

Minutes
of the
JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING
of
Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

69th SESSION

Held With
COMMUNITY
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Canal Fulton, Ohio

September 6-7, 1991

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1990-1991

Amount received in letters 1991	
Dickenson County	\$1,550.00
Pike County	919.50
Pike County for engraving	40.00
Mid-Ohio	250.00
New Durm	350.00
New Durm for engraving	35.00
Letcher County	500.00
Hamilton County	80.00
Total received in letters	\$3,724.50
Amount in treasury 1990	\$3,553.96
Amount in treasury 1991	\$7,278.46
 Expenses for the year 1991	
Clerk's fee	100.00
Minutes, printing and shipping	2,589.00
Total paid out.....	\$2,689.00
Balance in Treasury	\$4,589.46

The John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting will convene with the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church, at Lebanon, Va. in New Durm Conference on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September, which will be September 11 and 12, 1992.

Directions to the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church are as follows: From Bluefield, Va. take Route 19 South 460 West toward Abingdon, Va. Stay on Route 19 South toward Lebanon until you pass the Route 80 Meadowview exit. Take the next cross over to the North-bound lane of Route 19 going back toward Bluefield. The Church is on the right side beside the four-lane.

From Abingdon, Coeburn, Pound, Jenkins and Pikeville areas, take Route 19 North from Lebanon toward Bluefield, W.Va. Travel approximately six miles from the Lebanon by-pass.

The church is on the right beside the four-lane.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1990

Dickenson County	1,185
Oval Hillman, Route 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. 24228	
Phone (703) 835-8395	
Pike County	600
Robert Varney, HC 64, Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	
Phone (606) 353-7704	
Mid-Ohio	75
Rev. Cecil Rogers, 216 E. Paradise St., Orrville, Oh. 44667	
New Durm	280
Troy Harris, Rt. 1, Box 157, Vansant, Va. 24656	
Phone (703) 859-2912	

Letcher County	400
Homer B. Johnson, Box 542, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	
Hamilton County	24
Lena Couch, RR 2, Box 67, Versailles, Ind. 47042	
Total Minutes	<u>2,564</u>

MINISTERS, DEACONS & DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Franklin Hall	Terry Price	Verlin Deel, Jr.
Clyde Hay		

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Velon Burgess	Homer Adkins	Bennie F. Slone
Edward Lee Adkins	Robert (Bobby) Varney	
Robie (Buddy) Kendrick	Roger Blackburn	

NEW DURM MINISTERS

Larry Robinson	Clyde R. Stanford
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MID-OHIO MINISTERS

Ronnie Kendrick	Cecil Rogers	William Watson Combs
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HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS

Harold D. Robinson

DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Ovil Hillman	Earet Rose
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PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

William H. Maynard

NEW DURM DEACONS

Brady Farmer

MID-OHIO DEACONS

John L. Cope

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Seibert Hillman	Mary Whisenhunt	Pearl Fogleman
Norma Fogleman	Leroy Reynolds	Lloyd Hillman
Brenda Price		

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

John H. Justice	Eddie Overstreet	Vernice Overstreet
Peggy Maynard	Judy Bevins	Mildred Varney
Donnie Robinson		

MID-OHIO DELEGATES

Monty Montgomery
Loretta Kendrick

Trula Kendrick
Everett Maynard

Onis Wilterbrard
Gleah Cope

NEW DURM DELEGATES

Corene Perkins
Helen Harris
Mark Stanford

Lydia Hess
Troy Harris
Phyllis A. Stanford

Sandra Robinson
Ada Farmer

HAMILTON COUNTY DELEGATES

Hazel Stewart

Levi Stewart

VISITORS FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Don Sexton

Billie Sexton

VISITING MINISTERS

Harold Wayne Keith

Bill Gannon

Kenneth L. Frisbee

VISITING FROM THE CHILDREN'S HOME, GREENVILLE TENN.

Rev. Roger Hood

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Assistant Moderator Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick
Clerk Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
HC 64, Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555, Phone (606) 353-7704
Treasurer Bro. Oval Hillman
Rt. 1, Box 440, Clintwood, Va. 24228, Phone (703) 835-8395

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

DICKENSON COUNTY: Raymond McCarty, Earet Rose, Larry Bise, Luke Wright and Donald Elkins.

PIKE COUNTY: Bennie F. Slone, Robey Kendrick, and Robert Varney.

LETCHER COUNTY: Milford Craft, Jack Whitaker and John D. Shook.

NEW DURM: Brady Farmer, Elbert Rasnake, Troy Harris, Ronnie Johnson and Kenneth Sproles.

MID-OHIO: Ronnie Kendrick, Cecil Rogers and Watson Combs.

HAMILTON COUNTY: Robert Matney, Clay Couch and Harold D. Robinson.

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 A.M.

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists met for the 69th session with the Mid-Ohio Conference at the Community Freewill Baptist Church at Canal Fulton, Ohio on the Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was September 6, 1991.

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick, pastor of the church was in charge of the devotions and welcomed everyone from the various conferences with a warm welcome. The

congregation sang "Some Day" and prayer was led by Rev. Don Sexton. Special singing was by Brother Earet Rose from Dickenson County and by Brother William Maynard and his singers from Pike County.

Brother Kendrick called Rev. Kenneth L. Frisbee from Akron Freewill Baptist Church, of Great Lakes conference to come to bring the message. He read Rev. chapter 22 verses 7, 12 and 20; his subject was "Pay Day is Coming." He brought a wonderful message seasoned with the Holy Spirit. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and had fellowship. The benediction and the blessing over the food was asked by Brother Charlie Dutton.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

We met back on due time with the congregation singing "Oh I Want to See Him." Prayer was led by Rev. Wayne Keith.

The clerk Rev. Robert Varney came forth to call the yearly meeting to order for the business of electing a moderator for the ensuing year. Rev. Ronnie Kendrick and Rev. Robey Kendrick were nominated. Rev. Ronnie Kendrick was elected and the meeting was turned over to him. Brother Bobby Varney made a motion and was seconded by Brother Velon Burgess to give the Moderator power to appoint his assistant and all necessary committees. He appointed Rev. Robey Kendrick to be his assistant. A motion was made and passed by acclamation to retain Brother Bobby Varney as clerk and Brother Oval Hillman as treasurer. The committees appointed were as follows:

PULPIT COMMITTEE

William Maynard
Siebert Hillman
Troy Harris

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Earet Rose
Brady Farmer
Franklin Hall

The moderator called the clerk to read the minutes of the last year's meeting which was held at Jenkins, Ky. in Letcher County. Rev. Bennie Slone made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the minute books and not to use the time to read them at this time. The motion was seconded by Brother Roger Blackburn and passed by usual vote.

The clerk passed the enrollment cards out to enroll all ministers, deacons and delegates from the various conferences and all visiting ministers.

The moderator called for a report of the audit report. They reported that the books were in order and signed their report. A motion was made by Brother William Maynard and seconded by Rev. Robey Kendrick to accept their report as given. The motion was accepted by usual voting sign of aye.

The pulpit committee report was as follows: Friday afternoon, Rev. Franklin Hall; Friday night, Rev. Larry Robinson; Saturday morning, Rev. Buddy Kendrick; Saturday afternoon, Rev. Grover Bolden. The report was accepted by vote of yearly meeting.

Rev. Don Sexton from the Foreign Mission Board in Nashville, Tn. came forward to give his report on his missionary work and also reported on the walkathon that is being conducted to raise money for mission work. Rev. Bennie Slone made a motion seconded by Rev. Clyde Hay to accept his report.

A love offering was received from the congregation in the amount of \$134.02. Rev. Cecil Roger asked a blessing over the offering and it was given to Rev. Don Sexton.

Being no other business to take care of at this time, a motion was made by Brother Brady Farmer and seconded by Rev. Buddy Kendrick to adjourn from business until Saturday morning at 9:30 A.M. The motion was carried by usual vote. Special singing was by Sister Brenda Price, and by Brother William Maynard and his singers.

Rev. Franklin Hall came forward to bring the message. He read from Hebrews, ch. 6, verse 15 and used the subject "Be established." He brought a very inspiring message. The congregation sang and shook hands. The benediction was called by Rev. Benny Slone.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

Met back on due time with Rev. Ronnie Kendrick in charge. The congregation sang "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." Prayer was led by Rev. Velon Burgess. Special singing was by Sister Sandra Robinson, Brother and Sister Grover Bolden, Brother Terry Kendrick, Sister Loretta Kendrick, Brother Earet Rose and Brother William Maynard and his singers.

Rev. Larry Robinson came forward to preach, using for a text 1st John ch. 2 Verse 14 and the subject "I Have Written unto You." He brought a very interesting message. The congregation sang a song and had an old fashioned handshake. The dismissal was called by Rev. Bobby Varney until 9:30 A.M., Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

The Yearly Meeting reconvened at the designated time with the moderator, Rev. Ronnie Kendrick in charge. The congregation sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old," and prayer was led by Rev. Bennie Slone. The moderator gave everyone a warm welcome. He read 2nd Timothy, 3rd chapter, verses 1-4 for a scripture to open the meeting for such business that should come before it.

The clerk passed out cards to enroll all ministers, deacons and delegates that did not register on Friday.

The moderator called for all letters to be turned over to the clerk that had not already been turned in from the various conferences. Then he asked the clerk to read the letters. They were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with The Freewill Baptist Community Church at Canal Fulton, Ohio on the Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1991.

Greetings:

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

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator
Franklin Hall

Assistant Moderator
Roy Vanover

Clerks
Lloyd Hillman
Oval Hillman

Executive Committee
Raymond McCarty
Earet Rose
Larry Bise
Luke Wright
Donald Elkins

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

Ordaining Council

Roy Vanover — Chairman

Terry Price

Franklin Hall

Conference voted to buy 1185 minutes. Amount enclosed for minutes is \$1,550.00.

Statistics

Churches 38

Church Membership 2169

Sunday Schools 33

Sunday School Members 1594

Ladies' Auxiliaries 10

Balance from July 1990 to 1991

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$2,610.65
Emergency Fund	5,944.60
Orphan Home Fund	4,442.85

Done by order of Dickenson County Conference:

Moderator - Franklin Hall

Clerks - Lloyd Hillman and Oval Hillman

To The John Thomas Association while convened with the Mid-Ohio Quarterly Meeting at the Community Freewill Baptist Church, September 6 and 7 of 1991.

We the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists recommend the following resolution.

The Dickenson County Ministers Conference of Freewill Baptists after three meetings, two regular and one called meeting, and after much debate and discussion, made the following resolution to the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists by a majority vote, recommend that article twenty on the Articles of Faith be removed from the minutes. The Dickenson County Conference by a majority vote recommends the resolution to the John Thomas Association done by order of the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference while in regular session with the Pine Creek Church, July 26 and 27 of 1991.

MODERATOR

Franklin Hall

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Roy C. Vanover

CLERKS

Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Community Freewill Baptist Church at Canal Fulton, Ohio in the Mid-Ohio Conference. on September 6 and 7, 1991.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church at McAndrews, Ky. on August 24th, 1991 for our quarterly meeting.

Officers elected were as follows:

Moderator

Rev. William G. King

Assistant Moderator

Rev. Dennis Stiltner

Clerk

Rev. Robert Varney

Treasurer

Rev. Velon Burgess

Business Committee

Rev. Gerria Reynolds

Rev. Harold Brewer

Rev. Edward Lee Adkins

Finance Committee

Bro. Walker McCoy

Rev. Roger Blackburn

Rev. Ronald May

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtiss Wellman

Rev. John Vance

Rev. Herbert Goff

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Rev. Bennie F. Stone

Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick

Pulpit Committee

Lewis Elswick

Earl Gannon

William Maynard

The conference is enclosing \$659.00 for minutes and engraving and \$300.00 for yearly meeting expenses. We are requesting 600 minute books.

Statistics

Churches	20	Sunday Schools.....	16
Church Membership	1875	Sunday School Membership	928
Ministers	77	Ladies Auxiliaries.....	8
		Auxiliary Membership	159
		Mid-week service attendance ...	404

Treasurer's report

Amount on Hand June 1990	\$2802.56
RECEIVED — August 1990 to June 1991	\$3,480.95
EXPENSES — August 1990 to June 1991	\$3,126.82
Balance on hand June 1991	\$3,165.69

Delegates to the Yearly Meeting

Name	Church	Name	Church
Verniece Overstreet	Owsley	Donnie Robinson	Stonecoal
Eddie Overstreet	Owsley	Joyce Robinson.....	Stonecoal
Judy Bevins	Owsley	Dolly C. Adkins	Stonecole
Peggy Maynard	Owsley	Barbara Blackburn	Belfry
William Maynard	Owsley	Mildred Varney	Belfry
John H. Justice	Owsley		

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this 24th day of August 1991.

Moderator: William G. King

Clerk: Robert Varney

MID-OHIO QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
2022 21st Street S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706

Clerk

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

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Community Freewill Baptist Church
Canal Fulton, Ohio
Sept. 6th & 7th, 1991

Statistics

No. of Churches 2
Church Membership 92
Ordained Ministers 6
Licensed Ministers 0
Membership Fees \$250.00
Engraving None

List of Delegates

Rev. Cecil Rogers Community
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick Community
Loretta Kendrick
Nellie Rogers
Trula Kendrick
Okie Hilterbrand
Dorothy Hilterbrand
John Cope
Gleah Cope

We request 75 minute books.

Done by order of the Mid-Ohio Quarterly Conference on the 10th day of August, 1991.

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with the Community Freewill Baptist Church at Canal Fulton, Ohio on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September 1991.

Greetings:

We, the New Durm Conference, while convened with the Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in August for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Edward Dye (3 months)

Assistant Moderator

Kennith Sproles

Clerk

Troy Harris
Rt. 1 Box 157
Vansant, VA 24656
Phone: (703) 859-2912

Treasurer

Brady Farmer
Star Rt. Box 143
Rowe, VA 27646

Executive Committee

Brady Farmer (chairman)
Elbert Rasnake
Troy Harris
Ronald Johnson
Kennith Sproles
Everett Rasnake Jr. (stand in)

Ordaining Council

Larry Robinson (chairman)
Edward Dye
Giles Wilson

Church Statistics

Churches	10
Church Membership	445
Ministers	18
Licentate	2
Sunday Schools	9
Sunday School Membership	417

Balance from August 1990 to 1991

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$2,344.53
Emergency Fund	1,650.91

Conference voted to buy 280 minutes

Amount enclosed for minutes	\$350.00
Amount enclosed for obituaries	\$35.00

Done by order of New Durm Conference

Moderator: Edward Dye

Assistant Moderator: Kenneth Sproles

Clerk: Troy Harris

List of Delegates

Russell Sykes	Helen Harris	Lucille Arwood
Loraine McGlothlin	Lois McGlothlin	Gracie Harris
Shirley Thompson	Jerry Fletcher	Bill Ball
Ruby Mitchell	Amanda Dorton	Virginia Ball
Hattie Ray	Patty Dorton	Faye Harris
Ada Farmer	Linda Farmer	Marie Ray
Darlene Ratliff	Lewis Stump	James Ray
Mattie Hess	Delmer Breedlove	Lydia Hess
Harley Nuckles	Geraldine Hubbard	Corene Perkins
Glenna Ray	Dallas Hubbard	Lucille Whitaker
Agnes McGlothlin	Michael Dye	Sandra Robinson
Ola Ray	Gary Dye	Earl Miller
Brenda Fletcher	Mattie Dye	Ann Miller
Luther Ray	Lois Nuckles	Dela Jones
Louie McGlothlin	Imogene Thompson	Crystal Robinson
Tabitha Hess	Gay Hess	Vanessa Robinson
Phyllis Hess	Phyllis Stanford	Steven Sproles
		Mazella Phillips

Resolution

To The John Thomas Association

We the undersigned Executive Committee of the New Durm Conference of Freewill Baptists do hereby recommend that the 20th Article of Faith be dropped from our Articles of Faith, and for this resolution to be printed in the minutes.

Chr. Signed: Brady Farmer
Troy F. Harris
Everett Rasnake Jr.

Directions to East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church:

The New Durm Conference requests the next yearly meeting to be held with the East Lebanon F.B. Church.

From Bluefield, Va. take Route 19 South 460 West toward Abingdon, Virginia. Stay on Route 19 South toward Lebanon until you pass the Route 80 Meadowview exit. Take the next cross-over to the North-bound lane of Route 19 going back toward Bluefield. Church is on the right side beside the four-lane.

From Abingdon, Coeburn, Pound, Jenkins and Pikeville areas, take Route 19 North from Lebanon toward Bluefield, W.Va. Travel approximately six miles from the Lebanon by-pass.

Church is on the right beside the four-lane.

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting while in session with the Mid-Ohio Conference at the Community Freewill Baptist Church at Canal Fulton, Ohio, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 6-7, 1991.

Greetings:

The Letcher County Conference met with Bethel Church, August 23-24, 1991, near Virgie, Kentucky, Sonny Miracle, Pastor. The clerk welcomed the congregation and asked Brother Herman Bates Jr. to lead the conference in a hymn. All joined in singing "In the Sweet By and By." The clerk read the scripture lesson from 2nd Thessalonians 2:1-7. Testimonies and requests for prayer were received. Brother Richard Gibson led in prayer.

Brother Herman Bates Jr. was elected moderator. Brother Homer Lee Mullins moved to give the moderator power to appoint all committees, and was seconded by Brother Eldred Hayes.

Committees appointed and/or with standing members:

Pulpit Committee

Brother Ralph Moore
Brother Jack Whitaker
Brother Eldred Hayes

Arbitration Committee

Brother Doyle Caudill (Chr)
3-25-89
Brother Clyde Damron
8-24-90
Brother Teddy Tackett
8-23-91

Executive Committee

Brother Milford Craft (Chr)
Brother Jack Whitacker
Brother John D. Shooke

Ordination Council

Brother Millard Bates Jr. (Chr)
8-25-89
Brother Richard Gibson
8-24-90
Brother Sonny Miracle
8-24-91

Visiting Ministers:

Brother Roy Vanover, Brother Franklin Hall, and Brother Luke Wright from the Dickenson County Conference.

Brother Frank Stanley, Brother Richard Mullins, Brother Robert Hay, and Brother Doug Moore were corresponding messengers from the Dickenson County Conference. Corresponding letter read and accepted from said conference.

The minutes of previous conference read. Brother Homer Lee Mullins moved for a motion to accept and was seconded by Brother Charles Bolden.

The Moderator, Brother Bates appointed Brother Richard Gibson for the Temperance talk and Brother Sonny Miracle for the Sunday School Talk. Both Talks were well received. Brother Millard Bates Jr. made a motion to receive the Talks and was seconded by Brother Fred Young.

Pulpit Committee reported that the 11 o'clock message would be given by

Brother Franklin Hall and the evening by Brother Luke Wright.

Delegates to visit other conferences:

Dickenson County Conference
Brother Milford Craft
Brother Herman Bates Jr.
Brother Charles Bolden

Brother Homer Lee Mullins moved for a motion to adjourn until the evening service. Motion seconded by Brother Kenneth Mullins. During a hymnal a conference offering was given. Brother Hall's message followed and captured all attentions. Message centered around commitment, doctrine to live by, and treasures in Heaven. Brother Roy Vanover dismissed the delegates and asked a blessing for the food.

Returned from lunch with Brother Paul Hamilton leading in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." The opening prayer was in the ordination service. Brother Logan Tucker was ordained with Brother Richard Gibson giving the ordination prayer, Brother Sonny Miracle presenting the Bible, and Brother Millard Bates Jr. giving the charge. Brother Tucker was extended the right hand of fellowship. Brother Fred Young sang "What a Wonderful Savior is He."

Brother Jimmie Land and members of the newly founded, Millcreek Old-Fashioned Freewill Baptist Church came forward, seeking admission to the Letcher County Conference. Having following rules and regulations for admittance, they were welcomed into the conference and extended the right hand of fellowship.

The church letters were read with the exception of Happy Church and Poorbottom. Motion to receive letters was made by Brother Millard Bates Jr. and seconded by Brother Sonny Miracle.

(Motion to accept Millcreek Old-Fashioned Church was made by Brother Millard Bates Jr. and seconded by Brother Sonny Miracle.)

The Executive Committee reported that the next conference would be with Dorton Church. Discussion of the minutes followed. Due to funds, it was agreed that churches seeking additional minutes above those the conference could buy, would send funds to the treasurer to get additional minutes.

Motion for adjournment was made by Brother Roger Holbrook and seconded by Brother Sonny Miracle.

(Throughout the conference we enjoyed the fine singing of Brother Paul Hamilton and the church choir.)

Many stayed for the message of Brother Luke Wright.

Moderator — Brother Herman Bates Jr.

Asst. Mod. — Brother Sonny Miracle

Clerk — Brother Homer B. Johnson

Fourth Quarterly Conference

Financial Statement

August 24, 1991

Bethel Church

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$383.50
Foreign Missions	27.50
Home Missions	147.50
Children's Home	68.00
Nickelson's Mission	75.00
Youth Center	22.50
Total Funds	<u>\$724.00</u>

Received:	
Checks.....	\$709.00
Cash.....	15.00
Conference Offering	<u>\$97.74</u>
Total To Treasurer	\$821.74
Expenses (clerk).....	\$14.58

Fourth Quarterly Conference Statistics

Churches (19 reporting)	21	Auxillaries.....	8
Membership	1575	Members	120
Sunday Schools.....	20	Youth Leagues.....	5
Membership	1048	Members.....	46
Ministers	61	Conference gain	21
Deacons	62	Net gain	4
License	6		

Clerk — Homer B. Johnson

Fourth Quarterly Conference

Bethel Church
August 24, 1991

Delegates

Roger Holbrook	Brandon White	Eldred Hayes
Jason Brown	Matt White	Pearl Mann
Micky L. Mullins	Lisa White	*Charles Bolden
Ralph Moore	Reba Hall	Raymond Fegley
Joseph Tackett	*Clyde Damron	Margaret Everly
Augusta Branham	*Richard Gibson	Cora Able
Eugene Darnis	Betty Coleman	Leanza Mullins
Billy R. Miller	Becky Bates	Kennith Mullins
Dorothy Hamilton	*Milford Craft	Guy Johnson
Tina Slone	Ola Mae Whitaker	Vernoe Childers
Virginia Tackett	Shelia Rose	Ada T. Mullins
Debbie Slone	Jeff Chavera	Candus Boggs
Georgia Mullins	**Franklin Hall	Windell Hawkins
John D. Shook	Robbie Hay	Wallas White
William E. Gibson	Tim Sexton	Billy White
Tommy Hopkins	Paul Hamilton	Elsie Tucker
**Luke Wright	*Sonny Miracle	Teddy R. Dotson
*Homer Lee Mullins	Dixie Harman	Mae Dotson
Terry Everly Sr.	Barbara Tackett	Gary Hamilton
James H. Whitaker	Clyde Branham	John H. Coleman
Bonnie Prichard	Robert Lee Hampton	Teresa Ratliff
Alice Hall	Greg Damron	*Millard Bates Jr.
Annie Mullins	Nell Slone	Fred Young
Irene Johnson	Elizabeth Arnez	Lake Brown
Bazella Childers	Dorothy Conley	Nona Whitaker
Mary Shelby	Myrtle Lee Venters	Spicey Chavera
*Jimmie Land	Betty Young	**Roy Vanover
Catherine White	Kernie Stewart	

83 present — *ministers — **visiting ministers

HAMILTON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting:

We the people of the Hamilton County Conference, greet you in the name of the Lord. Our little churches are doing great, people are being saved. We're adding to the churches often, and we praise the Lord for what He is doing for us.

Churches belonging to our Conference:

Norristown Freewill Baptist

Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist

Mt. Tabor Freewill Baptist

Clerk — Lena Couch
RR 2, Box 67
Versailles, Ind. 47042

Enclosed is check of thirty dollars for minute books.

Fifty dollars for conference work.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—Continued

The letters from the Letcher County Conference and the Hamilton County Conference had not arrived.

A motion was made by Bro. Harold Robinson and seconded by Bro. William Maynard to accept the letters as read, motion carried by vote of aye. Brother Harold Robinson made a motion, seconded by Brother Clyde Stanley, for the executive board to examine the resolution submitted by the New Durm and Dickenson Conferences to remove article 20 from our articles of faith. Motion carried by usual vote of aye.

Rev. Roger Hood from the Children's Home in Greenville, Tenn. was asked to make a report on the activities and progress of the Home. He reported they have 40 children at the home and the youngest is five years old. He thanked the Association for the support and spoke on Ephesians chapter five and six: "Children obey your parents" and "Love your wives."

Motion was made by Bro. Terry Price and seconded by Bro. Clyde Hay to accept his report. The congregation sang "Heaven Holds All To Me" and an offering of \$125.51 was received for the Children's Home. Brother Brady Farmer asked a blessing over the offering.

Brother Brady Farmer made a motion, seconded by Brother Roger Blackburn, to adjourn from business until afternoon, motion carried.

Special singing was by Brother Terry Kendrick and by Brother Franklin Hall. Rev. Robey Kendrick was asked to bring the morning message. He read from St. John chapter 14, verses 15-19 and brought a wonderful message, through the leading of the Holy Spirit. The congregation sang and had an old fashioned handshake and was dismissed in prayer by Brother Homer Adkins.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

The yearly meeting convened for its Saturday afternoon meeting on due time with singing by some various groups. The moderator called the meeting to order by reading a scripture found in Malachi chapter 1, verses 6-9. The congregation sang "No Not One" and prayer was led by Brother Roger Blackburn. The first item of business was to get a report from the executive committee concerning the resolutions found in the Dickenson County and New Durm letters this morning. Brother Robert Varney gave their report which was: "We, the executive committee of the John Thomas Association, met and agreed that the resolutions submitted by the Dickenson Co. and New Durm conferences, asking that the article of faith number twenty be removed from our articles of faith, be tabled for one year and then be voted upon without any further discussion by the yearly meeting or the executive committee." A motion was made by Brother Edward Lee Adkins to accept the committee report. The motion was seconded by Bro. William Maynard. Motion was passed by usual voting sign. A motion was made by Brother Franklin Hall and seconded by Brother Velon Burgess that, if the letters from Letcher County and Hamilton conferences do arrive for them to be accepted and added to the minutes. Motion passed by usual voting sign.

Brother Harold Robinson made a motion and was seconded by Brother Donnie Robertson to adjourn the yearly meeting until September of 1992 unless it should be called together by the moderator for some special business.

MINISTERS' YEARLY CONFERENCE

The clerk, Brother Bobby Varney came forward to open the yearly minister's meeting. He called for a motion for a moderator to be elected for the ensuing year. Brother Brady Farmer made a motion and seconded by Brother Bennie Slone to use the same officers that were elected in the yearly meeting, on Friday. The moderator Rev. Ronnie Kendrick called the clerk to read the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the minute books and to not take time to read them in the meeting. Motion carried by vote. The clerk was then asked to read the letters from the various ministers' conferences. They were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Dickenson County Ministers' Conference met at Pine Creek Church on July 25, 1991. There were 53 ministers present and 33 deacons and visitors present.

The Pastor, Bro. Frank Hall welcomed everyone and read scripture from Romans 11:33. Prayer was led by Bro. Jack Meade.

Brothers Joe Johnson, Manie Strouth, and Don Sexton came to be anointed with oil and prayed for.

The song "Victory in Jesus" was led by Bro. Roy Vanover. Bro. Joe Johnson was elected moderator and by powers granted unto him, he selected Bro. Ralph Rasnick as assistant moderator.

The clerk, Bro. Sam Slemple read the minutes of the April conference and they

were approved. Motions were made and approved to elect the following officers to fill the offices for the next year, which are: Bro. Sam Slemp — Clerk; Bros. Clyde Hay, Ralph Rasnick and Jack Meade — Lifetime Cards; Bros. Frank Hall, Terry Price, and Roy Vanover — Ordaining Council.

Bro. Eulis Sutherland asked to be reinstated to the Minister's Conference and it was approved. Bro. Walt Phillips came to join the Minister's Conference. Bro. Lonzo Edwards' letter asking to be dropped from the conference was read and approved. Bro. Bill Mack Mullins asked for the Ordaining Council to be rotated so there will be one new member coming on it each year.

Bro. Don Sexton came to speak on support for missionaries. He gave a wonderful talk on giving and being faithful.

Bro. Terry Price came and spoke on obedience, love and humility under God's hands. He talked on Number 3 in the Ministry section of the minutes. He said we need pastors that will teach the Articles of Faith.

Bro. Joe Johnson came and closed the service at 9:00 p.m.

Bros. Phillips and Sutherland were given the right hand of fellowship.

Ladies of the church served refreshments.

Moderator — John Johnson

Clerk — Sam Slemp

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

(July, 1991)

Name	Address and Phone Number	Church
Anderson, Johnny	Rt. 2, Box 100 B, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6730	Flemingtown
*Bailey, Bobby G.	P.O. Box 327, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
*Baker, Charles	Rt. 2, Box 350, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Belcher, Luther	Rt. 2, Box 138-B, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
Belcher, Troy	Rt. 2, Box 184, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
*Bevins, Clifford	P.O. Box 224, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4567	Davis Chapel
*Boles, Benny	Rt. 1, Box 556, Norton, VA 24273 (703) 679-5217	Dyers Chapel
Bolling, Gary (Mike)	Rt. 1, Box 47, Nora, VA 24272 (703) 835-8224	Buffalo
Bolling, James E.	P.O. Box 361, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
*Boyd, Freddy	Box 183, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Cantrell, Robert	Rt. 2, Box 449, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-5560	Duncan Gap
Carty, Avery	Rt. 2, Box 245, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-8475	Rachels Chapel
*Conley, Allen Gene	Rt. 1, Box 246, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-7054	Peuthers Chapel
Cook, Emory	Box 321, Dante, VA 24237	Phillips Chapel
*Cooper, Duane	Rt. 1, Box 667, Dante, VA 24237 (703) 495-7670	Clinchco
Crabtree, Tennie B.	Rt. 1, Box 90A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
*Fields, Paul	Rt. 3, Box 48, Castlewood, VA 24224 (703) 762-0164	Mills Chapel
*Fogleman, Jack	Rt. 3, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugby
*Hale, Glynn	Castlewood, VA 24224	Mill Creek
*Hall, Franklin	Rt. 2, Box 310-D, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8189	Pine Creek

*Hampton, Lester	Rt. 2, Box 33, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4947	Pyles Memorial
Hartsock, J. T.	Rt. 1, Castlewood, VA 24224	Bear Wallow
Hay, Clyde	Box 341, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6596	Lick Creek
Hay, Robert C.	Rt. 1, Box 274-E, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-8307	Pine Creek
Hibbits, Billy D.	Rt. 1, Box 268, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
Hileman, Sam	Rt. 3, Box 85C, Castlewood, VA 24224 (703) 738-8382	Castlewood
*Hill, Finis A.	Rt. 1, Box 156, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 865-4017	Martins Chapel
Hill, Gary	Rt. 2, Camp Jacob, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8960	Valley View
Hill, Tammy	Box 343, Nora, VA 24272	Hill Ridge
Hobbs, James	1711 Central Ave., Elizabethton, TN 37643	Rugsby
Jenkins, Jerry E.	Rt. 1, Box 37, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Johnson, Jack	Box 1044, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
*Johnson, Joe	Rt. 4, Box 223, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-2725	Dyers Chapel
Johnson, Duane L.	Rt. 1, Box 345, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuthers Chapel
Keith, Quinton	Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
Kilgore, David P.	P.O. Box 193, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5014	Pyles Memorial
Large, Jimmy	Rt. 2, Box 473, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-2058	Davis Chapel
*Large, Tommy	Rt. 1, Box 152, Wise, VA 24293 (703) 328-6511	Duncan Gap
Layne, Garcia B.	Rt. 2, Box 445, Coeburn, VA 24230	Georges Fork
Lee, E.B., Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 190, Nova, VA 24272	Light House
*McKinney, Vester Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 524, Clinchco, VA 24226 (703) 835-9786	Middle Branch
*Meade, Jack W.	Rt. HC05, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-6425	Meade Chapel
Meade, James D.	Rt. HC05, Box 409, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-5206	Meade Chapel
Moore, Delmon D.	Rt. 3, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6140	Pine Creek
Moore, James A.	Rt. 3, Box 340 C, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-9123	Flemingtown
*Moore, Paul D.	Box 365, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4973	Georges Fork
Mullins, Arvid Lee	3000 Craven Dr., Marion, OH 43302	Lick Fork
Mullins, Bill Mack	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6155	Pine Creek
Mullins, Billy Gene	Rt. 3, Box 269, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
Mullins, Bobby	Rt. 3, Box 518-C, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8533	Honey Camp
*Mullins, Clifford C.	Box 345, Chantilly, VA 22021	Burke
*Mullins, David L.	Rt. 2, Box 118-B, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, Jerry W.	4256 Buckman Rd., #21, Alexandria, VA 22309	Burke
Mullins, Johnnie	P.O. Box 1504, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8721	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 518, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
	(703) 926-4235	
Mullins, Mack	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Duncan Gap
	(703) 926-8309	
Mullins, Paul E.	Rt. 2, Box 280, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
	(703) 835-7076	
Mullins, Percy	Rt. 1, Box 398, Wise, VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel
*Mullins, Remire	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo
Mullins, Ricky D.	Rt. 2, Box 705, Wise, VA 24293	Duncan Gap
	(703) 328-9234	
*Mullins, Robert C.	Rt. 2, Box 176-X, Pound, VA 24279	Glady Fork
	(703) 796-4473	
*Mullins, Roy A.	Rt. 2, Box 287-B, Coeburn, VA 24230	Honey Camp
	(703) 926-8955	
Mullins, Ted	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
	(703) 835-9624	
Mullins, Virgil J.	Rt. 1, Box 268-A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
Mullins, Wayne	Rt. 2, Box 423, Coeburn, VA 24230	Hubbard Chapel
Mullins, Willie R.	General Delivery, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
	(703) 796-5546	
Neece, Oscar	Rt. 2, Box 31, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Phillips, Walt	Rt. 3, Box 229A, Castlewood, VA 24224	Castlewood
	(703) 762-7350	
Phipps, Clifford	Rt. 3, Box 547, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
	(703) 926-4246	
Phipps, Robert L.	Rt. 3, Box 546, Clintwood, VA 24228	Rachels Chapel
	(703) 926-4755	
Powers, Freddy	Rt. 2, Box 146, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
	(703) 796-5948	
*Price, Terry	Rt. 2, Box 411-A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Lick Fork
	(703) 926-8285	
*Rasnick, Ralph R.	Box 15, Norton, VA 24273	Phillips Chapel
	(703) 679-3275	
Ratliff, Esley	Rt. 2, Box 3AA, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
	(703) 926-8917	
Reedy, Donald R.	Rt. 1, Box 150, Dante, VA 24237	Ramsey Ridge
	(703) 495-1704	
*Reynolds, Howard	Box 67, Swords Creek, VA 24649	Castlewood
	(703) 873-5011	
Robinson, Jerry W.	Rt. 1, Box 234-A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
	(703) 926-8930	
Robinson, Lester	Rt. 2, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
	(703) 796-5370	
Robinson, Nyal B.	Box 46, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
*Roop, Clyde E.	Box 574, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine
	(703) 796-7388	
*Rose, Carl	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Rose, Elva	Rt. 2, Box 319, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rachels Chapel
	(703) 835-8439	
Rose, Harlan Lee	Rt. 2, Box 21B, Culpeper, VA 22701	Clinchco
	(703) 825-0240	
Rose, Willie C.	Rt. 1, Box 479, Clintwood, VA 24228	Hill Ridge

Slemp, Ed	Rt. 2, Camp Jacob, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8435	Ferbie Chapel
Slemp, Jackie	Rt. 2, Box 415A, Coeburn, VA 24230	Davis Chapel
*Slemp, Samuel E.	Rt. 2, Box 313, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5230	Ferbie Chapel
Slemp, Tom	Rt. 2, Box 425, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8520	Davis Chapel
*Sluss, Danny	Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 865-4997	Fremont
*Sluss, Joe Glenn	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-9774	Peuther Chapel
Smith, Donald E., Jr.	P.O. Box 74, Clintwood, VA 24228	Rachels Chapel
Smith, Steve	Rt. 3, Box 417, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Stanley, Adam M.	Rt. 2, Box 330, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
*Stanley, Gary	Rt. 2, Box 244, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-8386	Rachels Chapel
*Stanley, Nolan N.	Rt. 1, Box 714, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
*Steele, Joseph P.	Rt. 2, Box 548 A, Haysi, VA 24256	Valley View
*Strouth, Manie W.	Box 958, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5084	Pine Creek
Sutherland, Eulis L.	Rt. HC05, Box 666, Coeburn, VA 24230	Buffalo
*Sykes, Glenn	Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 835-9920	Tarpon
Sykes, Leon	Rt. 1, Box 116, Haysi, VA 24256	Lick Creek
*Vanover, Lynn	Rt. 1, Box 206, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuther Chapel
Vanover, Roy C.	Box 382, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4691	Lone Pine
Wolford, Talt	Box 426, Clinchco, VA 24226	Tarpon
Wright, Luke	Rt. 3, Box 242, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6388	Flemington
Wright, Richard	7096 Kings Arm Dr., Manassas, VA 22110 (703) 791-3442	Burke
*Willis, Billy D.	Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 865-4453	Splash Dam

Ministers with Lifetime Cards

Boggs, Edison	P.O. Box 5, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
Jenkins, James	Rt. 1, Dante, VA 24237	Martins Chapel
Moore, Kermit	Box A-21, Pound, VA 24279	Pyles Memorial
*Mullins, Hie A.	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8193	Frying Pan
Reedy, Clyde E.	Rt. 2, Madisonville, TN 37354	Peuther Chapel
Rose, Gobel	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Stallard, I.T.	Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4939	Glady Fork

Pastors marked by *

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. William G. King
HC 64, Box 335
McAndrews, KY 41543

Clerk

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
HC 64, Box 330
Pinsonfork, KY 41555

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtiss Wellman
Rev. John Vance
Rev. Herbert Goff

Executive Committee

Rev. Benny F. Slone
Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick
Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Canal Fulton, Ohio Community FWB, Sept. 7, 1991

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Ray Williams	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Bennie F. Slone	Meathouse Rd., Meta, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Robert (Bobby) Varney	HC 64 Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Belfry
Herbert Goff	Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
David G. Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41537	Edo
William G. King	HC 64 Box 335, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Robey (Buddy) Kendrick	Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Curtiss Wellman	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Gerria Reynolds	HC 64, Box 365, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Dennis Ray Hinkle	HC 64, Box 317, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Homer Adkins	641 Hurricane Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Edward Lee Adkins	154 Elisha Fork, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Stonecoal
Dwight Buckley	Rt. 3, Box 149, Keathley Fork Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Stonecoal
Velon Burgess	Box 87K, Rt. 3, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Donnie Williamson	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Leckieville
Ronald Coleman	Rt. 1 Box 424, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Ray Leedy	Stone, Ky. 41567	Octavia
John Vance	Box 6, Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek
Luther Boyd	134 Wolfan Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Jimmie Jack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 52, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Belfry
Emery Varney	Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Harold Brewer	574 Collins Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Ronald May	Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Estill P. Adkins	Beattyville, Ky.	Proctor
Bobby Bowman	Box 82, Phyliss, Ky. 41554	Meathouse
Perry Kendrick	189 Jay St., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Tom Carroll	Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Barry Robinson	Rt. 5, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Clarence Robinson	208 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Paul O'Quinn	Box 425, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41532	Amazing Grace
Kernal Lawson	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Edward Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 87, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley

Walter McCoy, Jr.	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Charles Delon Smith	Box 208, Rockhouse, Ky.	Unity
Wendall Robert Smith	Rt. 1, Box 55X, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Dennis E. Stiltner	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
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	Fish Trap, Ky. 41525	Island Creek
Emery H. Williamson	Stone, Ky. 41567	Belfry
Lonnie Francis	Box 105, Aflex, Ky. 41510	Leckieville
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	Amazing Grace
Fonso Justice	163 Open Fork Rd., Meta, Ky. 41501	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
Randy Newsome	Rt. 2, Box 443, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Caney Creek
James Runyon	305 Lindenhurst Dr. Apt 2098	
	Lexington, Ky. 40509	Leckieville
Robert Smith	HC 64-Box 800, Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Bill Browning	507 Central Ave., So. Williamson, Ky. 41503	Belfry
Larry Kendrick	180 Red Cr. Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Caney Creek
Gary Thacker	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Darrell Roberts	410 Upper Chloe Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Caney Creek
T. J. Tackett		Caney Creek
Robert Hampton	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Virgie
Onis Varney	107 N. Taylor St., Box 303, Cherry, Ill. 61317	Octavia
William Akers	Sidney, Ky. 41564	Mt. Zion
Roger Blackburn	Box 38, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Belfry
Darrell E. Harmon	504 Rockhouse Rd., Elkhorn City, Ky. 41522	Unity
Roger Lawson	Box 12, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Keith Anderson	Kimper, Ky. 41539	Edo
Donald K. Tackett	HC 83, Box 830, Virgie, Ky. 41572	Virgie
James L. Billiter	439 Upper Coon Cr. Rd., Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

O. H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 100, Beech Bluff, Tenn.	Octavia
Lawrence Ball	Switzer, W. Va. 25647	Octavia
George Bickford	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dempsey Adkins	Box 151, 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
Wilson Justice	Robinson Creek, Ky. 41560	Caney Creek
Buford Thacker	Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Toler's Creek
Palmer Thompson	560 Zebulon Hwy., Zebulon, Ky. 41501	Grassy

Number of ministers to receive good standing cards	77
Number of ministers with lifetime cards	11

Done by the order of the Pike County Ministers' Conference this 23rd day of August 1991.

Rev. William G. King, Moderator
Rev. Robert Varney, Clerk

MID-OHIO MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Mid Ohio Ministers Conference convened at the Community F.W.B. church Canal Fulton, Ohio on July 13, 1991 at 7 pm. Only two ministers came and one reported by letter. Bro. Ronnie Kendrick being the clerk called conference to order by reading scripture and opening prayer. The clerk then read minutes of last conference. The clerk chose Bro. Cecil Rogers to moderate conference. Clerk then read letter from Bro. Mickey Kendrick requesting conference to accept his letter in good standing. The two ministers present agreed to call a special ministers meeting at the next quarterly conference for the ministers that didn't show if they had a good reason. The next ministers conference will be held at The Community F.W.B. Church on the second Saturday of July, 1992 at 7:00 pm. We had dismissal prayer and closed meeting.

Moderator: Rev. Cecil Rogers
Clerk: Rev. Ronnie Kendrick

Moderator

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

Ordaining Council

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Rev. Cecil Rogers
Rev. Watson Combs

Clerk

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
2022 21st St. S.W.
Canton, Ohio 44706

Executive Committee

Rev. Ronnie Kendrick
Rev. Cecil Rogers
Rev. Watson Combs

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Community Freewill Baptist Church, Canal Fulton, Ohio, September 6th & 7th, 1991.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Ronnie Kendrick	2022 21st St. S.W., Canton, Oh. 44706	Community F.W.B
Rev. Cecil Rogers	217 E. Paradise St., Orrville, Oh.	Community
Rev. Watson Combs	561 N. Washington St., Tiffin, Oh.	Tiffin F.W.B.
Rev. Mickey B. Kendrick	Hatfield, Kentucky	Community F.W.B

Done by order of the Mid-Ohio Ministers Conference on the 13th day of July, 1991.

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting while in session with the Mid-Ohio conference at the Community Freewill Baptist Church at Canal Fulton, Ohio, on

Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 6-7, 1991.

Greetings:

The Letcher County ministers' conference met with Bethel Freewill Baptist Church near Virgie, Ky. August 23, 1991. All ministers present were enrolled. Brother Homer Lee Mullins called the conference to order. After welcoming a large group, he asked Brother Charles Gallion to lead with a song. All joined in singing, "When the Redeemed are Gathering In."

The moderator read the scripture lesson from Job chapter 14 and from John chapter 3. After comments on the lesson, he called for prayer requests. Testimonies of healing were given and many requests for those sick and with afflictions. Many came forward for prayer with Brother Herman Bates leading.

Minutes of previous conference were read. Brother Woodrow moved for a motion to accept as read.

(Point of order called for. Much discussions, explanations, references to Article 6 of the Ministry, apologies, and finally Brother Clyde Damron got a second motion to accept minutes.)

The clerk read letters of ministers reporting as such. Motion to receive by Brother Clyde Damron and seconded by Brother Larry R. Jones. Brother James M. Potter tendered his credentials. Brother Millard Bates Jr. moved to accept them and was seconded by Brother David I. Brewer.

Brother Jerry Tackett expressed appreciation for the conference donation, and the roof on the church has been replaced.

The moderator appointed Brother Teddy Tackett to be on the Arbitration Committee and Brother Sonny Miracle to replace Brother Herman Bates on the Ordination Council. The conference voted Brother Herman Bates as the incoming moderator.

The conference requested that the enclosed statement be subsequent to Article 7 of the *Yearly Meeting Constitution and By-laws*.

Moderator — Brother Homer Lee Mullins

Clerk — Brother Homer B. Johnson

Ministers Present

Jerry N. Tackett
Tivis Caudill Jr.
Tommy England
John H. Coleman (LIC)
Gordon Damron
Edgar Sanders
Leo Blackburn (DEA)
Danny Hurst
Jimmy Adams
Herman Bates Jr.
Earnest McGivern
Millard Bates Jr.
Herbert H. Stallard
Bobby W. Elkins
Clyde Bentley
Teddy Tackett
Gordon Ratliff Jr. (LIC)

Glenn Miller
Gerald Wright
Tommy Phillips
Johnny D. Caudill
Leon Bolden
Woodrow Mullins
Bobby Fleming
John C. Depriest (Letter)
Don McKnight (Letter)
Stanley Ray Tackett
Clyde Damron
Douglas Mullins
Richard Gibson
Jonah D. Wright
Carl Coleman
Caleb Holbrook
David I. Brewer

Tommy Tackett
Joseph Tackett
Ralph Vicars
Jason Bram (LIC)
Jimmie Land
Charles Gallion
Rodney Bentley
McCoy Tackett
Ralph Moore
Tommy Hopkins
Lester Boggs
Sonny Miracle
Logan Tucker
Larry R. Jones
Marvin E. Hylton (LIC)
Homer Lee Mullins
Marvis D. Dixon (Letter)
Julian H. Gibson (Letter)

52 present, 43 ministers, 4 Licensed, 4 letters, 1 Deacon

Subsequent to Article 7 Yearly Meeting Constitution and By-Laws

We believe for a more efficient and better operating John Thomas Association Conference, that there be more knowledge of our brother and sister delegates. This could be accomplished by all who address the conference; would stand, address the moderator, give name, church and conference, and when recognized by the moderator, give message. Length of message determined by the moderator.

Letcher County Conference
Homer B. Johnson — Clerk

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Minister	Address	Church
Gordon Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Stanley R. Tackett	Box 18, Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
*Carl Coleman	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Alleghany
James N. Tackett	Box 161, Lookout, Ky. 41542	Alleghany
Tommy Tackett	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
*John C. DePriest	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Box 485, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Ralph Vicars	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
*Marvis D. Dixon	HC R-3, Box 810, College Rd., Cumb., Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
Don McKnight	HC R3, Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
McCoy Tackett	Meta, Ky. 41501	Dorton
*Teddy Tackett	Rt. 2, Box 108, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
Kalton Robinett	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Dorton
*Sonny Miracle	Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Bethel
*Floyd Sexton	HC 82 Box 910, Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Dunham
*Woodrow Mullins	Box 525, Caney HW, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
James O. Elkins	Box 44, Lickfork, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Joe Coleman	119 Broadbottom Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
Steve Childers	RR2 Box 187, Wise, Va. 24293	Energyville
Everett Mullins	Caney HW, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Paul Wooten	Scuddy, Ky.	Happy
Earl Combs	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
*Rodney Smith	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
*Danny Mullins	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Ike Young Jr.	APT 302, 1012 Goose Cr. Rd., Neon, Ky. 41840	Haymond
*Millard Bates Jr.	408 Maryland Dr., Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Hemphill
Arnold Noles	Neon, Ky. 41840	Hemphill
Danny D. Hurst	RT 1, Box 67, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Hemphill
Glenn Miller	Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
*Homer Lee Mullins	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Tommy England	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Clyde Damron	Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Hylton
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
*Larry R. Jones	HC 84, Box 1920, Whitesburg, KY 41858	Kings Creek
*Leroy Fields	Box 2116, Premium, Ky. 41845	Ligon
*Doyle Caudill	P.O. Box 1328, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Marshall's Branch
*Jimmie Land	HC 82, Box 790, Jackhorn, KY. 41825	Millcreek Old Fashion
Leon Bolden	Lickfork Box 44, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Ligon
*David I. Brewer	Box 329, McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Moore's Chapel
Jimmy Adams	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Moore's Chapel

Gerald Wright	Rt. 2, Box 73, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
*Herman Bates Jr.	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Lloyd Addington	Box 517, Pound, VA	Payne Gap
Hollis Bevins	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Herbert H. Stallard	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Payne Gap
*Ralph Profitt	HC 34 Box 612, Neon, Ky. 41840	Pine Chapel
Bobby W. Elkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
*Richard Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41542	Poorbottom
Julian Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
*Lester Boggs	Box 13, Seco, Ky. 41849	Seco
Tommy N. Phillips	Kona, Ky. 41829	Seco
Johnny Collier	Box 291, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Seco
Johnny Caudill	P.O. Box 143, Hi-Hat, Ky. 41636	Tackett's Fork
*Jerry N. Tackett	Box 005, Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tackett's Fork
Logan Tucker	Box 003, Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tackett's Fork
Charles Bolden	Harold, Ky.	Ligon

*Pastors

56 ministers

Ministers With Life Good Standing Cards

George Adams, Jr.	Box 114, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Hemphill
William Craford	Pound, Va. 25279	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
Caleb Holbrook	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Daris Williams	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Vardney Bolling	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Kelton Robinett	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
Patrick Whitaker	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine

12 Life Cards

NEW DURM MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. Giles Wilson
Rt. A
Council, Virginia

Clerk

Brady Farmer
Star Rt. Box 143
Rowe, Virginia 24646

Ordaining Council

Rev. Larry Robinson, Chr.
Rev. Edward Dye
Rev. Giles Wilson

Executive Committee

Brady Farmer, Chr.
Elbert Rasnake
Troy Harris
Ronnie Johnson
Rev. Kenneth Sproles

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Canal Fulton, Canton, Ohio, September 6-7, 1991

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Larry Robinson	Box 451, Lebanon, Va. 24266	East Lebanon
Rev. Carson Walters	P.O. Box 4, Lebanon, Va. 24266	Mt. Zion
Rev. Eugene Miller	P.O. Box 1516, Lebanon, Va. 24266	East Lebanon
Rev. Giles Wilson	Rt. A, Council, Va. 24260	Mt. View
Rev. Ellis Whited	Rt. 1, Box 266, Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Rev. Archie Hubbard	Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Rev. Willis Rasnake	Council, Va.	Mt. View
Rev. Harry Whitaker	Box 361, Dante, Va.	Straight Hollow
Rev. Kenneth Sproles	Rt. 5, Box 205, Abingdon, Va.	Straight Hollow
Rev. Clyde Stanford	P.O. Box 1860, Lebanon, Va.	East Lebanon
Rev. Fairley Spencer	Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel
Rev. Sam Deskins	Rt. 2, Box 78, Honaker, Va.	Clinch View
Rev. Edward Hubbard	Rt. 1, Box 681, Swords Creek, Va.	Fullers Chapel

Committee on Life Time Cards

Name	Address
Rev. Ellis Whited	Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Clyde Stanford	Lebanon, Va.
Brother Ronnie Johnson	Council, Va.

Ministers Holding Life Time Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Harley Dye	Rt. 2 Box 255-A, Harriman, Tenn.	East Lebanon
Rev. Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va.	Guiding Light
Rev. Gonan Kelley	Cleveland, Va.	Clinch View

The committee on lifetime cards recommend that Rev. Glenn Peck of Drill Chapel Church, Drill, Va., and Rev. Edward Dye of Guiding Light Church of Oakwood, Va. be given lifetime cards.

Done by order of the New Durm Ministers' Conference on this 8th day of August 1991.

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Date: 8-10-91

Place: Mt. Tabor Freewill Baptist Church, Galion, Ohio.

Ministers meeting of Hamilton County Conference

Open by prayer — Elected officers to Executive Committee

- 1-Rev. Robert Matney
- 2-Bro. Clay Couch
- 3-Bro. Harold D. Robinson

Elected Ordaining council

- 1-Bro. Robert Matney
- 2-Bro. Leroy Reed
- 3-Bro. Harold D. Robinson

Bro. Clarence Hubbard was sent before the ordaining committee to be ordained. Bro. Hubbard found worthy to be ordained and granted him papers to preach the gospel.

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Bro. Robert Matney	4526 Co. Rd 29, Galion, Ohio	Mt. Tabor
Bro. Leroy Reed	Rt. 3, Box 353, Greensburg, Ind.	Norristown
Bro. Clay Couch		
Bro. Clarence Hubbard	Rt. 7, Box 150, Greensburg, Ind. 47240	Norristown
Bro. Harold D. Robinson	3209 Mabel Ave., Covington, Ky. 41075	Pipe Creek

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE CONTINUED

Rev. Harold Robinson made a motion seconded by Rev. Cecil Rogers to accept the letters as read. Motion passed by vote of the ministers.

A motion was made by Rev. Buddy Kendrick and seconded by Rev. Franklin Hall to issue good standing card to the Letcher County and Hamilton County ministers if their letters arrived before the minutes were printed. Motion passed by usual voting sign.

Being no further business at this time a motion was in order to adjourn until September, 1992. The motion was made by Brother Brady Farmer and seconded by Brother Harold Robinson, and passed by usual vote.

Brother Terry Kendrick was asked to sing some special songs and Brother Grover Bolden and his wife sang, then Brother Bolden was called upon to bring the message. He read a scripture from Luke chapter 5, verse 13 and used for a text "Bringing People to Jesus." He brought a very inspiring message. The congregation sang and had fellowship and was dismissed by Brother Okie Hilderbrand.

OBITUARIES



Lewis Austin

It is with a sad and aching heart that I am trying to write this obituary in memory of my precious and beloved husband, Lewis Austin. Born Nov. 6, 1922, he was the son of the late Will and Edna Johnson Austin. He went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 24, 1989, making his stay on this Earth 67 years and 17 days. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his wife of thirty-one years, Emma; four daughters — Faye Stanley, Theta Bailey, Donna Mullins and Amanda Austin; three sons — Sammy, Gleason and Malcom; seven grandchildren, three great-grandsons, five sisters, three brothers, and a host of family and friends. Lewis was an active member and deacon of Buffalo Creek Freewill Baptist Church. He was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County. He attended Clinchco Senior Citizens Center and helped in the greenhouse. He was a retired coal miner, a member of UMWA Local 2274, and a veteran of World War II. During his illness he had more courage than anyone I ever knew. His faith in the Lord never wavered. He was the best husband and daddy a family could ever hope for.

Rest on, my darling, for I know you're in a far better place now than you've ever been. You left the testimony that you loved and served the Lord. By our faith in Jesus Christ, we will meet again.

"Your memory is a keepsake which we never will part. God has you in His keep. We have you in our hearts."

—Written and sadly missed by his wife, children and family



Alpha Marie O'Quinn

In loving memory of our precious mother, Alpha Marie O'Quinn, who was born March 5, 1922. She went to sleep in Jesus on February 1, 1991, making her stay on Earth 68 years, 10 months, and 27 days.

On July 3, 1940, she was united in marriage to Arthur O'Quinn, and to this marriage was born nine children: Linda Bartley, Ash Camp, Kentucky; Wanda Edwards, Haysi, Virginia; Elizabeth Sherwood, McCool, Mississippi; Betty Stanley, Clintwood, Virginia; Althea Stanley, Clintwood, Virginia; Charles O'Quinn, Clintwood, Virginia; and Anthony O'Quinn, Clintwood, Virginia. David and Janice O'Quinn preceded her in death. Also, three brothers and one sister preceded her in death. In addition to her seven living children, she leaves to mourn her passing, her husband Arthur O'Quinn, nine grandchildren, two sisters, Bell Rose of Clinchco, Virginia and Mandy Rasnake of Haysi, Virginia, one brother, Jessie Edwards of Elizabethton, Tennessee, and a host of friends who loved her so much.

Mom was baptized in 1965 at Freemont, Virginia. Uncle Goble Rose baptized her. She began as member at Frying Pan Freewill Baptist Church. Later, as the Lick Creek Church was built, she was one of the charter members.

To know mom was to love her — she always had that sweet smile for everyone she met. She loved her friends and sisters and brothers in Christ. She loved the true gospel and good singing. She sang in funerals and churches all over the area.

Mom left us a wonderful testimony. She sang the songs for Jesus for twenty-five years. She loved to go to church and rejoice in the Lord. We believe she's gone home to be with Jesus, where there will be no more suffering or pain to bear. Mom's testimony that she left here on Earth will continue to touch our lives and everyone who knew her. It is going to be lonely here on Earth without our sweet mother, but if we'll be faithful until the end, we know we can see her sweet smile once more, and join in with her and sing the songs she loved around the Throne of God.

So we'll not say good-bye, mom — but we'll meet you over on the other side and never part any more.

She was the daughter of Andy and Sarah Ann Edwards.

—Written by her children



Ethel Mae Puckett

Ethel Mae Tickle Puckett was born January 21, 1917 and departed this life on October 23, 1989 after a lingering illness. She was the widow of Alvie Edison Puckett, and the mother of four children: Wayne, Betty, Gail and Kelly. She seemed like a mother to all who knew her, especially her church family.

Sister Ethel was a charter member of the Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church at its beginning in 1952. She organized and led the Splashdam Gospel Singers, and was song leader of her church until sickness rendered her unable to continue. She was a prayer warrior until her death.

Ethel would take each new Christian under her wing and help them start their Christian life in the right manner. She was always a friend, especially through times of trouble, ready to lend a helping hand, to give good sound advice, or to give a pat on the back when it was needed. She wept when they wept, rejoiced when they rejoiced, and if they were interested, she taught them to sing.

Sister Ethel was an elementary school teacher in the Haysi area for 22 years. While teaching the three "R's," she injected Christ into the lessons as often as possible. She loved to tell that over a dozen of her students had gone on to become ministers.

Sleep on Sister Ethel, may you enjoy the blessed rest which you worked so many years to obtain. We are all better people for having known you. We love you. We miss you and are looking to meet you again. PRAISE GOD.

—The Members of Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church



Derwood Garrison Yates

In loving memory of my precious husband, Derwood Garrison Yates, born on Caney Ridge on May 1, 1922. Preceded in death by his parents, he was the only child of Harless and Sophia Salyers Yates.

He married Verdie Blevins on March 18, 1942. This union came to an end 41 years later when God called Verdie home on July 14, 1983.

Derwood entered the U.S. Army on December 4, 1942, serving in World War II. A recipient of the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the European African/Middle Eastern

Service Ribbon with Arrow Head for Distinguished Service, he was Honorably discharged in October, 1945.

He was ordained on July 25, 1964 as a Freewill Baptist minister. The Lord eventually took him to Valley View Freewill Baptist Church in Clintwood where he had been pastor for the last 23 years.

Derwood and I began a very special life together June 30, 1984. Hand-in-hand we shared his ministry: counseling, comforting, loving, and giving all of ourselves to whatever the need or situation; no matter where or what the hour.

He also made time in his busy life for volunteer work at the Dickenson County Medical Center.

His goal in life was simple: HEAVEN. He wanted a home there, and he wanted *everyone* else to live there too. He spent every possible moment sharing the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ.

As a man, his own love was boundless. His care, his laugh, his warmth are beyond words. I miss him so.

The Lord he loved and served so fervently gave Derwood rest on Friday evening, February 8, 1991. He was 68 years old.

His death leaves a very lonely place in the hearts of his family, brothers and sisters in Christ, and his many, many friends and acquaintances.

Other survivors include one stepson and daughter-in-law, Benny and Susie Yates of Abingdon; one sister-in-law, Delores Powers of New Smyrna Beach, FL; 3 brothers-in-law, Cumbo, Cowan, and Voda Blevins, all of Coeburn; several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The promise of Heaven, and of being with him again keeps us going as the long days and nights pass by.

—Written by his lonely and broken-hearted wife, Sis



Rev. Ralph J. Dingus

In memory of our precious husband and daddy, Ralph J. Dingus. He was the son of the late Stewart and Ollie Dingus of Clinchco, Va. Born May 23, 1929, he went home to be with the Lord April 24, 1991, making his stay on Earth 61 years, 11 months and one day. He is survived by: his wife Gilvie Dingus of Tarpon, Va., one daughter Glenda Wampler of Rt. 1, Haysi, Va., one son Ralph Timothy Dingus of Meadowview, Va., four grandchildren, two brothers Doyle Dingus and Bill Dingus, two sisters Nyla Fleming and Mary Jane Goodrich. He was ordained a Freewill Baptist minister on October 25, 1974. He was a deacon of Tarpon Freewill Baptist Church for 24 years, and an honorary member of the Tarpon Ladies Auxiliary.

He loved to preach and sing and work for his Lord. Through the years friends have heard him pray many prayers, yet through his sickness he was patient, just waiting for the Lord to call him home. He had been on dialysis for 8 years. "Honey, there will not be any kidney machines in Heaven where I feel that you've gone." Two weeks before God called him home, in his last sermon, he said, "Pray for me, I'm weak in body, but you didn't come to hear about me, you came to hear the good news of Jesus." We miss you so much and long for the day when we can be together in Heaven, where we will never have to say good-bye again.

—Sadly missed by your wife, children, grandchildren and church



Suda Deskins Slone

In loving memory of Suda Deskins Slone, of Meat-house Road, Meta, Ky. She was born in Pike County, July 3, 1910, to the late William M. Deskins and Octavia Smith Deskins, and she passed away at 2:48 a.m., Thursday, March 28, 1991, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Deskins, and two sisters, Fern Chapman and Ruth Rutherford. Survivors include her husband, Bennie F. Slone, pastor of the Owsley Freewill Baptist

Church, one sister, Erma Deskins of Kimper, Ky., and several nieces and nephews.

Suda was a warm, caring person that will be missed by all who knew her. She was a former merchant and bookkeeper and had been a member of the Freewill Baptist Church for 41 years. Of all her many jobs, the one she enjoyed the most was being a pastor's wife. Truly her desire was to serve the Lord.

—Husband Bennie F. Slone



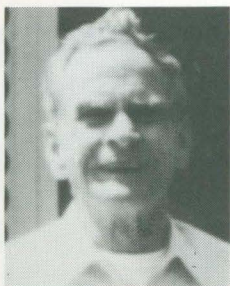
Erie Hurley Anderson

In memory of my precious mother who was called home to be with Jesus on October 24, 1990. She was born January 23, 1920, the daughter of the late Emory and Zennie Justice Hurley. Mom had nine brothers and five sisters, she was the oldest girl. She was the wife of the late Homer Anderson who died July 9, 1989. She had one daughter, Charlene Adair, Slaters Branch, Ky.; three sons, Homer Wilson Anderson and Homer Anderson Jr. of Columbus, Ohio and Donald Ray Anderson of Lincoln Park, Michigan; twelve grandchildren and six great

grandchildren.

Mom was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church. She loved the Lord and loved to attend church to give praises and thanks. Mom, a place is vacant in my home, which can never be filled, only God knows how much I miss you. I know that our loss is Heaven's gain and someday we can meet where all our troubles and trials will be over. I loved you so much.

—Written by her daughter Charlene Adair



Cecil May

Cecil was born September 9, 1926 and departed this life on April 20, 1990. A son of the late Millard and Marion Atkins May, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Mackle Lee and Willie Green May and one sister, Polly Ann Bonbrake. He was of the Freewill Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Freda Varney May of Pinsonfork, Ky.; two sons, Roger Dale and Paul Lester May; three daughters, Linda Preston, Rosemary May and Teresa May.

Through God's promise of compassion and love, we

will make it until it is our turn to be united with you. The things you taught us, the morals, the love, the many things that go unsaid live in the heart of us all.



Henry Goff

Henry Goff, 81, of Raccoon, was born in Pike County July 15, 1908, a son of the late George Goff and Mary Justice. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hester Ramey Goff who died on September 28, 1989. He is survived by two sons, Sonny Goff of Jacksonville, Fla. and Travis Goff of Pikeville, Ky.; two daughters, Doris Hamilton and Lucile Carter, both of Raccoon; ten grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

He is deeply missed by all of them. Words cannot express how much.

—Grandaughter Trenia Thacker



Curtis Marling May

This is written in loving memory of my husband and our daddy, Curtis Marling May, 72, of Rockhouse, KY. He was born April 9, 1918 at Winwright, KY. He departed this life Sept. 25, 1990 at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, KY. He was the son of the late Crit and Dulcie Adkins May of Winwright, KY. He is survived by his wife, Verna Sanders May; one son, Roger May of Rockhouse, KY; two daughters, Gale Coleman of Dryfork, KY and Glenda Clevenger of Rockhouse, KY. One sister, Ivory Compton, preceded him in death. Three surviving sisters, Edna

Clevinger of Etna, Ohio; Charlene Damron of Winwright, KY; and Zettie May of Winwright, KY; one brother, Clyde May of Johnstown, Ohio; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

He had worked as a coal truck driver until his retirement in 1980. He had been a member of the Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Rockhouse, KY since Oct. 1987.

Daddy had a great love for his family. He always wanted to help but never asked for anything in return. He fought a battle from strokes for three years. Eleanor Childers helped take care of daddy at home his last seven months. She was a tremendous help and became a close and special friend to the whole family. When daddy was still able to walk with assistance, it was a wonderful blessing to see him walk in church and to sit there and praise the Lord. I know many people will remember him that way. When daddy could still talk some he would say "He wanted to go Home." We feel that daddy is Home in the arms of Jesus. He will be sadly missed, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Written by his family



Alta Rasnake

Alta Rasnake was born Nov. 15, 1905 and died August, 8th, 1991, making her stay on Earth 85 years and 9 months. She lived a Christian life for over 68 years and was a faithful member to the church until she became ill. She was a good friend and neighbor to everyone. She leaves behind a husband and three children. Alta was preceded in death by five children. Our loss was a gain to Heaven's Angels.

Mother's Journey Home

Mother went on a journey
one step at a time
Her steps grew very slowly
as she neared the border line
She was a precious lady
a dear sweet mom to me
As she journeyed onward
we could plainly see

Her suffering was all over
her home it was in view
She told the family she was going
there was nothing we could do
Down here she had no riches
no silver or no gold
But Heaven held her jewels
that words can never be told

Sometimes our heart is broken
it seems there's no repair
But then we look to Jesus
there's joy beyond compare
Mother how we miss you
your parting was so hard
But we have assurance
to lean on Jesus' arm.

Sadly missed by all the family
Written by daughter Madeline
Submitted by Thelma Rasnake



Mary Ellen Baugh Combs

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Mt. 7:20.

Mary Ellen Baugh Combs, age 80, of Cleveland, Va. passed away Saturday, May 25, 1991 following a short illness. Blessed by God to have had few days of sickness in her lifetime, she has left a testimony that will last in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

The widow of the late Lindon Clair Combs, she was a devoted preacher's wife and Bible teaching mother to her five sons and eight daughters. She was a faithful and loyal member of the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church for

many years. Her life left no doubt that she was indeed a child of God.

Mom Combs will be missed by us all but we are thankful to our Heavenly Father for her and her family. Truly our loss is Heaven's gain and her children can indeed arise up and call her blessed.

Thanks be unto Jesus Christ our Lord for his amazing Saving Grace.

—Son-in-Law Rev. Larry Robinson



Laura Ellen Helton McGlothlin

Laura Ellen Helton McGlothlin was born May 7, 1910 and departed this life October 4, 1990. She was the daughter of Martin David Helton and Elisa Jane Hess Helton. She was the wife of Eldon McGlothlin. Her husband and two sons, Justen and Mack McGlothlin, preceded her in death.

Survivors include five daughters: Velvie Shortridge, Elsie Harris, Irene Hess, Ola Ray, and Mattie Hess.

She was a member of the Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church for several years.

We believe she now rests in peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

—Written by her daughter Ola Ray



Rev. Charlie A. Keene

BLAND, Va. — Rev. Charlie A. Keene, 71, formerly of Swords Creek, Va., died Sunday, Dec. 30, 1990, in a Wytheville, Va. hospital.

He was born in Swords Creek and had resided in Bland for the past eight years, moving from Kopperstone, W.Va. He was a member of the Fletcher's Ridge Freewill Baptist Church and had served in the Freewill Baptist church as a minister for 40 years. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, he was a member of Casey-Shortt VFW Post No. 9640 in Richlands, Va. He was a retired coal miner, formerly

employed by the Eastern Associated Coal Corp. in Bald Knob, W.Va., and was a member of UMWA Local No. 1503 of Bald Knob.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Florence Elkins Keene; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Lou Meadows, Bland; four sons, James Harmon Keene, Clear Fork, W.Va., Mitchell Andrew Keene, Kopperstone, Ronald Perry Keene, High Point, N.C., and Harley Edward Keene, Winston-Salem, N.C.; four brothers, Bill Keene and John

Keene both of Swords Creek, Arnold Keene and Donald Keene, both of Raven, Va.; 10 grandchildren; 11 step grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one step great-grandson.

Honaker Funeral Home is in charge.



Cecil William Dye

Cecil William Dye of Drill, VA, was born November 22, 1934 and was called away to be with Jesus, June 10, 1991 at the age of 56.

He leaves behind his wife Juanita Dye, 1 son Chester Dye, 3 daughters Linda Meadows, Carolyn Crabtree, and Melissa Hess, and six grandchildren.

He was a member and a deacon of Drill Freewill Baptist Church of Drill, VA.

Though his body weakened in sickness, his spirit grew stronger and closer to God. Night and day his prayers and his witness filled his home, giving his family and his friends comfort, peace and even joy through times of pain and sorrow. His faith and his trust in God will forever be implanted in our hearts, teaching us to fight a good fight of faith and to endure to the end that we may all be saved.

Though we all miss him, we're thankful to know he's resting and happy in his new body and his new home.

—In loving memory, his wife and children

BY-LAWS AND ORGANIZATION

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 Conference shall send to the Yearly Meeting \$1.25 for each minute book ordered, this money will be used for the minutes and expense 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 24:47; 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 bought 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; 1st 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, St. John 3:3.
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 impress 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 1:4; 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.
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; Eph. 2:8-9.
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; Eph. 2:8, 9.
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.
20. We believe that the gift of speaking in tongues and the gift of interpretation of tongues as exercised in the early church was a known language of that time. Acts 2:1-11. We believe that this was a sign gift to the un-believer. 1st Cor. 14:22. However we believe that this gift is no longer in operation. We believe that this gift ceased to be at the end of the apostolic period. 1st Cor. 13:8. Moreover, we believe that the greatest, most powerful, and most common evidence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer is God's love as described in 1st Cor. chapter 13, John 13:35 and 1st John 3:14.

GAMBLING

We, not wishing to conform to the practice of gambling pledge to abstain from the sale or use of all devices constructed for the purpose of gambling, a lottery, games of chance, or any numbered system for which there are odds given for gain or loss, whether it be associated with a person, place or thing, spoken or unspoken. — Col. 3:5; 2nd Peter 2:3; Ez. 33:31; Eph. 5:3; 1st Cor. 6:19; Rom. 1:28-29; 1st Tim. 6:10; Pro. 28:16.

DIGEST OF THE JOHN THOMAS ASSOCIATION

Conferences6

Conference	Ministers		Churches	Membership
	Ordained	Licensed		
Dickenson County	115		38	2169
Pike County	77		20	1875
Mid-Ohio	6		2	92
New Durm	18	2	10	445
Letcher County	61	6	21	1575
Hamilton County	5		3	
TOTALS	282	8	94	6156

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:

New Durm	1992
Dickenson.....	1993
Letcher	1994
Pike	1995
Dickenson.....	1996
Hamilton	1997
New Durm	1998
Dickenson.....	1999
Letcher	2000
Mid-Ohio	2001

