

Minutes
of the
JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING
of
Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

64th SESSION

Held With
FLETCHER'S RIDGE
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Vasant, Virginia

September 12-13, 1986

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1986-1986

Amount brought forward in minutes 1985	\$3,242.16
Amount received in letters 1986	
Pike County	500.00
Letcher County	548.75
Dickenson County	1,200.00
New Durm	150.00
Mid-Onio	175.00
Hamilton County	50.00
For engraving	
Pike County	90.00
Letcher County	21.00
Dickenson County	21.00
New Durm	20.00
Received in letters for Children's Home	
Mid-Ohio	800.00
Total received in letters	\$3,575.75
Donation—Delmar Hess	25.00
	<u>\$3,600.75</u>
Total in treasury	\$6,842.81
Expenses for the year	
Children's Home	\$ 800.00
Clerk	100.00
Minutes and Shipping	3,199.00
Total paid out	\$4,099.00
Balance in Treasury	\$2,743.81

The John Thomas Yearly meeting will convene with the Edo Freewill Baptist Church at Kimper, Ky. in Pike County Conference, at 11 A.M. on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1987, which will be September 11, 1987.

Directions to the Edo Freewill Baptist Church, coming from Pikeville, Ky. take Rt 119 North to Meta, Ky. and make a right hand turn onto 194 go approximately eleven miles, church on left side of road. Coming from Grundy, Va., on route 460 East, to Mouthcard take route 1499 North until you come to Rt. 194 and 632 East make a right and go about 5 miles.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1986

Dickenson	1500
Oval Hillman, Route 1 Box 440, Clinton, Virginia 24228	
Phone (703) 835-8395	
Pike County	650
Rev. Robert Varney HC 64-330 Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	
Phone (606) 353-7704	
Letcher County	800
Homer B. Johnson Box 542, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	

New Durm	275
Bernard McGlothlin Rt. 1, Box 152, Vansant, Va. 24656	
Mid-Ohio	75
Hamilton County	120
Rev. Rogert Hutson 5672 Eula Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45248	
Total Minutes	3420

MINISTERS & DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY

Gary Hill	Clayton Hays	Derwood Yates
V.M. Moore	Roy Vanover	Harlan Lee Rose
Howard Reynolds	Tam Hill	Joe Johnson
Lester Robinson	Ralph R. Rasnake	

NEW DURM

Franklin Hall	Ralph E. Bostic	Kyle Hubbard
Giles Wilson	Billie McGlothlin	Larry Robinson

LETCHER COUNTY

Homer Lee Mullins	Tommy England	Grover Bolden
Herman Bates, Jr.	Windell Ray Austin	John C. DePriest
Ike Young, Jr.		

PIKE COUNTY

Buford Thacker	Velon E. Burgess	Homer Adkins
Fonso Justice	Harold Brewer	Bennie F. Slone
Bobby Varney		

MID-OHIO CONFERENCE

Ronnie Kendrick	Cecil Rogers
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HAMILTON COUNTY

Vestal Hutson	Roger D. Hutson
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VISITING MINISTERS

Fred G. Green	F.M. Barton
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DEACONS

DICKENSON COUNTY

Richard Mullins	Sam Southerland	Dale Smith
Earet Rose	Wilburn C. Barton	Gilmer Barton
Denver Sullivan	Dennis D. Boggs	Sam Anderon
Voda Blevins	George C. Long	Ovil Hillman

LETCHER COUNTY

James H. Whitaker

William E. Gibson

Milford Craft

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Herbert Whited
Ronald Johnson

Roy Farmer
Tom Mitchell

Bernard L. McGlothlin
Brady Farmer

DELEGATES

DICKENSON COUNTY

Sally Sutherland
Dixie Anderson
James R. Bates
Cynthia Boggs
Mrs. Derwood Yates
Teresa Hall
Ada McCoy
Charlotte Meade
Katherine Rose

Robert S. Phillips
Tolby Mooney
Velva Meadows
Wilma Smith
Ada Dickenson
Seibert Hillman
Clara Gilbert
Tessie Wallace
Lloyd Hillman

Agnes Mooney
C.D. Gillat
Ava Nell Blevins
Gay A. Martin
J.D. Dickenson
Patty Hillman
Jean Martin
Anna L. Bartley

LETCHER COUNTY

Russell Boggs
Russell Whitaker
Fred Young

Shelia Rose
Ruth Craft
Orville R. Damron

Mary A. Young
Sarah Trinkle
Virginia Moore

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Phylis Hess
Lou McGlothlin
Dara Robinson
James Ray
Sandy Robinson
Imogene Thompson
Randolf Gregory
Helen Harris

Brenda Fletcher
Darlene Ratliff
Luther Ray
Ruby Davis
Ernest Austin
Mary E. Combs
Marie Ray

Marcella Rasnake
Estil Ray
Patty Ray
Lois McGlothlin
Fonnie Fletcher
Ada Farmer
Troy Harris

PIKE COUNTY

Josephine Williamson
Suda Slone

Lula Belle Gross
Mildred Varney

Verniece Ratliff
Lovina Kinney

OFFICERS

The officers elected to serve for the year 1986-87 are as follows:

Moderator Ronnie Kendrick
Assistant Moderator Bennie Slone
Clerk Rev. Bobby Varney
HC 64-330 Pinsonfork, Kentucky 41555, Phone (606) 353-7704
Treasurer Bro. Oval Hillman
Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Virginia 24228, Phone (703) 835-8395

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON COUNTY: Earet Rose, N. B. Lambert, O. T. Smith, Donald Elkins, Derwood Yates

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

PIKE COUNTY: Bennie F. Slone, Robie Kendrick, Robert Varney.

NEW DURM: Brady Farmer—Chairman, Troy Harris, Ronald Johnson.

MID-OHIO: Paul Tyree, Cecil Rogers, James Patterson.

HAMILTON COUNTY: Jim Upchurch, D. R. Hutson, Vestal Hutson.

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 A.M.

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist met for the 64th session, with the Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church, Fletcher's Ridge, Va. September 12 and 13, 1986. Brother Brady Farmer took charge of the devotions, congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On" and "The Old Fashion Way." Prayer was led by Bro. Thurman Honaker. Special song by Brother Earet Rose from the Dickenson County Conference and by Rev. Kyle Hubbard from the New Durm Conference.

Rev. Edward Dye, the pastor of the church came forward to preach the introductory sermon. He read a scripture from the book of Job Chapter 40 verses 1-10. He brought a very good message then the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and the right hand of fellowship was passed. Rev. Derwood Yates asked a blessing over the food and called the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:00 P.M.

Met back on due time with the congregation singing "Waiting Till the Lord Comes Again." Rev. Ronnie led the congregation in prayer.

The clerk Rev. Bobby Varney organized the yearly meeting by reading a scripture found in Hebrews 11 verses 23-28. The clerk called for a motion to elect a moderator to serve for the next year. Motion was made by Rev. Bennie Slone and seconded by Rev. Derwood Yates that Rev. Ronnie Kendrick serve as moderator. The clerk called for other nominations. Being no other nominations motion was made by Brother Oval Hillman and seconded by Rev. Velon Burgess that the nomination cease. Motion carried by vote and Bro. Kendrick was elected by acclamation. He thanked the congregation for the confidence they had in him and being his first time to serve as moderator asked that they have patience with him and help him. Motion made and carried to give moderator power to appoint all necessary committees. Rev. Bennie Slone was appointed to serve as his assistant. Motion made and carried to retain the same clerk and treasurer for the year. The moderator appointed the following committees:

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Earet Rose
Brady Farmer
Milford Craft

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Derwood Yates
Velon Burgess
Kyle Hubbard

The minutes of the previous meeting approved as printed in the minute books and the treasurer report accepted as printed in minutes. The delegates, ministers and deacons were enrolled by filling out the enrollment cards.

The pulpit committee reported that Bro. George C. Long led in prayer and that Rev. Lee Rose and Rev. John Depriest bring the afternoon message and Rev. Cecil Rogers and Rev. Bobby Varney preach at the night service.

Rev. Derwood Yates gave a short talk concerning the obituaries going in the minutes. He said that their conference pays for all obituaries that they send and it save a lot of work on the clerk and treasurer. He suggested that all conferences pay this way.

Being no further business Rev. Bennie Slone made a motion that we adjourn from business until Saturday Morning, motion was seconded by Rev. Joe Johnson, carried by vote.

Rev. Lee Rose came forward and read from Psalm 116 followed by Rev. John Depriest reading from Revelation 22 verses 10-21 both brought very inspiring messages.

Congregation sang and passed right hand of fellowship. Dismissal was called by Rev. Tommy England.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7 P.M.

Met back on due time with congregation singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Prayer was led by Brother Brady Farmer. Special singing was by the quartet from the Fletcher's Ridge church.

Rev. Cecil Rogers came forward. He read St. John 15 verses 9-15, and was followed by Rev. Bobby Varney using Revelation 1 verse 18 for a text. We had a wonderful service with the Holy Spirit flowing freely. Congregation sang and had handshake with good fellowship among the Christians. Dismissed by Brother Harley Nuckles.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

The Yearly Meeting convened on Saturday morning with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away." Prayer was led by Brother B.M. Moore. The moderator Rev. Ronnie Kendrick gave everyone a hearty welcome to the 64th session of the John Thomas Association. The moderator read a scripture found in Romans chapter 10 verses 8-14 to open the yearly meeting for business.

The clerk distributed cards to enroll all delegates, deacons and Ministers attending.

The moderator seated all delegates from sister conferences, Children's home and Foreign Mission board.

The clerk read all letters from the sister conferences. All were approved as read, the Hamilton County letter had not been turned in and no one was present from Hamilton County. Motion was made by Rev. Homer Lee Mullins for the clerk to write the Hamilton Co. Conference and reprimand them for not reporting and if they fail to letter up the ministers will not receive good standing cards, and minutes, motion carried by vote. The letters read as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with New Durm Conference at Fletchers Ridge on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September 12th & 13th, 1986.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference, while convened with Meade Chapel on

Friday before the 4th Sunday in July for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Joe Johnson

Assistant Moderator

Derwood Yates

Clerks

Lloyd Hillman

Oval Hillman

Alva Lee Fleming

Treasurers

Orphan Home—Beverly Wallace

Quarterly Meeting—Patty Mullins

Emergency Fund—Donald Elkins

Executive Committee

O. T. Smith

Derwood Yates

Donald Elkins

N. B. Lambert

Earet Rose

Ordaining Council

Joe Johnson—Chairman

Derwood Yates

Lee Rose

Conference voted to buy 1500 minutes. Amount enclosed for minutes is \$1200.00.

Statistics

Churches—40

Church Membership—2484

Sunday Schools—34

Sunday School Enrollment—1947

Auxiliaries—10

**CHURCHES AND PASTORS OF
DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE**

Churches:

Bearwallow Freewill Baptist

Buffalo Creek Freewill Baptist

Burke Freewill Baptist

Castlewood Community Church

The Clinchco Freewill Baptist

Counts Chapel Freewill Baptist

Davis Chapel

Duncan Gap

Dyers Chapel

Frying Pan Freewill Baptist

Ferbie Chapel

Flemingtown Freewill Baptist

Fremont Freewill Baptist

Georges Fork Freewill Baptist

Gladly Fork Chapel

Hill Ridge Freewill Baptist

Honey Camp Freewill Baptist

Hubbard Chapel

Lick Creek Freewill Baptist

Lighthouse Freewill Baptist

Pastors:

Rev. J. T. Hartsock

Rev. Glenn Hale

Rev. Verlin Deel, Jr.

Rev. Bobby Gean Bailey

Rev. Clifford Mullins

Rev. Howard Reynolds

Rev. Lee Rose

Rev. Carl Rose

Rev. Jack Slemp

Rev. Tommy Large

Rev. Joe Johnson

Rev. Hie A. Mullins

Rev. Samuel Slemp

Rev. Joey Steele

Rev. Gobel Rose

Rev. Danny Sluss

Rev. Manie Strouth

Rev. Robert C. Mullins

Rev. Arvil Rose, Jr.

Rev. David Mullins

Rev. Ayers Kennedy

Rev. Charles Baker

Rev. Verlin Deel, Jr.

Rev. Leon Sykes

Rev. Jack Meade

Lone Pine Chapel.....	Rev. Roy Vanover
Martin Chapel	Rev. Finas Hill
Meades Chapel	Rev. Jack Meade
Middle Branch Freewill Baptist.....	Rev. Joe Johnson
	Rev. Vester McKinney, Jr.
Mill Creek Freewill Baptist.....	Rev. Glenn Hale
Mills Chapel	Rev. Dwane Cooper
Peuthers Chapel.....	Rev. Joe Glenn Sluss
Pine Creek Freewill Baptist.....	Rev. Franklin Hall
Pine Crest Freewill Baptist	Rev. David Whitt
Phillips Chapel Freewill Baptist	Rev. B. M. Moore
	Rev. Emory Cook
Pyles Memorial	Rev. Lester Hampton
Rachel Chapel	Rev. Robert Phipps
	Rev. Robert L. Phipps
Ramsey Ridge Freewill Baptist	Rev. Mark Mullins
	Rev. Vester McKinney, Sr.
Rugsby Freewill Baptist	Rev. Arnold Rose
Splashdam Freewill Baptist	Rev. Billy Darrel Willis
Straight Hollow Freewill Baptist	Rev. Harry Whitaker
Tarpon Freewill Baptist Church	Rev. Jerry Robinson
Valley View Freewill Baptist	Rev. Derwood Yates
Yates Chapel Freewill Baptist.....	Rev. Carter Boyd

Moderator—Joe Johnson

Assistant Moderator—Derwood Yates

Clerks—Oval Hillman, Lloyd Hillman and Alva Lee Fleming.

Dickenson County Conference Children's Home Offerings

	July	October	January	April	Total
Bear Wallow	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Buffalo	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Burke	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Castlewood	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Clinchco	43.57	49.20	44.90	51.33	189.00
Counts Chapel	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Davis Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Duncan Gap	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Dyer's Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Ferbies Chapel	100.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	100.00
Flemingtown	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Fremont	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Frying Pan	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Georges Fork	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Gladey Fork	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Hill Ridge	30.00	30.00	15.00	30.00	105.00
Honey Camp	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Hubbard Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Lick Creek	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00	70.00
Lick Fork	275.00	255.00	665.00	265.00	1460.00
Light House	10.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	50.00
Lone Pine Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
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	22.00	17.67	17.00	13.00	69.67
Mill Creek	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Mill's Chapel	284.48	256.42	245.36	268.32	1054.58
Peuther Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Phillips Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Pine Creek	50.00	50.00	50.00	51.38	201.38
Pine Grove	30.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	30.00
Pyie's Memorial	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Rachael Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Ramsey Ridge	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Rugsby	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	140.00
Splashdam	217.42	207.96	222.37	228.02	875.77
Straight Hollow	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Tarpon	30.00	30.00	30.00	57.68	147.68
Valley View	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	320.00
Yates Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Pine Crest	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Total	1792.47	1611.25	1999.63	1709.73	7113.08
Special Offering			15.00		15.00
Total	1792.47	1611.25	2014.63	1709.73	7128.08

Dickenson County Conference Emergency Fund

	July	October	January	April	Total
Bear Wallow	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Buffalo	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Burke	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Castlewood	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Clinchco	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Counts Chapel	35.50	—0—	—0—	—0—	35.50
Davis Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Duncan Gap	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Dyer's Chapel	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Ferbies Chapel	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	120.00
Flemingtown	40.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	40.00
Fremont	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Frying Pan	52.00	52.00	—0—	50.00	154.00
Gladey Fork	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Hill Ridge	30.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	30.00
Honey Camp	18.50	—0—	—0—	—0—	18.50
Hubbard Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Lick Creek	67.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	67.00
Lick Fork	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Light House	15.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	15.00
Lone Pine Chapel	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Martin's Chapel	34.00	17.00	19.00	30.00	100.00
Meade's Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Middle Branch	44.00	35.00	35.00	26.00	140.00
Mill Creek	25.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	25.00
Mill's Chapel	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00

Peuther Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Phillips Chapel	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Pine Creek	77.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	77.00
Pine Grove	74.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	74.00
Pyle's Memorial	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Rachael Chapel	30.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	30.00
Ramsey Ridge	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Rugsby	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Splashdam	115.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	115.00
Straight Hollow	—0—	—0—	—0—	38.05	38.05
Tarpon	32.00	32.50	—0—	—0—	64.50
Valley View	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Yates Chapel	30.00	—0—	20.00	30.00	80.00
Pine Crest	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	30.00
Total	1061.00	464.50	402.00	502.05	2429.55

LETCHER COUNTY

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist when in session with Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church at Vansant, Virginia. The session being with the New Durm Conference September 12, 1986.

The Fourth Quarterly conference of Freewill Baptist Delegates convened with Poorbottom Church August 23, 1986 at Lookout, Ky. Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. welcomed the delegates and expressed an appreciation for the new church, its members, pastor, and great amount of work that had been done. Bro. Bates led the congregation in singing "I'll Fly Away."

The clerk came forward and read the scripture lesson from 1 Timothy 2:1-5. Bro. Grover Bolden's children sang for us. Prayer requests were received, many being for the sick. Bro. Clyde Damron came forward and led in prayer.

The conference being without a moderator, motions were made with Bro. Richard Gibson being elected with a majority of a standing vote. Bro. Homer Lee Mullins made a motion to give moderator power to appoint all necessary committees. Motion seconded by Bro. Clyde Damron. Moderator appointed Bro. Homer Lee Mullins as his assistant.

Committees appointed and those having standing members:

Pulpit Committee

Hersel Cantrel
Everett Silcox
Bill Gibson

Executive Committee

Bro. Milford Craft (Chr.)
Bro. Earl Smith
Bro. Lester Boggs

Arbitration Committee

Bro. Lester Boggs (Chr.)
Bro. Windall Austin

Ordination Committee

Bro. Homer Lee Mullins
Bro. Lloyd Addington

Our visiting ministers included: Bro. Tam Hill from the Dickenson County Conference; Bro. Jim Cox from West Wise County and Camp Jacob; Bro. Landon Deel from West Wise Conference.

Bro. Lloyd Addington reported of his and Bro. Milford Craft's visit to West Wise

Conference. Bro. William Gibson also gave a report of his visit.

Minutes of previous conference were read. Motion to receive were made by Bro. Lloyd Addington and seconded by Bro. Grover Bolden.

Delegates to other conferences were: Bro. Herman Bates, Bro. Milford Craft, and Bro. Lloyd Addington would go to the Dickenson County Conference; Bro. William Gibson would visit the West Wise Conference.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Tommy England to give the Sunday School Talk and Bro. John C. Depriest would give the Temperance Talk. Both talks were well received. Motions were made to receive both.

Bro. Tommy England made a motion to adjourn until 1:00 o'clock for further business. Seconded by Bro. Darwin Mullins.

During a congregational hymn a conference offering was given.

The Pulpit Committee reported:

1. The 11:00 o'clock message would be given by Bro. Grover Bolden.
2. Night service with Bro. Clyde Damron and Bro. Lloyd Addington.
3. Sunday service by Bro. Richard Gibson.

Dismissal and a blessing was asked for the food by Bro. Daris Williams.

The evening session began with the Pine Chapel Singers singing for us. Sister Lillie Thompson also sang.

Ordination service followed. Bro. Fred Rife was ordained into the ministry and Bro. Julian Gibson was reinstated. Bro. Homer Lee Mullins gave the charge, Bro. Herman Bates presented the Bible, and Bro. Lloyd Addington gave the ordination prayer.

The church letters were read. Bro. Daris Williams made a motion to receive and was seconded by Bro. Windall Austin.

Motions were made and seconded to request 800 minutes.

The Executive committee reported that the next quarterly conference would be held with Seco Church.

Motion was made and seconded for adjournment.

Moderator—Bro. Richard Gibson

Assistant Moderator—Bro. Homer Lee Mullins

Clerk—Homer B. Johnson

Fourth Quarterly Financial Report

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$539.75
Foreign Missions	30.00
Home Missions	190.00
Orphanage	300.00
Furgersons	85.00
Camp Jacob	25.00
Camp Caleb	30.00
Total Funds	1199.75
Received from letters (checks)	1114.75
(cash)	85.00
Total in letters	1199.75
Conference offering	82.64
Total to treasurer	1282.39
Expenses	
Dues	548.75
Engraving	21.00
Clerk expenses (stamps, phone, duplication)	17.23

Fourth Quarterly Conference Statistics

Churches 22-20 reporting	
Membership	2195
Sunday Schools	21
Membership	1495
Preachers	88
License	7
Auxiliaries	13
Membership	188
Youth Leagues	5 reporting
Membership	83
Please send 800 minutes	

Delegates Present at Poorbottom Church Aug. 23, 1986

Delegates enrolled:

Ersel Cantrell	Alice Hall	Reba Hall
Pearl Mann	Gobel Hall	Rebecca Cuddy
Martha Williams	Lawrance England	Eldred Hayes
John D. Shook	Hassel Cable	Maxine Shook
Lillie Ison Thompson	Lula Cantrell	Virginia Moore
Shilia Rose	Sarah Trinkle	Mary Ann Young
Fred Young	Russel Whitaker	Everett Silcox
Daniel V. Wilder	William E. Gibson	Landon Deel (Visitor)
Harison Mullins	Dollie Mullins	Linda Rife
Fred Rife	Teddy Tackett	David Tackett
Kenneth Mullins	Raymond Fegley	Flora Fegley
George Bickford	Gary Hamilton	Katie Orsborne
Margaret S. Ratliff	Thomas T. Ratliff	Sereda Boggs
Richard Gibson	Daris Williams	Mable S. Ratliff
Ann Leigh Boggs	Russel Boggs	Bonnie Prichard
Myrns Hylton	Mazie Hylton	Lena Mae Cantrell
Coleda Sturgill	Tazewell Sturgill	C. A. Vanover
Doug Bartley	Julian Gibson	John C. Depriest
Grover Bolden	Osie Bolden	Leanna Mullins
Margaret Hall	Russel Hall	Sharon Bolden
Tina Mullins	Georgia Mullins	

Poorbottom Church August 23, 1986

To: John Thomas Association while in session with Fletcher's Ridge Church
 From: Letcher County Conference while in session with Poorbottom Church
 Subject: Changing the wording of Article 16 of the Articles of Faith

"We the Letcher County Conference recommend the changing of the word 'wine' to read 'Fruit of the vine'." This petition was stated in the form of a motion, seconded and passed by a majority of delegates present.

Moderator—Bro. Richard Gibson

Assistant Moderator—Bro. Homer Lee Mullins

Clerk—Homer B. Johnson

To: John Thomas Association while in session with Fletcher's Ridge Church

From: Letcher County Conference while in session with Poorbottom Church
Subject: Addition to Church Covenant

"We the Letcher County Conference recommend that one line be added to the Church Covenant which would read "Have you ever been a member of a Freewill Baptist Church?" "We also recommend that each church send three delegates to the conference." This question and statement set in the form of a motion, seconded and passed by a majority of the delegates present.

Moderator—Bro. Richard Gibson

Assistant Moderator—Bro. Homer Lee Mullins

Clerk—Homer B. Johnson

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church at Van Sant Va., on September 12 & 13, 1986.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference convened with the Old Fashioned Freewill Baptist Church at Elkhorn City, Ky. on August 23, 1986 with the moderator Rev. John Vance in charge of devotions and the electing of a moderator.

The congregation sang "heavenly Sunlight," prayer was led by Rev. Homer Adkins. Brother Vance read a scripture found in First John 1st Chapter 11th verse to open the conference for business. Rev. Paul O'Quinn was elected moderator by acclamation to serve for the next three months. Motion made and carried to give the moderator the power to appoint all necessary committees. He appointed the following committees:

Pulpit Committee

Walter McCoy
Clifford Slone
James Stump

Finance Committee

Joe May
Dempsey Adkins
Goble Ratliff

Business Committee

Curtiss Wellman
Albert Simpson
Donnie Williamson

Ordaining Council

Rev. Bobby Varney
Rev. Herbert Goff
Rev. Homer Adkins

The clerk read the minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer gave his report, both were accepted as read. Roll call of ministers by the clerk with 33 ministers in attendance. Letters from the sister churches were read, all letters were accepted as read. The pulpit committed reported that Rev. Lonnie Francis and Rev. Curtiss Willman would preach at the morning service and Rev. Bobby Bowman and Rev. Johnny Rowe to preach in the afternoon. The finance committee received the morning offering in the amount of \$173.10. Motion made and carried to adjourn from business to worship service. Special singing was by Sister Dixie Leedy, and by Brother and Sister Edward Lee Adkins. Brother Francis came forward using Exodus 2:23 for a subject. He was followed by Brother Curtiss Wellman using for a text the 18th chapter of St. John. Both brought very inspiring messages.

This bringing our morning session to an end we were dismissed by prayer by Brother Goble Ratliff until 2:30.

After an enjoyable lunch prepared by the ladies of the church we met back at 2:30 p.m. The service was opened by singing "Fill my way with Love," The moderator read the 23rd Psalm for a scripture.

The business committee report was given by Brother Curtiss Wellman, the next conference will go to the Toler's Creek Church, and the John Thomas Association will convene with the Edo Church in 1987. The reports were voted on and passed and the committee relieved of their duty.

Motion was made and carried to letter up to the John Thomas Association when convened with the Fletcher Ridge Freewill Baptist Church at Van Sant, Va. on September 12 & 13, 1986, and to send \$500.00 with the letter.

Rev. Homer Adkins term had expired on the ordaining council and Rev. Curtiss Wellman was elected to fill the vacancy for a three year term.

The ordaining council reported that three ministers would be ordained. They were Brothers Fonso Justice, Goble Zellar and Terry Adkins. They came forward and Rev. Herbert Goff prayed the ordination prayer. Rev. Bobby Varney gave the charge and Rev. Homer Adkins presented the Bibles to them.

Motion made and carried to adjourn from business to worship service. Rev. Bobby Bowman came forth and read from the 4th chapter of Nehemiah and was followed by Bro. Johnny Rowe using John 3:16 for a text. They both brought good messages. Congregation sang and hand of fellowship passed. Dismissed by Rev. Paul O'Quinn until our next meeting in December or unless called together for special session, by the proper authorities.

Moderator

Rev. Paul O'Quinn

Clerk

Rev. Bobby Varner

Statistics

No. of Churches	18
Church Membership	1825
Ordained Ministers	85
Licensed Ministers	10
Membership Fees	\$500.00
Engraving	90.00
Amount Enclosed	\$590.00

For the year 1986 we have sent:

Freewill Baptist Children's Home, Greenville, Tenn.....	\$1,453.84
Bro. John Murray	843.00
Bro. Ledgel Ferguson.....	305.00
Foreign Mission	137.00
Dessie Scott Children's Home, Pine Ridge, Ky.	130.00
Total	\$2,868.84

Delegates appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting

Darrell Wellman—Leckieville
Theron Farmer—Edo
Finis Hackney—Edo
Joe May—Edo
Verniece Ratliff—Owsley
Suda Slone—Owsley
Lovia Ann Kinney—Grassy
Lula Bell Gross—Grassy
William Maynard—Owsley

Reffer Justice—Owsley
John Taylor—Octavia
Burl Rogers—Octavia
Dixie Leedy—Octavia
Shirley Leedy—Octavia
Renee Charles—Grassy
Mildred Varney—Belfry
Martha Charles—Grassy
Peggy Maynard—Owsley

Jimmy Williamson—Owsley
Josephine Williamson—Owsley

Walker McCoy—Leckieville

We request 650 minutes.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference, August 23, 1986.

NEW DURM QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Fletchers Ridge Freewill Baptist Church at Rowe, Virginia on September 12th and 13th, 1986.

The New Durm Quarterly Conference convened with the Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church at Council, Virginia on August 8th and 9th, 1986. Service was started by congregational singing. Prayer was led by Rev. Glenn Stevens. After special singing, Rev. Giles Wilson came forth to preach the introductive sermon. His text was taken from Isaiah I, verse 18. After worship service, the clerk came forth and organized the conference, calling it to order. Rev. Giles Wilson was elected moderator. Bro. Billie McGlothlin was appointed assistant moderator. The pulpit committee, appointed by the moderator, was Bro. Carter Wilson, Bro. Ricky Wilson and Bro. Millard Harris. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A call for corresponding messangers was given. Rev. Joe Johnson, Rev. B. M. Moore and bro. Junior Sutherland were present from the Dickenson County Conference. Delegates to attend the Dickenson County Conference were enrolled. Letters from sister churches were read. The conference accepted the letters from nine churches. Valley View Church reported for the third consecutive conference with out a pastor and was dropped from the conference. A report was given from the treasurer and accepted as given. The treasurer and clerk were retained to serve another one year term each. The moderator called for the election of the Ordaining Council. Rev. Edward Dye, Rev. Kyle Brown and Rev. Larry Robinson were elected to the executive committee. The Pulpit Committee reported that Bros. Joe Johnson and Larry Robinson would preach in morning service and Bros. B. M. Moore and Eugene Miller would preach in evening service. Bro. Billie McGlothlin then gave the Sunday School talk. Motion to adjourn the business session was given. This conference stands adjourned until the Friday before the second Sunday in November 1986.

Moderator

Rev. Giles Wilson
Rt. A
Council, Virginia 24260

Executive Committee

Bro. Brady Farmer
Bro. Troy Harris
Bro. Ronald Johnson

Clerk

Bernard McGlothlin
Rt. 1 Box 152
Vansant, Virginia 24656

Ordaining Council

Bro. Edward Dye
Bro. Kyle Brown
Bro. Larry Robinson

Statistics

No. of Churches 9
 Church Membership 489
 Ordained Ministers 25
 Membership Fees \$150.00
 Sent Orphanage \$396.00

No. of Sunday Schools 9
 Sunday School Enrollment 402
 Licensed Ministers 3
 Engraving \$20.00

Yearly meeting place and date:

Fletchers Ridge Freewill Baptist Church, Rowe, Virginia
 September 12th and 13th, 1986

The delegates to attend the Yearly Meeting are:

Francis Brown
 Junior Rasnake
 Virginia Johnson
 Helen Harris
 Ada Farmer
 Luther Ray
 Vivian Ray
 Velva Meadows
 Rita Rasnake
 Shelia Stump
 James Harris
 Rick Wilson
 Michael Colley
 Gracie Compton
 Bill Ball
 Annie Stevens
 Mary Combs

Millard Sykes
 Ruby Mitchell
 Ervin Johnson
 Debbie Lester
 Lois McGlothlin
 Wilma Perkins
 Paulin Perkins
 Linda Harris
 Faye Harris
 Rachel Johnson
 Danny Harris
 Devonna Colley
 Carrie Johnson
 Velva Wilson
 Eula Compton
 Carmie Harris
 Sandy Robinson

Russell Sykes
 Marcella Rasnake
 Lisa Sparks
 Juanita Farmer
 Hattie Ray
 Rosemary Robinson
 Gay Hess
 Mae Wilson
 Donna Harris
 Ervin Compton
 Sharon Ball
 Virginia Ball
 Carson Harris
 Rhonda Lester
 Lucy Harris
 Dora Robinson

Done by order of the New Durm Quarterly Conference this 9th day of August,
 nineteen-hundred eighty-sixth year of our Lord.

We request that 275 minutes be sent to us.

MID-OHIO QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Paul Tyree
 8333 E. TWP. Rd. 178
 Green Springs, Ohio 44836

Clerk

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

Statistics

No. of Churches 2
 Church Membership 82
 Ordained Ministers 7
 Licensed Ministers 0
 Membership Fees \$175.00
 Engraving 0

Delegates

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Sister Loretta Kendrick
Rev. Cecil Rogers
Sister Nellie Rogers

Yearly Meeting Place and Date:

Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church, Vansant, Va., on Sept. 12 & 13, 1986

Also enclosed is a check of \$800.00 for the Children's Home

We request 75 minutes books.

Done by order of the Mid-Ohio Quarterly Conference on the 9th day of August, 1986.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

The Hamilton County Conference is sending as our delegates Rev. and Mrs. Vestal Hutson from Calvary Freewill Baptist Church and Rev. and Mrs. Clay Couch from Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church and Rev. and Mrs. Clay Couch from Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

The Hamilton Co. Conference would like to have some information about our Freewill Baptist College and our Children's Home. We feel it may be a good idea to have a section in the minutes set aside for these.

Our conference has added a new church, Fowler Creek Freewill Baptist Church which we are proud to have with us.

Remember us in prayer as we will remember the association.

Done in order of the Hamilton County Conference.

David Roger Hutson, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—Continued

The moderator called for a report of the Pulpit committee, they reported prayer would be led by Brother Earet Rose and Rev. Bennie Slone and Rev. Derwood Yates would bring the morning messages. And the afternoon prayer would be led by Rev. Franklin Hall and Rev. Herman Bates and Rev. Kyle Hubbard would bring the afternoon messages.

The moderator called for a report of the Audit Committee. They reported that they found the treasurer's books in order. The reports were accepted as given.

Brother James Cox gave a report on Camp Jacob; this summer they had over 500 campers and over one hundred saved. It is owned by Dickenson and Wise County Conferences. He asked all to get involved in the camp ministry. Motion made and seconded to accept the report of Brother Cox.

Motion was made by Rev. Herman Bates and seconded by Bro. Lester Robinson for the clerk to write to the Board of Directors of the Children's Home at Nashville, Tenn. for a detailed report of the Children's Home since it was reported that Bro. James E. Raper was no longer with them, and we had no representative from them. And for the clerk to send a copy of it to the clerk of each conference. Motion carried by usual voting.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn from business until this afternoon and to go ahead with the worship service.

Brother Earet Rose sang a special song "I Claim Jesus First of All" and Sister Rachel McGlothlin sang "Land Far Away." Brother Earet Rose led in Prayer and Rev. Bennie Slone came forward reading from Revelation 20 verses 12-15 for a subject followed by Rev. Derwood Yates using the same subject. Both bringing wonderful messages seasoned by the Holy Spirit congregation sang and passed right hand of fellowship. Brother Clayton Hay asked a blessing over the food and called the benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After a delicious dinner prepared by the ladies of the church, we met back with congregation singing "Jesus Hold My Hand." Prayer was led by Rev. Franklin Hall. The clerk passed enrollment card out to the delegates, deacons and ministers that had come in after they were distributed this morning. The moderator read a scripture to call the meeting to order from Ecclesiastes 12 verse 13 & 14.

The moderator asked if any visiting ministers or delegates from any other conferences had come in. Rev. Fred (Jack) Green who represents the Board of Directors of the Freewill Baptist Children's Home at Greenville, Tenn. gave a report. He said that Brother James E. Raper sent his regards and said he had resigned as Superintendent of the Children's Home to re-enter the pastoral ministry. The home has 15 children at the present time and is now more or less a boarding school and they are looking for a replacement for Bro. Raper. Motion made by Rev. Benny Sloane and seconded by Bro. Lester Robinson to accept the report as given, motion carried.

Rev. Derwood Yates made a motion seconded by Brother Oval Hillman to receive an offering for the Children's Home. We received \$161.79 in the offering and Brother Howard Reynolds asked the blessing over the offering.

Delegates from the Hamilton County Conference arrived with their letter. Motion was made by Rev. Bennie Slone seconded by Bro. Billy McGlothlin to receive their letter, the letter was read and accepted as read by vote.

Letcher County submitted two resolutions to the Association. They were discussed and tabled for one year.

The next meeting will be with the Pike Co. Conference at the Edo Freewill Baptist Church at Kimper, Ky.

Rev. Derwood Yates made a motion and seconded by Brother Brady Farmer to adjourn from business until next year unless called together for some special business.

JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION MINISTERS MEETING

The Ministers of the John Thomas Association met on Saturday afternoon after the business of the yearly meeting was finished. Motion was made and carried to retain the same officers as were elected for the yearly meeting.

The clerk Rev. Bobby Varney read the letters from the sister minister's conferences all were accepted as read. They read as follows.

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Meade Chapel was the host church for the July 24, 1986, Dickenson County Ministers Conference at 7:30 p.m. A total of 59 ministers were present, five lettered in, and 42 deacons and visitors were present for a total of 106.

The clerk, Brother Ralph R. Rasnick opened the conference, and after he gave a brief welcome, Brother Wilford Large led in singing "Sun's Coming Up In The Morning." Brother Lewis Mullins led in a beautiful prayer.

Brother Arvil Rose was elected moderator, and through powers granted by the conference he named Brother Joe Johnson assistant. Clerk Rasnick read the minutes of the April Conference which were approved.

Following a motion made by Brother Vester McKinney Jr., the conference voted to re-elect the present officers for the coming year. They are Brothers Joe Johnson, Lee Rose, and Harry Whitaker, Ordaining Council; Brother Rasnick, Conference Clerk; and Brothers Earet Rose, N. B. Lambert, O. T. Smith, Donald Elkins, and Derwood Yates, Executive Committee; and Brothers Yates, B. M. Moore, and Franklin Hall on Lifetime Cards Committee.

Three old Soldiers of the Cross have been called Home in recent months. They were Brothers Enoch Rose, Wythe Salyers, and Fred Taylor, the first two from the Ordaining Council. It's easy to imagine each of them could have said, as Paul said to Timothy, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished MY course, I have kept the faith."

The clerk read the names of those recently ordained, and on their requests voted to accept them into the ministers conference. The right hand of fellowship was offered at the close of the conference.

Brother Whitaker came forward to speak on "Articles of Faith" as set forth in the "Minutes of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists." Someone may ask you to prove there is a God, he said, so "just look around you at the universe."

He also discussed love and jealousy within the church, the latter sometimes

even among the ministers. "Preach the Gospel, a commandment of Jesus Christ," he said, "and not the gossip." Brother Whitaker concluded by leading a lengthy discussion on the first two Articles. Others will be later.

Adjournment came at 9:15 p.m., following handshakes and fellowship. The ladies of Meade's Chapel provided refreshment and food following this.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards (Dickenson County)

Name	Address	Church
Bailey, Bobby Gene	P. O. box 327, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Baker, Charles	Rt. 2, Box 250, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Belcher, Luther, Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 239-B, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Belcher, Troy	Rt. 2, Box 184, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Boggs, Edison	P. O. Box 5, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
Boggs, Darrell	Rt. 2, Box 246, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Boles, Benny	Rt. 1, Box 556, Norton, VA 24273	Dyers Chapel
Bolling, James E.	P. O. Box 361, Pound, VA 24228	Hill Ridge
Boyd, Carter	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228	Hill Ridge
Boyd, Freddy	Box 183, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Cantrell, Robert	Rt. 2, Box 449, Coeburn, VA 24230	Duncan Gap
Carico, Alden	Rt. 3, Box 161, Gallipolis, OH 45631	Pine Creek
Cõnley, Allen C.	Rt. 1 Box 246, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Cook, Emory	Box 321, Dante, VA 24237	Phillips Chapel
Cooper, Dwane	Rt. , Box 667, Dante, VA 24237	Martin Chapel
Crabtree, Tennie B.	Rt. 4, Box 51, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Deel, Verlin Jr.	Box 107, Birchleaf, VA 24220	Buffalo
Deloach, Paul	Rt. 1, Box 130, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Fields, Paul	821 Wildwood Dr., Broosville, FL 33521	Peuther Chapel
Flether, Lacy	Box 42, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Hale, Glynn	Rt. 2, Box 86-B, Castlewood, VA 24224	Bear Wallow
Hall, Franklin	Rt. 2, Box 310-D, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Hampton, Lester	Rt. 1, Box 33, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Hartsock, J. T.	Rt. 1, Castlewood, VA 24224	Bear Wallow
Hay, Clayton	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
Hay, Clyde	Box 321, Clintwood, VA 24228	Lick Creek
Hibbitts, Billy D.	Rt. 1, Box 268, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Hill, Finis	Rt. 1, kBox 156, Haysi, VA 24256	Splashdam
Hill, Gary	P. O. Box 1793, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Hill, Tam	Box 343, Nora, VA 24272	Hill Ridge
Hobbs, Doyle	Box 193, Castlewood, VA 24224	Mills Chapel
Hobbs, James	1711 Central Ave., Elizabethton, TN 37643	Rugsby
Jenkins, James E.	Rt. 1, Dante, VA 24237	Martin Chapel
Jenkins, Jerry L.	Rt. 1, Box 37, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Johnson, Jack	Box 1044, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Johnson, Joe	Rt. 4, Box 223, Coeburn, VA 24230	Middle Branch
Keith, Quinton	Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Kennedy, Ayers	Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Kiesling, Alfred L.	Rt. 4, Box 267, Coeburn, VA 24230	Meade Chapel
Knowles, Joey	Rt. 2, Box 275-A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Lick Fork
Large, Tommy	Rt. 1, Box 152, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Large, Winford	Rt. 1, Box 379, Clintwood, VA 24228	Tarpon
Layne, Garcia B.	Rt. 2, Box 445, Coeburn, VA 24230	
Meade, Jack W.	Rt. HC05, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230	Meade Chapel
Meade, James D.	Rt. HC05, Box 409, Coeburn, VA 24230	Meade Chapel

Moore, B. M.	Rt. 1, Box 31, Nora, VA 24272	Dyers Chapel
Moore, Delmon D.	Rt. 3, Box , Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Mullins, Arvid Lee	Rt. 3, Box 270-B, Clintwood, VA 24228	Lick Fork
Mullins, Bill Mack	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Mullins, Billy Gene	Rt. 3, Box 269, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemington
Mullins, Bobby	Rt. 2, Box 387-B, Coeburn, VA 24330	Honey Camp
Mullins, C. Clifford	Rt. , Box 345, Chantilly, VA 22021	Burke
Mullins, David L.	Rt. 2, Box 118-B, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, Hie A.	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, VA 24228	Frying Pan
Mullins, Jerry W.	4256 Buckman Rd., #21, Alexandria, VA 22308	Burke
Mullins, Johnnie	Rt. 3, Clintwood, VA 24228 Box 404	Peuther Chapel
Mullins, Larry T.	8122 Richmond Hwy., Alexander, VA 22309	Burke
Mullins, Lester C.	Rt. 2, Box 331, Coeburn, VA 24230	Valley View
Mullins, Lewis V.	Rt. 3, Box 518, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, Mack	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Duncan Gap
Mullins, Mark W.	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, VA 24228	Frying Pan
Mullins, Parkis	6720 Harrison Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	Burke
Mullins, Paul E.	Rt. 2, Box 280, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel Chapel
Mullins, Rickey D.	Rt. 2, Box 301, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Mullins, Robert C.	Rt. 2, Box 176-X, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Mullins, Willie R.	General Delivery, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Mullins, Roy A.	Rt. 2, Box 387-B, Coeburn, VA 24230	Honey Camp
Mullins, Ted	Rt. 12, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
McKinney, Vester, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 556, Clinchco, VA 24226	Middle Branch
McPeck, David P.	Rt. 3, Box 199-A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Phipps, Clifford	Rt. 3, Box 547, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Phipps, Robert L.	Rt. 3, Box 546, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Price, Terry	Rt. 2, Box 392, Coeburn, VA 24230	Lick Fork
Rasnick, Ralph R.	P. O. Box 15, Norton, VA 24273	Frying Pan
Reedy, Donald Ray	Rt. 1, Box 150, Dante, VA 24237	Ramsey Ridge
Reynolds, Howard	Box 67, Swords Creek, VA 24649	Castlewood
Robinson, Jerry W.	Rt. 1, Box 234-A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pinecreek
Robinson, Lester	Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Robinson, Nyal Burns	P. O. kBox 46, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Rose, Arvil Jr.	Rt. 2, Box 318, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Rose, Carl	Rt. 1, Clincho, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Rose, Edward A.	Rt. 2, Box 252-B, Coeburn, VA 24330	Rugsby
Rose, Elva	Rt. 2, Box 319, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Rose, Harlan L.	Rt. 1, Box 446, Clintwood, VA 24228	Hill Ridge
Rose, Willie C.	Rt. 1, Box 479, Clintwood, VA 24228	Hill Ridge
Russ, David	Rt. 2, Box 96, Clintwood, VA 24228	Lick Fork
Slemp, Ed	Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Slemp, Jackie	Rt. 2, Box 415, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
Slemp, Samuel E.	Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Slemp, Tom	Rt. 2, Box 415, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
Sluss, Danny	Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, VA 24256	Splashdam
Sluss, Joe Glenn	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemington
Spriggs, Gaylord	VI Ranch RD, Rt. 3, Box 570-C, Bristol, VA	Splashdam
Sproles, Kenneth	Rt. 5, Box 193, Abingdon, VA 24210	Straight Hollow
Stallard, I. T.	Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, VA 24279	Glady Fork
Stanley, Adam M.	Rt. 2, Box 330, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Stanley, Nolan M.	Rt. 1, Box 131, Wise, VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel
Steele, Joseph P.	Rt. 2, Box 548-A, Haysi, VA 24256	Valley View

Strouth, Douglas	Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Strouth, Bobby Gene	Rt. 2, Box 338, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Strouth, Manie W.	Box 958, Pound, VA 24279	Pine Creek
Sykes, Glenn	Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, VA 24256	Tarpon
Sykes, Leon C.	Rt. 1, Box 116, Haysi, VA 24256	Tarpon
Vanover, Roy C.	P. O. Box 382, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Ward, Robert V.	Rt. 1, St. Paul, VA 24283	Meade Chapel
Whitaker, Harry	Box 361, Dante, VA 24237	Straight Hollow
Whitt, Byron David	Rt. 2, Box 422, Boones Mill, VA 24065	Pine Crest
Wolford, Talt	Box 426, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Wright, Luke	14514 El Rio Court, Woodbridge, VA 22191	Burk
Wright, Richard	7096 Kings Arm Drive, Manassas, VA 22110	Burk
Willis, Billy Darrel	Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, VA 24256	Splashdam
Yates, Derwood	Rt. 2, Box 299, Coeburn, VA 24230	Valley View

Ministers to Receive Life Time Cards

Dingus, Ralph	General Delivery, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Edwards, Lonzo	Rt. 3, Box 32, Abingdon, VA 24210	Yates Chapel
McKinney, Vester Sr.	Rt. 1, Box 203, Clinchco, VA 24226	Ramsey Ridge
Moore, Kermit	P. O. Box A-21, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Reedy, Clyde E.	Rt. 2, Madisonville, TN 37354	Peuther Chapel
Rose, Goble	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Rose, Maston	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptist ministers convened with Poorbottom Church August 22, 1986 at Lookout, Ky.

Bro. Richard Gibson the pastor led the ministers in singing "An Uncloudy Day."

The moderator, Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. came forward and expressed appreciation to the pastor and church for their new building. The moderator read the scripture lesson from 1 Cor. 14:40. Many prayer requests were made for the sick. Bro. Millard Bates Jr. led in prayer.

The moderator discussed the prohibiting of Baptism below the Pound Fork reservoir. A petition was drawn up and signed by all the ministers present. Petition is to be sent to Hon. Chris Perkins, congressman from this area for his consideration.

Bro. Charles Gallion's word of witness of presence of absent ministers being present at previous conferences was stated in a motion and was seconded by Bro. Clyde Damron. Motion carried by the conference. Bro. Tommy England made a motion to send letter to absent ministers. Motion seconded and passed.

A draft prepared by Bro. Larry Jones entitled "Delinquent Minister" was read by the moderator. The moderator asked for discussion or comment. None was received. Bro. William Craford made a motion not to accept draft. Motion was seconded by Bro. Woodrow Mullins.

Bro. Clyde Damron made a motion that delinquent ministers come under watchcare for a year and come before the ministers conference. Motion was seconded by a majority of ministers present.

Bro. Russel Whitaker's revision of article 16 of the Articles of Faith was passed over to the Delegate Conference for consideration. Recommendations from Hylton Chapel were also passed over to Delegate Conference.

The Arbitration Committee report given by Bro. Clyde Damron stated that their visit to Dunham found all in fellowship and brotherly love.

A unanimous standing vote elected Bro. Woodrow Mullins as moderator for the coming year.

Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. (moderator) appointed Bro. Lloyd Addington to serve on the Ordination Committee. He appointed Bro. Ike Young, Jr. to serve on the Arbitration Committee.

Bro. Clyde Damron made a motion to retain clerk. Motion carried.

Bro. James N. Tackett made a motion for adjournment and was seconded by Bro. William Crawford.

Moderator— Herman Bates, Jr.

Assistant Moderator—Bro. Jonah Wright

Clerk—Bro. Homer B. Johnson

Ministers to receive goodstanding cards

Minister	Address	Church
Clyde Damron*	Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Alleghany
Pete Newsom	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Carl Coleman*	Rockhouse, Ky.	Alleghany
Oscar Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
James N. Tackett	Lookout, Ky. Box 161	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
Patrick Whitaker	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Ralph Vicars*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Tommy Tackett	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Don McKnight*	Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
James M. Potter	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton
McCoy Tackett*	Meta, Ky.	Dorton
Teddy Tackett	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton
David Tackett	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton
Kalton Robinett	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Dorton
Randy Gill	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Chalres Gallion*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Dennie Fleming	Jackhorn, Ky. Box 113	Dunham
Woodrow Mullins*	Rt. 2, Box 559, Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
James O. Elkins	Lickfork Box 44, Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
Bobby W. Elkins	Box 71, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Energyville
Leon Bolden	Rt. 2, Box 274A, Pikeville, Ky.	Virgie
Ralph Proffitt	Neon, Ky. 41840	Happy
Paul Wooten	Scuddy, Ky.	Happy
Earl Combs	Happy, Ky.	Happy
Rodney Smith*	Happy, Ky.	Happy
Ova Land	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Danny Mullins*	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Ike Young Jr.*	HC-95-96 Fleming, Ky. 41816	Marshall's Branch
Millard Bates Jr.*	Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Hemphill

Arnold Noles	Neon, Ky. 41840	Hemphill
Johnnie Collier	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
Floyd Sexton	Box 68A, Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
Homer Lee Mullins*	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton Chapel
Larry R. Jones*	HC 84 Box 1920, Whitesburg, Ky.	Kings Creek
Leroy Fields	Premium, Ky.	Kings Creek
Hasandora Reynolds	Ligon, Ky. 41636	Ligon
Sonny Miracle*	Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Ligon
Herman Johnson	B-115 Hi-Hat, Ky.	Ligon
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton Chapel
Tommy England	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton Chapel
Gary Hibbits	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton Chapel
Roger Burke	Eolia, Ky. 40826	Franks Creek
Verdell Sturgill*	Eolia, Ky. 40826	Franks Creek
Ray Anderson	Eolis, Ky. 40826	Franks Creek
Gary Kirby	Rt. 2, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Marshalls Branch
David I. Brewer*	McRoberts, Ky.. 41835	Moores Chapel
Elonzo Calwell	McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Moore Chapel
Dennis Fleming	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Moores Chapel
Herman Bates, Jr.*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Ersel McPeeks	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Jonah. W. Wright	Payne Gap, Ky:	Payne Gap
Lloyd Addinhton	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Hollis Bevins	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Herbert H. Stallard	Ermine, Ky.	Payne Gap
Warren Tompkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Doyle Caudill	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Caleb Holbrook	Rt. Box 208, Jenkins, Ky.	Pine Chapel
Fred Bartley	Box 1113, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Grover Bolden*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
John M. Dixon	Cumberland, Ky.	Franks Creek
Glenn Miller	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Moores Chapel
Joe Coleman	119 Broad Bottom Rd., Pikeville	Energyville
Bobby Wyatt	Franklin, Ky.	Burdine
Richard Gibson*	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Daris Williams	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
Fred Rife	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton
Julian Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Kennith Maggard	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Thornton
Lester Boggs*	Seco, Ky.	Seco
John Spicer, Jr.	Box 601, Neon, Ky. 41840	Seco
Jerry N. Tackett	Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tackette Fork
Tommy N. Phillips	Kona, Ky. 41829	Seco
Hayes Vance Je.*	Box 12, Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tacketts Fork
Johnny Caudill	Hi-Hat, Ky.	Tacketts Fork
Curtis Light	Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tacketts Fork
Dean Fields*	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Thornton
Windall Austin	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Thornton
Donald Young	Thornton, Ky. 41855	Thornton
Rodney Mullins	Thornton, Ky. 41855	Thornton
Vardney Bolling	Payne Gap, Ky.	Whitesburg
Raymond Hall*	Thornton, Ky. 41855	Whitesburg
Robert Hampton	Virgie, Ky. 41527	Virgie

88 Ministers***Pastors****Holding Life Goodstanding Cards**

George Adams Jr.	Thornton, Ky. 41855	Whitesburg
William Craford	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Johnny Stofer	Wise, Va.	Valley View
Charles Gallion	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Percy Elkins, Sr.	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Ezra Johnson		Payne Gap
Earl Breeding	Seco, Ky.	Hemphill
Darwin Mullins	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill

**Fourth Quarterly Conference when in session with
Poorbottom Church August 23, 1986
Ministers Enrolled**

Millard Bates, Jr.	Lloyd Addington	W.M. Craford
Charles Gallion	Eddie Taylor (Lic)	Hayes Vance, Jr.
Glenn Miller	Richard Gibson	Windall R. Austin
James N. Tackett	Clyde Damron	Kennith Mullins
Fred Rife	Teddy Tackett	Kalton Robinett
Troy Osborne	Doyle Caudill	Randolph R. Gill, Jr.
Ike Young, Jr.	Caleb Holbrook	Gary Kirby
Lester Boggs	Gary Hibbits	Percy Elkins, Sr.
Jerry Tackett	Hillis Bevins	Tommy Tackett
Raymond Hall	Billy W. Hall	Woodrow Mullins
Julian Gibson	Gordon Damron	Pete Newsome
Sonny Miracle	Johnny D. Caudill	Homer Lee Mullins
Herman Bates, Jr.	Tommy England	Grover Bolden
Larry R. Jones		

40 ministers present

PIKE COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greeting:

To the John Thomas Association yearly meeting, while convened with the Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church at Vansant, Va. on September 13, 1986. The ministers of the Pike County Quarterly Conference met at the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church at Huddy, Ky. on Friday, August 22, 1986 with the moderator Rev. Edward Lee Adkins in charge of the devotions and the electing of a moderator to serve for the next six months.

The congregation sang "I've Got A Mansion" and prayer was led by Rev. William G. King. Conference was called to order by the moderator reading a scripture found in 2nd Corinthians chapter 4 verses 1-6.

By move, second and vote of ministers present Rev. Velon Burgess was elected to serve as moderator. Rev. William G. King was appointed to be his assistant.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk, Rev. Bobby Varney. They were adopted as read. Roll call of ministers with 40 present and 6 reported by letter. Brothers Ballard Yates and Ronald May were discussed for not attending this ministers conference. These Brothers will not receive good standing cards for this year.

Motion made by Brother Buddy Kendrick second by Bro. Curtiss Wellman for the brothers in the ministers conference to discuss nothing except character and doctrine of our ministers. Motion made and carried to table this motion for six months until our next regular meeting in February. Being no further business the conference was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Donnie Williamson.

Ordaining Council

Rev. Robert Varney
Rev. Herbert Goff
Rev. Curtiss Wellman

Moderator

Rev. Velon Burgess
Box 87K Rt. 3
Pikeville, Ky. 41501

Executive Committee

Rev. Bennie Slone
Rev. Robey Kendrick
Rev. Robert Varney

Clerk

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

Total ministers 85 including 13 Life-time ministers

Ministers to receive good standing cards are as follows:

Name	Address	Church
Bennie F. Slone	Meta, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Robert (Bobby) Varney	HC 64 Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Belfry
Ray Williams	Rt. 4 Pikeville,, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
David G. Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
William G. King	HC 64 Box 335 McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Robie (Buddy) Kendrick	Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Gerria Reynolds	HC 64 Box 365, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Herbert Goff	Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Curtiss Wellman	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Dennis Hinkle	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Homer Adkins	641 Hurricane Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
William Akers	Sidney, Ky 41564	Mt. Zion
Edward Lee Adkins	154 Elisha Fork, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Stone Coal
Dwight Buckley	Rt. 3, Box 149, Keathley Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Stone Coal
Velon Burgess	Box 87K, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Harold Anderson	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Donnie Williamson	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Leckieville
Ronald Coleman	Rt. 1 Box 424, Elkhorn, Ky. 41522	Unity
Ray Leedy	Stone, Ky. 41567	Octavia
Palmer Thompson	Box 560, Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Jimmie Skeens	1501 Clark St., Marion, N.C. 27752	Island Creek
Leslie Kennedy	Rt. 2, Box 29C, Sidney, Ky. 41564	Leckieville
John Vance	Box 6, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek
Luther Boyd	134 Wolfan Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Onis Varney	319 Kathleen Dr., Elgin, Ill. 60120	Octavia
Bud Ross	Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	Mt. Zion
Albert Simpson	Box 515, Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Jimmie Jack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 52, Shalbiana, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, Ky. 41539	Belfry

Bobby Bowman	Box 82, Phyllis, Ky. 41554	Meathouse
Emery Varney	Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Perry Kendrick	189 Jay St., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Harold Brewer	574 Collins Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Buford Thacker	Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Toler's Creek
Estil P. Adkins	Owsley, Ky. 41501	Proctor
Tom Carrol	Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Barry Robinson	Rt. 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Clarence Robinson	208 Billy Compton Br., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
William Harrison	Chatteroy, W. Va. 25667	Mt. Zion
Paul O'Quinn	Box 475, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41532	Old Fashion
Kernal Lawson	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Joe Slone	Rt. 4, Box 96, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Edward Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 87, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Simmie Adkins	1907 7th St., Wyandotte, Mich. 48192	Owsley
Goble Thacker	Rt. 1, Box 274., Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Walter McCoy, Jr.	Goody, Ky. 41562	Leckieville
Wendall Robert Smith	Rt. 1, Box 55X, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Stone Coal
Charles Delon Jones	Box 208, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dennis E. Stiltner	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Michael Dingess	Box 147, Matewan, W.Va. 25678	Bluespring
Goble Rush Ratliff	Box 190, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Harold Robinson	Rt. 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Jackie Maynard	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Ernest Mullins	Box 328, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41562	Fellowship Chapel
Larry Morley	Box 631, Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Frank Bryant	Rt. 5, Box 401½, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Donnie R. Harris	Fishtrap, Ky. 41525	Island Creek
Emery H. Williamson	Stone, Ky. 41567	Belfry
Lonnie D. Francis	Box 105, Aflex, Ky. 41510	Leckieville
Randy Newsome	Rt. 2 Box 443, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Phillip Damron	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Donnie Feltner	Box 488, Bent Br. Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Greg Goins	Rt. 1, Box 413, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Dallas Ratliff	Rt. 1, Box 151, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Ronnie Sturgil	HC 73, Box 1220, Harold, Ky. 41625	Stone Coal
Earliest Mullins	Rt. 2 Box., 571A, Clay City, Ky. 40312	Proctor
Callahan Charles	Box 43, Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Fonso Justice	Box 62, Sidney, Ky. 41564	Bluespring
Goble Zellar	Box 45, Regina, Ky. 41559	Unity
Terry Adkins	Box 007, Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Unity

Ministers Holding Life-time Cards

John T. Oliver	Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
O. H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 100, Beech Bluff, Tenn.	Octavia
Lawerence Ball	Switzer, W. Va. 25647	Octavia
George Bickford	Box 151, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dempsey Adkins	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
John C. Hatfield	Ransom, 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
Wilson Justice
E. P. Murphy

Kimper, Ky. 41539
Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560
Hatfield, Ky. 41561

Edo
Caney Creek
Mt. Zion

Done by order of the Pike County Ministers Conference.

MID-OHIO MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The Mid-Ohio Ministers Conference convened at the Adams Township F.W.B. Church, Green Springs, Ohio, on July 12, 1986.

Service opened with song and prayer and reading of scripture. The next order of business was nomination of moderator. Rev. Raymond Stanley and Rev. Paul Tyree was nominated, Rev. Paul Tyree was elected moderator. Next was election of a clerk Rev. Ronnie Kendrick was re-elected clerk. Minutes from last conference was read, motion was made and seconded and carried to accept minutes as read.

All ministers were present except one, and he reported by letter. His letter was read and motion was made and seconded and carried to accept his letter.

Discussion of the growth of the churches and conference was talked about and how to get more churches into our conference. Conference came to a close with right hand of fellowship and song and dismissal prayer.

Moderator

Rev. Paul Tyree
8333 E. TWP. Rd. 178
Green Springs, Ohio 44836

Clerk's Name

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

Ordaining Council

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Rev. Cecil Rogers
Rev. Raymond Stanley

Executive Committee

Rev. Cecil Rogers
Rev. Paul Tyree
Rev. James Patterson

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Fletcher's Ridge, Freewill Baptist Church, Vansant, Va. on Sept. 12-13, 1986

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Mickey B. Kendrick	Hatfield, Kentucky	Community
Rev. Raymond Stanley	8606 Waynesburg Dr. S.E., Waynesburg, Oh	Community
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick	4022 21st S.W., Canton, Oh.	Community
Rev. Cecil Rogers	217 E. Paradise St., Orrville, Oh.	Community
Rev. James Patterson	151 Cottage Ave., Tiffin, Oh.	Adams Township
Rev. Frank Tyree	4618 County Rd. 21, Clide, Oh.	Adams Township
Rev. Paul Tyree	8333 TWP. Rd. 178, Green Springs, Oh.	Adams Township

Done by order of the Mid-Ohio Ministers Conference on the 12th day of July, 1986.

NEW DURM MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting, when convened with the Fletchers Ridge Freewill Baptist Church on September 12th and 13th, 1986. The New Durm Ministers Conference met with Mt. View Freewill Baptist Church on August 9th, 1986. Service was started by congregational singing. Bro. Glenn Stevens led prayer. Bro. Giles Wilson read from the 14th chapter of John. Rev. Larry Robinson was elected as moderator. Rev. Edward Dye was chosen as the assistant moderation. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A roll call was given. Church letters were read and approved. The ministers conference asked the executive committee and ordaining council to meet with the Clinch View Church concerning their good standing in the quarterly conference. Call for adjournment was given. Done by order of the New Durm Ministers Conference this ninth day of August in the nineteen-hundred eighty-sixth year of our Lord.

Moderator—Rev. Larry Robinson

Clerk—Bernard McGlothlin

Moderator

Rev. Larry Robinson
Rt. 1, Box 451
Lebanon, Virginia 24260

Clerk

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

Ordaining Council

Rev. Edward Dye
Rev. Kyle Brown
Rev. Larry Robinson

Executive Committee

Bro. Brady Farmer
Bro. Troy Harris
Bro. Ronald Johnson

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Fletchers Ridge Freewill Baptist Church, Rowe, Virginia.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Harley Dye	Rt. 1, Box 92, Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Ephesus
Howard Bostic	Rt. 1, Box 23, Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Mt. Zion
Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Russell Miller	Rt. 2, Lebanon, Va. 24266	Mt. Zion
Allen Stevens	Star Rt. Box 55, Richlands, Va.	Drill Chapel
Eugene Miller	P. O. Box 1615, Lebanon, Va. 24266	East Lebanon
Charlie Keen	Box 164, Bland, Va.	Ephesus
Kyle Brown	Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Ephesus
Glenn Stevens	Rt. A, Council, Va. 24260	Mt. View
Carson Walters	Lebanon, Va. 24266	Mt. Zion
Glenn Peck	Rt. 2, Honaker, Virginia 24260	Drill Chapel
Larry Robinson	Rt. 1, Box 451, Lebanon, Va. 24266	East Lebanon
Kenneth Taylor	Honaker, Va. 24260	Guiding Light
Giles Wilson	Rt. A, Council, Virginia 24260	Mt. View
Roy Corns	Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Mt. Zion
Ralph Bostic	Rt. 1, Box 299, Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Ephesus
Jeff Boyd	St. Rt. Box 55, Richlands, Va.	Drill Chapel
Kyle Hubbard	Box 662, Honaker, Va. 24260	Tunnell Hill
Robert Bias	Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Tunnell Hill

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Meeting in Session with The Fowler Creek Free Will Baptist Church on August 9th, 1986. The Conference Meeting was held in a Spirit of Brotherly Love and Christian Fellowship with The General Theme being the need of Greater Emphasis on The Atoning Work of Christ and the need for a greater Manifestation of this in the Life and Actions of Believers.

Moderator

Rev. Vestal "Buck" Hutson
3787 Ebenezer Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45248

Clerk

Rev. D. Roger Hutson
5672 Eula
Cincinnati, Ohio 45248

Ordaining Council

Rev. Robert Matney
Rev. D. Roger Hutson
Rev. Fred Seibers

Executive Council

Rev. James Upchurch
Rev. D. Roger Hutson
Rev. Vestal Hutson

No. of Churches	5
Membership	200
Ordained Ministers	15

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Gordon Calhoun	4535 Mellwood, Cinti, Oh. 45232	Calvary
Rev. Vestal Hutson	3787 Ebenezer Rd., Cinti, Oh. 45248	Calvary
Rev. Clay Couch	117 W. Main Street, Alexandria, Ky. 41001	Pipe Creek
Rev. James Upchurch	3411 Graff Street, Covington, Ky. 41015	Calvary
Rev. D. Roger Hutson	5672 Eula, Cinti, Oh. 45248	Calvary
Rev. A. C. Ball, Sr.	4155 Wittler St., Cinti, Oh. 45223	Calvary
Rev. Leroy Reed	Rt. #3, Box #353, Greensburg, Ind.	Pipe Creek
Rev. Robert Matney	4526 Co., Rd., Galion, Oh.	Mt. Tabor
Rev. David Carpenter	P. O. Box #14, Sunman, Ind.	Clinton
Rev. Arlo Smith, Sr.	R.R. #1, Sunman, Ind.	Clinton
Rev. Arlo Smith, Jr.	R.R. #1, Sunman, Ind.	Clinton
Rev. James S. Bohley	132 Whippoorwill Dr., Harrison, Oh.	Lawrenceburg
Rev. Frederick Taylor	160 E. Mt. Zion Road, Independence, Ky.	Fowler Creek
Rev. Fred Seibers	104-A Warren Ave., Ft. Mitchell, Ky.	Fowler Creek
Rev. Avrill Worley	3399 Bighorn, Cinti, Oh. 45211	Fowler Creek

Submitted to The John Thomas Association by Order of The Hamilton County Conference of Free Will Baptists in Session with The Fowler Creek Free Will Baptist Church on August 9th, 1986.

We request of the Association One Hundred and Twenty Five (125) Copies of The Minutes of The Association Meeting.

Enclosed \$50.00 for minutes.

D. Roger Hutson, Conference Clerk

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—Continued

Discussion on dealing with ministers failing to report to the Ministers Conference for one year.

Motion by Bro. Herman Bates, seconded by Rev. Derwood Yates to adjourn until our next yearly meeting in 1987, when convened with the Pike Co. Conference.

Special song by sisters of the Fletcher's Ridge Church, prayer was led by Rev. Franklin Hall. Rev. Herman Bates came forward reading from 2nd Corinthians 8 verse 1-7. Using for his text "The Grace of God" he was followed by Rev. Kyle Hubbard using the text "Except Ye Believe In Me." Both brought wonderful messages. Congregation sang and passed the right hand of fellowship. Dismission was called by Rev. Velon Burgess.

OBITUARIES



Lesa Darlene Jackson

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I write this Obituary of my loving daughter Lesa Darlene Jackson who departed from this life at the age of 15 on February 4, 1986.

She was a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church and a student of Belfry High School

Her survivors include her parents, Darlene and Woody Briles, a brother, Ronald Lee Wash, a sister Michelle Wash, her grandparents Albert and Mary Hinkle and two uncles, Avis and Dennis Hinkle and a multitude of friends.

In loving memories forever. In loving memories until we meet beyond the shining river.

Written by her mother Darlene Briles



Charles A. Hardy

Charles A. Hardy, 55, of Pinsonfork, Ky. died Monday night November 19, 1984 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital following a lingering illness.

Born January 6, 1929, he was a son of the late J.D. and Bertha Hatfield Hardy. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife Stella Smith Hardy and seven sisters.

He was a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church where he was a deacon and also the Sunday School superintendent.

Funeral services were held Friday at 1 P.M. at the Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry, Kentucky, with William (Nuck) King officiating. Burial followed in the Charlie W. Runyon cemetery at Pinsonfork with nephews serving as pallbearers.



Willie Green May

Willie Green May was born November 30, 1923 at McAndrews, Ky. He was the son of Millard May and the late Katherine Marior Adkins May. He was also preceded in death by a brother Lee May.

He was a former Pike County magistrate for 8 years, a faithful member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church, a retired coal miner, a retired coal miner, where he was also a member of the United Mine Workers Association local unit 5737. He was a

World War II Army veteran. He was a member of the Stone Masonic lodge No. 890 F&AM and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Poppy is sadly missed by his family, his wife Josie May, son Ricky May and family, three brothers Henry, Cecil and James May and their families and one sister Polly Ann and family. He is missed by all who knew him.



Sis. Gusta Katherine Helms

Sis. Gusta Helms was born on March 24, 1902, and departed this life on June 2, 1985 making her stay on this earth 83 years.

She was the wife of the late Rev. V.E. (Bill) Helms, mother of three sons and two daughters.

Sis. Gusta was a charter member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church where she was the song leader for many years. She attended many churches in Pike County throughout her lifetime.

In later years she then moved her membership to the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church where she was a very faithful member as long as her health permitted her to attend.

Sis. Gusta is sadly missed by her family, friends, and by her brothers and sisters in Christ. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by: Sis. Kathy Ball



Sis. Jessie Varney

Sis. Jessie was born on Dec. 18, 1915. She departed this life on Feb. 12, 1986, making her stay on this earth 71 years.

She was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for many years. She loved her church and was very faithful.

She was the wife of the late Max Varney and the mother of 4 girls and 1 son.

She is sadly missed by all those who knew her. We feel Sis. Jessie is now at rest with her heavenly father, whom she loved and trusted. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by: Sis. Kathy Ball

Sis. Rebecca Triplett

Sister Beck Triplett was born on Nov. 5, 1899. She died on Feb. 14, 1985. She was the wife of the late Bro. Lawrence Triplett.

She was a charter member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist and in her later years she became a faithful member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church. Sister Becky loved and served for the Lord for many years. She always prayed for the Lord to save her children. She always had a kind word for everyone and she never failed to witness for the Lord to everyone she met.

Sister Beck is sadly missed by those who loved her. We feel assured that our sister is in heaven and at rest.

Written by: Sis. Kathy Ball

Sis. Grace Triplett Smith

Sis. Grace was born on Feb. 28, 1926 and departed this life on July 23, 1986. She was the wife of Kellis Smith and the mother of one son and one daughter. Sis. Grace was the daughter of the late Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Becky Triplett.

She was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist for several years. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by: Sis. Kathy Ball



Sis. Fostina Helvey

Sis. Fontina was born on Nov. 8, 1918 and departed this life on Oct. 23, 1985. She was the wife of the late Bo Helvey. She leaves behind several children, brothers and sisters and a host of friends.

Sis. Fostina was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for many years. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by: Sis. Kathy Ball



Sis. Mary Williamson

Sister Mary was born on Sept. 15, 1936, and departed this life on Oct. 21, 1984, making her stay on earth 48 years. She was the wife of Bro. Herman Williamson. She was the mother of two sons and two daughters.

Sis. Mary was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for about 10 years. She was very devoted to the work of the church.

Sis. Mary was loved by all those who knew her. She was the kind of person who cared about those around her, and she loved the Lord with all her heart.

Sis. Mary is sadly missed by her family and a host of friends. We feel that our sister is at rest and peace with our Lord. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by: Sis. Kathy Ball



Sis. Madena Thacker

This is a testimony from a very brave and courageous young Christian wife and mother wrote about her own feelings, while battling a deadly disease called leukemia. She wrote this just before the Lord called her home, when she was in St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

Sister Madena was only 27 years old when she departed this life. She had given her heart to the Lord when she was 15 years old. She was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church. Sis. Madena taught the nursery class at Sunday School for several years.

Sis. Madena was the wife of Bro. Timmy Thacker and the mother of a 3 year old daughter named Crystal. She was the daughter of Bro. Herman Williamson and the late Sis. Mary Williamson. She had one sister and two brothers.

She always prayed that her family would be saved, and before she departed this life, God granted this unto her except for one brother. But, thank God he has given his life to the Lord since she departed this life.

Readers Write;

I wanted to write to share with your readers some things I have learned over the past couple of months.

First, on October 18, 1984, I lost a wonderful, 48 year old, Mother to cancer. Her battle was a long, hard fought one, but through it all, I know she won a victory! I was deeply hurt, I guess we think we have Mom and Dad forever to run to when things get tough, always there to bail us out! We never look for death to come knocking on our door, at least I never did. My prayer was always, take me first or for Jesus to come back after the church, but it's not always our will that's best. None of us are here to live forever. I just thank God for blessing me with such a good, loving Christian Mother and Dad. I'm still blessed with my dad although he's disabled with heart trouble.

When my mom died it was the shock of my life, even though the doctors had told her she was dying. I wouldn't believe it. I just knew God was going to touch her one more time, no one could have told me different, but each day you could see life slowly creeping out. She just got weaker and weaker. I know it's hard for anyone to lose a loved one. I don't know really which is worst, having one die suddenly, unexpectedly or slowly watching a loved one deteriorate. Some say when you know they're dying you can prepare yourself, but I don't think so, I don't believe no one wants to accept the fact someone they love is dying, as long as there's breath, there's hope! I finally seen, although I didn't understand why someone as good as she was, how she suffered those last days and I found myself asking God to take her, take my mom out of her suffering, was one the hardest things I ever did, but it hurt so much watching her day after day. The cancer had already spread to the brain, although she talked incoherent sometimes I believed she knew. The last day the only thing she said to me was, "It's too late, don't worry," I felt she knew she was dying and didn't want me to worry.

Now, like my mom, I too have a battle to fight. I was diagnosed on January 19, 1985 to have Leukemia, a cancer of the blood. The doctor first thought it more chronic at the time, but later he found out it was more acute, acute Myelomonocytic Leukemia. So I entered St. Joseph's Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky to start a battle with the disease. My mom fought hard ones and won a few, now I must start my own fight. I only hope I can be as strong as she was. I never knew what she was really going through, although at that time I could only imagine, but now I know quite a bit of the anguish and loneliness she must have felt. On February 12, I was admitted to begin chemotherapy, I knew it was rough stuff, although all Mom had was radiation. I knew side effects were bad, for one thing you lose your hair. I couldn't imagine me, 27 years old and bald, not a pretty sight, a bald woman, although in time it will eventually come back and I'm not completely bald yet! Then there's always wigs, so that took care of that disaster. The doctor told me without treatment a month or two was all I had. Here was a doctor telling me I had something in my body I just couldn't believe, "you have a type of Leukemia," I never will forget those words, it's like waking up to a nightmare, you just can't wake up and expect it to leave or run away from it. It leaves scars only you know about! Many times I sat at home, after Mom died, summing up my life. All I could find was an ordinary person living an ordinary life, no great accomplishments. I've found through my sickness a new self, a different outlook on life, trying to make the best of each day as we all should, because none of us are promised a tomorrow. I realized the things I thought were so important at one time was just a waste of my life and time. What's really important to me is God, my family and friends. We need to show more love to one another and spend time with each other, that's what's important to me. In 1981 God blessed me with a beautiful daughter, now she's 3 years old. My desire is for God to bless me to raise her, although I have no right to

ask nothing of Him. He's blessed me so much already and He's still doing it, you see my story is not all sad, right now thanks to God, I'm in remission, for how long nobody knows. My odds were 70-30 that I would go in remission. There's only a 20% chance of it not coming back and only a 20% cure rate, but through prayer and with God all things are possible. I'm considered, at my age, a good candidate for a bone marrow transplant. Later the doctors will screen my two brothers and sister to see if I have a match. If I do and have the surgery my chances would go from 20-70. If I reject the donated bone marrow that's all she wrote. All that's kept me together now is my family, friends and the faith in God, although weak at times. Without Him how lost I would be. I feel His presence strong at times and then there's times I feel left all alone. I can't say I'm not scared, but I'm trying with all that's in me to lean more to God and accept His will in my life. It's hard to accept His will at times, we always want things our way. I've come a long way and still have a long way, but if God be for us who can be against us. Naaman wanted to be healed. He wanted to give money, but no, he had to go dip seven times in the dirty waters of Jordan. I, Madena would of liked to have been healed easily without chemo, but God can heal me through this yet! Maybe like Naaman, not my way, but by His. I need, as David said, "look to the hills from which cometh our help. It cometh from the Lord." Seems like I have to trust Him more each day. The devil has fought me hard, but like Job I plan to keep praising Him, no matter what may befall me in this life. Like Moses said, "I'd rather suffer the afflictions with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season," that's really saying a lot! After every cloud there is a silver lining. Those of you who know the work of prayer, pray, if it's God's will, He'll deliver me out of this and bless me to raise my daughter and to share with others my new outlook on life! If we have the faith we need, as strong as a mustard seed, a mountain will move if we say move, move, move.

Thanks to the many friends who've said a prayer in my behalf. I love everyone of you, I need you, maybe just a shoulder to cry on. Right now I need strength only God can give. He's never let me down. At a time like this, you find out just who your friends are. Some would already have you six feet under, others think you are contagious! Thanks for letting me unload, God willing maybe someday I'll write a book, hopefully my story will have a new beginning.

Psalm 6:4-9:

Return O Lord, deliver my soul, oh save me for thy mercies sake.

For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.

Madena Thacker

P. O. Box 065

Stone, Kentucky

Sister Madena died before she could have this printed. And I felt like she wanted her testimony shared with everyone within her reach.

She was never healed from her Leukemia. Why? We'll never know except it was God's will. And I believe with all my heart that she is in heaven with our Lord and with her mom.

I am glad that God blessed those around Sister Madena to have her as an

inspiration and a help to the young people in our church.

I feel I have been blessed as many others have been to be her friend and sister in the Lord.

Written by: Sis. Kathy Ball



Wavelene McKinney Stanley

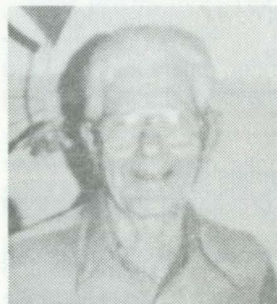
Sister Wavelene McKinney Stanley, 49, of Raccoon, Ky. died on May 17, 1986. She was born October 4, 1946 in Floyd County, Ky. She was the daughter of Gladys Fife McKinney and the late Robert McKinney.

Besides her mother, she is survived by her husband, Tom Stanley, Jr., a son Robert Thomas and a daughter Barbara Gale Tibbs and two sisters.

She was a member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church of Raccoon, Ky. having accepted the Lord Jesus for the atonement of her sins on February 27, 1986. She was baptised on March 10, 1986 at the Grassy Church. We heard her say many times that she should have given her life to the Lord sooner, but we thank God that he was merciful to her and forgave her before it was too late.

Sister Wave suffered from cancer for several months but we thank God that from her testimony we believe she is far better off than we are. She's asleep in the arms of Jesus, awaiting the resurrection morn and her new body that'll be free of cancer, free of pain.

All of us who knew Sister Wave loved her and we miss her very much but our loss is Heaven's gain. We'll see her again one day.



Everett Gannon

Everett Gannon 85 of Meta Kentucky died June 27, 1986. He was the son of the late Jonathan Jr. and Nancy Morris Gannon. He was born on March 26, 1901 at Gannon's Branch of John's Creek. He was married to Prue Johnson Gannon on May 24, 1923. He was a deacon of the Meathouse Freewill Baptist Church for many years and attended church and the quarterly conference regularly. In addition to his wife he is survived by 5 daughters, 4 sons, 27 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 1 brother and 2 sisters and a host of friends. We

felt that our loss is his eternal gain.



Virginia Reynolds

In loving memory of Virginia Reynolds 78 of Hardy, Ky. departed this life November 7, 1985 and moved to her new home. We are so thankful for the blessed hope we will meet again someday. She had been on this good road for 42 years, she was a faithful member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church and the Leckieville Ladies Auxiliary. She was born December 2, 1907 the daughter of the late Henry and Northy Allen Reynolds. She was married to Dewey Reynolds

who survives. Other survivors include a daughter Mrs. Tommy (Flo) Hensley of Hardy, Kentucky and one sister. She was preceded in death by daughter, Helen Meadows, two sisters and 2 brothers, also six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.



Madeline S. Hall

In loving memories of our dear mother, Madeline S. Hall, who went to sleep in the arms of our Lord, on July 24, 1986. She is now at rest and free from all pain, after a lingering illness.

She was born on November 4, 1918 in Huntington, W.Va., the daughter of Newton and Cynthia Mayo Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dewey Hall, on August 29, 1974.

She had been a Christian since she was 16 years of age. She was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church, which she had attended for more than 30 years. She also served as a Sunday School teacher for several years. She was also a retired Pike County school teacher.

Her survivors include two sons, Ronald D. and John A. Hall of Hardy, Ky., one brother, John H. Smith of Bethel, Ohio. Two sisters, Mrs. Jack (Nellie) Hobell of Rittman, Ohio, and Mrs. Vernon (Pearl) Patterson of Bethel, Ohio, a foster brother Charles Ward of Butlerville, Indiana, three grandchildren, whom she dearly loved, R.D., Cynthia and Andrea Hall of Hardy, Ky.

Also, two daughters-in-law, Dianna and Delores, who cared for her lovingly, until the Lord called her home.

She was a devoted Christian and attended church faithfully until her illness.

She was really blessed when the church members came to see her and pray for her. She enjoyed the beautiful songs they sang for her.

She will be missed by all of us, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her family



Ruth Fern Maynard

Sis. Ruth Fern (Parsons) Maynard was born on Feb. 1, 1920 at Pikeville, Ky. She departed this life on May 14, 1986, making her stay on this earth of 66 years. Sis. Ruth was a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church for many years.

She was the daughter of the late William and Pearl (Sexton) Parsons. She was married to the late Bro. Boyd Maynard, Superintendent of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Sunday School. Sis. Ruth was Treasurer

of the Church before she became ill.

She is survived by one daughter and two sons.

Sis. Ruth is sadly missed by those who knew and loved her. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.



Ruth "Allie" England

In loving memory of our precious mother, Ruth "Allie" England. She was born a daughter of the late Dee and Trifinia Hopson, on March 4, 1920. She left this world of suffering and pain December 25, 1985.

Mom was a member of the Hylton Free Will Baptist Church where she was very active as a singer, and worker, and officer with the ladies auxiliary for well over twenty years.

Survivors include: her husband Lawrence England; four sons Jimmy Reuel, Tommie Gene, Ronnie George, and Jimmy Hopson; three daughters, Brenda Joyce, Rhonda Lois, and Rowena Faye; four sisters, fourteen grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Written by her son, Rev. Tommy England



Lawrence Issac Ray

In loving memory of my sweet daddy;

Lawrence Issac Ray, born May 22, 1927, passed away April 2, 1986. He was the son of Mrs. Gussie Hess Tay of Honaker, Va. and the late Corbett Ray. He was a member and a deacon of Fullers Chapel Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Faye Rasnake Ray, two daughters Mrs. Judy Perkins and Mrs. Lucy Blankenship, five sons, Gerald, Sherman, Leon,

Danny and Nelson, three sisters and two brothers, 12 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2:00 P.M. in the Honaker Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Rasnake Family Cemetary on Drill Mountain.

Daddy how I love you and miss you, but if I'll hold on to what is in my heart, I'll meet you again on heaven's bright shore and if you could speak to us, I'm sure you would say children live good and meet me; because I am safe at home in heaven dear ones, oh how happy and so bright, there is nothing but joy and beauty, in this everlasting light, all my pain and suffering is over, all my restless tossing has passed. I'll now have peace forever, because I'm at home in heaven at last.

Love you Daddy. Missed by a host of family and friends.

Written by his wife and daughter, Faye and Judy



Rev. George Wythe Salyers

It's with a sad and heavy heart that we write the obituary of our loving husband and daddy. Rev. George Wythe Salyers, he was born to Tiller and Ethel Salyers on Aug. 1, 1918, he departed this life on Jan. 4, 1986. He was married to Romeada Hale Salyers March 8, 1940, to this union was born three children, two sons Doyal Lee and Wythe Carnell Salyers and one daughter Cassee Annette Edwards, also surviving are eight grandchildren, one sister

Goldia Salyers, two brothers, Everette and Williard (Bill) Salyers.

He was a member of Rachel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church and a minister for 25 years. He served on the Ordaining council for 15 years and served as pastor of the Yates Chapel Church for the past 23 years. He also was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a faithful worker for the Lord. He loved the church very much. He endured his sickness with patience and great faith in God. He was kind to all who knew him and we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by wife Romeada and Children



Rev. Enoch and Sister Mattie Rose

This is in memory of our beloved Rev. Enoch Myron Rose and Sister Mattie Jean Rose, they were united in marriage May 9, 1927. To this union was born one child John Thomas, who died at birth. Enoch passed away Oct. 19, 1985 and was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Mattie on June 4, 1980. Both were retired school teachers with the Dickenson County School System. Enoch was also a former treasurer of Dickenson Co.

Both were members of Rugsby Freewill Baptist where Enoch, with Mattie always by his side, served as pastor for over 40 years. At the time of his death he was a member of the ordaining council of the Dickenson Co. Conference.

They touched the lives of all the people they came in contact with, whether it was with Enoch preaching or by their singing, they gave of themselves to those in time of need during the loss of their loved ones and shared in the joy of all those they united in marriage.

With Enoch's departure he is sadly missed, but we know he is happy because he is in Heaven with Mattie.

Written by Micah and Carol Kennedy



Ray Phipps

It is with a heavy heart that we write the obituary of my husband and our daddy, Ray Phipps, 64 of Elkhorn City, Ky. Born to the late J. B. and Alta Fleming Phipps on December 7, 1920, he departed this life October 14, 1985, after a long battle with Colon Cancer.

He was a retired miner and used car dealer and was a WWII Veteran. He was a member of the Thomas C. Cecil Lodge for 32 years and also a 32

Degree Mason. Ray was a member of the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church, where he taught the Youth Sunday School Class for 22 years.

Daddy always had the name of Jesus on his lips, witnessing everywhere he went. When told that he had cancer, his reaction was I'll be ok, the Lord will take care of me. And the Lord did just that. With a disease that should have ridden him with pain, Daddy went through several surgeries, radiation, and chemotherapy and still received a perfect attendance in Sunday School. The doctors labeled it UNBELIEVABLE, a PHENOMENAL CASE.

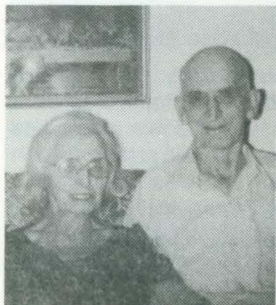
Upon having his 4th surgery, several weeks before he died, Daddy seen the beauties of Heaven. He told of the beautiful River, the flowers, colors and the

peace he experienced.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Julia Jones Phipps, three daughters, Brenda Crum, Dolly Hylton, and Betty (Blue) Ratliff, one son, Clarence Ray Phipps. Five grandsons, Edward Ray Crum, Christopher Ray Phipps, Devin Shane Hylton, Michael Lance and Justin Ryan Ratliff, four sisters, Buenos Watson, Ruby Ratliff, Helen Isaac, and Mary Ruth Phipps, three brothers, James Phipps, John B. Phipps, Roy A. Phipps and a host of friends and loved ones.

Daddy, we hated to give you up, but we know our loss is indeed, Heaven's gain.

Written by his Wife and Family



Rev. Edd Rose and Sister Ida Rose

We write this in loving memory of our beloved pastor and his wife who left this life within weeks of each other. Words can never express how much we miss them. They gave willingly of themselves to the Dorton Freewill Baptist Church. Brother Edd Rose was one of the eleven members who organized this church in 1960. He became assistant pastor in 1962 and pastor in 1966. Sister Ida was always by his side helping him in the church. His desire was to make this

church a lighthouse for the community. He taught us that God is Love and we should serve him by loving one another. Sister Ida's desires and prayers were that her loved ones, neighbors and friends would be saved. They truly lived what they taught.

We count it a privilege to have been a part of their lives and our own has been enriched beyond belief.

Dorton Freewill Baptist Church

Ada T. Mullins, Clerk



Georgia Pearl Robinson Smith

Georgia Pearl Robinson Smith was born March 24, 1908, deceased this life June 6, 1985. Making her stay on earth 77 years, 2 months and 13 days. She was a daughter of the late John Robinson and Helen Alley Robinson. Her sister, Blanche, and a brother Oakley preceded her in death. She was married to Trigg Smith, March 4, 1930. To this union was born 6 children, Lucille, Helen, Jimmy, Bernard, Farrell and Johnny, 16 grandchildren, 1 step-grandchild, 3 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was a member of The Rugsby Freewill Baptist Church for 58 years. She also belonged to the Ladies Auxilliary. Mom was a devoted wife and a loving mother and a faithful Christian. She leaves a lot of memories to her family and a host of friends. Our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by the family



Lincuous Ray

Lincuous Ray passed away April 3, 1986 at his home at Fletcher's Ridge in Buchanan County, Va. He was born in Russell County February 3, 1884, making his stay here 102 years and 2 months. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Sarah Ray, one whole brother, two half brothers, three half sisters and three whole sisters. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Patsy McGlothlin Ray, in 1949, his second wife, Nellie Sykes Ray, one son, Bascome Ray in 1982, two grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He is survived by four sons: Sam, Hunter, Estil, and Luther; three daughters: Goldie, Narcie and Fossie; 39 grandchildren, 105 great-grandchildren, 46 great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Grandpa was blessed with a healthy, productive life up until the last two years. He was an inspiration to everyone that knew him. He took membership with the Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church in 1950. There, he remained a member the rest of his life. Grandpa lived to the fullest what he professed. He left a pattern of honesty, humility, patience, kindness; innumerable qualities for all of us to follow after. He left work skills and knowledge abundantly. Words cannot express what he meant to us and the love that we all felt for him. We know that his love was as equal for us because he told us. He was a wonderful person that made this a better world for us to live in by being here. We feel a terrible loss and void in our lives but believe that Grandpa is rejoicing in heaven, where he so longed to go during his last few months on earth, awaiting our arrival.

We will never forget him nor the way he taught us to love.

His Family

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.

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 are 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 dismission 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."

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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
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
1983-84	17,579.89
1984-85	17,393.33
1985-86	10,977.92

DIGEST OF THE JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION

Conferences.....6

Conference	Ministers		Churches	Membership
	Ordained	Licensed		
Dickenson County	120	0	40	2484
Letcher County	88	7	22	2195
Pike County	85	10	18	1825
Mid-Ohio	7	0	2	82
New Durm	25	3	9	489
Hamilton County	15		5	200

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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:

Pike	1987
Hamilton	1988
Dickenson	1989
Letcher	1990
Mid-Ohio	1991
New Durm	1992
Dickenson	1993
Letcher	1994
Pike	1995
Dickenson	1996