

Minutes

of the

JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING
of
Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

66th SESSION

Held With
FOWLER'S CREEK
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Independence, Kentucky

September 9-10, 1988

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1987-1988

Amount brought forward 1987	\$2,743.96
Amount received in letters 1988	
Dickenson County	1,550.00
Letcher County	446.00
Pike County	675.00
New Durm	287.50
Mid-Ohio	200.00
Hamilton County	50.00
For engraving	
Letcher County	7.00
New Durm	21.00
Hamilton County	25.00
Pike County	<u>117.00</u>
Total received in letters	\$3,378.50
Total in treasury	\$6,122.46
Expenses for the year	
Clerk's Fee	100.00
Minutes, Printing and Shipping	<u>3,690.00</u>
Total paid out.	\$3,790.00
Balance in Treasury	\$2,332.46

The John Thomas yearly meeting will convene with the Dickenson County Conference at Camp Jacob near Clintwood, Va. Friday before the second Sunday in September 1989 at 11:00 A.M. which will be September 8, 1989.

Directions to Camp Jacob: From Jenkins, Ky. take U.S. Route 23 South thru Pound Gap to the bottom of the hill to Route 630, turn left and follow Rt. 630 to Camp Jacob. From Clintwood, Va. take Route 83 toward Pound, Va. turn right at Icekimo on Route 624 turn left at Little Zion Church and follow road to Camp Jacob.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1988

Dickenson County	1,225
Oval Hillman, Route 1 Box 440, Clintwood, Virginia 24228	
Phone (703) 835-8395	
Pike County	675
Rev. Robert Varney, HC 64 Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	
Phone (606) 353-7704	
Letcher County	750
Homer B. Johnson, Box 542, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	
Mid-Ohio	50
Rev. Cecil Rogers, 217 E. Paradise St., Orrville, Ohio 44667	
New Durm	250
B. L. McGlothlin, Rt. 1, Box 152, Vansant, Va. 24656	
Hamilton County	<u>75</u>
Lena Couch, RR2 Bx. 67, Versailles, Ind. 47042	
Total Minutes	3,025

MINISTERS, DEACONS & DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Gary Hill Arvil Rose, Jr.

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

John C. DePriest Grover Bolden

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Bennie F. Slone	Velon E. Burgess	Homer Adkins
Robert (Bobby) Varney	Fonso Justice	Edward Lee Adkins

MID-OHIO CONFERENCE MINISTERS

Ronnie Kendrick Cecil Rogers

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS

A. C. Ball, Sr.	Robert L. Matney	Belve Barger
Don Howard	Rev. Fred Seibers	Frederick Taylor
Vestal (Buck) Hutson	Harold Robinson	

DEACONS

DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Oval Hillman Earet R. Rose

PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

William Maynard

NEW DURM DEACONS

Brady Farmer

DELEGATES

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Seibert Hillman Teresa Hill

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Osie Bolden Sharon Bolden Box

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Donnie Robinson	John H. Justice	Dolly C. Adkins
Clephas Varney	Mildred Varney	

NEW DURM DELEGATES

Helen Harris Troy Harris Ada Farmer

HAMILTON COUNTY DELEGATES

Len Hicks
Marilyn Mills

Lena Couch

Joe Marion Love

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Benny Slone
Assistant Moderator Rev. Ronnie A. Kendrick
Clerk Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
HC 64, Box 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: Derwood Yates, B. M. Moor, and Franklin Hall.

PIKE COUNTY: Rev. Bennie Slone, Robey (Buddy) Kendrick, and Robert (Bobby) Varney.

LETCHER COUNTY: Bro. Milford Craft, John D. Shook, and Lloyd Addington.

MID-OHIO: Rev. Paul Tyree, Frank Tyree, and Ronnie Kendrick.

NEW DURM: Bro. Brady Farmer, Elbert Rasnake, Ronald Johnson and Troy Harris.

HAMILTON COUNTY: Rev. Frederick Taylor, Robert Matney, and Harold Robinson.

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 A.M.

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists met for the 66th session with the Hamilton County Conference at the Fowlers Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Independence, Ky., on September 9th and 10th, 1988.

Rev. Belve Barger, pastor of the church gave everyone a warm welcome and was in charge of the devotions. Congregation sang "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In" and the right hand of fellowship was passed among all.

After many prayer requests were made prayer was led by Rev. Fred Seibers. Special singing was by Rev. Harold Robinson and the singers from the Fowlers Creek church.

As rule of order Rev. Belve Barger, pastor of the host church, came forward to bring the morning message, reading from 1st Kings 21:1-3. For a subject he used the title "Not For Sale." He brought a wonderful message seasoned with the Holy Spirit. It was really food for the Christians.

Congregation sang and the invitation was given, received none.

Brother A. C. Ball asked a blessing over the food and called the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:00 P.M.

Met back on due time after lunch with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." Brother Earet Rose from the Dickenson Co. conference led in prayer.

Rev. Robert Varney, clerk of the association, came forth to organize the yearly meeting, by reading a scripture found in Romans 2:1-16. The first order of business was the electing of a Moderator to serve for the ensuing year. Motion was made by Rev. Ronnie Kendrick, seconded by Rev. Fonso Justice to elect Rev. Bennie Slone as Moderator. Being no other nominations, he was elected by acclamation.

Motion was made by Rev. Bobby Varney, seconded by Rev. Fonso Justice that the moderator be given power to appoint all necessary committees; motion carried by vote of delegates. Brother Slone appointed Rev. Ronnie Kendrick to serve as his assistant. The committees appointed were as follows:

PULPIT COMMITTEE

William Maynard
Earet Rose
Clephas Varney

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Fred Taylor
John DePriest
Cecil Rogers

The motion was made and carried to retain the same clerk and treasurer: Rev. Bobby Varney, clerk, and Bro. Oval Hillman, treasurer.

The Ministers, Deacons and delegates were enrolled from the various conferences.

The moderator called for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was made by Brother Brady Farmer, seconded by Brother Gary Hill to accept the minutes as recorded in the minute books and not to take time to read them at this time; motion carried by vote.

Brother Gary Hill from Dickenson County gave a report on the work at Camp Jacob. Many had attended camp during the summer and several were saved. The Camp is owned by Dickenson and Wise County Conferences. The indebtedness is down by half and the support is great. His report was accepted as given.

The moderator called for a report of the audit committee. They reported that they found the treasurer's book in order with a balance of \$2,054.46. Rev. Harold Robinson made a motion to accept their report, seconded by Rev. Fonso Justice; motion carried by vote of delegates.

The moderator called for a report of the pulpit committee. They reported that Rev. Fonso Justice would bring the afternoon message and that Edward Lee Adkins would preach tonight. Their report was accepted as given.

Motion was made by Rev. Ronnie Kendrick to update the membership dues because of the increase in expenses. After much discussion Brother Varney made a motion, seconded by Rev. Ronnie Kendrick for conferences to pay \$1.25 per minute ordered. This motion will have to be voted upon next year.

Rev. Homer Adkins made a motion seconded by Rev. Harold Robinson to adjourn from business until Saturday morning at 9:30, and to continue on with the worship service.

Special songs were by Brother Harold Robinson and the singers from the Fowlers Creek Church. Rev. Fonso Justice came forth to bring the afternoon message, reading a scripture found in Hebrews 6:18 for a subject and brought a good message to the church.

The dismissal was called by Rev. Ronnie Kendrick.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 P.M.

Rev. Belve Barger took charge of devotion with the congregation singing "I Feel Like Traveling On." After several prayer requests Bro. Harold Robinson led the congregation in prayer. Special songs were by Bro. Earet Rose, Bro. and Sis. A. C. Ball, Brother Marion Love and others.

Rev. Edward Lee Adkins came forward to bring the evening message. He read Hebrews 4:9 for a subject and brought a very spiritual stirring message. The spirit really flowed from breast to breast among God's people.

The congregation sang and had an old fashioned handshake.

The dismissal was called by Brother Sam Mills.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

Met back on due time on this beautiful morning to worship the Lord and to do his business. We came on business for the Lord. The congregation sang "Just Over in the Gloryland" and prayer was led by Bro. Ronnie Kendrick.

The moderator read a scripture from Ecclesiastes 12:9 to open the yearly meeting for business.

Brother Barger reported that Camp Jacob needed an offering taken up for them and also that a brother from New Durm, Bro. Troy Harris's car was broken down and needed help to get it fixed before he could return home, so Brother Gary Hill from Camp Jacob said we should help our brother instead of Camp Jacob and made that into a motion. The motion was seconded by Rev. Arvil Rose, Jr. A love offering of \$218.00 was received and given to our brother. A blessing was asked over the offering by Bro. Harold Robinson.

The Ministers and delegates that did not register on Friday were enrolled at this time.

The moderator called for the clerk to read the letters from the various conferences. Brother Hillman made a motion seconded by Rev. Ronnie Kendrick for the clerk to read only the important parts of the letters leaving off names of delegates and other things which will be recorded in the minute books. Motion was voted upon and carried.

The letters read as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with Freewill Baptist Church at Fowlers Creek in Independence, Ky. Conference on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September 9th & 10th, 1988.

Greetings:

We the Dickenson County Conference, while convened with Lick Fork Freewill Baptist Church on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator
Joe Johnson

Assistant Moderator
Vester McKinney, Jr.

Executive Committee
O.T. Smith
Derwood Yates
Donald Elkins
N.B. Lambert
Earet Rose

Clerks

Lloyd Hillman
 Oval Hillman
 Alva Lee Fleming

Ordaining Council

Joe Johnson — Chairman
 Harry Whitaker
 Lee Rose

Treasurers

Orphan Home — Beverly Wallace
 Quarterly Meeting — Patty Mullins
 Emergency Fund — Donald Elkins

Conference voted to buy 1225 minutes. Amount enclosed for minutes and obituaries is \$1,550.00.

Statistics

Churches 40
 Church Membership 2384
 Sunday Schools 34

Sunday School Enrollment 1854
 Auxiliaries 10

The John Thomas yearly meeting will convene with the Dickenson County Conference at Camp Jacob near Clintwood, Va. on Friday before the second Sunday in September 1989 at 11:00 a.m., which will be September 8, 1989.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP JACOB:

From Jenkins, Ky. — Take U.S. 23 thru Pound Gap to the bottom of the hill to Route 630, turn left and follow 630 to Camp Jacob.

From Clintwood, Va. — Take Route 83 toward Pound, Va., turn right at Icekimo on Route 624, turn left at Little Zion Church and follow road to Camp.

P.S. Conference wants printers to check closer for mistakes.

**Dickenson County Conference
 Children's Home Offerings**

Church	July	October	January	April	Total
Bear Wallow	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Buffalo	32.71	20.87	20.00	20.00	\$ 93.58
Burke	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	80.00
Castlewood	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Clinchco	45.72	41.25	52.02	49.00	187.99
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	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Ferbies Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Flemingtown	25.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	150.00
Fremont	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
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	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Hill Ridge	—0—	15.00	—0—	15.00	30.00
Honey Camp	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Hubbard Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Lick Creek	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	160.00
Lick Fork	615.00	315.00	250.00	290.00	1470.00

Light House	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00
Lone Pine Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Martin's Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Meade's Chapel	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	240.00
Middle Branch	15.00	20.00	10.00	20.00	65.00
Mill Creek	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Mill's Chapel	448.17	432.40	497.83	379.33	1757.73
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	—0—	—0—	100.00
Pine Crest	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Pine Grove	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Pyle's Memorial	20.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	20.00
Rachael Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Ramsey Ridge	—0—	5.00	—0—	5.00	10.00
Rugby	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	140.00
Splashdam	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	400.00
Straight Hollow	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Tarpon	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Valley View	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	320.00
Yates Chapel	—0—	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00
Total	1886.60	1609.52	1539.85	1663.33	6499.30

Dickenson County Conference Emergency Fund

Church	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	25.00	—0—	—0—	35.00	60.00
Fremont	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Frying Pan	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	30.00
Georges Fork	49.00	10.00	54.00	52.00	165.00
Gladey Fork	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	20.00
Hill Ridge	40.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	40.00
Honey Camp	19.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	19.00
Hubbard Chapel	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Lick Creek	62.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	62.00
Lick Fork	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Light House	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	45.00
Lone Pine Chapel	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00
Martin's Chapel	50.00	30.00	50.00	50.00	180.00
Meade's Chapel	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Middle Branch	45.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	145.00
Mill Creek	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Mill's Chapel	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	60.00

Peuther Chapel	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Phillips Chapel	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Pine Creek	42.50	—0—	—0—	—0—	42.50
Pine Crest	5.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	5.00
Pine Grove	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Pyle's Memorial	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
Rachael Chapel	42.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	42.00
Ramsey Ridge	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—	—0—
Rugsby	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Splashdam	120.00	—0—	—0—	—0—	120.00
Straight Hollow	37.00	33.00	29.00	37.00	136.00
Tarpon	28.50	—0—	—0—	—0—	28.50
Valley View	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00
Yates Chapel	—0—	—0—	25.00	—0—	25.00
Total	965.50	478.00	538.00	579.00	2560.50

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Fowler's Creek Freewill Baptist Church in Hamilton County, at Independence, Ky. on September 9, 1988.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Unity Freewill Baptist Church at Rockhouse, Ky. on August 26, 1988.

Rev. Bennie Slone was in charge of the devotions, the congregation sang "I'd Like To Talk It Over With Him." After many prayer requests we were led in prayer by Brother William Maynard. Bro. Slone read a scripture from Revelations 14:12,13 to open the conference for business.

Rev. John Vance was elected moderator for the next three months by a majority vote of the delegates. Power was given to him to appoint all necessary committees. He appointed Rev. Fonso Justice assistant moderator. The following committees were appointed.

Pulpit Committee

Bro. Cleopas Varney
Bro. Matthew Stevens
Bro. Charles Spralding

Finance Committee

Rev. Harold Brewer
Rev. Paul O'Quinn
Bro. Jimmie Williamson

Business Committee

Rev. Homer Adkins
Rev. Bennie Slone
Rev. Harold Anderson

Ordaining Council (Previously Elected)

Rev. Bobby Varney
Rev. Curtiss Wellman
Rev. Herbert Goff

The clerk Brother Bobby Varney read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved as read, then he called the roll of the ministers, twenty-eight were present and one reported by letter, the letter was accepted by vote.

Brother John Vance the moderator, called for the treasurer's report. Brother Velon Burgess, the treasurer, gave his report as follows:

Received	
Balance from June	\$2,392.29
Received in letters	749.00
Received in love offering	185.52
Total Received	3,326.81
Expenses	810.00
Balance Aug. 26, 1988 ...	\$2,516.81

Expenses	
Clerk fee	50.00
Treasurer fee	25.00
Unity Church	200.00
Foreign Mission	15.00
John Murray	185.00
Ledgel Ferguson	90.00
Dessie Scott Home	245.00
Total	\$810.00

The treasurer's report was received as given.

The ordaining council was excused for the purpose of meeting with members of the Slater's Branch church to try and settle their differences.

Moderator called for the letters from the sister churches. All churches reported with the exception of the Proctor Church. The letters were accepted as read. A motion was made by Brother Bennie Slone and seconded by Brother Fonso Justice to accept them. Motion carried. Rev. Emery Varney made a motion to adjourn from business for preaching service. Motion carried and the pulpit committee reported that Rev. Dwight Buckley would bring the morning message and that Rev. Robert Smith would preach in the afternoon.

Brother Buckley came forward using St. John 3:14 for a subject. He brought a very good message and gave an invitation, received none. The dismissal was called by Rev. David G. Varney.

Met back on due time with congregation singing "I'll Fly Away" and prayer was led by Brother Fonso Justice. The moderator read John 1:1-4 to open the conference for the afternoon business session.

The finance committee reported that \$195.50 was received in the love offering, and Brother Jimmie Williamson asked a blessing over the offering.

The business committee reported that the next quarterly meeting would be at the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church on the second Saturday in December.

A resolution was submitted to the business committee signed by Brothers John Vance, Mark Roberts, Chuch Damron, Jesse Bridgeman, and Ronnie Newsome that the ordaining council consider examining the candidates for ordination sometime prior to the day of the quarterly conference. The time and place to be at their convenience. It was tabled for three months.

The resolution presented at our last meeting which reads "As long as a church letter had a Minister, Deacon or their wives names on it and they were present the letter would be accepted." This resolution was passed by a majority vote.

A letter from the Dessie Scott Childrens Home acknowledging our support was read and accepted. Rev. Homer Adkins made the motion and seconded by Rev. Harold Anderson to prepare a letter to the John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting. Motion carried. Brother Mike Reprogl made a motion seconded by Brother Robert Smith to send \$675.00 to the yearly meeting with the letter. Motion carried.

Rev. Herbert's Goff's term on the ordaining committee had expired and by move of the conference he was elected for a three-year term.

Brother Bobby Varney gave the report of the ordaining council which is as follows: The Slaters Branch Church is to give the three members they dismissed a good standing letter of dismissal, providing that they return to the church and apologize. The trouble which involved a minister bringing charges against another minister was done away with due to some misunderstandings on both sides. His report was accepted by an overwhelming vote. Brother Otis Gibson was returned for more study.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn from business for worship service.
 Rev. Robert Smith came forward to bring the message. He read from 1st Peter the fourth chapter, and brought a good message. The congregation sang and the right hand of fellowship was passed. Dismission was called by Brother Curtiss Wellman.

DELEGATES TO THE YEARLY MEETING

Name	Church, Address
Cleopas Varney	Bluespring, Hardy, Ky.
Michael Reprogel	Bluespring, Newtown, W.Va.
Vina Varney	Bluespring, Hardy, Ky.
Susie Reprogel	Bluespring, Newtown, W.Va.
Melda Smith	Bluespring, Ransom, Ky.
John H. Justice	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Suda Slone	Owsley, Meta, Ky.
Peggy Maynard	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
William Maynard	Owsley, Pikeville, Ky.
Dolly C. Adkins	Stonecoal, Pikeville, Ky.
Donnie Robinson	Stonecoal, Pikeville, Ky.
Kimila D. Buckley	Stonecoal, Pikeville, Ky.
Patsy A. Thacker	Greasy Creek, Shelbianna, Ky.
Avonelle Adkins	Greasy Creek, Shelbianna, Ky.
Lula B. Gross	Grassy, Racoon, Ky.
Lovia Ann Kinney	Grassy, Pikeville, Ky.
Gary Rose	Belfry, Forest Hills, Ky.
Dusty Varney	Belfry, Canada, Ky.
Mildred Varney	Belfry, Pinsonfork, Ky.
Pat Lowe	Belfry, Huddy, Ky.
Walker McCoy	Leckieville, Goody, Ky.
Noah Smith	Leckieville, Williamson, W.Va.
Daryl Wellman	Leckieville, Goody, Ky.

Moderator

Rev. John Vance

Clerk

Rev. Robert Varney

Statistics

No. of Churches	20
Church Membership	1601
Ordained Ministers	81
Licensed Ministers	10
Membership Fees	675.00
Engraving	89.00
Amount Enclosed	\$757.00

For the year 1988 we have sent:

Bro. John Murray	775.00
Bro. Ledgel Ferguson	280.00
Foreign Mission	45.00
Dessie Scott Children's Home	1,011.35
Total	\$2,111.35

We request 675 minutes.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference, August 26, 1988.

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Hamilton County Conference at Fowler's Creek Freewill Baptist Church in Independence, Ky. September 9, 1988 at 11:00 o'clock.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of delegates convened with Happy Church, August 27, 1988 at Happy, Ky. Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. brought the conference to order by leading the delegates in singing "Where the Soul Never Dies." The clerk came forward to organize the conference. He welcomed the delegates in behalf of the church. After reading the scripture lesson from Ezekiel 11:15-20, the clerk welcomed prayer requests from the congregation. All were welcomed to the altar, with Bro. Teddy Tackett leading in prayer.

Bro. John D. Shook came forward and sang for us.

Nominations were accepted for moderator with some declining. After a second and unanimous vote, Bro. John C. DePriest was elected moderator. He appointed Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. to be his assistant. Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. previously had moved for a motion to give moderator power to appoint all the necessary committee members. The motion was seconded by Bro. Teddy Tackett.

• Committees and members or were standing members were:

Pulpit Committee

Bro. Jack Whitaker

Bro. Earl Smith

Bro. Kerner Stewart

Arbitration Committee

Bro. John C. DePriest (Chr.)

Bro. Rodney Smith

Bro. Ralph Proffitt

Executive Committee

Bro. Milford Craft (Chr.)

Bro. John D. Shook

Bro. Lloyd Addington

(for Bro. Junior Hawkins)

Ordination Council

Bro. Lloyd Addington

Bro. Hollis Bevins

Bro. Herman Bates, Jr.

There were no visiting ministers or deacons.

The moderator appointed Bro. Danny Mullins for the Temperance Talk and Bro. Rodney Smith would give the Sunday School Talk. Ministers offering their service to the conference were Bro. Teddy Tackett, Bro. John C. DePriest, Bro. Ralph Proffitt, Bro. Danny Mullins, and Bro. Rodney D. Smith.

Both talks were welcomed by the delegates. Bro. Earl Smith moved for a motion to receive talks and was seconded by Bro. Ralph Proffitt.

The minutes of the previous conference were read. Bro. Earl Smith made a motion to accept minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Bro. Lloyd Addington.

Delegates to visit other conferences were:

—Bro. Herman Bates, Jr., Bro. Lloyd Addington, and Bro. Milford Craft would visit the Dickenson County Conference.

—Bro. Teddy Tackett would visit the East Wise Conference.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Bro. Ralph Proffitt would give the 11:00 message and that Bro. Herman Bates would give the evening message. The message was titled "The Word."

Bro. Herman Bates led in singing "Press Along to Glory-Land," during which a conference offering was given. Everyone enjoyed Bro. Ralph's message, entitled "What Are You Looking For?" Acts 1:1-15.

Bro. Earl Smith moved for a motion to adjourn until the evening session. Motion seconded by Bro. Ralph Proffitt. Bro. Teddy Tackett gave a dismissal and for a blessing for the food.

Evening service began back at 1:00. Bro. Earl Smith led in singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Bro. Danny Mullins came forward and played the piano and sang for us. Prayer was led by Bro. Jack Whitaker. Following prayer the Ordination Council came forward to make preparations to ordain Bro. Jimmy Adams from Moores Chapel. Bro. Lloyd Addington gave the ordination prayer. Bro. John C. DePriest gave the charge and Bro. Herman Bates presented the Bible. Everyone welcomed the Brothers into the ministry.

The church letters were read. All reporting with the exception of Seco; 19 reporting. Bro. Ralph Proffitt made a motion to accept letters as read. Motion seconded by Bro. Grover Bolden.

The Executive Committee reported that the next conference would be held with Haymond Church.

Following a song by Bro. John C. DePriest the moderator, Bro. Herman Bates, gave the message titled "The Word." Message enjoyed by all. Bro. Herman Bates made a motion for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Bro. Grover Bolden. Dismissal given by Bro. Jimmy Adams.

- Moderator**—Bro. John C. DePriest
Assistant Moderator—Bro. Herman Bates, Jr.
Clerk—Bro. Homer B. Johnson
Phone—(606) 832-2344

Delegates enrolled with the conference while in session with Happy Church August 27, 1988

James E. Bromwell	Shelia Bentley	Etta Prince
Octavia Clouse	Pearl Mann	Gobel Hall
Bill Hall	Alice Hall	Teddy Tackett
Reda Compton	Carol Sue Hall	Edna Hall
Jimmy Adams	Mary Adams	Doris Anderson
Dessa Helton	Oma Brown	Mae Brashear
Danzel L. Smith	John D. Shook	Maxine Shook
Judy Stiltner	Edgar Wilson	Joseph Tackett
Chester Bartley	Vicie Smallwood	Leonard Smallwood
Sarah Mullins	Lorene Potter	Sarah Trinkle
Ola Mae Whitaker		

31 delegates

Quarterly Financial Statement

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$ 511.25
Foreign Missions	40.00
Home Missions	166.75
Children's Home	120.00
Camp Jacob	40.00
The Furgersons	75.00
Total Funds	953.00
Checks	894.75
Cash	58.25
Total Received	953.00
Conference Offering	70.26
Total to Treasurer	1,023.26

Expenses

Home Missions	231.03
Clerk Expenses	15.00
Minutes	446.00
Obituaries	

Quarterly Conference Statistics

Churches	20
Membership	1788
Sunday Schools	19
Membership	1229
Ministers with Good-standing card	63
Ministers with Life Cards	11
License	1
Deacons	66
Auxiliaries	11
Members	158
Youth Leagues	7
Members	134

MID OHIO CONFERENCE

Moderator

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

Clerk

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

Statistics

No. of Churches	2
Church Membership	75
Ordained Ministers	7
Licensed Ministers	0
Membership Fees	\$200.00
Engraving	0

Delegates

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Sister Loretta Kendrick
Rev. Paul Tyree
Rev. Clarence Mullins

Yearly Meeting Place and Date:

Fowler's Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Independence, Ky., on September 9 & 10, 1988

We request 50 minute books.

Done by order of the Mid Ohio Quarterly Conference on the 13th day of August, 1988.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Larry Robinson
Rt. 1, Box 451
Lebanon, Va. 24266

Clerk

B. L. McGlothlin
Rt. 1, Box 152
Vansant, Va. 24656

Statistics

No. of Churches	9
Church Membership	468
Ordained Ministers	25
Licensed Ministers	1
Membership Fees	\$287.50
Engraving	\$21.00

Delegates

Bonnie Ray
Joyce Yates
Faye Yates
Clarence Yates
Marcella Rasnake
Jr. Rasnake
Cecil Dye
Hellen Harris
Ada Farmer
Brenda Fletcher
Lois McGlothlin
Lois Nuckles

Imogene Thompson
Lucille Arwood
Frank Arwood
Peggy Perkins
Francis Brown
Velva Meadows
Thelma Meadows
Carson Harris
Rita Rasnake
Vernie Wilson
Bill Ball

Virginia Ball
Faye Harris
Marie Ray
James Ray
Sandy Robinson
Mary Combs
Fanie Kelly
Rebecca Ball
Edith Helton
Judy Harris
Rita Harris

Yearly Meeting Place and Date:

Fowler's Creek Freewill Baptist Church on September 9, 1988

Please send 250 minutes to our Conference.

Done by order of the New Durm Quarterly Conference on the 13th day of August, 1988.

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Belve Barger
Box 275-A Madison Pk.
R.R. 3 Cov., Ky. 41017

Clerk

Lena Couch
R.R. 2 Box 67
Versailles, Ind. 47042

Statistics

No. of Churches	3
Church Membership	105
Ordained Ministers	16
Licensed Ministers	0
Membership Fees	\$50.00
Engraving	\$25.00

Delegates

Sister Bernice Matney ... Mt. Tabor
Sister Betty Church Mt. Tabor
Sister Linda Zent Mt. Tabor
Bro. Elmer Davison Pipe Creek
Sister Hazel Davison ... Pipe Creek

Bro. Levi Stewart Pipe Creek
Bro. J. M. Love Fowler Creek
Bro. Len Hicks Fowler Creek
Sister Marilyn Mills ... Fowler Creek

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Fowler Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Cov., Ky. on September 9 & 10, 1988

We request 75 minute books.

Done by order the Hamilton County Quarterly Conference on the 13th day of August, 1988.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—Continued

After reading of the letters motion was made by Rev. Harold Robinson and seconded by Brother Fred Taylor to accept the letters as read. Motion voted upon and carried.

The Executive Board retired to discuss a matter of importance, and while they were out Bro. Barger took charge of the meeting with special singing by Bro. & Sister Arvil Rose Jr. Singers from Fowlers Creek, Sister Allene Jones, Sister Dollie Adkins and Bro. Edward Lee Adkins.

The executive board returned and reported that they agreed that Dickenson County ministers conference settled their difference in their conference when they voted on the issue. The decision was handed down in 1982 to let the various conferences be responsible for ordaining their own ministers. This decision can be found on page 25 of the 1982 minute book.

The Moderator called for a report of the pulpit committee. They reported that Rev. John DePriest would preach the morning message and Rev. Arvil Rose, Jr., would preach this afternoon.

Being no further business to come before the Association Bro. John DePriest made a motion to adjourn from business until next September unless called together by the proper authorities, seconded by Bro. Arvil Rose, Jr.

The Moderator suggested that since it was yet early we should go ahead and have the Ministers yearly conference.

MINISTERS YEARLY CONFERENCE

The Yearly meeting of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist Ministers was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Bobby Varney.

A motion was made by Rev. Ronnie Kendrick and seconded by Bro. Brady Farmer to retain the same officers as the yearly meeting to serve for the ensuing year. The motion carried by vote of the conference.

The moderator called for the reading of the letters from the various ministers' conferences.

Motion was made by the clerk and seconded by Rev. Velon Burgess to read only the essential parts of the letters. The letters read as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

The first of two summer meetings of the Dickenson County Ministers Conference met July 21, 1988, at 7:30 p.m. with the Lick Fork Freewill Baptist Church. The second, a continued meeting, was held August 4 at 7:30 with Rachels Chapel. There were 137 present at Lick Fork: 65 ministers, 72 deacons and visitors, and 11 reported by letter.

Brother Derwood Yates welcomed the group in the absence of the pastor, Brother Terry Price, who was working that night at Camp Jacob. The clerk, Brother Ralph Rasnick, passed out the book for ministers, deacons, and visitors to register. The scripture lesson read by the clerk was Ephesians 6, verses 10-20.

The lovely old song, "When We All Get To Heaven" was led by Brother Lester Robinson. Following several prayer requests, Brother Jack Meade led in prayer. Brother Lee Rose was elected moderator, and by authority given he named Brother Harry Whitaker assistant.

Moderator Rose read a lesson from Titus 2, verse 7. Following this Clerk Rasnick read the minutes from the April meeting, letters from absent ministers, and gave the financial report. All were approved.

Brother Robert Phipps brought up the question of ministers and deacons having two living wives. On request the clerk read a report made in 1982 by a committee to the John Thomas Association to settle the question brought up by the Dickenson conference in 1981. No action was taken by the association; it was sent back to the local conference saying it was a local matter.

"The Kings James Bible is our rule of faith and practice," Brother Whitaker said, so the association leaves these matters to our conference. Brother Rose said the Bible is plain on qualification of church officers. Brother Clyde Roop and others said it was also plain to them.

Brother Phipps said he believed a man preaching cannot have two living wives, but some want to go behind his conversion.

The moderator at this point began teaching and led the discussion of Articles of Faith 16 and 17 as printed in the John Thomas Minutes. Some ministers read various passages from the Bible that related to the lesson. Those things stated in verses 16 and 17 we need to do, Brother Rose said.

A move was made and seconded at this point to continue the meeting until August 4 at Rachels Chapel, where Brother Phipps is pastor. This was approved.

During the business session, all present conference officers were re-elected for another year. These were Brothers Joe Johnson, Lee Rose, and Harry Whitaker, ordaining council; Brothers Earet Rose, N. B. Lambert, O. T. Smith, Donald Elkins, and Derwood Yates, executive committee; Brothers Yates, B.M. Moore, and Franklin Hall, committee on lifetime cards; and Brother Ralph Rasnick, clerk.

Three recently ordained ministers joined the ministers' conference. This was followed by fellowship. Brother Franklin Hall led the closing prayer at 9:15, to meet again two weeks later at Rachels Chapel.

At the August 4th meeting Brother Rasnick opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and read from the Book of Job, Chapter one, verses 1-12. Brother Roy Vanover led a congregational song, and Brother Vester McKinney, Jr. led in prayer. The meeting was turned over to the moderator Brother Rose. He requested that everyone except the ordained members leave.

Brother Rose read the recommendation made by the special committee in 1981 and sent to the John Thomas Association in 1982. It was sent back, he said, to the Dickenson Conference without action taken and was never voted on by our conference.

Two resolutions were presented to the 63 ministers present. One was identified as Number One by the ordaining council and Resolution Number Two by Brother Phipps. Brother Rose read Number One aloud.

Number One Resolution said "As of this date, August 4, 1988, any minister who is sent before the ordaining council to be ordained to the office of minister must meet the qualifications according to the Word of God in First Timothy, Chapter 3, verses 1-7," and that the resolution be recorded in the quarterly minutes.

The second resolution read by Brother Phipps said that only believers are the ones Paul is referring to in First Timothy Three and Titus One. "That you cannot go

behind the blood for anything. That the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1-7).

Resolution Two continued that no man may be ordained a minister (or deacon) having been divorced and remarried after conversion. Brother Whitaker discussed the duties and responsibilities of a minister. He agreed that God will save from all sin except blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. "This has nothing to do with salvation," he said, "we are talking about preaching." Several other ministers made comments.

Following a move and second and approved, ballots and pencils were provided by Brother Phipps and passed out by the clerk. The ministers were asked to vote for either Number One or Two resolution.

A count of the votes showed Resolution Two had the most votes, 36 to 27. Following the report by the clerk on the vote results, the three ministers on the ordaining council resigned from the council. Elected to replace Brothers Johnson, Rose, and Whitaker were Brothers Roy Vanover, Carter Boyd, and Arvil Rose, Jr.

Clerk Rasnick said he would prepare the paper work for the John Thomas Association Minutes, but that he too was resigning effective the October ministers' conference. He asked them to have somebody ready. The conference adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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 139-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 324 D, 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 24278	Lone Pine Chapel
Boyd, Carter*	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228	Meade Chapel
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
Carty, Avery	Rt. 2, Box 245, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel Chapel
Conley, Allen Gene**	Rt. 1 Box 246, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Cooper, Duane	Rt. , Box 667, Dante, VA 24237	Martins Chapel
Crabtree, Tennie B.	Rt. 1, Box 90A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Damron, Larry	Rt. 1, Box 26, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Deel, Verlin Jr.	Box 107, Birchleaf, VA 24220	Buffalo
Dotson, Larry T.	Rt. 2, Box 421, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
Fields, Paul*	Rt. 1, Box 471, St. Paul, VA 24283	Mills Chapel
Fletcher, Lacy	Box 42, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Fogleman, Jack	Rt. 3, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby
Hale, Glynn*	Castlewood, VA 24224	Mill Creek
Hall, Franklin*	Rt. 2, Box 310-D, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Hall, Joe	Box 684, Castlewood, VA 24224	Castlewood Community
Hampton, Lester	Rt. 1, Box 33, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Hartsock, J. T.*	Rt. 1, Castlewood, VA 24224	Bearwallow
Hay, Clayton	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
Hay, Clyde**	Box 341, Clintwood, VA 24228	Lick Creek
Hay, Robert C.	Rt. 1, Box 274 C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Hibbitts, Billy D.	Rt. 1, Box 268, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Hill, Finis A.*	Rt. 1, Box 156, Haysi, VA 24256	Martin

Hill, Gary	Box 1793, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Hill, Richard P.	Rt. 2, Box 163, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby
Hill, Tammy*	Box 343, Nora, VA 24272	Hill Ridge
Hobbs, Doyle	Box 193, Castlewood, VA 24224	Mills Chapel
Jenkins, James E.	Rt. 1, Dante, VA 24237	Martin Chapel
Jenkins, Jerry E.	Rt. 1, Box 37, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Johnson, Duane L.	Rt. 1, Box 345, Nora, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Johnson, Jack	Box 1044, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Johnson, Joe*	Rt. 4, Box 223, Coeburn, VA 24230	Dyers Chapel
Keith, Quinton	Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Knowles, Joey	Rt. 2, Box 375-A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Lick Fork
Large, Jimmy	Rt. 1, Box 473, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
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	
Lothery, Jimmy R.	Rt. 1, Box 471, Clinchco, VA 24226	Buffalo
Meade, Jack W.*	Rt. HC05, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230	Light House
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
Moore, James A.	Rt. 3, Box 340 C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Moore, Paul D.	Box 365, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Mullins, Arvid Lee	3000 Craven Dr., Marion, OH 43302	Lick Fork
Mullins, Bill Mack	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Mullins, Billy G.	Rt. 3, Box 269, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Mullins, Bobby	Rt. 3, Box 518-C, Clintwood, VA 24228	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 22309	Burke
Mullins, Johnnie**	P.O. Box 1504, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
Mullins, Larry T.	8122 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309	Burke
Mullins, Lester C.*	Rt. 2, Box 331, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Mullins, Lewis V.	Rt. 3, Box 202-F, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, Mack	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Duncan Gap
Mullins, Paul E.	Rt. 2, Box 280, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachel Chapel
Mullins, Percy	Rt. 1, Box 398, Wise, VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel
Mullins, Remire	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228	Rachels Chapel
Mullins, Ricky D.	Rt. 2, Box 301, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Mullins, Robert C.*	Rt. 2, Box 176-X, Pound, VA 24279	Glady Fork
Mullins, Roger D.	9100 Hooes Rd., Lorton, VA 22079	Burke
Mullins, Roy A.	Rt. 2, Box 287-B, Coeburn, VA 24230	Honey Camp
Mullins, Ted	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Mullins, Wayne	Rt. 2, Box 423, Coeburn, VA 24230	Hubbard Chapel
Mullins, Willie R.*	General Delivery, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
McKinney, Vester, Jr.**	Rt. 1, Box 524, 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	Rachels Chapel
Price, Terry*	Rt. 2, Box 411-A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Lick Fork
Rasnick, Ralph R.*	P. O. Box 15, Norton, VA 24273	Phillips Chapel
Ratliff, Esley	Rt. 2, Box 3AA, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
Reedy, Donald R.	Rt. 1, Box 150, Dante, VA 24237	Ramsey Ridge

Reynolds, Howard*
 Robinson, Jerry W.
 Robinson, Lester
 Robinson, Nyal B.
 Roop, Clyde E.*
 Rose, Arvil Jr.
 Rose, Carl*
 Rose, Edward A.*
 Rose, Elva
 Rose, Harlan Lee*
 Rose, Willie C.
 Russ, David
 Slemp, Ed
 Slemp, Jackie*
 Slemp, Samuel E.*
 Slemp, Tom
 Sluss, Danny*
 Sluss, Joe Glenn*
 Smith, Donald E. Jr.
 Smith, Steve
 Spriggs, Gaylord
 Sproles, Kenneth
 Stallard, Donald
 Stallard, I. T.
 Stanley, Adam M.
 Stanley, Gary
 Stanley, Nolan N.
 Steel, Joseph P.
 Strouth, Douglas
 Strouth, Manie W.*
 Sutherland, Eulis L.
 Sykes, Glenn
 Sykes, Leon C.**
 Vanover, Lynn
 Vanover, Roy C.
 Whitaker, Harry*
 Whitt, Byron D.
 Wolford, Talt
 Wright, Luke
 Wright, Richard
 Willis, Billy D.*
 Yates, Derwood*

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**Co-Pastors

Box 67, Swords Creek, VA 24649
 Rt. 1, Box 234-A, Clintwood, VA 24228
 Pound, VA 24279
 P. O. Box 46, Pound, VA 24279
 Box 574, Pound, VA 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 318, Coeburn, VA 24230
 Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226
 Rt. 2, Box 252-B, Coeburn, VA 24230
 Rt. 2, Box 319, Coeburn, VA 24230
 Rt. 1, Box 712, Clinchco, VA 24226
 Rt. 1, Box 479, Clintwood, VA 24228
 Rt. 2, Box 96, Clintwood, VA 24228
 Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, VA 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 415A, Coeburn, VA 24230
 Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, VA 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 415, Pound, VA 24279
 Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, VA 24256
 Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228
 P.O. Box 74, Clintwood, VA 24228
 Rt. 3, Box 417, Clintwood, VA 24228
 VI Ranch RD, Rt. 3, Box 570-C, Bristol, TN
 Rt. 5, Box 205, Abingdon, VA 24210
 P.O. Box 251, Clintwood, VA 24228
 Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, VA 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 330, Pound, VA 24279
 Rt. 2, Box 244, Coeburn, VA 24230
 Rt. 1, Box 714, Pound, VA 24279
 Rt. 1, Box 548 A, Haysi, VA 24256
 Wise, VA 24293
 Rt. 2, Box 272, Clintwood, VA 24228
 Rt. HC05, Box 666, Coeburn, VA 24230
 Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, VA 24256
 Rt. 1, Box 116, Haysi, VA 24256
 Rt. 1, Box 206, Clintwood, VA 24228
 Box 382, Pound, VA 24279
 Box 361, Dante, VA 24237
 Rt. 2, Box 422, Boones Mill, VA 24065
 Box 426, Clinchco, VA 24226
 14514 El Rio Court, Woodbridge, VA 22191
 7096 Kings Arm Drive, Manassas, VA 22110
 Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, VA 24256
 Rt. 2, Box 299, Coeburn, VA 24230

Castlewood
 Pine Creek
 Fernbie Chapel
 Fernbie Chapel
 Lone Pine
 Rachels Chapel
 Counts Chapel
 Rugsby
 Rachels Chapel
 Clinchco
 Hill Ridge
 Lighthouse
 Fernbie Chapel
 Davis Chapel
 Fernbie Chapel
 Davis Chapel
 Fremont
 Peuther
 Rachels Chapel
 Peuther Chapel
 Splashdam
 Straight Hollow
 Rachels Chapel
 Gladly Fork
 Davis Chapel
 Rachels Chapel
 Hubbard Chapel
 Valley View
 Duncan Gap
 Georges Fork
 Buffalo
 Tarpon
 Lick Creek
 Peuther
 Pyles Memorial
 Straight Hollow
 Pine Crest
 Tarpon
 Burk
 Burk
 Splashdam
 Valley View

Ministers with Lifetime Cards

Cook, Emory
 Dingus, Ralph
 Edwards, Lonzo
 McKinney, Vester Sr.
 Moore, Kermit
 Reedy, Clyde E.
 Rose, Gobel

Box 321, Dante, VA 24237
 General Delivery, Clinchco, VA 24226
 Rt. 1, Box 216K, Meadowview, VA 24361
 Rt. 1, Box 203, Clinchco, VA 24226
 P. O. Box A-21, Pound, VA 24279
 Rt. 2, Madisonville, TN 37354
 Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226

Phillips Chapel
 Tarpon
 Yates Chapel
 Ramsey Ridge
 Pyles Memorial
 Peuther Chapel
 Counts Chapel

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTER'S CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association while convened with the Hamilton County Conference at Fowler's Creek Church at Independence, Ky. on Friday, September 9, 1988.

The Letcher County Conference of ministers convened with Happy Church at Happy, Ky. on August 26, 1988. The conference came to order with Bro. Herman Bates leading the ministers in singing "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In." The moderator welcomed the congregation. He read the scripture lesson from third chapter of Galatians. After commenting on the text, the moderator received many requests for prayer. Many were for sick and those in hospitals. (Bro. John C. DePriest gave an inspired testimony of personal healing.) Many came forward for prayer with Bro. Rodney Smith leading.

The minutes of the previous conference were read. Bro. Paul Wooten made a motion to accept minutes as read. Motion seconded by Bro. Lloyd Addington. The letters of preaching Brothers reporting as such were read. Bro. James Tackett moved for a motion to accept letters. Motion seconded by Bro. Arnold Noles.

The moderator, Bro. Millard Bates, Jr. appointed Bro. Ralph Profitt to replace Bro. Ike Young, Jr. on the Arbitration Committee. With Bro. Homer Lee Mullins coming off the Ordination Council motions were made for Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. to replace him. The moderator opened the floor for nominations for new moderator. Bro. Julian Gibson placed Bro. Homer Lee Mullins' name in nomination for moderator. Bro. Herbert S. Stallard seconded the motion. Elected with unanimous approval.

Bro. Ralph Profitt moved for a motion to place the moderator in position for a period of three years. Bro. James Tackett seconded the motion. There was no opposition to the motion and the period of position was to begin with Bro. Homer Lee Mullins.

Bro. Ralph Profitt read Paul's discourse on speaking in tongues.

Bro. Herman Bates, Jr. moved for a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Bro. Julian Gibson. Dismissal by Bro. Leroy Fields.

Moderator—Bro. Millard Bates, Jr.

Asst. Mod.—Bro. Jonah D. Wright

Clerk—Bro. Homer B. Johnson

Ministers to Receive Goodstanding Cards 1988-89

Minister	Address	Church
Clyde Damron*	Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Alleghany
Carl Coleman*	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Alleghany
Oscar Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
James N. Tackett	Box 161, Lookout, Ky. 41542	Alleghany
Jimmy D. Looney	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Gordon Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Tommy Tackett	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
Marvis D. Dixon*	HC R-3, Box 810, College Rd., Cumb., Ky.	Cloverlick
Don McKnight	Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick

James M. Potter	Dorton, Ky. 41520	Dorton
McCoy Tackett	Meta, Ky. 41501	Dorton
Teddy Tackett*	Rt. 2, Box 108, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
Kalton Robinette	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Dorton
David Tackett*	Box 133, Myra, Ky. 41520	Dorton
Randy R. Gill	Box 350, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Charles Gallion*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Ray Anderson*	Box 1224, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Floyd Sexton*	Box 68-A, Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Durham
Woodrow Mullins*	Box 525, Caney HW, Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
James O. Elkins	Lickfork Box 44, Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
Joe Coleman	119 Broad Bottom Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
Steve Childress	RR2 Box 1141, Wise, Va. 24293	Energyville
Ralph Profit	Fleming, Ky. 41816	Happy
Paul Wooten	Scuddy, Ky.	Happy
Earl Combe	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
Rodney Smith*	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
Danny Mullins*	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Millard Bates Jr.*	408 Maryland Dr., Whitesburg, Ky.	Hemphill
Arnold Noles	Neon, Ky. 41840	Hemphill
Johnnie Collier	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
Homer Lee Mullins*	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Tommy England	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Larry R. Jones*	HC84, Box 1920, Whitesburg, KY	Kings Creek
Gary Kirby	Rt. 2, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Marshall's Branch
Ike Young Jr.*	HC95-96 Fleming, Ky. 41816	Marshall's Branch
Glenn Miller	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Moore's Chapel
David I. Brewer	McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Moore's Chapel
Herman Bates, Jr.*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Jonah D. Wright	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Lloyd Addington	Box 517, Pound VA	Payne Gap
Hollis Bevins	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Herbert H. Stallard	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Payne Gap
Doyle Caudill	Jenkins, ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Grover Bolden*	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Bobby W. Elkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Richard Gibson*	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Julian Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Lester Boggs*	Seco, Ky. 41849	Seco
Tommy N. Phillips	Kona, Ky. 41829	Seco
Jerry N. Tackett*	Box 005, Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tacketts Fork
Johnny Caudill	Hi-Hat, Ky.	Tacketts Fork
Rodney Mullins	Thornton, Ky. 41855	Tacketts Fork
Hasadora Reynolds	Ligon, Ky. 41636	Tacketts Fork
Dennis Mullins	Thornton, Ky. 41855	Tacketts Fork
Leroy Fields*	Box 2116, Premium, Ky. 41845	Ligon
Vardney Bolling	Payne Gap, Ky	Payne Gap
Robert Hampton*	Box 551, Virgie, Ky. 41527	Virgie
Sonny Miracle	Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Virgie
Dannie D. Hurst	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Hemphill
Jimmy Adams	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Moore's Chapel

63 ministers with goodstanding cards

*Pastors

Ministers With Life Goodstanding Cards

George Adams, Jr.	Box 114, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Hemphill
William Craford	Pound, Va. 24279	Payne Gap
Ersel McPeck	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Jonah D. Wright	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Charles Gallion	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Percy Elkins, Sr.	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Earl Breeding	Seco, Ky. 41849	Hemphill
Darwin Mullins	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
Caleb Holbrook	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Daris Williams	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
Alex Tompkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel

11 with life goodstanding cards

Ministers Enrolled with Happy Church Fourth Quarterly Conference August 26, 1988

Lloyd Addington	W.M. Craford	Ersel McPeck
Darwin Mullins	Clyde Damron	James N. Tackett
Vardney H. Bolling	Rodney D. Smith	Floyd Sexton
Rodney Mullins	Doyle Caudill	George Adams, Jr.
David I. Brewer	Leroy Fields	Earl Combs
James O. Elkins	Herman Bates, Jr.	Dennis Mullins
Millard Bates, Jr.	Ralph Proffitt	Johnny Collier
Jerry N. Tackett	Herman Johnson (Lic)	Fred Bartley (Dec)
Paul Wooten	Ike Young, Jr.	Grover Bolden
Bobby L. Fleming	John C. DePriest	Richard Gibson
Julian H. Gibson	Homer Lee Mullins	Arnold Noles
Gary Kirby (By letter)	Johnny Caudill (By letter)	
Glenn Miller (By letter)	Jimmy D. Looney (By letter)	
Larry R. Jones (By letter)	Caleb Holbrook (By letter)	
Daris Williams (By letter)		

38 ministers, 1 deacon, 1 licensee, 40 enrolled

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association yearly meeting while convened with the Fowler's Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Independence, Ky. on September 10, 1988 in Hamilton County. The ministers of the Pike County Quarterly Conference met at the Unity Freewill Baptist Church at Rockhouse, Ky. on August 26, 1988.

The moderator Rev. Fonso Justice took charge of devotions. The congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On." Prayer was led by Rev. John Vance after many requests for prayer were made.

Bro. Justice read a scripture found in 1st Timothy 4, verse 8-10, to open the ministers' conference for business. The first item of business was to elect a moderator to serve for the coming year. Rev. Donnie Feltner was elected moderator and Rev. William G. King was elected assistant moderator.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Roll call of ministers was next, with fifty-seven present and sixteen by letters. The letters were received by vote. Brother Michael Dingus apologized and was reinstated.

Motion was made and seconded to cancel the credentials of Bro. Ernest P. Murphy because he was excluded from his home church. Brother Callahan Charles turned his credentials in and they were accepted by vote of conference.

The committee reported that Rev. Goble Thacker would be issued a lifetime card.

Brother Bud Ross presented charges against Bro. William (Bud) Harrison for dismissing him from the church without a cause. Brother Bud Harrison also brought charges against Bro. Bud Ross, both charges were received by vote of conference. Bro. Bennie Slone made a motion to turn this problem over to the ordaining council and for them to work it out. The motion carried by vote of conference.

Motion was made by Bro. William G. King to prepare a letter to the John Thomas Association.

Motion of adjournment made by Bro. William G. King and seconded by Bro. Clyde Bowman, Jr.

The benediction was called by Rev. Emery Varney.

Ordaining Council

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

Moderator

Rev. Donnie Feltner
Box 488 Bent Branch Road
Pikeville, Ky. 41501

Executive Committee

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

Clerk

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

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Bennie F. Slone	Meta, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Robert (Bobby) Varney	HC 64 Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Belfry
Herbert Goff	Racoon, Ky 41557	Grassy
Ray Williams	Rt. 4 Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
David G. Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41557	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
Curtiss Wellman	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Dennis Hinkle	HC64, Box 317, 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 City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Ray Leedy	Stone, Ky. 41567	Octavia
Palmer Thompson	Box 560, Zebulon Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
John Vance	Box 6, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek
Luther Boyd	134 Wolfan Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Onis Varney	31 South Clifton, Elgin, Ill. 10120	Octavia
Bud Ross	Turkey Creek, Ky. 41570	Slaters Branch
Albert Simpson	Box 515, Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Jimmie Jack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 52, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, Ky. 41535	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
Ronald May	Racoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Estill P. Adkins	Beattyville, Ky.	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	Fellowship Chapel
William Harrison	Chatteroy, W. Va. 25667	Slaters Branch
Paul O'Quinn	Box 475, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41532	Amazing Grace
Kernal Lawson	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Joe Slone	Rt. 4, Box 96, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Edward Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 87, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Simmie Adkins	1907 7th St., Wyandotte, Mich. 48192	Owsley
Walter McCoy, Jr.	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Wendell Robert Smith	Rt. 1, Box 55X, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Charles Delon Jones	Box 208, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dennis E. Stiltner	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Goble Rush Ratliff	Box 190, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Old Fashion
Jackie Maynard	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Ernest Mullins	Box 328, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41562	Fellowship Chapel
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	Caney Creek
Phillip Damron	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Donnie Feltner	Box 488, Bent Br. Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Dallas Ratliff	Rt. 1, Box 151, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Fonso Justice	Box 62, Sidney, Ky. 41564	Bluespring
Goble Zellar	Box 45, Regina, Ky. 41559	Unity
John Paul Smith	Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Burl Rogers	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Clyde Bowman, Jr.	HC64, Box 130, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Meathouse
James Runyon	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Robert Smith	HC 64-Box 800, Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Everett Doug Mullins	604 Caney Hwy., Pikeville, Ky 41501	Caney Creek
Michael Dingess	Box 147, Matewan, W.Va. 25678	Bluespring
Earliest Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 571A, Clay City, KY 40312	Procter

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

O. H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 100, Beech Bluff, Tenn.	Octavia
Lawrence Ball	Switzer, W. Va. 25647	Octavia
George Bickford	Box 151, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dempsey Adkins	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
John C. Hatfield	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	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Wilson Justice	Robinson Creek, Ky. 41562	Caney Creek
Goble Thacker	Rt. 1, Box 274, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek

MID-OHIO MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Mid Ohio Ministers' Conference convened at the Adams Township Freewill Baptist Church, Green Springs, Ohio on July 9, 1988.

First order of business was election of moderator. Bro. Raymond Stanley and Bro. Paul Tyree were nominated, Bro. Raymond Stanley was elected. Bro. Ronnie Kendrick was elected clerk. Minutes from last conference were read, motion was made and carried to accept minutes as read.

Bro. Clarence Mullins and Bro. Mickey Kendrick reported by letter. Motion was made and carried to accept their letters. All other ministers were present. All business was discussed at this time new and old.

Rev. Dewey Hall from 8th Ave. United Baptist Church, Tiffin, Ohio, was visiting with us, and is interested in uniting their church with The Mid Ohio Conference. They were to meet with the quarterly conference on August 13, 1988 when convened at Adams Township Freewill Baptist Chapel.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn conference until second Saturday in July, 1989 or being called together by someone having authority to do so. Meeting closed with song, right hand of fellowship, and dismissed in prayer. Done by order of Mid Ohio Ministers Conference on July 9, 1988 at Green Springs, Ohio.

Moderator

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

Clerk

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. Paul Tyree
Rev. Frank Tyree
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Fowler's Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Independence, Ky. on Sept. 9 & 10, 1988

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Raymond Stanley	8606 Waynesburg Dr. S.E., Waynesburg, Oh	Community
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick	4022 21st St. S.W., Canton, Oh.	Community
Rev. Frank Tyree	4618 County Rd. 21, Clyde, Oh.	Adams Township
Rev. Paul Tyree	8333 TWP. Rd. 178, Green Springs, Oh.	Adams Township
Rev. Clarence Mullins	22 Earl Ave., Bloomville, Oh.	Adams Township
Rev. Cecil Rogers	217 E. Paradise St., Orrville, Oh.	Community
Rev. Mickey Kendrick	Hatfield, Kentucky	Community

Done by order of the Mid-Ohio Ministers Conference on the 9th day of July, 1988.

NEW DURM MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Larry Robinson
Rt. 1, Box 451
Lebanon, Virginia 24266

Ordaining Council

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

Clerk

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

Executive Committee

Brady Farmer, Chr.
Elbert Rasnake
Ronnie Johnson
Troy Harris

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Fowler's Creek Freewill Baptist Church, September 10, 1988.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Harley Dye	Rt. 2, Box 432, Harriman, Tenn. 37748	East Lebanon
Kyle Hubbard	Box 662, Honaker, Va. 24260	Tunnel Hill
Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Gonan Kelly	Cleveland, Va.	Clinch View
Russell Miller	R.F.D., Lebanon, Va. 24266	Mt. Zion
Eugene Miller	P. O. Box 1516, Lebanon, Va. 24266	East Lebanon
David Perkins	Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Fullers Chapel
Charlie Keen	Bland, Va.	
Kyle Brown	Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Guiding Light
Carson Walters	Box 4, Lebanon, Va. 24266	Mt. Zion
Ray Hale	Box 732, Honaker, Va. 24260	Fullers Chapel
Glen Peck	Rt. 2, Honaker, Va. 24260	Drill Chapel
Larry Robinson	Rt. 1, Box 451, Lebanon, Va. 24266	East Lebanon
Giles Wilson	Rt. A, Council, Va. 24260	Mt. View
Ellis Whited	Rt. 1, Box 266, Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Archie Hubbard	Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Billie McGlothlin	Star Rt., Rowe, Va.	Clinch View
Herschel Helton	Rt. 1, Box 4, Honaker, Va.	Clinch View
Robert Bias	Rt. 1, Box 687, Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Tunnel Hill
Willis Rasnake	Council, Va.	Mt. View
Chester Ball	P.O. Box 1075, Honaker, Va.	Clinch View
Clyde Stanford	Rt. 1, Box 434F, Lebanon, Va.	East Lebanon
Earl Rasnake	Rt. 2, Box 529AA, Honaker, Va.	Drill Chapel

Done by order of the New Durm Ministers' Conference on the 13th day of August, 1989.

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Fred Seibers
Box 104-A Warren Dr. R.R. 3
Cov., Ky. 41017

Clerk

Rev. Fred Seibers
Box 104-A Warren Dr. R.R. 3
Cov., Ky. 41017

Ordaining Council

Rev. Fred Seibers
 Rev. Leroy Reed
 Robert Matney

Executive Committee

Rev. Frederick Taylor
 Rev. Robert Matney
 Rev. Harold Robinson

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Fowler's Creek Freewill Baptist Church,
 Sept. 9, 1988.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Fred Seibers	104-A Warren Dr., R.R. 3, Cov., Ky.	Fowler Creek
Rev. Gordon Calhoun	4535 Mellwood, Cinti, Oh. 45232	Calvary
Rev. Vestal Hutson	3787 Ebenezer Rd., Cinti, Oh. 45248	Calvary
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 Witley St., Cinti, Oh. 45223	Calvary
Rev. Leroy Reed	Rt. #3, Box #353, Greensburg, Ind.	Pipe Creek
Rev. James S. Bohley	132 Whippoorwill Dr., Harrison, Oh.	Lawrenceburg
Rev. Frederick Taylor	160 E. Mt. Zion Road, Independence, Ky.	Fowler Creek
Rev. Harold Robinson	315 Orchard, Covington, Ky.	Fowler Creek
Rev. Belve Barger	Box 275-A Madison Pk. R.R. 3, Cov., Ky. 41017	Fowler Creek

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Clay Couch	117 W. Main St., Alexandria, Ky. 41001	Fowler Creek
Rev. Avrill Worley	3399 Bighorn, Cinti, Ohio 45211	Fowler Creek
Rev. David Carpenter	P. O. Box #14, Sunman, Ind.	Clinton
Rev. Arlo Smith	R.R. #1, Sunman, Ind.	Clinton

Ministers to Receive Life Time Cards

Rev. Robert Matney	4526 Co. Rd., Gallion, Ohio	Mt. Tabor
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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—Continued

Motion was made by Rev. Harold Robinson seconded by Bro. Fred Taylor to accept all letters as read. Motion was carried by majority vote of delegates.

Being no other business motion was made by Bro. Brady Farmer seconded by Bro. Harold Robinson to adjourn from the Ministers' conference until next year unless called together by the proper authorities.

Special singing was by Bro. and Sis. Grover Bolden from Letcher Co., and Bro. Ronnie Kendrick from Mid-Ohio.

Rev. John C. DePriest came forward reading from Matthew 16th chapter verses 13-19 for a text; he brought a wonderful message stating the duties of the church. The congregation sang and passed the right hand of fellowship among the congregation.

Brother Arlo Smith asked a blessing over the food and called the dismissal.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 p.m.

The afternoon service was opened by the moderator reading from Revelation twelfth chapter and twelfth verse. Congregation sang "Jesus Savior Pilot Me." Then we had an altar of prayer led by Brother Grover Bolen.

Special songs were by Bro. Earet Rose, Bro. Len Hicks, Bro. Edward Lee and Sis. Dolly Adkins, Sister Allene Jones and the Choir from Fowlers Creek, Bro. Don Howard and Bro. and Sis. Arvil Rose, Jr.

Brother Arvil Rose, Jr. came forth to bring the message; he read Job 1 verses 6 & 7 for a subject and brought a wonderful message, the Lord really blessed.

The congregation sang "Where Could I Go?" had a handshake and dismissal was called by Bro. William Maynard.

OBITUARIES



Wealthy Young Taylor

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Wealthy Young Taylor, the daughter of the late Harvey and Elizabeth Ray Young. She was born November 4, 1904. God called her home October 5, 1987, making her stay here on this earth 82 years, 11 months, and 1 day. She was a member of the Grassy Creek Freewill Baptist Church and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her first husband — General J. Case, and her second husband — William Bradley Taylor, five brothers, two sisters, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is survived by three sons — Thomas Case of Williamson, WV, Ervin Case of Meta, KY, and General J. Case, Jr. of Pikeville, KY; and two daughters — Dora Powell of Hebron, OH, and Flora Kirk of Meta, KY.; and one sister — Mary Williamson of Varney, KY. Also surviving are twenty-two grandchildren and thirty-one great-grandchildren as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Since Mom's death the Lord has called her oldest son, Thomas Case. He departed this life March 4, 1988. He was a member of the Spriggs Freewill Baptist Church. I feel that our loss has been heaven's gain.

Written by her Lonely Daughter Flora Kirk



Alice Slone

It is with a sad and heavy heart I will attempt to write of our beloved mother, Alice Slone of Fishtrap, Kentucky.

Mother was born July 28, 1918 and went to be with Jesus September 13, 1987 making her stay on earth 69 years 1 month and 16 days.

She was preceded in death by her husband Mitch Slone on September 16, 1986. She is survived by one daughter Tachel Thacker, five sons Ira, Charles, Joe, Will, and Thomas Slone, seventeen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

Mother was a member of Grassy Freewill Baptist Church of Racoon, Ky.

She was a loving mother and is sadly missed by her family and all that knew her. We miss her greatly but we know that our loss is Heaven's gain.



Judy Gannon

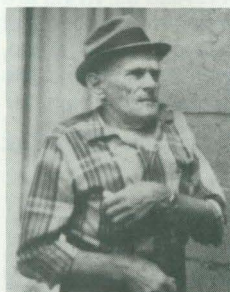
Judy Gannon was born at Kimper, Ky. January 24, 1947 and died April 4, 1988. She was the daughter of the late Everett Gannon, and Prue Johnson Gannon of Kimper, Ky. Besides her mother she is survived by four sisters, Ruby G. Varney, Mabel B. Varney, Jean G. Varney all of Meta, Ky. and Beatrice G. Norman of North Ridgeville, Ohio. Now deceased May 26, 1988, four

brothers, Earl and Ray Gannon of Meta, Ky., Dannie Gannon of Spencer, Ohio and Donnie Gannie of Elyria. Many nieces and nephews and dear friends of many churches.

Judy was baptised November 3, 1963.

Sadly missed at home by her mother.

Prue Johnson Gannon



Charlie Edward Gross

Charlie Edward Gross of Raccoon, Ky. departed this life on August 10, 1988. He was born in Pike County on January 24, 1900, making his stay here on earth 88 years, 6 months and 17 days. He was the son of Garrett Gross and Josephine Tibbs Gross.

He was a member of Grassy Freewill Baptist Church for 19 years and served as a deacon for 11 years.

He is survived by his wife, Lula Belle Blackburn Gross, two daughters, Kathy Brooks and Pauline Cook, one step-son, Henry Jude, and one step-daughter, Martha

Cornwell, four brothers and four sisters, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, as well as many other relatives and friends.

Everyone who knew Charlie saw his love and belief in God. He loved to sing for and about Christ. It is our hope to live for Christ so we may meet him again in Gloryland.

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we love is still.

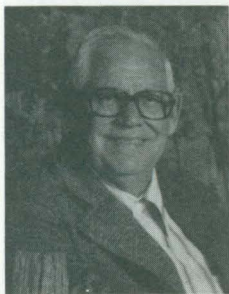
A place is vacant in our home,

It can never be filled.

Written by his wife,

Lula Belle Gross

and daughter, Kathy Brooks



Lawrence Childers

It is with sad and lonely hearts we shall attempt to write the obituary of our beloved husband and father Lawrence Childers. He was born May 20, 1911, departing this life May 12, 1988. He was married to Cora Potter Childers on January 6, 1936. To this union was born three children: Betty Ruth, who preceded him in death, Oliver Ray Childers and Carolyn Sue Muncy. He was the son of Meridith and Mellie Sanders Childers, who preceded him in death. He leaves behind one sister, Mattie Greer and one grandson, Gregory Childers. He joined the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church on November 19,

1967. We will miss him greatly, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his lonely wife and children,

Cora Childers

Oliver Ray Childers

Carolyn Sue Muncy

Elzie J. Epling

With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband. Elzie J. Epling, was born June 18, 1923 and departed this life December 17, 1987.

He was treasurer of the Unity Freewill Baptist Church at Rockhouse, Ky. He loved his work at the church and had been a member for twelve years.

He was a veteran of World War II, and a retired coal miner.

He is survived by his wife Irene Epling, one daughter Virginia Rowe, four grandchildren and one great grandchild, and one daughter "Genall" who passed away March 26, 1988. One stepgrandchild Tommy Buckley preceded him in death.

He is missed by all who knew him, but we're sure our loss is Heaven's gain. He will suffer no more heart attacks in God's Heaven because he will have a new body.

Written by his wife, Irene Bently Epling

Genall Epling Williams

With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my loving daughter, Genall Epling Williams. She was born May 10, 1947 and departed this life March 26, 1988.

She is survived by two daughters, Gena Smith and Jessica Buckley; one grandchild, Rick Smith; one sister, Virginia Rowe. She was preceded in death by a stepson, Tommy Buckley who passed away July 30, 1986, also one daughter Sonya Kay Buckley on April 28, 1970.

She was the daughter of the late Elzie Epling and of Irene Epling of Rockhouse, Ky. She was loved by all who knew her. We miss her every day but we feel she is at rest.

Written by her mother, Irene Epling



Sally Moon

Sally Moon, 80, of Huddy, Ky. was born January 29, 1908 at Sidney, Ky., a daughter of the late John B. and Martelia Smith Pinson. She was married to Alfred Moon who passed away on December 24, 1981. She was also preceded in death by a son Robert Moon on November 2, 1979.

She departed this life on August 3, 1988 making her stay here on earth 80 years, 7 months and 26 days.

She was a true and devoted Christian and was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for 36 years. She was faithful to attend until her failing health prevented her from attending. She always had a good testimony about her Lord Jesus.

She is survived by one daughter, Shirley Williamson of Toler, Ky. and two sons, John David Moon of Stone, Ky. and James Gary Moon of Huddy, Ky., nineteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren. And a host of sisters and brothers in the Lord and was loved by all who knew her. She will be sadly missed by all but we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by Mildred Varney

(Uncle) Jim Varney

James (Uncle) Jim Varney, 80, of Belfry, Ky. died July 12, 1987 at his home after a long illness.

He was born March 26, 1907, the son of the late Bud and Vicie Trout Varney. He was preceded in death by his first wife Elsie Lowe Varney, one son, one daughter, six brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Stella Wolford Varney; four sons, Roscoe, Charles, Jerry and James Joseph; four daughters, Christine Wolford, Clarence McCoy, Nell Ruth May and Willie Jean Crum; one stepson, Jennings Wolford; 26 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren.

Uncle Jim was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for many years and was a faithful and praying member. He loved the Lord with all his heart. Uncle Jim is missed by all who loved him. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by Sister Lynchia Smith

Stella Varney

Stella Wolford Varney, 81, of Belfry, Ky. died July 14, 1906. She was born July 14, 1906 in Pike County, Ky. She was a daughter of the late Jake and Quillie Wolford.

She was preceded in death by her husband (Uncle) Jim Varney just two days before her death.

She is survived by a son Jennings Wolford and four stepsons, Charles, Roscoe, James and Jerry Varney; four stepdaughters, Charlene McCoy, Christine Wolford, Nell Ruth May and Willie Jean Crum; two brothers, Jake and Okey Wolford; twenty six grandchildren and 23 greatgrandchildren.

Sister Stella was a member of the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church for many years. She left a good testimony for the Lord and is missed by all.

Written by Sister Lynchia Smith



John Henry Meade

The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness. Prov. 16:31.

The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the grey head. Prov. 20:29

Bro. John Henry Meade was born Feb. 7, 1903 and died Wed., June 15, 1988. He was preceded in death by his wife, Orpha Meade, and three brothers, Jim Lee Meade, Jewel Meade and Ival Meade Sr. Also one sister "Aunt" Goldie Arney Bryant. "Uncle" John Henry was a wonderful man to have known. He helped those around

him in ways that only they could understand. Maybe he helped with money, maybe in other ways. He was a great inspiration to people in the community. Prior to his death he attended Meades Chapel Freewill Baptist Church where his presence did much to make those of us around him more blessed. Truly the beauty of an old man shone through his life, for he was humble, though his body was frail. Many times his hands were raised in praise and thanksgiving. Although he was steadily going down, he remained strong in the faith. He once told me at an old friend's funeral, that all his friends were leaving him. I pondered on that awhile and realized how lonely he must have been at times. But Uncle John brought so much joy that you were just glad to have been around him. It was a privilege to have known him. Those of his family that are left behind, they have been left an incredible testimony for I believe that Uncle John's grey head was a crown of glory and was found in the way of righteousness. Our church and others will miss him. It was an honor for me to have been asked to write this in memory of such a man. I only hope that we have learned to go on and follow the paths of the old saints in the church. We will one day look out upon a sea of faces and I want to see the beauty of an old man shining with the love of God on his face.

—Written by Cathie Huffman



Hershell G. Stallard

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart. Psalms 15:1-2

Bro. Hershell Stallard left this walk of life June 16, 1987. He was born on Dec. 24, 1927 making his stay on earth 59 years and 6 months. This is written in memory of our beloved brother who brightened the lives of so many people. He was a member of Meades Chapel Freewill Baptist Church and had once served as a deacon. He

inspired others with his own determination to go on, to endure affliction, for the service of the Lord. He became a friend, a counselor, a minister of God, reaching out for the lost through songs and through the Holy Word. He taught us that we could go the extra mile, with the Lord's help. His message to us was to love one another, work in unity, and strive to reach our destination together as a family under God's direction. Simple, modest and humble are the words that quickly come to mind when thinking about him. He was willing to help those in need. His passing brought to our hearts a feeling of sadness mixed with great joy. For he has passed from this weary, travel-worn path into a land of ever-lasting peace. We

loved our brother dearly and will miss him while we earnestly endeavor to follow the teachings that he left. Bro. Hershell had announced his call into the ministry and would have been ordained, had time permitted. But the call came and he answered leaving us those of us to continue to fight the battle. He is gone, but not forgotten in our hearts. And his life gave testimony to the sincerity and devotion that walking daily with the Lord brings. And the testimony remains long after the flowers begin to wither upon the ground. Our prayers are with the family of Bro. Hershell. For his wife, Joyce who stood beside him in life and in the ministry of song. His helpmate, his friend. And for his children, Richard and Patsy who had a wonderful example to follow. Our church will miss his presence, but we cannot help but feel excitement bubble up in our souls at the thought of a great and glorious reunion. Then we will know love as Bro. Hershell so often spoke of, abundant, eternal, and everlasting.

—Written in loving memory from the family of
Meade's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church
Cathie Huffman



Claude T. Markland

What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit,, and I will sing with the understanding also. I Corin. 14:15

It is with a great deal of respect and honor that I write this in memory of Claude T. Markland. Born March 2, 1914, and passed away at his home, Sunday, July 31, 1988. He was a man with a vast amount of influence and inspiration in our lives. He served as song leader for many years and in the capacity of Deacon for our church. Bro. Claude, along with his wife, who preceded

him in death, has blessed many, many people by lifting up their voices and singing praises unto the Lord. He sang with spirit and understanding and this is what touched so many of our hearts. He brought out the love and message of God in which the song writers had put down in notes and music. He literally brought them to life by letting God use him as he saw fit. He has left children and grandchildren to follow his footsteps, but Bro. Claude left them a clear path and testimony. He also left many friends that sang with him, that rejoiced with him, and those of us who knew that he was blessed by the quiet passing to be with the Lord and His "Bud." Our prayers go out to the family that is left, but we must say rejoice in the knowledge that we can go to join Bro. Claude and Sis. Emma and to sing a song that the angels cannot sing. Our church, along with many others and our congregation, and the whole community who knew him, will sadly miss his presence, but we know that he is now happy and only ask God for the wisdom and understanding to carry on.

—Written with the permission of the family
by Cathie Huffman



Brother Audner and Sister Revie Mullins

This is in memory of our beloved father and mother, Audner Mullins and Revie Blankenship Mullins. They were united in marriage March 1, 1940. To this union were born four children: three daughters, Betty Mullins, Patty Fields, and Alice Faye Owens; one son, Gerald D. Mullins.

Revie was born December 30, 1924, and passed away April 4, 1988, making her stay on earth 63 years, 3 months, and 4 days. Revie became a Christian at an early age and was a charter member of the Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church, the Ladies Auxiliary, and a member of the original Splashdam gospel singers. Revie was preceded in death by Audner, her husband of 40 years, on October 15, 1981.

Audner was born August 19, 1919, and departed this life on October 15, 1981, making his stay here 62 years, 1 month, and 26 days. He was a long-time member of the Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church, a retired coal miner, and a member of UMW Local 7170. Audner greatly enjoyed outdoor life.

Audner and Revie touched the lives of all they came in contact with and gave themselves to all those in need.

With Revie's leaving she is sadly missed, but we know she is happy because she is in Heaven with Audner.

May we live so we can join them in Heaven.

—The Family



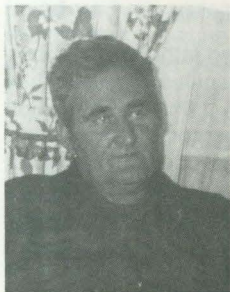
Carter Martin Boyd

It is with a sad and aching heart that we try to write an obituary of our beloved son and brother. Carter Martin Boyd was born on August 27, 1971 and departed this life May 8, 1988 making his stay on earth 16 years, 8 months, and 11 days. Carter leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, Helen Jean Boyd of Haysi and Arthur Joe Boyd, his two sisters, Pamela Lynn Wallace of Haysi, Rhonda Gail Boyd of the home, one brother, Ronald Dale Boyd of the home, one niece, Laken R. Wallace of Haysi. Carter's late maternal grandparents were William F.

Deel and Zoudie Coleman Deel of Haysi. His paternal grandparents were Bertha Boyd and the late Ezra Martin Boyd of Vansant.

Carter died in a tragic drowning accident in the Splashdam River. Carter loved to go hunting and fishing; he also loved little children. It's hard to give up such a young and sweet child. He will be missed by his broken hearted mother, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and by everyone who knew him.

—Written by His Mother and Sisters



Otis Luther

With a smile and a glad heart I write of my daddy, Otis Luther. He died, September 13, 1986, but *he lives* in my heart and he's only gone to claim that mansion Jesus has gone to prepare for all that believe. Daddy claimed the blood and gave his heart and soul to God and I praise God for it, because I have a hope of seeing my daddy again one day. Daddy was born to Daniel Boone and Nora Payne Luther, January 9, 1927, and married Rhoda Jackson, November 10, 1945. They had eight children; Dale, Robert, Linda, Teddy, Kitty, Vicky, Nora, Matthew, and one adopted son Boone. He had fourteen (14) grandchildren. Daddy was a life long resident of Wise County and a disabled miner. He worked hard to support us and we loved him dearly.

This is not good-bye, Daddy! I know with all my heart you'll be waiting for me in heaven, because you left a testimony behind.

—Your daughter, Mrs. Avery Carty (Linda)



Kathy Elaine Greear

Kathy Elaine Greear was born March 2, 1955 and death called her away in 1987. She was a member of Meade's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. As a teenager and young adult, she had been very active in the church, Sunday School and Youth League of Meade's Chapel. Many times Kathy blessed the congregation with her beautiful talent of playing the piano and was Dictator of Vacation Bible School for a few years. What she did for the youth will always be remembered in a very special way. And she was a good neighbor reaching out to those

that were in need.

Survivors include her husband Michael Greear, one son Stephen Greear and one daughter, Tina Greear of the home; her parents Ruth and Covey Kiser, Coeburn, Va.; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Goldie Kiser Coeburn, Va.; two brothers Covey Arnold Kiser, Jr. and Joseph Kiser of Coeburn, Va.; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Death calls our loved ones beyond the sound of our voices; beyond the sight of our eyes; beyond the touch of our hands; but it cannot take them beyond the reality of our love for them. That which we truly love about a person is not merely physical, but their qualities of love and faith is something we know is real because we have shared it with them. We must have the faith to believe that Kathy has at last found the peace and happiness that she so desperately searched for in her short journey here on earth.



Gladys Ratliff Potter Baldridge

Gladys Ratliff Potter Baldridge of Shelby Gap, Ky., entered into rest Tuesday, February 9, 1988 at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Ky. at the age of 72 years, 1 month, and 13 days.

She was born December 26, 1915 in Pike County, Ky. and was the daughter of William and Mazie Center Ratliff.

Gladys was united in marriage to Alvin Potter, and to this union four children were born. Alvin preceded her in death in September 1951 and a son, Hertaux Douglas Potter, is also deceased. Later she was united in marriage to Ernest Baldridge; to this union three children were born. Ernest preceded her in death in February 1962.

Gladys retired from teaching after 22 years. She was saved in September 1955 and joined the Allegheny Freewill Baptist Church. On October 27, 1956 she had her letter moved to the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving are her six children, Goebel Potter, Phoenix, Arizona; June McCues-ton, Kearie Potter, Granade Baldridge, Kathy Coleman and William Baldridge, all of Shelby Gap, Ky.; 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother, Oscar Ratliff, Ocala, Florida.



Onie Pritchard Miller

With sadness in my heart, I will try to write the obituary of my darling wife, Onie Pritchard Miller. She was born February 6, 1926 in Logan County, West Virginia. She went home to be with Jesus Sunday, November 15, 1987, making her stay on earth 61 years, 10 months and 9 days. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She is survived by her beloved husband Otis Miller, two nephews, one niece and a great host of friends. She was my beloved wife for 41 years. She was a peaceful homemaker, always putting everyone before

herself. She was very quiet and humble and loved Jesus with all of her heart. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

Even though cancer was destroying her body, she never stopped trusting in God. She sat in the intensive care waiting room for 41 days and nights when I was in the hospital; she was strong, trusting in God to let me get well again. For some cause Jesus came to take her home first. I miss her so much and by the help of God some day we will meet to never part any more. Jesus, tell her I'm coming soon and we will be together for ever and ever.

—Written by her husband, Otis Miller



Howard Wilson

In memory of our dear husband and dad, Howard Wilson. He was born on September 3, 1925 and passed away on November 16, 1986, making his stay here 61 years and 2 months. He was the son of Hunter Wilson and Josie Ball Wilson in Buchanan County, Va. He worked as a coalminer and a farmer. Howard was a member of the Mountain View Freewill Baptist Church. In 1945 he married Ada Johnson. He is survived by his wife and children, including one daughter, Alene Hess of Nokesville, Va.; three sons, Harold, Harley, and Gary

Wilson all of Council. Also surviving is one stepson, Roger Johnson, of Dayton, Ohio. He also leaves five grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. Surviving also are six sisters: Lucy and Leona Harris, both of Council, Faye Murphy of Fairborn, Ohio, Gaye Johnson of Davenport, Hattie Barton of North East, Maryland and Letha Musick of Cleveland, Va. His surviving brothers are Claude and Holland Wilson of Council, Va. Several nieces and nephews and a host of friends will also mourn his loss.

Only the good Lord and the family knew how much pain he suffered and we stood by him until the end. It was heart-breaking because there was nothing anyone could do except call upon the Lord to have mercy on him. He loved life so well and fought so hard to live that we can't help but admire his courage and strength. Even though he was in great pain, he was patient and humble, talking much about the Lord. We all believe with our heart he has gone to rest in a better place with Jesus. We also know that we're going to have to live for the Lord to see him again. We know we can't bring him back to us but through Jesus we can go to him.

*A precious one from us is gone
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
We watched you suffer day by day,
It caused us bitter grief;
To see you slowly slip away
And we could not give you relief.
God knows how much we miss you husband and dad
Never shall your memory fade;
Loving thoughts shall ever wander
To the spot where you are laid.
Our aching hearts are longing
For your face we see no more;
But we hope someday to see you
On that bright and golden shore.*

—Written by his wife and children



Bert Alton Harris

In loving memory of my husband, Bert Alton Harris, who departed this life June 24, 1988, making his stay on earth 65 years 6 months and 11 days. He was born November 13, 1922 to the union of the late Ruey and Eva Parker Harris. He has left behind to mourn his loss, his wife, Maggie Harris and five loving children. Gail Akers and Jewelne Turner of Pikeville, Kentucky; Janice Carol Zienkiewicz of Oatman, Michigan; Brenda Sue Gilliam of Monroe, Michigan and James Michael Harris of Harold, Kentucky.

He was a member and a Deacon of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church for 36 years, a retired coal miner and a World War II veteran.

He also had ten grandchildren who miss him very much. He was a light to the community dearly loved by all who knew him. We feel he is just asleep at rest from his pain and suffering here, awaiting for our coming to be with him.

It is with a sad heart I'm writing this but I'm looking for a great home coming and day to be together with Jesus, where we will never part any more. With all our love.

—Written by his wife, Maggie Harris
and his children

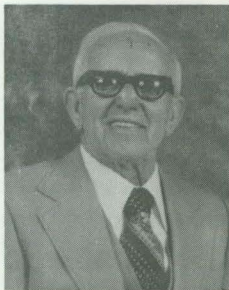


Rev. Glen William Stevens

Rev. Glen Stevens of Council, Va. passed away Saturday, May 21, 1988. He was the son of the late King and Perlle Cook Stevens. He was preceded in death by one son and one daughter in 1981. Survivors include his wife Annie Cook Stevens, two sons and two daughters of Maryland, and one son of Rosedale, Va. He was born May 7, 1917. He was a resident of Buchanan County. He was a retired coal miner. He was a member of the Mt. View Freewill Baptist Church on Combs Ridge. He was sick a lot while on this earth but he trusted in the Lord for his every need. He is greatly missed by friends and

relatives. We feel that he's gone to a better place where there'll be no more sickness or pain. He'll always be here in our hearts even though he's gone on. He's resting now in the arms of Jesus.

—Written by Annie Stevens, wife
Bennie Sue Stevens, daughter-in-law



Rev. John T. Oliver

Rev. John T. Oliver, 92, of Ransom, Ky., passed away March 12, 1988 in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was born December 14, 1895 in Kimper, Ky. He was the son of the late Millard Filmore and Polly Varney Oliver. He was married to Martha Smith Oliver who also preceded him in death.

A long time resident of Ransom, he was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Bluespring Freewill Baptist Church for 48 years. He was the oldest minister of the Pike County Quarterly Conference. He always attended the church and conference as long as his health permitted. He will be missed by all of his brothers and sisters in Christ.

He is survived by two sons, Everette J. Oliver of Columbus, Ga. and John T. Oliver, Jr. of McMinnville, Tenn.; eight daughters, Marie Stokes of Victorville, Calif. Mrs. James T. (Evelyn) Dotson of Pikeville, Ky., Mrs. Alfred (Edith) Vipperman of Altoona, Fla., Mrs. Orville (Ethel) Morris and Mrs. Lucas (Ruby) McCoy of McCarr, Ky., Mrs. Paul (Pauline) Farley of Ransom, Mrs. James G. (Josephine) Varney and Mrs. Joseph (Woodra) Honaker of Middletown, Ohio; twenty one grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren, and a host of friends and loved ones. We feel that our loss is his eternal gain.



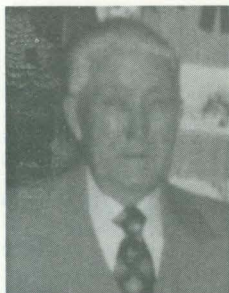
Jonah Scott

Jonah Scott, 73, of Ransom, Ky. died May 1, 1988. He was the son of the late Wayne and Rosie Hensley Scott. He was married to Georgia Ann Sullivan Scott for almost fifty one years. They had nine children, three sons and four daughters, and ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren survive. He was preceded in death by one daughter and one son, and two grandchildren.

He was a member of the Bluespring Freewill Baptist Church for forty eight years. He joined December 25th, 1940 and was ordained a deacon March 6, 1976, twelve years.

Jonah loved to have friends. He is and will be missed so much. The family loved him more than anyone can tell, also his friends and neighbors. The church at Bluespring will miss him, but we know he is at rest and I am just waiting to see him again in that new home, where we will never have to part again forever. What a meeting, Glory to God.

—Written by his wife Georgia



Charlie Scott

Charlie Scott, 78, of Ransom, Ky., died August 29, 1987. He was the son of the late Wayne and Rosie Hensley Scott. He was married to Beatrice Patrick Scott for fifty three years.

Charlie was a member of the Bluespring Freewill Baptist Church for fourteen years. When he was not able to attend he loved to have church at his home.

Beside his wife, he is survived by one son, Bill, two grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren, and a host of friends and loved ones.

Sadly missed by the church members and his wife and family.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior 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 a valid one, the applicant may be received. Excluded members are received again only when they confess their errors and give evidence of repentance. Persons excluded from other churches are not received, unless it be made evident that they were excluded upon unjustifiable grounds. The hand of fellowship is extended to all who are received into the membership of the church.

DISMISSION OF MEMBERS

Only members in good standing are dismissed from the church, and this for no other reason than to unite with some other church. Such members receive letters of honorable dismission and commendation, but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into some other way. A withdrawal without such letter of commendation is equivalent to excommunication, and treated as such by the church.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of a church are a Board of Trustees, Clerk, Treasurer, Deacons and Deaconesses, Finance Committee, and Pastor.

Board of Trustees - The duty of the trustees shall be to hold title to all property, either in fee or gift, and to maintain all rights to same, to convey said property in the discretion of a four-fifth majority of those present at a regular quarterly meeting, being announced at said church three months prior to said meeting.

Clerk - It is the duty of the clerk to keep a church book and in it record the Church Covenant, the names of the members, and all the proceedings of the church, in the exercise of its doctrine and management of its temporal affairs. He also signs all the letters and other communications made, by authority of the church.

Treasurer - The treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church, and it shall be his duty to keep a regular account of all the money received, and from whom, and make a report of the same annually to the church or more often if necessary, which funds shall be drawn on the treasury only by the order of the church.

Deacons - The deacons are elected for life or during good behavior. They should be men distinguished among their brethren for piety and benevolence. Before entering upon the duties of their office they are ordained by the pastor or other regular minister, ordination consisting of charge, laying on of hands and prayer. It is their duty to serve at the Lord's table, to distribute of the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting order in attendance upon the church, and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

Deaconesses - They assist the deacons and the finance committee, in visiting the sick, in collecting funds and distributing among the needy members, and enforcing proper discipline among female members.

Finance Committee - These have the general management of the finances of the church, subject to the church's control.

Pastor - Each church elects its own pastor out of the regular ordained ministers upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties themselves. It is the pastor's duty faithfully to preach the Word, to have the general superintendence of the church, to be himself an example to the flock, to visit the members, especially the sick, as he has the opportunity, and to do all within his power to promote the religious interest of the church which he serves, and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

THE MINISTRY

1. No member of our connection shall be at liberty to take upon himself the public ministry of the Word, unless he feels divinely called, and 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 dismissal and recommendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Quarterly Meeting where they move.
7. Resolution of Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting. To all pastors and churches, as recommended by the ministers' conference in called session with the Yates Chapel Church, October 21, 1950.
 1. That all Freewill Baptists using our church houses must hold a card of good standing with their conference or otherwise be in good standing with their Freewill Baptist Conference.
 2. That Pastors, Deacons, and Trustees must approve all appointments of non-Freewill Baptist Ministers.
 3. All funeral services be excepted from these resolutions.
 4. All church clerks are to be notified of these resolutions.
8. The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference recommends to the Yearly Meeting that our older ministers, who would be approved by an appointed committee be given good standing cards for life. (This recommendation was accepted and passed by a vote of 20-2 by the Yearly Meeting, 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 Baptists, and instructed for membership in one body.

BY-LAWS

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

Article 2. The Conference of this Yearly Meeting shall be composed of ministers and delegates who are members of the Quarterly meetings, each Quarterly Meeting being entitled to three delegates from each church.

Article 3. The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a clerk, treasurer, and moderator, and shall be chosen at every session of the Yearly Meeting, with such assistant as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well organized and well regulated Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrines of the Freewill Baptist denominations, as published in the minutes of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting, and are in favor of the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application, by vote of this Yearly Meeting, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Yearly Meeting shall have the power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly work if their labor proves unsuccessful.

Article 6. The session of this Yearly Meeting shall convene on Friday before the second Sunday in September at 11:00 a.m. at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which the Yearly Meeting is composed to represent themselves by delegates, and report their standing, prospects and statistics by letter: at which time the Yearly Meeting shall act on such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor the usages of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of the Yearly Meetings.

Article 7. The Yearly Meeting shall have power to adopt any regulation or by-laws not consistent with the Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

Article 8. This Conference shall not recognize any minister or delegate unless they comply with the constitution and by-laws thereof.

Article 9. Each Quarterly Meeting shall send to the Yearly Meeting, with their annual letters, funds equal to twenty-five cents (25¢) per member in said Quarterly Meeting; said funds to be used in meeting expenses of the Yearly Meeting.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.
2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man: who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and the 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 charge 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 the fruit of the vine, 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; James 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.

DIGEST OF THE JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION

Conferences 6

Conference	Ministers		Churches	Membership
	Ordained	Licensed		
Dickenson County	134	0	40	2384
Letcher County	74	1	20	1788
Pike County	81	10	20	1601
Mid-Ohio	7	0	2	75
New Durm	25	1	9	468
Hamilton County	16	0	3	105

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:

Dickenson.....	1989
Letcher	1990
Mid-Ohio	1991
New Durm	1992
Dickenson.....	1993
Letcher	1994
Pike	1995
Dickenson.....	1996
Hamilton	1997
New Durm	1998

