for. Motion made and seconded to accept all letters as read and to lay Hamilton County's letter over until 1985. (The letters follow on page 17.)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30

Met back on due time with congregation singing "I'll Not Be a Stranger." Rev. James. E. Raper from the Freewill Baptist Children's Home, Greenville, Tennes-

see was asked to give a report on the Children's Home. He gave his report and said they appreciated our help and asked that we continue to support them. He brought seven of the boys from the home with him and introduced each of them. Special song and a love offering was lifted from the congregation of \$229.51 for the Children's Home.

Rev. Franklin Hall gave a report on Camp Jacob, reporting that they will have their dedication service on October 5, 1984. He reported it is a Christian camp and everyone is welcome to visit it and look it over. Motion made and carried to accept his report.

Special song and then prayer was led by Rev. Benny Slone. Rev. Varney came forward reading from Nehemiah 6 verse 3 using for a test "I am doing a great work and therefore, cannot come down," brought a very inspiring message; being followed by Rev. Homer Lee Mullins using the same subject, brought a wonderful message. Congregational song and handshake. Dismissed by Brother O.T. Smith.

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Yearly meeting when convened with Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church at Haysi, Virginia on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference, while convened with Ferbie Chapel Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Brother Joe Johnson

Assistant Moderator

Brother Clayton Hay

Treasurers

Orphan Home - Sister Beverly Wallace

Quarterly Meeting - Sister Patty Mullins

Emergency Fund - Donald Elkins

Executive Committee

Bro. Earet Rose

Bro. N. B. Lambert

Bro. O. T. Smith

Donald Elkins

Derwood Yates

Clerks

Lloyd Hillman

Alva Lee Fleming

Oval Hillman

Ordaining Council

Bro. Wythe Salyers Chairman

Bro. Joe Johnson

Bro. Enoch Rose

Conference voted to order 1600 minutes. Amount enclosed for minutes is \$1100.00.

Statistics

Churches — 39

Church Membership — 2591

Sunday Schools — 34

Sunday School Enrollment — 1927

Ministers — 110

Women's Auxiliaries — 10

The following are Delegates from our churches:

BEAR WALLOW FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastors Rev. J. T. Hartsock, Rev. Glen Hale. Delegates: Magdalene Dishman and Lona Powers.

BUFFALO CREEK FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Alfred L. Kiesling. Delegates: Bro. Jimmy Lothery, Bro. Bob Bailey, Bro. Billy Marshall, Bro. David Sutherland, Sister Betty Lothery, Sister Malvie Bailey.

BURKE FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Jerry W. Mullins, Delegates: Jerry Mullins.

COUNTS CHAPEL — Pastor Rev. Carl Rose. Delegates: Sister Annabelle Puckett, Sister Selma Sloan and Sister Trecia Rasnick.

CLINCHCO FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Lee Rose. Delegates: Bro. James and Sister Patricia Holbrook, Sister Marie McCarty and Bro. Johnny and Sister Shirley Turner.

CASTLEWOOD COMMUNITY CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Howard Reynolds. Delegates: Sister Myrtle Milton and Sister Mae Million.

DUNCAN GAP FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Tommy Large. Delegates: Anna Collins, Dora Issacs, Emma Large, Destie Large and Georgia Mullins.

DAVIS CHAPEL — Pastors Rev. Ted Mullins and Rev. Jack Slemp. Delegates: Sister Martha Dotson, Sister Lynn Corder and Sister Shirley Slemp.

DYERS CHAPEL CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Joe Johnson. Delegates: Bro. Charles Sutherland, Sisters Margaret Sutherland, Prudy Marshall and Faye Kiser.

FERBIE CHAPEL — Pastor Rev. Sam Slemp. Delegates: David Stidham, Tresea Stidham, Charolotte Meade, Mary Gentry and Artie Gentry.

THE FLEMINGTOWN FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. David McPeak. Delegates: Bro. Donnie Tipton, Sister Kaye Tipton, Bro. Joe Baldwin, Sister Brenda Baldwin, Bro. Tommy Surratt and Sister Mildred Surratt.

FREMONT FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Gobel Rose. Delegates: Sister Shirley Harris, Sister Emma Smith and Sister Cheryl Clay.

FRYING PAN FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Hie A. Mullins. Delegates: Sister Nell Owens, Sister Jackie Rasnick and Sister Kathy Powers.

GEORGES FORK FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Manie Strouth. Delegates: Sister Eva Stapleton, Sister Doris Mullins and Sister Virgie Kennedy.

GLADY FORK CHAPEL — Pastor Rev. Wayne Mullins. Delegates: Sister Vivian Stallard, Bro. C. H. Kelly, Sister Opal Church and Bro. Robert Stallard.

HILLRIDGE FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Wayne Keith. Delegates: Bro. Dennis Willis, Bro. Ben Poenski, Sister Sharon Willis and Sister Norma Jean Fleming.

HONEY CAMP FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastors, Rev. David Mullins and Rev. Ayers Kenney. Delegates: Rita Moore, Audrey Rose and Gerald Rose.

HUBBARD CHAPEL — Pastors Rev. Charles Baker and Rev. Edison Boggs. Delegates: Viola Boggs, Glenneta Stanley, Lillian Hubbard, Woodrow Boggs and Jess Slemp.

LICK CREEK CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Clyde Hay. Delegates: Sister Dorothy Cochran, Sister Brenda Rose, Sister Ivil Hay, Sister Joyce Grizzle and Sister Ruby Hay.

LICK FORK CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Terry Price. Delegates: Bro. Rufus Horton, Bro. Danny Powers, Sister Lizzie Birchfield, Sister Emma Browning, Sister Brenda Price, Sister Berlene Brown, Sister Lena Dotson and Julia Powers.

LIGHTHOUSE FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Joseph Steele. Delegates: Daisy McCoy, Clarabelle McCoy, Carl Ellis, Dema McCoy and Bertie McCoy.

MARTIN CHAPEL — Pastor Rev. Finas Hill. Delegates: Sister Gay Martin, Bro. Gilmer Martin and Bro. Bob Phillips.

MEADE CHAPEL CHURCH — Pastors Rev. Lloyd Rose, Rev. Jack Meade. Delegates: Sister Brenda Rose.

MIDDLE BRANCH CHURCH — Pastors Rev. Joe Johnson, Rev. Vester McKinney, Jr. Delegates: Sister Virginia Holbrook, Sister Avis Sutherland and Sister Catherine Calo.

MILLS CHAPEL FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Dwane Cooper. Delegates: Thurman Sproles, Marie Hileman and Bannie Sexton.

MILL CREEK CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Glen Hale. Delegates: Bro. and Sister Ellis Adkins and Bro. Charles Saunders.

PHILLIPS CHAPEL CHURCH — Pastor Rev. B. M. Moore. Delegates: Kenneth Johnson, Wilma Johnson and Mildred Long.

PINE GROVE CHURCH — Pastors Rev. Quinten Keith and Rev. Mack Mullins. Delegates: Orlena Hamilton, David Hill, Raymond Hamilton, and Loretta Hamilton.

PEUTHER CHAPEL CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Joe Glenn Sluss. Delegates: Bro. Franklin Mullins and Bro. Johnny Mullins.

PINE CREEK CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Franklin Hall. Delegates: Robbie and Tammy Hays, Joann Hall, Sue Mullins and Margie Kelley.

PYLES MEMORIAL CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Lester Hampton. Delegates: Bro. Tret Mullins, Randall Baker, Roger Mullins, Sister Goldie Mullins, Ruby Perkins, Wilma Mullins, Joyce Mullins, Lois Hampton and Edell Mullins.

RACHEL CHAPEL CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Arvil Rose, Jr. Delegates: Bro. Avery Rose and Sister Arlena Mullins.

RAMSEY RIDGE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH — Pastor Rev. Vester McKinney, Sr. Delegates: Sister Lura McKinney, Viola Wright and Judy McKinney.

RUGSBY BAPTIST CHURCH — Pastors Rev. Enoch M. Rose, Rev. Maston Rose and Rev. Arnold Rose. Delegates: Bro. Harold Mullins, Bro. Oak Mullins, Sister Pearl Fogleman and Sister Barbara Rose.

SPLASHDAM FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastors Rev. Carter Boyd and Rev. Danny E. Sluss. Delegates: Sister Anna Lee Bartley, Sister Maxie Sluss, Sister Sonja McCowan, Sister Tessie Wallace, Sister Dorothy Owens, Sister Virgie Wright, Sister Ada Willis, Sister Virginia Turner, Bro. Steve Wallace, Bro. Leon Owens and Bro. Bill Willis.

STRAIGHT HOLLOW FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Harry Whitaker. Delegates: Bro. Darnell Keith, Sister Sherl Keith, Sister Dell James, and Sister Wanda Osborne.

TARPON FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Glenn Sykes. Delegates: Sister Joyce Carroll, Sister Trula Frazier.

VALLEY VIEW FREEWILL BAPTIST — Pastor Rev. Derwood Yates. Delegates: Bro. Johnny Branham, Bro. Fred Lilly, Bro. Tolby Mooney, Bro. Ivory Hill, Sister Judy Branham, Bro. Freel Mullins, Sister Ada Dixon, Sister Agnes Mooney and Sister Ruth Erwin.

YATES CHAPEL — Pastor Rev. Wythe Salyers. Delegates: Sister Patty Mullins, Sister Iretta Salyers, Sister Pam Fletcher, Sister Agnes Bise, Sister Faye Stanley, Bro. Franklin Stanley and Bro. Wayne Stanley.

THE MINISTRY

Concerning the last part of article 6 *Reinsert*, the following to the last part of article 6 which has been left out after 1944 was not voted out, which is as follows: If the charges are against an ordained minister, then the Quarterly Meeting shall report to, or call the ordaining council together, and they shall try the case, and their decision shall be final.

Also a letter of Resolution enclosed to be read and discussed.

Done by order of the Dickenson County Conference while in session with Ferbie Chapel Church, July 20 and 21, 1984.

Moderator—Joe Johnson

Assistant Moderator—Clayton Hay

Clerks—Lloyd Hillman, Alva Lee Fleming and Oval Hillman

FREEWILL BAPTIST
Children's Home Offerings . . . Dickenson County Conference

	July 1983	Oct. 1983	Jan. 1984	April 1984	Total
Bear Wallow	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Burke	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Castlewood	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Clinchco	48.63	45.20	48.25	57.70	199.78
Counts Chapel	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Davis Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Duncan Gap	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Dyer's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Ferbie's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Flemingtown	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Fremont	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Frying Pan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
George's Fork	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Gladly Fork	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Hill Ridge	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Honey Camp	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Hubbard Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Lick Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Lick Fork	200.00	190.00	780.00	400.00	1,570.00
Light House	20.00	10.00	15.00	10.00	55.00
Martin's Chapel	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Meade's Chapel	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	240.00
Middle Branch	38.00	50.00	30.00	35.00	153.00
Mill Creek	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Mill's Chapel	399.73	271.09	308.29	282.31	1,261.42
Peuther Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Phillip's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Pine Creek	56.09	54.37	50.00	72.64	233.10
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
Rachael Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	39.00	114.00
Ramsey Ridge	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Buffalo	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Rugsby	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	140.00
Splash Dam	138.96	231.11	231.94	247.46	849.47
Straight Hollow	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Tarpon	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Valley View	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	320.00
Yates Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
TOTAL	2,001.41	1,951.77	2563.48	2,219.11	8,735.77

SPECIAL OFFERINGS: In memory of Verdie Yates \$1,000.00.

To the John Thomas Yearly Meeting, while in session with Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church September 7, 1984.

We the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference recommend to the Yearly Meeting that Article #2 of "The Organization Of A Church" be amended to read thus:

There shall be male members enough to fill the public offices in the church, excepting the offices of clerks and treasurers.

Done by order of Dickenson County Quarterly Conference while in session with Ferbie Chapel, July 21, 1984.

LETCHER COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Yearly Meeting while convened with Splash Dam Free-will Baptist Church at Haysi, Virginia on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1984 at 11:00.

The Letcher County Delegate Conference convened with Haymond Church at Cromona, Ky., August 25, 1984.

The conference began with Bro. Herman Bates Jr. leading the congregation in singing "Send the Light." The clerk welcomed everyone on behalf of the church. The scripture lesson was read from James chapter 5 verses 7 and 8. Prayer requests were received. Brothers and sisters came to the altar with Bro. Dean Fields leading in prayer.

The conference was declared open for such business that might come before it. Being without a moderator the floor was opened for nominations. Nominations were made. Bro. Homer Lee Mullins was elected moderator and appointed Bro. Ova Land as his assistant. Bro. Earl Smith made a motion to give the moderator power to appoint all necessary committees. Motion seconded by vote of "Aye."

Committees appointed or were standing committees were:

Pulpit Committee

Russel Boggs

Eldred Hayes

James H. Whitaker

Arbitration Committee

Arnold Noles—Chairman

Clyde Damron

Lloyd Addington

Executive Committee

Milford Craft—Chairman

Lester Boggs

Earl Smith

Ordination Committee

Richard Gibson—Chairman

Herman Bates Jr.

Darwin Millins

Visiting ministers included:

—Bro. Roy Vanover, Bro. Lester Ross and Bro. Bill Crawford from the Dickenson County Conference.

—Bro. Hobert Addington from the West Wise Conference.

Bro. Richard Mullins was a visiting deacon.

The minutes of the previous conference were read. Motion to receive was made by Bro. Dean Fields and seconded by Bro. Ersel McPeek.

Delegates to visit other conferences:

Dickenson County Conference

—Bro. John C. Depriest

—Bro. Herman Bates Jr.

West Wise County Conference

—Bro. Milford Craft

The moderator appointed Bro. Gordon Damron to give the Sunday School talk and Bro. Lloyd Addington to give the Temperance talk. Both talks were well received. Bro. Ova Land made a motion to accept talks and was seconded by Bro. Eldred Hayes.

The Pulpit Committee reported that:

1. 11:00 o'clock message would be given by Bro. Hobert Addington.

Message well received by all.

2. Night service by Bro. Carl Coleman and Bro. Richard Gibson.

3. Sunday service by Bro. Ova Land.

Motion for adjournment was made by Bro. John Depriest until the evening session and was seconded by Bro. Dean Fields. Bro. Roy Vancouver gave the dismissal and asked a blessing over the food.

The evening session began with Sister Lillie Thompson singing for us. Everyone enjoyed Shane and Shannon, two little singers from Pine Chapel Church. We thank the Pine Chapel singers who sang for us in the morning session. We all enjoyed Bro. Darwin Mullins song.

After Prayer the moderator asked for the reading of the minutes. Twenty three churches reported. Bro. Ersel McPeek made a motion to receive all letters and motion was seconded by Bro. Richard Gibson.

Service turned over to Ordination Committee for ordination of Bro. Gordon Damron from Alleghany Church, Bro. Rodney Mullins from Thornton Church and Bro. Dennis Mullins from Thornton Church. The Prayer giver by Bro. Darwin Mullins, charge given by Bro. Herman Bates Jr., and the Bible presented by Bro. Richard Gibson.

The Executive Committee reported that:

- 1. \$500.00 be given to Poorbottom toward building of church.
- 2. \$100.00 be sent to Bro. David Callihan's widow
- 3. \$100.00 be sent to Bro. Robert C. Dixon's widow
- 4. That the next conference convene with Hemphill in November.

Motion for adjournment made by Bro. Dean Fields and seconded by Bro. Darwin Mullins

Moderator — Bro. Homer Lee Mullins
Assistant Moderator — Bro. Ova Land
Clerk — Homer B. Johnson

Please send 700 minutes.

Moderator
Homer Lee Mullins
Ashcamp, Ky. 41512
Clerk
Homer B. Johnson
P.O. Box 542
Jenkins, Ky. 41537

Statistics	
No. of Churches	23
Church Membership	2091
Ordained Ministers	91
Licensed Ministers	14
Membership Fees	\$522.75

Yearly Meeting Place and Date:
Splash Dam Freewill Baptist
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List of Delegates

Sharon Bolden	Faye Tackett	Sonny Miracle
Osie Bolden	Grover Tackett	Gordon Damron
Margaret Bolden	Luemmie Johnson	Carl Coleman
Tomothy E. Martin	Russell Whitaker	Lonzie Williams
Ladonna Martin	Sharon Whitaker	Grover Bolden
Trisha Gurley	Dorthy Conley	Kalton Robinette
Jo Ann Lark	Willie Ann Hall	Janice Potter

Delegates to Quarterly Meeting Conference

Augustine Wright	Ada Mullins	Alice Hall
Bill Hall	Roman Tackett	Margaret Tackett
Gary Hamilton	Mrs. Gary Hamilton	Peggy Miracle
Kathy Hamilton	Paul Hamilton	Myrtle Venters
Teddy Tackett	Raymond Fegley	Flora Fegley
Tina Fields	Joann Fields	Tresa Maggard
Geraldine Boggs	Pam Maggard	Ann Williams
Rebecca Mullins	Shelly Mullins	John D. Shook
Maxine Shook	Gwen Gilson	William E. Gilson
Kernie Stewart	Arvil Ray Damron	George Damron
Jimmy Moore	Jerome Bellemy	Tommy Tackett
Ersel McPeek	Ray Phipps	Brenda Crum
Julia Phipps	Dolly Hylton	Madge Francisco
Louella Swiney	Ann Leigh Boggs	Russel Boggs
Dewey Reed	Mae Reed	Pat Whitaker
Shelia Rose	Sarah Trinkle	Irene Gilliam
Pearl Mann	Alpha Taylor	Anna Lee Davis
Edgar Wilson	David Maggard	Donald R. Maggard
Violet Mullins	Beulah Potter	Robert Potter
Chester Boggs	Alan Maggard	Veldia Maggard
Andy Maggard	Martha Adams	Henritta Frazier

84 Delegates

Quarterly Funds and Financial Report

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$ 587.25
Foreign Mission	110.00
Home Mission	225.00
Orphanage	335.00
Camp Caleb	55.00
Conley's	75.00
Furgerson's	10.00
Total Funds	\$1397.25
 Cash, checks and money orders in letters	 \$1397.25
Conference donation	98.85
Total conference moneys	\$1496.10
 Actual of all Moneys.	
Checks	\$1178.75
Cash	218.50
Money Orders	60.00
	\$1457.25
Conference Donation	98.85
Total of all moneys	\$1556.10
 Difference or surplus of	 \$60.00

EXPENSES

Poorbottom Church	\$500.00
Deceased Brothers	200.00
Home Mission	250.00
Clerical expenses.....	25.00
Dues to Association	<u>522.75</u>
Total	\$1497.75

Clerk—Homer B. Johnson

Treasurer—Curtis L. Ison

Done by order of the Letcher County Conference on the 25th day of August, 1984.

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist when it convenes with the Splash Dam Church at Haysi, Virginia September 7 and 8th 1984.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference convened with the Bluespring Church, Ransom, Kentucky, August 25, 1984, with Rev. Jimmy Skeens Moderator, in charge of devotions. Congregation sang "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" and prayer was led by Rev. Frank Bryant. Rev. Skeens opened the conference by reading a scripture from 2nd chapter of Titus. Rev. Morgan Chapman was elected by majority vote to serve as moderator for the next three months.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Pulpit:

Floyd Sullivan

Jimmie Coleman

Eddie Abbot

Business:

Rev. Joe Hackney

Rev. Gerri Reynolds

Rev. Emory Varney

Finance:

Anthony Charles

Jonah Scott

William Maynard

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Homer Adkins

Rev. Benny Slone

Rev. Robert Varney

Brother Charles Damron was appointed to assist clerk in reading of letters.

The clerk read minutes of previous meeting and the treasurer gave his report, both were accepted as read. Roll call of ministers by the clerk, 23 were present.

Finance Committee asked for love offering from congregation, received \$160.14. The blessing was asked by Rev. Bobby Bowman over the offering. Rev. King brought the morning message. Dismissed by Rev. Ronald Coleman until 2 P.M.

Conference called to order by Rev. Morgan Chapman, reading 5th chapter of Ephesians verse 1 and 2, congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and prayer by Brother Chapman. Moderator then gave a report concerning the item of business concerning the issue of whether or not Bible stories would be discontinued in the schools. Motion made for Brother Morgan Chapman to deliver a letter stating our position in the issue. This was Pikeville Independent School System.

Business Committee reported five churches asked for next conference, granted to Octavia. Resolution #1—presented by business committee that the treasurer's salary be raised to \$25.00 per quarter, resolution carried. Resolution #2—That no minister be allowed to hold more than one office with the exception of the moderator. After much discussion resolution failed to carry.

Ordaining Council reported that Bro. Dallas Ratliff be returned to the church to exort for 12 months. Bro. Emory "Butch" Williamson was found qualified to be ordained into the ministry. Rev. Benny Slone prayed the Ordination prayer, Rev. Bobby Varney gave the charge, and Rev. Homer Adkins presented the Bible.

Rev. Bobby Varney's time was expired on ordaining council and was reelected for three years.

Motion tabled for electing clerk and treasurer at next conference.

Motion made and carried to prepare letter to John Thomas Association, and to send \$600.00. Delegates were enrolled to go to yearly meeting.

Motion to adjourn from business. Special songs were by the Owsley singers. Rev. John C. Hatfield brought the message reading from Romans 6, 8th verse. Congregation sang and passed the hand of fellowship. Dismissed by Rev. Curtiss Wellman.

Moderator

Rev. Morgan Chapman

Clerk

Rev. Robert Varney

Statistics

No. of Churches.....	20
Church Membership.....	1930
Ordained Ministers.....	79
Licensed Ministers	15
Membership Fees	\$600.00
Engraving	\$22.50

We are requesting 650 minutes.

For the year 1984 we have sent:

Freewill Baptist Children's Home, Greenville, Tennessee — \$2,218.74

Bro. John Murray — \$1,025.00

Dessie Scott Children's Home, Pine Ridge, Kentucky — \$115.00

Bro. Ledgel Ferguson — \$545.00

Delegates (and their churches)

Walker McCoy, Leckieville

Joe May, Edo

Noah Smith, Leckieville

James Stump, Edo

Lula B. Gross, Grassy

Opal Stump, Edo

Anna Kinny, Grassy

Terry Chapman, Bluespring

Jennifer Stump, Edo

Terry May, Edo

Dixie Leedy, Octavia

Bernice Auxier, Octavia

Thurman Farmer, Edo

Hester Farmer, Edo

Mildred Varney, Octavia

Suda Slone, Owsley

Nancy Burgess, Owsley

Kathy Ball, Belfry

Danny Boyd, Owsley

Sue Boyd, Owsley

Judy Maynard, Owsley

William Maynard, Owsley

Vernice Ratliff, Owsley

Betty Jo McQuire, Edo

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference, August 25, 1984.

NEW DURM COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Harley Dye
Rt. 1, Box 293
Swords Creek, Virginia 24649

Clerk

Bernard L. McGlothlin
Rt. 1, Box 152
Vansant, Virginia 24656

List of Delegates

Bro. Brady Farmer
Sister Ada Farmer
Bro. Virgil Childress
Sister Ocie Childress
Bro. Troy Harris
Sister Helen Harris
Bro. Randolph Gregory
Bro. Billie McGlothlin
Sister Rachel McGlothlin
Bro. Harley Dye
Bro. Herbert Whited

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church
September 7, 1984

Statistics

No. of Churches	11
Church Membership	642
Ordained Ministers	29
Licensed Ministers	6
Membership Fees	\$160.50
Engraving	\$7.00

Done by order of the New Durm Conference on the 11th day of August, 1984.

MID OHIO QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
4022 21st St. S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706

Clerk

Rev. Cecil Rogers
217 E. Paradise St.
Orrville, Ohio 44667

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church
Haysi, Virginia
September 7, 1984

List of Delegates

Rev. Cecil Rogers
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

Statistics

No. of Churches	2
Church Membership	84
Ordained Ministers	8
Licensed Ministers	0
Membership Fees	\$150.00
Engraving	\$14.00

Also enclosed is a check of \$600.00
for the Orphanage.

We request 75 minutes.

Done by order of the Mid Ohio Quarterly Conference on the 11th day of August, 1984.

In regards to The Country Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Blooming Grove, Ohio. The church presented A letter to the Mid Ohio Conference on February 11, 1984 requesting A letter in good standing to withdraw from this conference and to reunite with A conference in the National Association of Freewill Baptist.

Conference voted to grant letter when the church has properly united with another conference and upon receiving A letter from the conference requesting such letter. No letter has been requested from any conference as of yet.

Moderator — Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Frank Tyree

Clerk — Rev. Cecil Rogers

Letters from Ministers Conference, September 1984

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Our ministers conference was with Ferbie Chapel at Pound on July 19, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Brother Sam Slemp, pastor, who also welcomed the conference. A song was led by Brother Denton Boggs. Brother Donnie Elkins led the prayer.

The conference elected Brother Joe Johnson moderator, and Brother B. M. (Senny) Moore was appointed assistant. The minutes were read and approved, and those present registered—a total of 74 ministers, deacons, and visitors. Brothers Darrell R. Boggs, Joey Knowles, Lester Robinson, Carter Boyd, and Paul Fields reported by letter. Brother Glynn Hale was re-instated, and Brother Willie R. Mullins joined the conference.

Brother Roy Vanover, conference clerk for many years, requested that someone else be elected clerk for the coming year. On a motion by Brother Clayton Hay and seconded, Brother Ralph R. Rasnick, Box 15, Norton, Virginia was elected.

Brothers Wythe Salyers, Joe Johnson, and Enoch Rose were re-elected to the ordaining council. Brothers Salyers, Derwood Yates, and Frank Hall were re-elected to the committee on lifetime cards.

Considerable discussion was held on re-instating ministers who have been dropped from the conference.

Brother Enoch Rose began speaking at 8:25 on duties of pastors and deacons. He closed at 9:15. Before adjourning, the right hand of fellowship was given to Brothers Hale and Mullins and to each other.

P.S. We now have 113 active ministers in the conference. Five hold lifetime cards for a total of 118. Four more, Brothers Verlin Deel, Jr., George A. Cheruk, Lester C. Mullins, and Clifford Phipps were recently ordained but have not joined the conference. We ordained 12, dismissed three, and one quit. Four of our old saints went home this past year—Brothers Homer Barrett, Alva Dingus, Early Rose, and James D. Shortt.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Charles Baker	Rt. 2, Box 350, Pound, Va. 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Luther Belcher, Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 139-B, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Troy Belcher	Rt. 2, Box 184, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Darrell Boggs	Rt. 2, Box 246, Pound, Va. 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Edison Boggs	P.O. Box 5, Pound, Va. 24279	Davis Chapel
Carter Boyd	Rt 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Hill Ridge
Freddy Boyd	Box 183, Clinchco, Va. 24226	Tarpon
Robert Cantrell	Rt. 2, Box 449, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Duncan Gap

Alden Carico	Rt. 3, Box 161, Gallipolis, Oh. 45631	Pine Creek
Emory Cook	Box 321, Dante, Va. 24237	Phillips Chapel
Dwane Cooper	Rt. Box 677, Dante, Va. 24237	Martins Chapel
Tennie B. Crabtree	Rt. 1, Box 90-A, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Georges Fork
Bill Crawford	P.O. Box 393, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Paul DeLoach	Rt. 1, Box 130, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Ralph Dingus	Gen. Delivery, Clinchco, Va. 24226	Tarpon
Lonzo Edwards	Rt. 3, Box 346, Abingdon, Va. 24210	Yates Chapel
Paul Fields	821 Wildwood Dr., Broosville, Fl. 33512	Peuther Chapel
Glynn Hale	Dante, Va. 24237	Bear Wallow
Franklin Hall	Rt. 2, Box 310-D, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
Lester Hampton	Rt. 1, Box 33, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
J. T. Hartsock	Rt. 1, Castlewood, Va. 24224	Phillips Chapel
Clayton Hay	Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Yates Chapel
Clyde Hay	Box 341, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Lick Creek
Finas Hill	Rt. 1, Box 156, Haysi, Va. 24256	Splash Dam
Doyle Hobbs	Box 193, Castlewood, Va. 24224	Mills Chapel
James Hobbs	1711 Central Ave., Elizabethton, Tn. 37643	Rugsby
Wiley Horne	Box 1394, Wise, Va. 24293	Duncan Gap
Jack Johnson	Box 1044, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Joe Johnson	Rt. 4, Box 223, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Middle Branch
Harold Wayne Keith	Rt. 2, Box 336, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachels Chapel
Quinton Keith	Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachels Chapel
Ayers Kennedy	Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
Alfred L. Kiesling	Rt. 4, Box 267, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Meade Chapel
Joey Knowles	Rt. 2, Box 275-A, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Lick Creek
Tommy Large	Rt. 1, Box 152, Wise, Va. 24293	Duncan Gap
Winfred Large	Rt. 1, Box 379, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Tarpon
Garcia B. Layne	Rt. 2, Box 445, Coeburn, Va. 24230	
Hollis Layne	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Duncan Gap
Vester McKinney, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 524, Clinchco, Va. 24226	Ramsey Ridge
Davis P. McPeck	Rt. 3, Box 199-A, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
Jack W. Meade	Rt. 4, Box 176-A, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Meade Chapel
James D. Meade	Rt. 4, Box 176-AA, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Meade Chapel
B. M. Moore	Rt. 1, Box 31, Nora, Va. 24272	Dyers Chapel
Delman D. Moore	Rt. 3, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
Kermit Moore	P.O. Box A-21, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Bill Mack Mullins	Box 271, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
Bobby Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 287-B, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Honey Camp
C. Clifford Mullins	Box 345, Chantilly, VA. 22021	Burk
David L. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 118-C, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
Donald D. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 512-C, Stafford, Va. 22554	Burk
Donnie Joe Mullins	116 7th St. N.E., Norton, Va. 24273	Duncan Gap
Earlest Mullins	7140 Barry Road, Alexandria, Va. 22310	Burk
Hie A. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Frying Pan
Jerry W. Mullins	4256 Buckman Rd. #21, Alexandria, Va. 22308	Burk
Larry T. Mullins	8122 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, Va. 22309	Burk
Lewis V. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 202-F, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
Mack Mullins	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Duncan Gap
Napoleon Mullins	2110 Arlington Terrace, Alexandria, Va. 22303	Burk
Mark Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Frying Pan
Parkis Mullins	6720 Harrison Lane, Alexandria, Va. 22306	Burk
Rickey D. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 301, Wise, Va. 24293	Duncan Gap
Roger D. Mullins	9100 Hooes Rd., Lorton, Va. 22079	Burk
Roy A. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 387-B, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Honey Camp
Ted Mullins	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachels Chapel
Willie F. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 102-C, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Willie R. Mullins	General Delivery, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Robert L. Phipps	Rt. 3, Box 546, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Bruce Pilkenton	P. O. Box 191, Pound, Va. 24279	Gladly Fork

Terry Price
 Ralph R. Rasnick
 Donald Ray Reedy
 Howard Reynolds
 Jerry W. Robinson
 Lester Robinson
 Nyal Burns Robinson
 Arvil Rose, Jr.
 Carl Rose
 Edward A. Rose
 Elva Rose
 E. M. Rose
 Harlan L. Rose
 Lloyd Rose
 Willie C. Rose
 Hubert Rowlett
 David Russ
 Wythe Salyers
 Ed Slemp
 Jackie Slemp
 Jimmy Slemp
 Samuel E. Slemp
 Tom Slemp
 Danny Sluss
 Joe Glenn Sluss
 Gaylord Spriggs
 Kenneth Sproles
 I. T. Stallard
 Adam M. Stanley
 Nolan M. Stanley
 Joseph P. Steel
 Bobby Gene Strouth
 Douglas Strouth
 Manie W. Strouth
 Glenn Sykes
 Leon C. Sykes
 Roy C. Vanover
 Hasting Ward
 Robert V. Ward
 Harry Whitaker
 Talt Wolford
 Luke Wright
 Richard Wright
 Billy Darrel Willis
 Derwood Yates

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 P. O. Box 15, Norton, Va. 24273
 Rt. 1, Box 150, Dante, Va. 24237
 Box 67, Swords Creek, Va. 24649
 Rt. 1, Box 234-A, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 Pound, Va. 24279
 P. O. Box 46, Pound, Va. 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 218, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226
 Rt. 2, Box 252-B, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 2, Box 319, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 1, Box 446, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 Rt. 4, Box 163, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 1, Box 479, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 2, Box 96, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, Va. 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 433, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 2, Box 336, Pound, Va. 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, Va. 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 415, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, Va. 24256
 Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228
 VI Ranch Rd., Rt. 3, Box 570-C, Bristol, Tn.
 Rt. 5, Box 193, Abingdon, Va. 24210
 Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, Va. 24279
 Rt. Box 330, Pound, Va. 24279
 Rt. 1, Box 131, Wise, Va. 24293
 Rt. 1, Box 604, Clinchco, Va. 24226
 Rt. 2, Box 338, Pound, Va. 24279
 Wise, Va. 24293
 Box 958, Pound, Va. 24279
 Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, Va. 24256
 Rt. 1, Box 116, Haysi, Va. 24256
 P. O. Box 382, Pound, Va. 24279
 Rt. 1, St. Paul, Va. 24283
 Rt. 1, St. Paul, Va. 24283
 Box 361, Dante, Va. 24237
 P. O. Box 426, Clinchco, Va. 24226
 14514 El Rio Court, Woodbridge, Va. 22191
 7096 Kings Arm Dr., Manassas, Va. 22110
 Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, Va. 24256
 Rt. 2, Box 299, Coeburn, Va. 24230

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 Hill Ridge
 Meade Chapel
 Hill Ridge
 Rugsby
 Lick Fork
 Rachels Chapel
 Ferbie Chapel
 Lick Fork
 Hubbards Chapel
 Ferbie Chapel
 Davis Chapel
 Splash Dam
 Flemington
 Splash Dam
 Straight Hollow
 Gladly Fork
 Hubbard Chapel
 Hubbard Chapel
 Valley View
 Hubbard Chapel
 Duncan Gap
 Pine Creek
 Tarpon
 Tarpon
 Pyles Memorial
 Meade Chapel
 Meade Chapel
 Straight Hollow
 Tarpon
 Burk
 Burk
 Splash Dam
 Valley View

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

Vester McKinney
 Clyde E. Reedy
 Goble Rose
 Maston Rose
 Fred Taylor

Rt. 1, Box 203, Clinchco, Va. 24226
 Rt. 2, Madisonville, Tn. 37354
 Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226
 Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230
 Wise Va. 24293

Ramsey Ridge
 Peuther Chapel
 Counts Chapel
 Rugsby
 Pyles Memorial

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Morgan Chapman
Meta, Ky. 41501

Clerk

Rev. Robert Varney
HC 64-330
Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church
Haysi, Virginia
September 7th & 8th, 1984

Ordaining Council

Rev. Homer Adkins
Rev. Bennie F. Slone
Rev. Robert Varney

Executive Committee

Rev. Bennie F. Slone
Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick
Rev. Robert Varney

Ministers To Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Bennie F. Slone	Meta, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Robert Varney	HC 64-330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Octavia
Ray Williams	Sookey's Creek, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
David G. Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
William G. King	HC 64-335 McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Harold Brewer	Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Fellowship Chapel
Gerria Reynolds	HC 64-365 McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Luther Boyd	Rt. 3, Box 109X, Pikeville, Ky	Owsley
Robey (Buddy) Kendrick	Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Herbert Goff	Racoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Curtiss Wellman	Hardy, Ky 41531	Bluespring
Joe Hackney	HC 64-125, Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Dennis Hinkle	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Homer Adkins	Rt. 3, Box 124P, Pikeville, Ky.	Owsley
William Akers	Sidney, Ky. 41564	Mt. Zion
Buford Thacker	Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Edward Lee Adkins	405 Peach Orchard Rd., Pikeville, Ky	Stonecoal
Tom Carrol	Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Goble Thacker	Rt. 1, Box 274, Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Dwight Buckley	Rt. 3, Box 149, Keathly Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Stonecoal
Velon Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 87K, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Barry Robinson	Rt. 5, Box 399, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Morgan Chapman	Meta, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Harold Anderson	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Donnie Williamson	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Leckieville
Ronald Coleman	Rt. 1, Box 424, Elkhorn, City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Ray Leedy	Stone, Ky. 41567	Octavia
Palmer Thompson	Zebulon, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Crit Justice	Gulnare, Ky. 41530	Owsley
Clarence Robinson	Rt. 5, Box 401½, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
William Harrison	Chatteroy, W. Va. 25667	Mt. Zion
Paul O'Quinn	Box 475, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Kermal Lawson	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Joe Slone	Toler's Creek, Ky. 41569	Toler's Creek
Edward Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 87, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Ronald May	Box 849, Racoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Virgil Ramey	Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Fellowship Chapel
Jimmie Skeens	Box 220, Regina, Ky. 41559	Island Creek
Leslie Kennedy	Rt. 2, Box 29C, Sidney, Ky. 41564	Leckieville
John Vance	Box 6, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek

Barrard Yates	McCarr, Ky. 41544	Bluespring
Allen Thacker	Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Onis Varney	319 Kathleen Drive, Elgin, Ill. 60120	Octavia
Bud Ross	Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	Mt. Zion
Albert Simpson	Box 515, Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Grassy
Jimmy Jack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 52, Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, Ky. 41539	Belfry
Bobby Bowman	Box 82, Phyllis, Ky.	Meathouse
Emery Varney	Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Perry Kendrick	189 Jay St. Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Gary Blackburn	Rt. 2, Box 40, Sidney, Ky. 41564	Belfry
Estil P. Adkins	Owsley, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Walter McCoy	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Michael Dingess	Box 147, Matewan, W.Va. 25678	Bluespring
Goble Rush Ratliff	Box 190, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Fellowship Chapel
Harold Robinson	317 Orchard St., Covington, Ky.	Island Creek
Jackie Maynard	Box 177, Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Wendall Robert Smith	Rt. 1, Box 55 X, Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Stonecoal
Charles Delon Jones	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Melvin C. Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Dennis Stiltner	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Ernest Mullins	Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Faith Fellowship Chapel
Larry Morley	Racoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Frank Bryant	Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Donnie Harris	Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Emory (Butch) Williamson	Huddy, Ky. 41539	Belfry

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards are as follows:

Name	Address	Church
John T. Oliver	Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
O.H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 100, Beech Bluff, Tn. 38313	Octavia
Lawrence Ball	Switzer, W.Va. 25647	Octavia
George Bickford	Box 151, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dempsey Adkins	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
John C. Hatfield	Ramson, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Sid May	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Phillip Bostic	Meta, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Frank Rich	Rt. 5, Box 3, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Dock Hunt	Rt. 3, Box 65, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Garland Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Wilson Justice	Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek
E.P. Murphy	Hatfield, Ky. 41514	Mt. Zion

The Pike County Minister's Conference met Friday, August 24, 1984 at the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church, Huddy, Kentucky, with Rev. Morgan Chapman taking care of devotions, and the business of electing a moderator for the next 6 months.

Congregation sang "Love Lifted Me" and prayer was led by Rev. Simmie Adkins. Bro. Chapman read Ezekiel 3; 15-21 for a scripture. Rev. Bennie Slone was elected Moderator and Rev. Robey Kendrick assistant moderator.

Minutes were read by the clerk Rev. Robert Varney and approved as read. Forty-three were present and three reported by letter. Rev. Crit Justice, pastor of the Grassy Church, reported that the church had taken action against Bros. Jimmie Turner and Robert Charles, and they had surrendered their credentials, and are not eligible for good standing cards.

Motion made by Rev. Bobby Varney and seconded by Rev. William G. King, to letter up to the John Thomas Association. Motion carried by majority vote.

Done by the order of the Pike County Ministers Conference, August 24, 1984.

Moderator	66 Ministers
Bennie F. Slone	<u>13</u> Lifetime Cards
Clerk	79 Total
Rev. Robert Varney	

LETCHER MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Yearly Conference while in session with Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church at Haysi, Virginia on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1984 at 11:00.

The Letcher County Ministers Conference convened with Haymond Church at Cromona, Kentucky, August 24, 1984.

The moderator, Bro. Homer Lee Mullins called the conference to order. Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. led the ministers in singing "Victory In Jesus." The moderator read the scripture lesson from second Timothy. Prayer requests were made. Several came to the altar.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Bro. David I. Brewer made a motion to receive minutes as read. Motion seconded by Bro. Clyde Damron.

Letters of Brothers reporting as such were read. Read Bro. Robert Varney's letter reminding ministers of vote on amendment at the Yearly meeting. Bro. Charles asked for clarification of said amendment. Motions were made to accept all letters.

The moderator appointed Bro. Lloyd Addington to replace Bro. Larry R. Jones on the Arbitration committee. Bro. John C. Depriest was elected moderator for 1984-85 term by accumulation.

Bro. Tommy England made a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Bro. Richard Gibson. Song and fellowship followed.

Moderator

Bro. Homer Lee Mullins

Clerk

Homer B. Johnson

Motion entered into the Letcher County Conference and stated by Bro. Homer Lee Mullins: "That new members not be accepted into the church during the absence of the church pastor." The above statement was put in the form of a motion and was seconded by Bro. Ezra Johnson and Bro. Ralph Profit.

Ministers Enrolled Haymond August 24, 1984

Jerome Bellamy	Daris Williams	Charles Gallion
Ike Young Jr.	Tommy Philipps	John C. Depriest
William H. Preston	Ova Land	Doyle Caudill
Lester Boggs	Elonzo Calwell	David I. Brewer
Darwin Mullins	Earl Breeding	Johanny Collier
Windell R. Austin	Floyd Sexton	Hollis Bevins Sr.
Lloyd Addington	Percy Elkins Sr.	Bobby W. Elkins
James O. Elkins	Woodrow Mullins	Herman Bates Jr.
Caleb Holbrook	Kalton Robinette	George Adams Jr.

Raymond Hall
Jonah D. Wright
Hasadora Reynolds
Carl L. Coleman
Gary Hibbits
Don Young
Dennis Mullins
Clyde Damron
Pete Newsom

Verdell Sturgill
Harry Whitaker
Johnny Caudill
Oscar Damron
Randall R. Gilly
Kennith Maggard
Dean Fields
John R. Spicer Jr.

Kennith Collins
Leon Bolden
Gordon Damron
Tommy Tackett
Davis Maggard
Rodney Mullins
Richard Gibson
Tommy England

52 present.

Ministers with Life-time Goodstanding Cards

Bro. Ezra Johnson
Bro. Percy Elkins Sr.

Bro. Johnnie Stofer
Bro. George Adams Jr.

Bro. Eddie Rose
Bro. Ersel McPeek

Moderator

Bro. Homer Lee Mullins
Ashcamp, Kentucky 41512

Clerk

Homer B. Johnson
P.O. Box 542
Jenkins, Kentucky 41537

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Splash Dam Church
Haysi, Virginia
September 14-15, 1984

Ordaining Council

Bro. Richard Gibson — Chairman
Bro. Herman Bates Jr.
Bro. Darwin Mullins

Executive Committee

Bro. Milford Craft — Chairman
Bro. Lester Boggs
Bro. Earl Smith

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Clyde Damron*	Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Alleghany
Carl Coleman	Rockhouse, Ky.	Alleghany
Oscar Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
James. N. Tackett	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Pete Newsome	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Jimmy Looney	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Stanley R. Tackett	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Gordon Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
John C. Depriest	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Sherman Whitaker	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Albert Dingus*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Patrick Whitaker	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
William H. Preston	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Ralph Vicars	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Don McKnight*	Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
James M. Potter	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton

Caleb Holbrook	Rt. Box 208, Jenkins, Ky.	Pine Chapel
Michael Wright	Myra, Ky.	Dorton
George W. Reynolds	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton
Charles Gallion*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Dennie Fleming	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Dunham
Woodrow Mullins*	Rt. 4, Box 559, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Don R. Ratliff	Rt. 2, Box 408N, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
James O. Elkins	Lickford Box 44, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Bobby Elkins	Box 71, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Energyville
Austin Kenny	142 Willow Dr., Pikeville, Ky. 41537	Energyville
Leon Bolden	Rt. 2, Box 274A, Pikeville, Ky. 41537	Energyville
Robert Hampton	Virgie, Ky. 41527	Energyville
Ralph Profitt*	Neon, Ky. 41840	Happy
Paul Wooten	Scuddy, Ky.	Happy
Earl Smith	Happy, Ky.	Happy
Rodney Smith	Happy, Ky.	Happy
Ova Land*	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Danny Mullins	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Ike Young Jr.	Haymond, Ky.	Haymond
Millard Bates Jr.*	Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Hemphill
Arnold Noles	Neon, Ky. 41840	Hemphill
Earl Breeding	Seco, Ky.	Hemphill
Johnnie Collier	Jackhorn, Ky.	Hemphill
Darwin Mullins	Jackhorn, Ky.	Hemphill
Floyd Sexton	Box 69A, Jackhorn, Ky.	Hemphill
Homer Lee Mullins*	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hilton Chapel
Larry R. Jones*	HC 84 Box 1920, Whitesburg, Ky.	Kings Creek
Leroy Fields	Premium Ky.	Kings Creek
Hasadora Reynolds	Ligon, Ky. 41636	Ligon
Sonny Miracle	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Ligon
Herman Johnson	Box 115 Hy-Hat, Ky.	Ligon
Johnnie Stofer*	Rt. 2, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Marshall's Branch
Gary Kirby	Rt. 2, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Marshall's Branch
David I. Brewer*	McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Moore's Chapel
Elonzo Calwell	McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Moore's Chapel
Eugene Anderson	McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Moore's Chapel
Herman Bates Jr.*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Ersel McPeeks	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Jonah Wright	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Ezra Johnson	200 Douglas Pkwy., Pikeville, Ky.	Payne Gap
Lloyd Addington	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Hollis Blevins	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Herbert Stallard	Ermine, Ky.	Payne Gap
Franklin Anderson	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Warren Tompkins*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Percy Elkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Donald Tompkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Bobby Wyatt	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Richard Gibson*	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Edgar Huffman	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Daris Williams	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
Tommy England*	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Seco
Verdell Sturgill*	Eolia, Ky.	Franks creek
Lester Boggs	Seco, Ky.	Seco
John Spicer Jr.	Seco, Ky.	Seco
Tommy N. Phillips	Kona, Ky. 41829	Seco
Gary Hibbits	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Seco
Jerry N. Tackett	Beaver, Ky.	Tackett's Fork Community
Hayes Vance Jr.	Box 12, Beaver, Ky.	Tackett's Fork Community
Johnny Caudill*	Hi-Hat, Ky.	Tackett's Fork Community

Dean Fields*	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Thornton
Windell Austin	Cromona, Ky.	Thornton
Kalton Robinette*	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Virgie
McCoy Tackett	Myra, Ky.	Dorton
Eddie Rose*	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton
Vardney Bolling	Payne Gap, Ky.	Whitesburg
Raymond Hall*	Thornton, Ky.	Whitesburg
Marty Glisson	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
James Bird	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Dorton
George Adams Jr.	Thornton, Ky.	Whitesburg
Dwight David Wright	Myra, Ky.	Dorton
Rodney Mullins	Clintwood, Va.	Thornton
Dennis Mullins	McRoberts, Ky.	Thornton

*Pastors — 91 Ministers, gained 12 year 1983-84

Done by order of the Letcher County Conference on the 24th day of August, 1984

NEW DURM MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Leonard Farmer
Rt. 2
Honaker, Virginia 24260

Clerk

Bernard L. McGlothlin
Rt. 1, Box 152
Vansant, Virginia 24656

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church
September 8, 1984

Ordaining Council

Rev. Leonard Farmer — Chairman
Rev. Edward Dye
Rev. Claude H. Rose

Executive Committee

Bro. Brady Farmer
Bro. Jess Shell
Bro. Frazier Hale
Bro. Cleve Dye
Bro. John Ray
Bro. Elbert Rasnake
Bro. Virgil Childress

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Harley Dye	Rt. 1, Box 92, Swords Creek, Va.	Ephesus
Howard Bostic	Rt. 1, Box 23, Swords Creek, Va.	Mt. Zion
Truel Brown	Swords Creek, Va.	Valley View
Kyle Hubbard	Box 662, Honaker, Va.	Tunnel Hill
Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Leonard Farmer	Rt. 2, Honaker, Va.	Fletchers Ridge
Gonean Kelly	Cleveland, Va.	Clinch View
Russel Miller	Rt. 2, Lebanon, Va.	Mt. Zion
Claude Rose	Honaker, Va.	Valley View
Allen Stevens	Star Rt., Box 55, Richlands, Va.	Drill Chapel
Eugene Miller	Swords Creek, Va.	East Lebanon
David Perkins	P.O. Box 108, Swords Creek, Va.	Fuller Chapel
Charlie Keene	Box 164, Bland, Va.	Ephesus
Kyle Brown	Swords Creek, Va.	Ephesus
Glenn Stevens	Council, Va.	Mt. View
Carson Walters	Lebanon, Va.	Mt. Zion
Ray Hale	Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel

Jess Whited	Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Glenn Peck	Drill, Va.	Drill Chapel
Larry Robinson	Rt. 1, Box 446, Lebanon, Va.	East Lebanon
James Whited	Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Kenneth Taylor	Honaker, Va.	Guiding Light
Giles Wilson	Council, Va.	Mt. View
Roy Corns	Lebanon, Va.	Tunnel Hill
Ellis Whited	Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Billy McGlothlin	Rowe, Va.	Clinch View
Hershel Helton	Honaker, Va.	Clinch View
Ralph Bostic	Swords Creek, Va.	Ephesus

Done by order of the New Durm Conference on the 11th day of August, 1984.

MID OHIO MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Raymond Stanley
8606 Waynesburg Dr. S.E.
Waynesburg, Ohio

Clerk

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
4022 21st St. S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Splash Dam Freewill Baptist Church
Haysi, Virginia
September 8, 1984

Ordaining Council

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Rev. Paul Tyree
Rev. James Patterson

Executive Committee

Rev. Dorman Ixos
Rev. Raymond Stanley
Rev. Frank Tyree

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Dorman Ixos	226 Avis Ave., N.E., Massillon, Ohio	Community
Rev. James Patterson	151 Cottage Ave. Tiffin, Ohio	Adams Township
Rev. Mickey B. Kendrick	Hatfield, Ky.	Community
Rev. Paul Tyree	8333 E. Township Rd., 178 Green Springs, Ohio	Adams Township
Rev. Raymond Stanley	8606 Waynesburg Dr., S.E., Waynesburg, Ohio	Community
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick	4022 21st St., S.W. Canton, Ohio	Community
Rev. Cecil Rogers	217 E. Paradise St., Orrville, Ohio	Community
Rev. Frank Tyree	4618 County Rd. 21, Clyde, Ohio	Adams Township

Done by order of the Mid Ohio Ministers Conference on the 14th day of July, 1984.

To the John Thomas Association:

The Mid Ohio Ministers Conference convened at The Adams Township F.W.B. Church Green Springs, Ohio on July 14, 1984.

Service opened with song and alter prayer, scripture reading was from 1 Peter 5: 1-7. The next move was the election of moderator. Rev. Raymond Stanley was nominated and elected moderator for the next year. Rev. Ronnie

Kendrick was nominated and elected clerk for the next year. Minutes of the last conference were read, motion was made, seconded and passed to accept minutes as read.

We had five ministers present and three reported by letter — Rev. Frank Tyree from Adams Township F.W.B. Church, and Rev. Dorman Ixos and Rev. Mickey Kendrick from Community F.W.B. Church reported by letter. Rev. Ronnie Kendrick, Rev. Raymond Stanley, Rev. Paul Tyree, Rev. James Patterson and Rev. Celil Rogers were present.

A discussion of spiritual growth and stability in the church among the leaders. And also the failure of the ministers in the conference to attend and back their home churches. Motion was made to adjourn the business portion. Motion seconded and passed by regular vote. Service closed with song, right hand of fellowship and dismissal prayer.

Moderator — Rev. Raymond Stanley

Clerk — Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

OBITUARIES



Bubbie W. Smith

In loving memory of our beloved Mother Bubbie Williams Smith who departed this life Monday, July 23, 1984, making her stay on earth 69 years, 11 months and 13 days. She was a daughter of Henry and Lydia Varney Williams. She was married to James A. Smith on October 6, 1932. To this union was born 6 daughters: Joyce Philpot, Pikeville, Ky.; Mary and Ann Chapman of Kimper, Ky.; Jacqueline Tipton of Elkhorn City, Ky.; Patsy Coleman of Jeffersonville, Ind.; Evelyn Varney of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Two sons: James Smith of Elgin, Ill.; Jerry D. Smith of Dolthan, Alabama. Nineteen grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, three sisters and four brothers, and a host of friends and relatives.

She was a member of the Meathouse Freewill Baptist Church. She remained a dedicated and faithful member until her death. Her church and her family were her life. She was a kind and loving mother and grandmother and a good friend to all. We, her family, miss her so much, and the love she gave to us all, but we know that she is with Jesus, and the pain and suffering is over. It is with glad hearts we know she will be waiting at the portals of heaven to greet us all.

Rest mother, we love you.

Written by her heart-broken children



Walter Charles

Walter "Jack" Charles, 74, of Racoon, Kentucky died at 5 P.M., May 10, 1984, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born in Pike County on August 17, 1909, a son of the late Mack and Regina Charles. He was a retired coal miner and a member of Grassy Freewill Baptist Church for over 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Fannie Morley Charles; several stepchildren; two brothers, Arline Charles of Caney and Willard Charles of Racoon; one sister, Phyllis Charles of Racoon; one niece, Von Charles of Racoon; and stepgrandchildren, Butch and others.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church with Freewill Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Grassy Cemetery at Ramey Fork.

He will always be missed. He was always praising the Lord, telling every one he met about the Lord, always singing "Going home to die no more."

Written by his wife Fannie Charles



Freelin Smith

In loving memory of Freelin Smith, born June 17, 1905, a son of the late John and Anna Smith. He departed this life August 18, 1984 at the age of 79. He resided at McAndrews, Kentucky for many years preceding his death. He was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church where he was baptized March 6, 1982. He loved going to church and went as often as he was able. He said many times in the last year before his death how much he missed getting to go and

wished he was able to get up and go to God's house again.

Freelin was a wonderful husband and father. He was a kind and loving man with many, many friends. I feel he touched the hearts and lives of the people he came in contact with. We love him and we miss him more than words can express. Knowing that he has a better place to go is the only thing that has made our loss bearable during this time.

Sadly missed by his wife and family
and all who knew him



Hazel Chapman

Mrs. Hazel Chapman, 65, of Stone, Kentucky, wife of Howard Chapman, died December 2, 1983 in the Appalachian Regional Hospital at South Williamson, Kentucky after a sudden illness. She was born October 18, 1918. She was a homemaker and a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church for over 30 years.

Additional survivors besides her husband include two daughters, Faye Basinger of Canalou, Missouri and Patricia Ernestine Brown of Lexington Park, Maryland. Two sons, Danny H. Chapman of Canada, Kentucky and Ralph D. Chapman of Stone, Kentucky and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 4th at 11 a.m. at the Rogers Funeral Home and burial followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy, Kentucky.



John Hall

John Hall, 67 years of age, of McAndrews, Kentucky, died Friday, July 13, 1984 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Born September 11, 1916 in Freeburn Pike County, he was the son of the late Brice Stumbo Hall and the late Columbia McCoy Hall Varney. He was a stepson of the late Ben Varney.

He was married to Fern May Hall who survives, and was a member of the Octavia J. Freewill Baptist Church. He was a retired coal miner of Eastern Coal Corporation and was a member of Local Union 5737 at McAndrews, Kentucky.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Sonja Sue Thompson of Middletown, Ohio and one son, John B. (Benny) Hall of McAndrews, Kentucky.

Additional survivors include a sister Garnette Hatfield of Georgetown, Kentucky; two brothers Albert H. Varney of Simi Valley, California and Ronnie G. Varney of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; four grandsons who served as pallbearers—Jonathan Todd, Jeffery Quinn, Chad William Thompson and John B. Hall II. Honorary pallbearers were Blaine May, Orison Smith, Woodrow Ramey, L. D. Crawford, and Jess A. Williams.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 Monday, July 16, 1984 at the Rogers Funeral Chapel at Belfry with William G. King and Larry Tackett Sr. officiating.

In loving memory, family.



Mrs. Linda Mae Rose

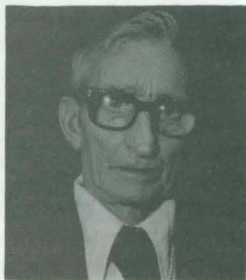
In loving memory of our precious mother, Linda Mae Hill Rose. She was born December 22, 1918 and departed this life October 1, 1983. She was preceded in death by her husband Barney Rose.

She was a member of Hill Ridge Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving are five sons, Rev. Harlan Lee Rose, Rev. Willie C. Rose, Palmer Rose and Ronald Rose all of Clintwood, Va. and Bernard Rose of Manassas, Va.; three daughters, Wilma Greer, Damascus, Va., Pearl Rose, Clintwood, Va. and Joyce Garcia, Frankfort, Ky.; three brothers, Harold Hill, Winlock, Wash. Avon Hill, Toledo, Wash. and Willie C. (Bill) Hill, Clintwood, Va.; one sister, Esther Rose of Clintwood, Va.; 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

*The pain and grief we feel inside,
Mere words cannot express.
Our hearts were broken beyond repair,
When she was laid to rest.*

*Our precious mom was called away.
We'll hear her voice no more.
She went to meet our dad and Jesus,
On Heaven's Golden Shore.*



Rev. Alva Lee Dingus

With much sadness and a broken heart, I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of my Daddy, Alva Lee Dingus. He was born into this world, December 19, 1902 to Patrick and Maury Dingus. He left this world of trouble and pain October 28, 1983, making his stay on Earth 80 years, 10 months, and 9 days. He was married to Tennessee White in 1925. To this union were born 7 children, four boys and three girls. His wife (Tennessee) and four children (Carrie, Arvil, Kurby, and Roberta) preceeded him in death. Left to mourn his death are two sons, Harold Dingus, Nashville, Tenn., and Bobby Dingus, Cleveland, Ohio and one daughter, Tresia Perigan, Clinchco, Va. and 2 brothers, Rev. Albert Dingus, Jenkins, Ky. and Grover Dingus, Okala, Fla.

In 1974 he married Virgie Mullins. No children were born to this union, but he had seven step-children that he loved. John Carson Mullins, Bradington, Fla., Rebble Mills, Granet Falls, North Carolina, J.C. Mullins, Columbus, Ohio, Lonzie Mullins, Goshen, Indiana, Tennie Mullins, Clintwood, Va., Roy Mullins, Clintwood, Va., and James Mullins, Goshen, Indiana. He had sixteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren left to mourn his passing.

He was a member of the Hill Ridge Freewill Baptist Church and was a minister for 54 years. Daddy and Lonzo Edwards were the founders and later organized the Hill Ridge Church. Daddy traveled many a mile to get to church throughout this land. He went through the heat and cold. He didn't own an automobile but that didn't stop him. He moved out on Faith. Jesus took notice to this throughout the years and saw that he needed rest for all his labor and called

him Home to ever be with the Lord to never have to suffer again.

Virgie, I thank God for your Love and Kindness to Dad. I know you loved him and he loved you. You'll always be remembered. Well I could go on and on writing good things about Dad, but the life he lived here speaks for itself.

Written By: His Daughter and Son-in-law
Tresia and Ernest Perrigan.



Ernest Sexton

It is with sad and lonely hearts we attempt to write the obituary of our beloved Ernest Sexton. He was born May 4, 1908, answering the call of the Lord, November 3, 1983. He was always faithful to his duties to God. His life was a great light for all. He was a charter member of Mills Chapel Church, Sunday School Secretary for 18 years, treasurer for several years, and was on the Executive Board for the past 10 years. He was a trustee of the Mills Chapel Church and the Reeds Valley Church. He was a true and faithful Christian who enjoyed good singing and preaching. He went to church when he wasn't able, but his heart was for God and he needed to be about God's work. God called him early that November morning and Ernest answered. Now he's a flower in the garden of God, enjoying all the joys of Heaven. It leaves a wide gap in the lives of those he left behind, but we know he's watching and waiting until we can join him at the throne of God.

Written by: his wife Bannie Sexton
and Mary Lee Epling, granddaughter



Homer Kingsbury

In loving memory of Bro. Homer Kingsbury, born Dec. 3, 1984 and went to meet the Lord on Dec. 8, 1983, making his stay on earth 89 years and 5 days. He leaves here on earth his wife of 66 years, Verna Kingsbury, one son—Chester Kingsbury, one grandson, and three great grandchildren and many friends and loved ones. He will be missed by all who knew him.

He was A member of The Community Freewill Baptist Church, Canal Fulton, Ohio. His life in the Lord was touched by many. He always had A testimony for the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Written by: his pastor Rev. Ronnie Kendrick



Rev. Robert (Bobby) Payne

In loving memory of Rev. Robert (Bobby) Payne who was born March 6, 1936, and went to be with the Lord July 17, 1984. Making his stay on earth 48 years, 4 months and 11 days. He leaves behind his wife Coleen Payne, two daughters and one son and two grandchildren, and many friends and loved ones. He is missed by all who knew him.

In 1964 he was the organizer and first pastor of The Community Freewill Baptist Church, Canal Fulton,

Ohio. He was ordained in Freewill Baptist Church in 1963 and was still preaching until his illness. His ministry has touched many.

Written by: Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
His friend and Brother in Christ



Floyd Robert "Tom" Childress

In loving memory of Floyd Robert "Tom" Childress, age 64, who passed away February 2, 1984. Tom was a native and life-long resident of Swords Creek, Va. and was loved by all that knew him. He and his wife Dorothy (Vance) Childress were converted July 25, 1949 and have been members of the Ephesus Free Will Baptist Church since conversion. Tom is survived by his wife Dorothy; three daughters, Mrs. Emmett (Shelvie Jean) Barton and Mrs. Graham (Earlene) Barton, both of Honaker, Va. and Mrs. Dallas (Geraldine) Hubbard of Swords Creek; three sons, Earnest Childress of Swords Creek, Estil Childress of Mt. Vernon, Ohio and Thomas Childress of Lynn, S.C.; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Tom is deeply missed in the church, at home and in the neighborhood. We know that our loss is heaven's gain.



Rev. Early Rose

In memory of my husband, Early Rose. He was the son of John Rose and Phoeby French. He was 78 years, 7 months old.

He was sick for four years, seven months and nine days. He leaves to mourn his wife, five sons, 15 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Splash Dam Church for several years.

Sleep on Daddy. We hope to meet you some sweet day where there will be no sad farewell.

Written by: his wife Amy and sons.



Vinnia H. Smith

Vinnia H. Smith, 91, of McAndrews, died Tuesday at the Applachian Regional Hospital.

Born March 19, 1983, she was a daughter of the late James H. and Columbia Hackney. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Boyd Smith, and a daughter.

Survivors include three sons, Orison Smith of Pinsonfork; Kellis Smith of Huddy and Casey Smith of McAndrews; two daughters, Euna Murphy of Dunellon, Fla. and Frona Blackburn of McAndrews.

Additional survivors include a sister, Frona White of McAndrews; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Rogers Funeral Home chapel with William G. King and John C. Hatfield officiating.

Burial was at the Mt. View Memory Gardens at Huddy with grandsons serving as pallbearers.

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 except the clerk and treasurer, in order that a regular discipline 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 meeting 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.

Covenant - Mutual Agreement
Agree - Consent Approve
Divine - Godly
Nurture -
Admonition - Reproof
Exemplify - Example
Corresponding - Alike Same
Exemplary - Pattern
Abstain - Cease (Don't Do)
Conformity - Agree. Do
Deportment - Behavior
Engagement -
Sustain -
Worship - Respect Reverence
Ordinance - Rule Est. by Authority
Discipline -
Doctrine - Teaching & Instruction

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 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 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 ministers under their care.

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

If the charges be against an ordained minister then the yearly meeting shall report to, or call the ordaining council together and they shall try the case 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 Quarterly Meeting shall take a letter of dismissal and recommendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Quarterly Meeting 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-Free will 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, September 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 Baptist, 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 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.
29. "Any Free Will Baptist Church belonging to the John Thomas Association that reports to the Quarterly Conference three consecutive conferences without a pastor be automatically dropped from the conference."

E. A. REEDY
S. M. McFALL

D. L. SMITH
ARTHUR CASTEEL

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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 Meeting, 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." — 1 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.

**Gifts from John Thomas Association
to the Freewill Baptist Home for Children
at Greenville, Tennessee**

1977-78	\$ 6,678.79
1978-79	7,895.85
1979-80	9,688.60
1980-81	11,170.10
1981-82	13,042.35
1982-83	16,062.54

DIGEST OF THE JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION

Conferences 6

Conference	Membership	Ministers		Churches
		Ordained	Licensed	
Dickenson County	2591	110		39
Letcher County	2091	91	14	23
Pike County	1930	79	15	20
New Durm	642	29	6	11
Mid-Ohio	84	8		2
Hamilton (not reported)				
TOTALS	7338	317	37	95

YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE

The Yearly Meeting of the John-Thomas Association will be held in the Quarterly Conference as listed below, beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in September at 11:00 a.m. as year listed:

Letcher	1985
New Durm	1986
Pike	1987
Hamilton	1988
Dickenson	1989
Letcher	1990
Mid-Ohio	1991
Dickenson	1992
Letcher	1993
Pike	1994
Dickenson	1995