

Minutes
of the
JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING
of
Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

71st SESSION

Held With
CAMP JACOB
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Clintwood, VA

September 10-11, 1993

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1992-1993

Amount received in letters in 1993

Dickenson County	\$1,650.00
Letcher County	468.75
Letcher County for engraving	10.00
Pike County	894.50
Pike County love and engraving	46.50
New Durm	325.00
New Durm for engraving	28.00
Hamilton County	80.00
Hamilton County for engraving	28.00

Total received in letters	\$3,530.75
Amount in treasury 1992.	<u>\$5,472.96</u>

Amount in treasury 1993.	\$9,003.71
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Expenses for the year 1993

Check books	\$ 8.59
Clerk's fee	\$ 100.00
Minutes, printing and shipping	<u>\$2,621.79</u>
Total paid out.	\$2,730.38

Balance in treasury 1993	\$6,273.33
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The John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting will convene with the Letcher County Conference at Bethel FWB Church between Dorton and Virgie, Ky. on Friday before the second Sunday which will be September 9th and 10th, 1994.

Directions are as follows: coming from Pikeville, Ky. travel on Rt. 23 to Robison Creek then take Old Rt. 23 to Virgie about one mile south of Virgie. The church is on the left.

Coming from Virginia travel on 119 from Jenkins, Ky. to Dorton. At the railroad crossing make a left on Old Rt. 23 and go towards Virgie. The church is on the right.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1993

Dickenson County	1150
Kermit D. Wallace, Rt. 1, Box 495, Haysi, Va. 24256	
Phone (703) 865-4567	
Letcher County	375
Homer B. Johnson, Box 542, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	
Phone (606) 832-2344	
Pike County	675
Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney, HC 64, Box 330, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	
Phone (606) 353-7704	
New Durm	260
Troy Harris, Rt. 1, Box 157, Vansant, Va. 41042	
Phone (703) 859-2912	
Hamilton County.	24
Lena Couch, 103 Backus Dr., Alexandria, Ky. 41001	
Total Minutes.	<u>2,484</u>

MINISTERS, DEACONS & DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Eddie Edwards	Howard Reynolds	Luke Wright
Avery Carty	Lester Robinson	Eddie Sturgill
Ed Slemp	Sam Slemp	Gary W. Hill
Bruce Pilkenton	Terry Price	Roy C. Vanover
Ralph R. Rasnick	Clyde Hay	

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

Herman Bates, Jr.	Homer Lee Mullins	Julian H. Gibson
Clyde Damron	John DePriest	Tommy England

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Robey (Buddy) Kendrick	Roger Blackburn	Homer Adkins
Harold Brewer	Velon Burgess	Bennie F. Slone
Robert (Bobby) Varney	Donnie Williamson	Edward Lee Adkins

NEW DURM MINISTERS

Giles Wilson	Roy L. Wilson	Clyde Robert Stanford
Kenneth Spores	Troy F. Harris	Larry Robinson
Franklin D. Hall		

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS

Danny Cross	Harold D. Robinson
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DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Oscar McMillan	Eckles Mullins	Earet Rose
Oval Hillman	Sam Anderson	Franklin D. Stanley
Raymond McCarty	Larry Bise	Thermon Sproles

LETCHER COUNTY DEACONS

Milford Craft	James H. Whitaker	William E. Gibson
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NEW DURM DEACONS

Bill Ball	Estel Ray	Clyde Glovier
Darnell Keith, Jr.	Brady Farmer	

PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

William Maynard	Ronnie Stevens	Johnny R. Justice
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DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Thadeus O. Mullins	Lura Kizer	Lawrence Kiser
Marie McCarty	Seadel Mullins	Penny McMillan
Wilma Smith	Royal Unes Salyers	Irene Hawkins
Gaye Edwards	Dixie Anderson	Emma Smith
Cheryl L. Clay	Joann Hall	Elsie Thompson
Brenda Price	Bob Stanley	Norma Large

Patty Mullins
Betty Hillman
Rita Counts

Iretta Salyers
Goldia Hillman

Nancy M. Belcher
Seibert Hillman

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Dorothy Conley
Ola Mae Whitaker
Wendell W. Hawkins
Vernon Childers
Reed Potter

Myrtle Lee Venders
Sarah Trinkle
Bozella Childers
Lovella Swiney

Nona Whitaker
Carolina Mullins
Lavada Mullins
Lorene Wynn Potter

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Poshia Thompson
John H. Justice
Amy Overstreet
Ivis Justice

Lula Belle Gross³
Vernice Overstreet
Mike Irick
Dolly C. Adkins

Mildred Varney
Eddie Overstreet
Sharon Irick
Donnie Robinson

NEW DURM DELEGATES

Phyliss Stanford
Russel C. Sykes
Ada Farmer

Sandra Robinson
Harley Nuckles

Cheryl F. Keith
Helen Harris

HAMILTON COUNTY DELEGATES

Howard L. Edwards
Mavis Cross

Hazel Stewart
Helen Edwards

Levi Stewart
Hazel Davidson

VISITING MINISTERS

Roger Hood, from The Children's Home, Greenville, Tn.
Jeff Crabtree, from Virginia State Association, Roanoke, Va.
Lester Horton, Fairfax Station, Va.

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Luke Wright
Assistant Moderator Rev. Herman Bates
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, Luke Wright, Donald Elkins, and Larry Bise.

LETCHER COUNTY: Milford Craft, Fred Young and Jerry Dixon.

PIKE COUNTY: Robert Varney, Roby (Buddy) Kendrick and Benny F. Slone.

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

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

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 A.M.

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists met for the 71st session with the Dickenson County Conference at the Camp Jacob Freewill Baptist Church at Clintwood, Virginia on the Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was September 10-11, 1993.

Reverend Gary Hill, the Pastor of the church, took charge of devotions. He gave all visitors a warm welcome to the John Thomas Association.

Brother Lester Robinson led in prayer after many hands went up for special prayer. Congregation sang "I'm Going That Way." Special songs were sung by Sister Patty Mullins and Brother Earet Rose.

Brother Jeff Crabtree came forward to preach the introductory sermon using for a text, Malachi, Chapter 2. He brought a good message to the Christians. Dismissed by Brother Luke Wright and Blessing over the food until 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

We met back with Congregation singing "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Prayer by Brother Roy Vanover.

A motion was made by Brother Herman Bates and seconded by Brother Homer Lee Mullins to nominate Brother Luke Wright as moderator. Brother Lester Robinson made a motion to cease the nominations. The motion was seconded by Brother Roy Vanover. With no further nominations, Brother Luke Wright was elected by vote of acclamation. A motion was made by Brother Gary Hill, and seconded by Brother Bennie Slone to give the Moderator authority to appoint all necessary committees. Motion carried. Brother Herman Bates was appointed to serve as assistant moderator. Brother Tommy England made a motion, which was seconded by Brother Roy Vanover to retain Brother Bobby Varney as clerk. Motion was carried. Brother Bennie Slone made a motion to retain as treasurer, Brother Oval Hillman. Motion was seconded by Brother Harold Robinson and carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Audit Committee

Brother Lloyd Hillman
Brother Homer L. Mullins
Brother Troy Harris

Pulpit Committee

Brother Earet Rose
Brother Milford Craft
Brother William Maynard

Brother Jeff Crabtree from Virginia State Association gave a report of their association. Brother Gary Hill gave a report on the work at Camp Jacob. A motion was made by Brother Harold Robinson to receive these reports. Seconded by Brother Earet Rose. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brother Tommy England and seconded by Brother John DePriest to accept minutes as printed. Pulpit Committee reported Brother Homer L. Mullins will preach at the afternoon service.

The Audit Committee reported the treasurer's books to be in order. Report was given by Brother Homer L. Mullins and accepted by move of the yearly meeting. A motion of adjournment was made by Brother Tommy England and seconded by Brother Benny Slone.

Brother Homer L. Mullins came forward to preach using for a subject, Romans 6:22-23.

Dismissal was by Brother Harold Robinson until Saturday morning at 9:30 AM.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

Dismissed due to weather conditions.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

Moderator read from I John 3:1-11 Verses to open Yearly Meeting for business. Prayer by Brother Roy Vanover. Congregation sang "Some Day."

Moderator called for letters from the various conferences. The clerk read the letters and they were as follows:

DICKENSON COUNTY CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas Association yearly meeting when convened with Camp Jacob at Clintwood, Virginia, in Dickenson County Conference, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1993.

Greetings:

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

*Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Harlan Lee Rose

Assistant Moderator

Steve Smith

Clerks

Lloyd Hillman

Oval Hillman

Kermit Wallace

Ordaining Council

Terry Price — Chairman

Franklin Hall

Lester Mullins

Executive Committee

Donald Elkins

Larry Bise

Earet Rose

Raymond McCarty

Luke Wright

Treasurers

Quarterly Meeting — Patty Mullins

Emergency Fund — Donald Elkins

Children's Home — Beverly Wallace

The Conference voted to buy 1150 minutes. Amount enclosed for the minutes is \$1,650.00.

Statistics

Churches	38	Sunday Schools	35
Church Membership	2114	Sunday School Membership	1725
		Ladies' Auxiliaries	15

Balance from July 1992 to July 1993

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$1,937.28
Emergency Fund	5,323.35
Children's Home Fund	4,517.40

Done by order of the Dickenson County Conference:

Moderator: Harlan Lee Rose

Clerks: Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman and Kermit Wallace

Recommendation Concerning Article 20

We, the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists, have adopted the Appendix to Chapter VII, concerning the Holy Spirit, as found on pages forty-four (44) and forty-five (45) in the *Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists* (See attached copy).

This statement on tongues, for us, replaces Article 20 of Articles of Faith as found in the *Minutes of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists, 70th Session*.

As this statement is generally accepted around the world by thousands of Free Will Baptist churches and as a need arises for all of us to "speak the same thing," we recommend to the John-Thomas Association that we:

1. Stand together as Free Will Baptists.
2. Study this statement.
3. Adopt it to replace Article 20 in our minutes.

This resolution, after a motion and second, was passed by unanimous vote of the ministers and delegates attending this quarterly meeting.

Done by the order of the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with Peuther Chapel Church on April 23, 1993.

Moderator: Reverend Joe Glenn Sluss

Assistant Moderator: Reverend Allen Gene Conley

Clerk: Brother Lloyd Hillman

APPENDIX TO CHAPTER VII Adopted July, 1979

Free Will Baptists understand the Bible teaches the following facts: On the Day of Pentecost believers spoke in distinct foreign languages which were readily understood by the nationalities present (Acts 2:5, 8, 11).

Tongues were given as a special gift to the early church as only one sign which confirms the witness of the Gospel to unbelievers (I Corinthians 14:1-40, Hebrews 2:4).

While tongues were bestowed by the sovereign will of God on some believers, all did not speak with tongues (I Corinthians 12:10, 30). When this gift was abused, it became a source of disturbance in the congregational meetings. To eliminate confusion and correct the error, Paul set particular guidelines for the Christian church to follow (I Corinthians 14:18, 19, 23, 33). The gift of tongues was neither an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, nor does it bring about sanctification (I Corinthians 12:13).

We believe that speaking in tongues as a visible sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an erroneous doctrine to be rejected. Any implication of a "second work of grace" has never been tolerated in our fellowship of churches, and will not be permitted.

We teach and preach the fulness of the Holy Spirit and heed the scriptural admonition, "Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:18b-20).

Resolution Concerning Delegates

As past practice has allowed deacons as standing delegates, but with nothing in writing, we suggest that Article 2, Article 8 and Article 10 be amended to include deacons where ministers and/or delegates are listed as voting representatives of each church.

This resolution, after a motion and second, was passed by unanimous vote of the ministers and delegates attending this quarterly meeting.

Done by the order of the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with Peuther Chapel Church on April 23, 1993.

Moderator: Reverend Joe Glenn Sluss

Assistant Moderator: Reverend Allen Gene Conley

Clerk: Brother Lloyd Hillman

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Fourth Quarterly Delegate Conference King's Creek Church — August 21, 1993

Greetings:

To the Association and to all Conferences and their delegates while convened with Camp Jacob Sept. 10-11, 1993. May all enjoy the love and fellowship of the brothers and sisters abound in the Grace of our Lord.

The Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptist met with King's Creek Church August 21, 1993. The pastor Brother Larry R. Jones called the conference to order by leading those present in singing "Victory in Jesus." After a warm welcome, the Pastor relinquished the conference to the clerk. Briefly the clerk welcomed all and read the scripture lesson from Luke 21:29-36. Many requests for prayer were received for illnesses and afflictions. Brother Ralph E. Profitt led in prayer.

The clerk opened the conference for the business of the day. Only one motion was made for a moderator. It being seconded no other was received and Brother Larry R. Jones the pastor was elected by a unanimous vote of delegates.

Brother Herman Bates, Jr. was appointed the moderator's assistant Brother Charles Gallion made a motion to give moderator power to appoint all committee members necessary. Motion was seconded by Brother Earl Smith. Brother Larry appointed necessary members on the following committees:

Pulpit Committee

Brother Thomas Roark
Brother Bulter Adkins
Brother Joe K. Basham

Arbitration Committee

Brother Teddy Tackett (8-23-91)
Brother Julian Gibson (8-21-92)
Brother Ralph E. Profitt (8-20-93)

Executive Committee

Milford Craft (Chairman)
Brother Earl Smith
Brother Jack Whitaker

Ordination Committee

Brother Sonny Miracle (8-24-91)
Brother John C. DePriest (8-21-92)
Brother Larry R. Jones (8-20-93)

The moderator appointed Brother Conley Tackett to give the Temperance Talk and Brother Ralph E. Profitt to give the Sunday School Talk. Brother Homer Lee Mullins made a motion to receive both Talks and was seconded by Brother Kernie Stewart.

There were no reports of visitation, corresponding conferences, and visiting ministers and deacons. No one was appointed or volunteered to visit other conferences.

Pulpit Committee reported that the 11:00 o'clock message would be given by Brother Homer Lee Mullins. Brother Charles Gallion would be giving the evening message.

Brother Charles Gallion made a motion to adjourn until the evening service. Motion was seconded by Brother Earl Smith. During a hymnal a conference offering was received.

Special Singers Sing:

Brother Ireland Sexton, companion and daughter from Old Fashion Church sang, "Is That the Lights of Home?"

Sister Sarah Basham from Bethel Church sang, "When I Cross that River."

Brother Larry R. Jones, the pastor at Kings Creek, with his companion at the piano, sang "No One Wants to Work in My Fields."

Brother Homer Lee brought a powerful message on "Love of the True Church" that was enjoyed by all present.

Brother Sonny Miracle gave the dismissal and asked the blessing for the food.

Arrived back at 1:00 with the moderator leading the congregation in song.

With Brother Conley Tackett to be ordained in the evening service prayer was given by Brother Sonny Miracle for service and ordination prayer. Brother Herman Bates presented the Bible, and Brother Larry Jones gave the charge to Brother Conley Tackett. During the hymn "Amazing Grace" Brother Conley was extended the right hand of fellowship.

Letters of the churches were read with two not reporting. Brother Homer Lee Mullins made a motion to accept those reporting and others when received. Motion was seconded by Brother Fred Young.

The Executive Committee reported that the next conference would be with Moore's Chapel at McRoberts, Ky.

The conference is ordering 375 minutes from the Association.

Conference recommended a letter be prepared to ask the Association to consider having Camp Jacob as a permanent seat for the Association Conference each year. The recommendation was put in the form of a motion by Brother Homer Lee Mullins and seconded by Brother William E. Gibson.

The responsibility of the Arbitration Committee lies with the Delegate Conference. A guide-line of its operation is to be provided and has been provided by Brother Herman Bates, Jr. Said document has been read before the Quarterly Conference at King's Creek. Motion by Brother Earl Smith and seconded by Brother William E. Gibson put guide-lines in effect. Brother Herman Bates, Jr. made a motion to keep members on the Arbitration Committee as they now stand. Motion was seconded by Brother Charles Gallion.

The evening service was set aside.

Brother Fred Young made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Brother Homer Lee Mullins.

Moderator: Brother Larry R. Jones

Assistant Moderator: Brother Herman Bates, Jr.

Clerk: Brother Homer B. Johnson

Greetings:

To the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association while in session with Camp Jacob.

The Letcher County Conference convened with King's Creek Church on Saturday August 21, 1993. We voted to recommend to the Association the following issue:

"We recommend that the Association consider having our yearly meeting each year at Camp Jacob. They are equipped to handle large crowds and have plenty of parking space. We request that this be brought before the Association to find out what would be the will of the Quarterly Conferences. The Quarterly Confer-

ence that hosts the Association would compensate Camp Jacob for an agreed amount to the host the Yearly Meeting.”

Letcher County Conference, King’s Creek Church, August 21, 1993

Brother Larry R. Jones, Moderator
Brother Herman Bates, Jr., Assistant Moderator
Brother Homer B. Johnson, Clerk

Delegates
Letcher County Quarterly Conference
King’s Creek Church — August 21, 1993

Sonny Miracle	Bethel	Butler Adkins	Bethel
Joe K. Basham	Bethel	Sarah Basham	Bethel
Willie Hall	Seco	Alice Hall	Seco
Jay Mullins	Alleghany	Nancy Mullins	Alleghany
Ireland Sexton	Old Fashion	Delores Sexton	Old Fashion
Norma J. Roark	Kings Creek	Charles Gallion	Dunham
William E. Gibson	Burdine	Kernie Stewart	Burdine
James H. Whitaker	Burdine	Milford Craft	Payne Gap
Rhobeniah Hurst	Hemphill	Danny Hurst	Hemphill
Bikey B. Mullins	Burdine	Earl Smith	Happy
Ralph E. Profit	Pine Chapel	Joy A. Profit	Pine Chapel
Leanza Mullins	Pine Chapel	Mary Shelby	Pine Chapel
Vernon Childers	Hylton Chapel	Bazella Childers	Hylton Chapel
Windell W. Hawkins	Hylton Chapel	Loulla Swiney	Hylton Chapel
Cheryl McCarty	Hylton Chapel	Sara Trinkle	Payne Gap
Caroline Mullins	Payne Gap	Conley Tackett	Tackett’s Fork
Carolyn Tackett	Tackett’s Fork	Floyd Day, Jr.	King’s Creek
Thomas Roark	King’s Creek	Douphus Day	King’s Creek
Fred Young	Payne Gap	Mary A. Young	Payne Gap
44 Delegates			

Fourth Quarterly Statement
Funds and Expenses
King’s Creek Church — August 21, 1993

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$ 675.00
Foreign Missions	84.00
Home Missions	124.00
Children’s Home	109.00
Youth Center	19.00
Total Funds	\$1011.00
Received:	
Checks	\$ 994.50
Cash	16.50
Total	\$1011.00
Expenses:	
Home Missions	\$ 250.00
Clerk	8.52
Total	\$ 258.52

Please send 375 minutes. Enclosed \$468.75; Obituary \$10.

Fourth Quarterly Statistics **King's Creek Church**

Churches.....	22	Youth Leagues (reporting).....	2
Membership.....	1607	Members.....	15
Sunday Schools.....	22	Ministers (active).....	63
Membership.....	992	With Life Cards.....	13
Auxiliaries.....	9	Deacons.....	70
Members.....	128	Licensed ministers.....	8

Homer B. Johnson — Clerk

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings,

To the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened at Camp Jacob, near Clintwood, Va. in the Dickenson County Conference on September 10 and 11, 1993.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church at Hurricane Road, Pikeville, Ky. on August 28, 1993 for our quarterly meeting. Officers elected were as follows:

Moderator

Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick

Assistant Moderator

Rev. Homer Adkins

Clerk

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Business Committee

Rev. Benny Slone

Rev. Harold Brewer

Rev. Richard Watson

Finance Committee

Rev. Darrell Roberts

Rev. Roger Blackburn

Rev. Donnie Feltner

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtiss Wellman

Rev. Herbert Goff

Rev. David G. Varney

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert Varney

Rev. Benny Slone

Rev. Robey Kendrick

Pulpit Committee

William Maynard

Kennis Hall

Earl Gannon

Treasurer's Report

Amount on hand June 1992.....	\$3,568.12
RECEIVED — June 1992 to June 1993.....	\$3,412.87
EXPENSES — June 1992 to June 1993.....	\$3,234.00
Balance on hand June 1993.....	\$3,746.99

Statistics

Churches..... 19

Church Membership..... 1507

Ministers..... 73

Sunday Schools..... 18

Sunday School Membership... 845

Ladies Auxiliaries..... 7

Ladies Auxiliary Membership.. 118

Mid-Week service attendance.. 403

Delegates to the Yearly Meeting

Name	Church	Name	Church
Eddie Overstreet	Owsley	Mike Irick	Owsley
Vernice Overstreet	Owsley	Mildred Varney	Belfry
John H. Justice	Owsley	Barbara Blackburn	Belfry
William Maynard	Owsley	Gaynelle Kendrick	Belfry
Johnny R. Justice	Owsley	Donnie Robinson	Stonecoal
Bobbie D. Slone	Owsley	Joyce Robinson	Stonecoal
Pennie M. Burgess	Owsley	Dolly C. Adkins	Stonecoal
Billy D. Burgess	Owsley	Inis Sue Charles	Grassy
Amy Overstreet	Owsley	Lula Bell Gross	Grassy
Barbara Adkins	Owsley	Jack Charles	Grassy
Ireis S. Justice	Owsley	Poshia Thompson	Grassy
Judy Bevins	Owsley	Darrell Wellman	Leckiville
Doug Bevins	Owsley	Kenes Hall	Trimble Chapel
Sharon Irick	Owsley		

We are submitting a resolution to be inserted into the minutes in the Articles of Faith as #21, as follows:

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist or any conference or church belonging to the Association will not

1. ordain any woman into the ministry or to the office of a deacon.
2. ordain any known homosexual into the ministry or to the office of a deacon.

We are enclosing \$126.00 for obituaries and \$1090.50 for minutes. Total enclosed is \$1,216.50. We are requesting 675 books.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this 28th day of August 1993.

Moderator: Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick

Clerk: Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with the Camp Jacob Freewill Baptist Church at Clintwood, Va. on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 10-11, 1993.

Greetings,

We, the New Durham Conference, while convened with the Mt. Zion Freewill Baptist Church on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in August for our Conference.

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Larry Robinson (3 mo)

Assistant Moderator

Giles Wilson (3 mo)

Clerk

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

Executive Committee

Brady Farmer (Chairman)
Elbert Rasnake
Troy Harris
Ronald Johnson
Kenneth Sproles

Ordaining Council

Larry Robinson (Chairman)
Edward Dye
Giles Wilson

Treasurer

Brady Farmer
 Star Rt., Box 143
 Rowe, VA 24646

Church Statistics

Churches	9
Church Membership	320
Ministers	17
Licentate	1
Sunday Schools.....	8
Sunday School Membership	355

Balance from August 1992 to 1993

Quarterly Meeting Fund \$2,378.35

Emergency Fund \$2,521.75

Conference voted to buy 260 minutes

Amount enclosed for minutes \$325.00

Amount enclosed for obituaries..... \$28.00

Done by order of New Durham Conference

Moderator: Larry Robinson

Assistant Moderator: Giles Wilson

Clerk: Troy F. Harris

List of Delegates

Lorane McGlothlin
 Phyllis Miller
 Euclin Breedlove
 Delmer Breedlove
 Russell Sykes
 Eddie Deskins
 Joyce Deskins
 Deborah Barton
 Marcella Rasnake
 Wanda Mitchell
 Dorothy Mitchell
 Ada Farmer
 Louie McGlothlin
 Tabitha Hess

Helen Harris
 Thelma Walters
 Lois Nuckles
 Carl Compton
 Tia Compton
 Ellen Compton
 Myrle Stevens
 Mabel Combs
 Gay Hess
 Velva Meadows
 Phyllis Stanford
 Phyllis Bordwine
 Lois Johnson
 Brenda Harris

Faye Harris
 Rita Rasnake
 Gracie Harris
 Vanessa Robinson
 Sandra Robinson
 Corene Perkins
 Sheryl Keith
 Carson Harris
 Virginia Ball
 Mae Wilson
 Crystal Robinson
 Lydia Hess
 Wanda Osborne

September 10-11, 1993

To the John Thomas yearly meeting. We the New Durm Conference, while in regular session with the Tunnel Hill Freewill Baptist Church this 7th day of November 1992 voted to abide by the Articles of Faith numbers 1 thru 19. We have omitted Article number 20 from our minute books

Moderator: Harry Whitaker

Assistant Moderator: Giles Wilson

Clerk: Troy F. Harris

To the New Durm Conference of Freewill Baptist Executive Board:

We the Ordaining Council of the New Durm Ministers Conference do hereby present this resolution for your examination and response to the issue presented in this document.

Because of recent trends and a growing popularity of different Biblical publications, we the Ordaining Council request that a clarification of the term "BIBLE" as our rule of faith and practice be written clearly to state that the Bible referred to, be the Authorized King James Version of the Scripture, of the 1611 translation.

We the undersigned, trust the Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible, to be the "BIBLE" to be used in our Churches from which to read, preach, teach, marry, baptize, bury the dead, present to our Ministers when ordained, and to carry out any Gospel instructions.

We petition this to be examined and brought before the Quarterly Meeting for a vote, with the result of such vote recorded and printed in our minutes.

This resolution presented the 8th day of May, 1993.

Ordaining Council:

Larry Robinson, Chairman

Giles Wilson

J.E. Dye

Executive Board:

Brady Farmer, Chairman

Kenneth Sproles

Troy Harris

HAMILTON COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Moderator's Name and Address

Rev. Danny Cross
2050 Roline Ave.
Hamilton, Ohio 45014

Clerk's Name and Address

Lena Couch
103 Backus Dr.
Alexandria, Ky. 41001

Conference Meeting place

Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church
Penntown, Ind.

Statistics

No. of Churches 3

Ordained Ministers 8

Licensed Ministers 2

LIST OF DELEGATES

Levi Stewart

Mavis Cross

Lisa Smith

Florence Reed

Nancy Hubbard

Hazel Stewart

Emily Flannery

Cora Lay

Bernice Matney

Frances Davidson

Sue Randolph

Pauline Davidson

Hazel Davidson

Marion Davidson

Marion Stewart

A.C. Spurlock

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Conference on the 7th day of August 1993. Enclosed is a check for conference work. \$80.00 and \$28.00 for engraving. Please send 24 minute books.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—Continued

Motion was made by Brother Benny Slone and seconded by Brother Harold Robinson to accept letters as read, with business being turned over to Executive Committee. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee was excused to take care of the business that was sent in the letters.

The Pulpit Committee reported Brother Howard Reynolds will bring the morning message and Brother Lester Horton in the afternoon.

Motion was made by Brother Tommy England and seconded by Brother Homer L. Mullins to adjourn from business for the worship service.

Prayer by Brother Terry Price before Brother Howard Reynolds came to bring the message. Special song by Sister Patty Mullins and Sister Brenda Price. Brother Howard Reynolds came forward to preach using for a text 1 Peter 13-25 "The Word." Brought a good message to the Christians. Song and invitation given. Dismissal and blessing over the food by Brother John DePriest until 1:00 PM.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

Met back on due time and the congregation sang "Just Over in the Gloryland." The moderator read a scripture from Acts 10:42-44 and prayer was led by Rev. Edward Lee Adkins.

The Executive Committee was asked for their report and Brother Bobby Varney gave the report for the committee. It was as follows.

1. New Durm sent a resolution concerning the Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible, to be the "BIBLE" to be used in our Churches from which to read, preach, teach, marry, baptize, bury the dead, present to our Ministers when ordained, and to carry out any Gospel instructions.

The executive committee recommended to table this for one year.

2. Pike County sent the following:

We are submitting a resolution to be inserted into the minutes in the Articles of Faith #21 as follows:

The John-Thomas Association of Freewill Baptist or any conference or church belonging to the Association will not:

1. ordain any woman into the ministry or to the office of a deacon.
2. ordain any known homosexual into the ministry or to the office of a deacon.

The Executive Committee recommended that it should be inserted in the minute books under THE MINISTRY number 8, instead of under Articles of Faith, and that it will be tabled for one year.

3. Letcher County sent the following issue:

We recommend that the Association consider having our yearly meeting each year at Camp Jacob. They are equipped to handle large crowds and have plenty of parking space. We request that this be brought before the Association to find out what would be the will of the Quarterly Conferences. The Quarterly Conference that host the Association would compensate Camp Jacob for an agreed amount to host the Yearly Meeting.

The Executive Committee recommended that it should be left up to the host quarterly conference as to where the yearly meeting will be held.

4. Dickenson County sent two resolutions. They are as follows:

1. We, the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptist have adopted the appendix to chapter VII, concerning the Holy Spirit, as found on pages forty-four and forty-five in the Treatise Of The Faith and Practices of the Original Freewill Baptist.

This statement on tongues, for us, replaces Article 20 of Articles of Faith as found in the Minutes of the John Thomas Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptist 70th Session.

As this statement is generally accepted around the world by thousands of Freewill Baptist Churches and as a need arises for all of us to "Speak the same thing" we recommend to the John Thomas Association that we:

1. Stand together as Freewill Baptists
2. Study this statement.
3. Adopt it to replace Article 20 in our minutes.

The Executive Committee recommended that the yearly meeting adopt this resolution to replace Article 20.

2. Re: Delegates

As past practice has allowed deacons as standing delegates, but with nothing in writing. We suggest Article 2, Article 8 and Article 10 be amended to include deacons where ministers and/or delegates are listed as voting representatives of each church.

The Executive Committee recommended that it would not be of the best interest of the Association to change this constitution and by-law.

The Executive Committee also reported that The Hamilton County and New Durm Conferences would not accept Article 20, of the Articles of Faith.

All of the reports of the committee will be voted upon next year.

Motion to accept the Executive Committee reports was made by Rev. Terry Price and seconded by Rev. Homer L. Mullins.

Motion by Brother Tommy England and seconded by Brother Homer Lee Mullins to adjourn from business until our next meeting at Bethel Church in Letcher Co. unless called together for a special session by the moderator.

MINISTERS' YEARLY CONFERENCE

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

Motion made by Brother Homer Lee Mullins and seconded by Brother Clyde Stanford to retain the same officers as the yearly meeting to serve for the ensuing year. Motion by Brother Benny Slone and seconded by Brother Terry Price to omit reading of the names of the ministers on the letters. The moderator called for the clerk to read the letters from the various conferences. The letters were as follows:

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting while convened with the Dickenson County Conference at Camp Jacob near Clintwood, Va. on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday which will be September 10-11, 1993.

The Letcher County Conference of Freewill Baptist Ministers met with King's Creek Church Friday, August 20, 1993 at 7:00 P.M.

The Conference was opened by all ministers singing a congregational hymn entitled "Heavens Jubilee." Brother Herman Bates, Jr., moderator, opened the conference by reading and commenting on 2nd Timothy 4:1-4.

Brother Bates then took prayer requests from the congregation and called on Brother Floyd Sexton to lead in prayer.

Brother Larry R. Jones, acting in the absence of Brother Homer Johnson, read the minutes of the last minister's conference as sent out by Brother Homer Johnson's letter to the churches. Brother James N. Tackett made the motion to accept the minutes as read. Brother Garland Ratliff, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion voted upon and carried.

Brother Teddy Tackett asked for clarification of the Burdine recommendation governing the number of delegates to the Quarterly Conference. Brother Herman Bates clarified the recommendation, however, further discussion concerning whether or not the recommendation had been voted on by the Quarterly Conference moved the moderator to ask for further clarification from the Quarterly Conference the following Saturday.

Brother Carl Coleman and Brother Jimmy D. Looney reported to the conference by letter. Brother David I. Brewer made a motion to accept the letters. This motion was seconded by Brother Leon Bolden and approved by vote.

Credentials from Brother Leroy Fields were turned in to the Minister's Conference. Brother Larry R. Jones explained the situation. Brother Homer Lee Mullins made a motion to accept the credentials and Brother Julian Gibson seconded the motion. This was followed by a vote of acceptance.

Credentials from John H. Colemand were presented to the conference followed by an explanation by Brother Julian H. Gibson. Brother Teddy Tackett moved to accept the credentials. This was seconded by Brother Garland Ratliff, Jr. and approved by a vote of the ministers. Brother Herman Bates, Jr. recommended to the conference that Brother Larry R. Jones be appointed to fill the vacated position on the Ordination Council. This position was vacated by Brother Richard Gibson, having fulfilled his service for three years. This appointment was put in the form of a motion by Brother Julian Gibson and seconded by Brother Gerald Wright. The ministers' vote approved the appointment.

Ministers Enrolled

Larry R. Jones	King's Creek	Charles Bolden	Ligon
James N. Tackett	Alleghany	Robert Lee Hampton	Bethel
Herman Bates, Jr.	Payne Gap	Jimmie Adams	Moore's Chapel
Homer Lee Mullins	Hylton Chapel	Jessie Miller — Dec	Old Fashion
Julian H. Gibson	Poorbottom	Ireland Sexton	Old Fashion
Clyde Damron	Hellier	Floyd Sexton	Hemphill
Lloyd Addington	Payne Gap	Timmy Hopkins	Bethel
Hollis Bevins, Sr.	Payne Gap	Woodrow Mullins	Energyville
Herbert H. Stallard	Payne Gap	Gerald Wright	Dorton
Leo Blackburn — Dec	Alleghany	Teddy Tackett	Dorton
Larry Green — Dec	Alleghany	Garland Ratliff, Jr.	Dunham
David I. Brewer		Randolph A. Gill, Jr.	Dunahm
Leon Bolden	Ligon		

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Minister	Address	Church
*James N. Tackett	Box 161, Lookout, Ky. 41542	Alleghany
Oscar Damron	Box 3, Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Stanley Ray Tackett	Box 18, Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Carl Coleman	324 Rockhouse, Elkhorn City, Ky. 41561	Alleghany

Tommy Tackett	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Jimmy Dean Looney	Box 30, Jackhorn Rd., Elkhorn, Ky	Alleghany
Ralph Vicars	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
*John C. DePriest	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Box 485, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
*Don McKnight	HC R3, Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
Roy R. McKnight	Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
Marvis D. Dixon	HC R-3, Box 810, College Rd., Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
McCoy Tackett	Mets, Ky. 41510	Dorton
*Teddy Tackett	Rt. 2, Box 108, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
Gerald Wright	Rt. 2, Box 74, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
*Sonny Miracle	Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Bethel
Timmy D. Hopkins		Bethel
Robert Lee Hampton	HC 84, Box 272, Virgie, Ky. 41572	Bethel
Glenn Ray	HC 84, Box 439, Virgie, Ky. 41572	
*Garland Ratliff, Jr.	Box 128A, Jenkins, Ky.	Dunham
Steve Childers	Rt. 2, Box 187, Wise, Va. 24293	Energyville
*Woodrow Mullins	Box 525, Caney HW, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Everett Mullins	Caney HW, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Billy R. Miller Sr.	3741 Stone Coal Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Ernest McCown	195 Little Fork, Pikeville, Ky.	Energyville
*Rodney Smith	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
Paul Wooten	Scuddy, Ky.	Happy
Earl Combs	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
*Danny Mullins	Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Millard Bates Jr.	408 Maryland Dr., Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Haymond
Ike Young Jr.	Apt. 302, 1012 Goose Cr. Rd., Neon, Ky. 41840	Haymond
*Clyde Damron	HC 72, Box 1148, Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Hellier
Marvin Hylton, Jr.	Box 175, Hellier, Ky. 41534	Hellier
Gordon Damron	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Hellier
*Danny D. Hurst	Rt. 1, Box 67, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Hemphill
Johnnie Collier	Box 291, Ermine, Ky. 41814	Hemphill
Floyd Sexton	HC 82, Box 910, Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
*Homer Lee Mullins	Box 339, Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Tommy England	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Poorbottom
*Larry R. Jones	HC 84, Box 1920, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	King's Creek
*Leon Bolden	Lickfork Box 44, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Ligon
Charles Bolden	HC 73, Box 995, Harold, Ky. 41635	Ligon
*Doyle Caudill	P.O. Box 1328, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Marshall's Branch
Bobby W. Elkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Marshall's Branch
*Jimmy Adams	Box 67, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Moore's Chapel
David I. Brewer	Box 329, McRoberts, Ky. 41835	Payne Gap
Hollis Bevins	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Herbert H. Stallard	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Payne Gap
*Herman Bates Jr.	Box 503, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
*Ralph E. Proffitt	HC 34, Box 612, Neon, Ky. 41840	Pine Chapel
Julian Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
*Richard Gibson	Box 198, Lookout, Ky. 41534	Poorbottom
Tommy Phillips	Kona, Ky. 41829	Seco
*Lester Boggs	Box 13, Seco, Ky. 41849	Seco
Gene Patton	Hunter, Ky.	Tackett's Fork
*Jerry N. Tackett	Box 005, Beaver, Ky. 41604	Tackett's Fork
Conley Tackett	P.O. Box 268, Virgie, Ky. 41572	Tackett's Fork

*Pastors

Ministers With Life Good Standing Cards

Arnold Noles	Neon, Ky. 41840	Hemphill
Patrick Whitaker	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Kelton Robinett	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
Vardney Bolling	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Daris Williams	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Caleb Holbrook	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Earl Breeding	Seco, Ky. 41849	Hemphill
Percy Elkins, Sr.	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Charles Gallion	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Jonah D. Wright	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Ersel McPeck	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
William Craford	Pound, Va. 25279	Payne Gap
George Adams, Jr.	Box 114, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Hemphill
Lloyd Addington	Pound, Va. 25279	Payne Gap

Ministers no longer with the Letcher County Delegate or Ministers Conference.

Logan Tucker	Herman Johnson	Joseph I. Tackett
John H. Coleman	Leroy Fields	James O. Elkins

Homer B. Johnson — **Clerk**
RR 2, Box 38A, Jenkins, Ky. 41537
Phone: 832-2344

Brother Homer Lee Mullins recommended the Arbitration Committee be appointed by the Quarterly Conference, not the Minister's Conference. After much discussion on this matter by Brother Herman Bates Jr., Brother Homer Lee Mullins, Brother Teddy Tackett, and Brother Clyde Damron, this matter was generally agreed by the ministers. The regular Quarterly Conference will be the controlling body of the Arbitration Committee.

Brother David I. Brewer made the motion to adjourn. Brother James N. Tackett seconded the motion. By vote the meeting was adjourned.

Moderator—Brother Herman Bates, Jr.
Acting Clerk—Brother Larry R. Jones

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator

Rev. William (Bill) Browning
507 Central Ave.
South Williamson, Ky. 41503

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtiss Wellman
Rev. Herbert Goff
Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick

Clerk

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

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert Varney
Rev. Benny Slone
Rev. Robey Kendrick

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Camp Jacob near Clintwood, Va.
Dickenson County Conference, September 10 and 11, 1993

The following ministers of our conference have gone on to be with the Lord:

Rev. Kernal Lawson Rev. Dempsy Adkins Rev. Frank Rich
Rev. John C. Hatfield Rev. William G. (Nuck) King Rev. Palmer Thompson

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
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	834 Hurricane Rd., 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 H. 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	780 A Knoll Rd., Shelbyana, Ky. 41562	Island Creek
Tom Carroll	465 Peach Orchard Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Barry Robinson	168 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Clarence Robinson	208 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Edward Burgess	Rt. 3, Box 87, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Simmie C. Adkins	5807 Nelson Dr., Newport, Mi. 48166	Owsley
Charles Delon Jones	Box 208, Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Dennis E. Stiltner	Kimper, Ky. 41529	Edo
Jackie Maynard	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Frank Bryant	208 Billy Compton Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Donnie R. Harris	Box 195, Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Island Creek
Emery H. Williamson	Stone, Ky. 41567	Belfry
Lonnie Francis	215 Yeager Dr., Williamson, W.Va. 25661	Leckieville
Phillip Damron	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Donnie Feltner	Box 488, Bent Br. Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Toler's Creek
Goble Zellar	Box 45, Regina, Ky. 41559	Unity
John Paul Smith	Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Burl Rogers	McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Clyde Bowman, Jr.	Box 296, McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Meathouse
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
Gary Thacker	Goody, Ky. 41529	Leckieville
Darrell Roberts	410 Upper Chloe Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek

T. J. Tackett	Virgie, Ky. 41572	Unity
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
Joe Coleman	119 Broadbottom Rd., Pikeville, Ky.	Trimble Chapel
Jamie L. Billiter	439 Upper Coon Cr. Rd., Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
Brad Williamson	Box 35, Huddy, Ky. 41535	Leckieville
Michael Dingess	Box 551, Matewan, W.Va. 25678	Bluespring
Larry Hubbard	463 Pigeon Roast Rd, Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Danny C. Reese	1624 Marrowbone Creek Rd., Elkhorn, Ky. 41522	Unity
Richard Watson	Box 229 Chattaroy, W.Va. 25667	Leckieville
Mike Riley	HC 65, Box 326, Regina, Ky. 41559	Greasy Creek
Ballard Yates	HC 76, Box 1546, Ransom, Ky. 41558	Bluespring
Bill Mosley	138 New Camp Rd., S. Williamson, Ky 41503	Leckieville
Adam Dotson	Box 361, Hardy, Ky. 41531	Leckieville

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

O. H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 100, Beech Bluff, Tenn.	Octavia
George Bickford	Rockhouse, Ky. 41561	Unity
Sid May	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
Phillip Bostic	Meta, Ky. 41501	Grassy
Buford Thacker	Shelbiana, Ky. 41562	Toler's Creek

Total number of ministers to receive good standing cards	68
Number of ministers with lifetime cards	5
Total number of ministers in Pike County Conference	73
Number of ministers deceased since last yearly meeting	6

Done by the order of the Pike County Minister's Conference this 27th day of August, 1993.

Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick, Moderator
Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney, Clerk

NEW DURHAM COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

New Durham Ministers Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Mt. Zion Church, Honaker, Virginia on August 5, 1993.

Moderator	Assistant Moderator	Clerk
Rev. Larrie Robinson Rt. 1, Box 451 Lebanon, Va. 24266	Rev. Giles Wilson Rt. A Council, Va. 24260	Brady Farmer Star Rt., Box 143 Rowe, Va. 24646

Ordaining Council
Rev. Larrie Robinson, Chairman
Rev. Edward Dye
Rev. Giles Wilson

Executive Committee
Brady Farmer, Chairman
Elbert Rasnake
Rev. Troy Harris
Bro. Ronnie Johnson
Rev. Kenneth Sproles

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Larrie Robinson	Rt. 1, Box 451, Lebanon, Va. 24266 880-1067	East Lebanon
Rev. Kenneth Sproles	2644 Watauga Rd., Abingdon, Va. 24210 628-1067	Strait Hollow
Rev. Clyde Stanford	P.O. Box 1860, Lebanon, Va. 24266 880-9024	East Lebanon
Rev. Willis Rasnake	Council, Va. 24260 859-0809	Mt. View
Rev. Sam Deskins	Rt. 2, Box 98, Honaker, Va. 24260 873-5814	Clinch View
Rev. Roy L. Wilson	Box 134, Bee, Va. 24217 859-2149	Mt. View
Rev. Avery Barton	Council, Va. 24260 859-2952	Drill Chapel
Rev. Troy Harris	Rt. 1, Box 157, Vansant, Va. 24646 859-2912	Fletcher's Ridge
Rev. Archie Hubbard	Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Drill Chapel

Committee on Life Time Cards

Name	Address
Rev. Clyde Stanford	Lebanon, Va.
Rev. Roy L. Wilson	Bee, Va.
Brother Ronnie Johnson	Council, Va.

Licensed Ministers

Name	Church
Brother Terry Mitchell	Drill Chapel

Ministers Holding Life Time Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Harley Dye	Rt. 2 Box 255-A, Harriman, Tenn. 37748	East Lebanon
Rev. Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va. 24631	Guiding Light
Rev. Gonan Kelley	Cleveland, Va. 24255	Clinch View
Rev. Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va. 24631	Guiding Light
Rev. Glenn Peck	Drill, Va.	Drill Chapel
Rev. Harry Whitaker	Dante, Va. 24237	Straight Hollow
Rev. Carson Walters	Lebanon, Va. 24266	Mt. Zion

Done by order of New Durham Ministers Conference on August 5, 1993.

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator's name and address

Robert Matney
4526 B Rt. 29
Galion, Ohio

Ordaining Council

Rev. Robert Matney
Rev. Harold D. Robinson
Rev. Clarence Hubbard

Clerk's name and address

Harold Robinson
7737 Hollywood Dr.
Florence, Ky.

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert Matney
Rev. Danny Cross
Rev. Harold D. Robinson

Conference meeting place:
 Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church
 Penntown, Ind.

Statistics
 No. of Churches 3
 Ordained Ministers 8
 Licensed Ministers 2

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Robert Matney	4526 B. Rt. 29, Galion, Oh.	Mt. Tabor
LeRoy Reed	7450 V, County Rd. 1110N, Greensburg, Ind.	Norristown
Harold D. Robinson	7737 Hollywood Dr., Florence Ky.	Pipe Creek
Danny Cross	2050 Robin Ave., Hamilton, Oh.	Pipe Creek
Clarence Hubbard	Rt. 7, Box 150, Greensburg, Ind.	Norristown
Clay Couch	103 Backus Dr., Alexandria, Ky.	Norristown
Charlie Maple		Norristown
Dewey Higdon		Norristown

Dismissed in prayer by Danny Cross.

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Dickenson County Ministers Conference was welcomed to Fremont Church by Brother Steve Smith on Thursday, July 22, 1993. Brother Roy Vanover lead the congregation in singing "Standing on the Promises." Scripture lesson read from Phillipions 2:1. Prayer was led by Brother Franklin Hall.

The congregation elected Brother Lee Rose as moderator. Brother Lee selected Brother Roy Vanover as his assistant, by the powers granted unto him by the body present.

Letters of ministers reporting by letter read and approved. Sixteen ministers reported by letter. There were 45 ministers; 41 deacons and visitors; 1 licensee present.

Officers elected for the coming year as follows: Ordaining Council: Brother Terry Price, Brother Franklin Hall, Brother Lester Mullins. Committee for Lifetime Cards: Brother Ralph Rasnick, Brother Jack Meade, Brother Freddy Boyd. Clerk: Brother Avery Carty.

Brother Terry Price came at 8:20 pm and spoke on Christian doctrine: giving, signs and miracles.

Meeting closed at 9:00 pm. Brother Randy Carter asked to join the ministers conference, voted on and approved.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church. Amount in the treasury is \$67.81. \$0.00 paid out last 3 months.

Ministers with Lifetime Cards

Boggs, Edison	P.O. Box 5, Pound, VA 24279	Davis Chapel
*Hartsock, J. T.	Castlewood, VA 24224	Bear Wallow
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	Frying Pan
Reedy, Clyde E.	Rt. 2, Madisonville, TN 37354	Peuthers Chapel
Rose, Gobel	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Stallard, I.T.	Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, VA 24279	Glady Fork
	(703) 796-4939	

Pastors marked by *

The Following Ministers To Receive Good Standing Cards (July, 1993)

NAME	ADDRESS	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, James E.	P.O. Box 361, Pound, VA 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
*Boyd, Freddy	Box 183, Clinchco, VA 24226 (703) 835-7030	Tarpon
*Cantrell, Robert	Rt. 2, Box 449, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-5560	Duncan Gap
Carter, Randall D.	P.O. Box 909, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-7448	Pyles Memorial
Carty, Avery R.	Rt. 2, Box 295, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-8475	Rachels Chapel
*Conley, Allen Gene	Rt. 1, Box 246, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-7054	Peuthers Chapel
Conley, Dallas	Rt. 1, Box 439, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Cook, Emory	P.O. Box 321, Dante, VA 24237	Phillips Chapel
Crabtree, Tennie B.	Rt. 4, Box 51, Clintwood, VA 24228	Georges Fork
Damron, Larry	Rt. 1, Box 26, Nora, VA 24272	Ramsey Ridge
Deel, Verlin, Jr.	Box 30, Birchleaf, VA 24220 (703) 835-9272	Lick Creek
Edwards, Eddie	P.O. Box 866, Clintwood, VA 24228	Fremont
*Fogleman, Jack	Rt. 2, Box 144, Coeburn, VA 24230	Rugsby
*Hale, Glynn	Castlewood, VA 24224	Mill Creek
*Hall, Franklin	Rt 2, Box 310-D, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8189	Pine Creek
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 85 C, 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 L.	Rt. 1, Box 37, Nora, VA 24272	Buffalo
Johnson, Jack	Box 1044, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Johnson, Duane L.	Rt. 1, Box 345, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuthers Chapel
Keith, Quinton A.	Rt. 2, 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, Nora, VA 24272	Light House
McKinney, Vester, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 345, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-9786	Middle Branch
*Meade, Jack W.	HC05, Box 410, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-6425	Meades Chapel
Meade, James D.	HC05, Box 409, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 395-5206	Meades Chapel
Moore, Delmon D.	Rt. 3, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6140	Pine Creek
Moore, James A.	P.O. Box 280, Clinchco, VA 24226 (703) 835-1389	Flemingtown
*Moore, Paul D.	P.O. Box 365, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4973	Georges Fork
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	Burk
*Mullins, David L.	Rt. 2, Box 118 C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Honey Camp
Mullins, Jack	Rt. 1, Box 268 A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Yates Chapel
Mullins, Jerry W.	4256 Buchman Rd. #21, Alexandria, VA 22309	Burk
Mullins, Johnnie	P.O. Box 1504, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8721	Yates Chapel
Mullins, Larry T.	8122 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309	Burk
*Mullins, Lester C.	Rt. 2, Box 331, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Mullins, Lewis V.	Rt. 3, Box 518, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4235	Honey Camp
Mullins, Mack	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8309	Duncan Gap
*Mullins, Paul E.	Rt. 2, Box 280, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-7076	Rachels Chapel
Mullins, Percy	Rt. 1, Box 395, Wise, VA 24293	Hubbard Chapel
*Mullins, Remire	Box 271, Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo
Mullins, Ricky D.	Rt. 2, Box 705, Wise, VA 24293 (703) 328-9234	Duncan Gap
*Mullins, Robert C.	Rt. 2, Box 176-X, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-4473	Gladly Fork
*Mullins, Roy A.	Rt. 2, Box 287-B, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8955	Honey Camp
Mullins, Ted	Rt. 2, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-9624	Rachels Chapel
Mullins, Wayne	Rt. 2, Box 423, Coeburn, VA 24230	Hubbard Chapel
*Mullins, Willie R.	General Delivery, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5546	Pyles Memorial
Neece, Oscar	Rt. 2, Box 31, Clintwood, VA 24228	Valley View
Phillips, Walt	Rt. 3, Box 229A, Castlewood, VA 24224 (703) 762-7350	Castlewood
Phipps, Clifford	Rt. 3, Box 547, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4246	Valley View
Phipps, Robert L.	Rt. 3, Box 546, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-4755	Valley View
Powers, Freddy	Rt. 2, Box 146, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5948	Pyles Memorial
*Price, Terry	Rt. 2, Box 392, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8285	Lick Fork
*Rasnick, Ralph R.	Box 15, Norton, VA 24273 (703) 679-3275	Phillips Chapel
Ratliff, Esley	Rt. 2, Box 3AA, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8917	Pine Creek
Reedy, Donald R.	Rt. 1, Box 150, Dante, VA 24237 (703) 495-1704	Ramsey Ridge

Reynolds, Howard	Box 67, Swords Creek, VA 24649 (703) 873-5011	Castlewood
Robinson, Jerry W.	Rt. 3, Box 399B, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-8730	Pine Creek
Robinson, Lester	Rt. 2, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5370	Ferbie Chapel
Robinson, Nyal B.	Box 46, Pound, VA 24279	Ferbie Chapel
*Roop, Clyde E.	Box 574, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-7388	Lone Pine
*Rose, Carl	Rt. 1, Clinchco, VA 24226	Counts Chapel
Rose, Elva	Rt. 2, Box 245, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 835-8439	Rachels Chapel
Rose, Harlan Lee	Rt. 2, Box 21 B, Culpeper, VA 22701 (703) 835-0240	Clinchco
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. 1, Box 134A, Meadowview, VA 24361 (703) 944-4259	Ferbie Chapel
Slemp, Tom	Rt. 2, Box 425, Coeburn, VA 24230 (703) 926-8530	Davis Chapel
*Sluss, Danny	Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, VA 24256	Splashdam
*Sluss, Joe Glenn	Rt. 1, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-9774	Peuthers Chapel
*Smith, Steve	Rt. 3, Box 417, Clintwood, VA 24228	Flemingtown
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, James G.	Rt. 3, Box 576 C, Clintwood, VA 24228	Pine Creek
*Stanley, Nolan N.	Rt. 1, Box 714, Pound, VA 24279	Hubbard Chapel
*Steele, Joseph P.	Rt. 1, Box 209, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 835-8105	Valley View
*Strouth, Manie W.	Box 958, Pound, VA 24279 (703) 796-5084	Pine Creek
Sutherland, Eulis L.	Rt. 3, Box 336A, Clintwood, VA 24228	Buffalo
*Sturgill, Eddie	P.O. Box 1141, Wise, VA 24293 (703) 328-6535	Ferbie Chapel
*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	P.O. Box 1616, Clintwood, VA 24228	Peuthers 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 243, Clintwood, VA 24228 (703) 926-6388	Flemingtown
*Willis, Billy D.	Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, VA 24256 (703) 865-4453	Splashdam

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE CONTINUED

Brother Tommy England made a motion, seconded by Brother Siebert Hillman, to accept the letters as read.

Being no further business, Brother Clyde Stanford made a motion seconded by Brother Robey Kendrick to adjourn from business until next year unless called together for a special meeting by the moderator.

The moderator called Sister Betty Price to sing. She sang "I Was Born To Serve The Lord."

Rev. Lester Horton came forward and read Hebrews 12:1-4, Jer. 1:4-8 and Jer. 20:7-9. He brought a good message on "Some things that keep Christians going," and brought a very spiritual message. The congregation sang "This World is Not My Home." Dismissal was called by Brother Raymond McCarty.

OBITUARIES



Bonnett Stanley

In loving memory of our loved one, Bonnett Stanley. Bonnett was born on December 21, 1939. Bonnett went to be with the Lord on May 29, 1993, making her stay here 53 yrs., 5 mos. and 8 days. Bonnett was the daughter of Charlie and Alpha Rose Stanley. On March 14, 1958 she married Preston Stanley and to this union was born two sons, Gregory and Preston Scott. She is survived by three grandchildren: Amber, Mitchell and Bradley Stanley. She is also survived by three sisters: Ruth Quesenberry, Marie Hensley, and Juanita Fuller;

one brother: Frank Stanley.

She was a member of Yates Chapel Church and a member of the Fellowship Quartet.

Bonnett worked and served the Lord for over 36 years. Although cancer was devouring her body, she continued singing for the Lord until about six weeks before God called her home. She leaves a host of family and friends to mourn. Our loss is Heaven's gain. So sleep on dear sister until we meet again.

—Written by sister-in-law, Faye Stanley



Reverend Lester Hampton

JESUS CALLED AND LESTER ANSWERED. Lester Hampton was born June 19, 1930 at Eolia, Kentucky and died October 1, 1992 at Holston Valley Hospital in Kingsport, Tennessee at 62 years of age. He was the son of Worley and Vonda Hampton.

Lester was converted February 6, 1967 and was called to preach the gospel two years later. He was a member of Pyles Memorial Church where he was pastor for 19 years. He was a disabled U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict, and received the Purple Heart Award for service beyond the call of duty. He served his country and his Father well. He was a wonderful husband and a good father to his children.

He leaves to mourn his passing a loving wife Lois Hampton; one son Johnny L. Hampton of Pound, VA; one daughter Patti Sowards of Dobson, N.C.; four grandchildren: Rebecca Martin, Monica Sowards, David Wayne Sowards, and John Hampton, Jr. He also leaves four sisters and one brother.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Written by his loving wife, Lois Hampton

Death beckoned him with
outstretched hand,
And whispered softly of an
unknown land.
But he was not afraid to go,
He took death's hand without a fear.
For the God who softly brought him
here,

Had promised He would lead the
way
Into eternity's bright day.
For none of us need go alone,
Into the valley that's unknown.
For guided by our Father's hand,
We journey to the Promised Land.



J. D. Dixon

In loving memory of my husband, J. D. Dixon. He was born October 23, 1920 and departed this life December 5, 1991 in Norton Community Hospital at the age of 71 years.

He was a member of Valley View Freewill Baptist Church in Clintwood, Va. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired coal miner and a member of U.M.W.A. Local Union 6354.

Survivors include his wife Ada Dixon, six children and five step children.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. He is sadly missed.

—By his wife Ada Dixon



Reverend Joe Johnson

In memory of our loving and precious Daddy. He was the son of the late Rufus Wade and Martha Lambert Johnson. He was born July 5, 1914, at Debusk, the youngest of ten children. All have preceded him in death. He went home to be with the Lord January 9, 1993, making his stay on Earth 78 years, 6 months and 4 days.

On November 8, 1941, he was united in marriage to Beulah Silcox, and to this marriage were born thirteen children. There were nine sons: Archie, Jerry, Buddy, Ronnie, Jack, Gray, and Dennie; and four daughters: Louise, Cannon, Reba, Linda, and Betty. Two sons Bobby and Jimmy preceded him in death.

In February 1952, Daddy gave his life to Jesus Christ and served our Lord faithfully since that time. He entered the ministry June 1, 1953. He was ordained as a Freewill Baptist Minister July 24, 1954, and became a deacon at Fremont Freewill Baptist Church. Since that time he has pastored many churches throughout this area. He was a member of the John Thomas Association and served and chaired on many committees. He served on the Ordaining Council for many years. As an elder minister of this association, he assisted young ministers as they started on their journey.

He was a member of the Middle Branch Freewill Baptist Church and pastor there for thirty-nine years.

He was a retired coal miner and a member of UMWA Local #1256. He served as chaplain of this local for several years. He was a member of Coeburn Masonic Lodge #97.

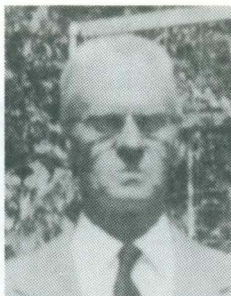
He has touched so many lives, too numerous to mention. Our Lord gave him many years of serving Him and he used every minute of his life ministering to those who needed him.

Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Brenda and Glenda live at home.

He was loved dearly and will be missed by all who knew him.

Jesus called and Daddy answered; he's gone home with Him to stay. Some glad day we will meet him there. Won't that be a happy day!

—Written by: The family



Troy L. Salyers, Sr.

Troy was born June 28, 1901, and passed away December 23, 1970 of an apparent heart attack. He was 69 years old.

He had been a Christian for many years and a member of Rugby Freewill Baptist Church. He loved the Lord and whenever possible he went to revivals, to the conference meetings and to church on Sundays. We often had church in our home with Brother Joe Johnson and Brother Enoch Rose as well as Brother Ben Powers and Brother Wade Powers. He was a good husband and dad, our hearts were left broken, but not without hope. We miss you now, our hearts are sad. As time goes by we miss you more, your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant place. We feel you will be waiting for us.

Surviving is his wife Ada Salyers; three sons: Troy L. Salyers, Jr., Paul Salyers, and Fred Salyers; three daughters: Marie Hileman, Tina Hicks, and Mary Mays; grandchildren and many friends.

—Written by his daughter, Marie Hileman



Sharon E. Reedy Smith

Sharon was born October 27, 1949 and passed away February 1, 1980. She was 30 years old. She was baptized and belonged to Mills Chapel Freewill Baptist Church and was a faithful Christian until her death. She didn't get to stay long with us but touched the lives of many people as she passed through this old world and was loved by all who knew her. While she was so very ill, she never complained, always smiled and said she was fine when asked how she was.

We know we will see you again, we loved you but God loved you more. We know that where you are there will be no cancer or sad good-byes.

She leaves behind her husband Letcher C. Smith, two little girls Dianne and Robin Smith, her mother and stepfather Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hileman and one brother Robert E. Lee and one sister Judy Salyers.

Sharon was the granddaughter of Troy L. Salyers, Sr.

—Written by her mother with much love, Marie Hileman



Finis Emory McCoy

Finis Emory McCoy, age 72, died October 26, 1989 in the Norton Community Hospital. He was born February 24, 1917 at Leck, Va. in Dickenson County, the son of James N. McCoy and Sylvia Vance McCoy.

Finis attended Meade's Chapel Church at Sandy Ridge, Va. and the Old Regular Baptist Church at Flat Gap, Va. He was a faithful Christian for thirty-five years.

He worked in the educational system for forty-four years. During his career, he worked in Dickenson, Wise, and Lee Counties, was a member of the Virginia Education Association and a member of the Wise, Dickenson, and Lee County

Educational Associations, a member of the Coeburn Lions Club, and a member of the Masonic Order.

Finis was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Worley and Delandis (Dee) McCoy; two sisters, Orie B. Hayes and Helen Rose. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Richardson McCoy; two sons, James L. McCoy and Charles Dudley McCoy; one daughter, Ann Barrett; and three grandchildren.

—In loving memory, his wife, children and grandchildren



Reverend Kermel Ray Lawson

In loving memory, we will try to write the obituary of our loving husband and father, Kermel Ray Lawson who God called home, June 7, 1993. He was born December 24, 1944 to Robert and Vera Coleman Lawson. He was united in marriage March 13, 1965 to Betty Adkins Lawson. To this union God blessed three children, Keith, Kim and Doug.

He gave his heart to God in 1974 and became an ordained minister in 1979.

He was a coal miner and as the years passed it took its toll on his body. His sickness kept his body bound, but God blessed his spirit and soul. He loved and enjoyed working for God.

He leaves behind a loving mother, eight brothers and sisters and a host of friends. We miss him so much, but our loss is heaven's gain. He's gone away with a friend.

—Written by his wife, Betty Lawson



Andrew Gibson

It is with a heavy heart that I write this obituary for my beloved husband, Andrew Gibson. Jesus called him home on April 17, 1993, after a long illness at home and in the Methodist Hospital, while I was with him, as I had been for 55 years.

He was born March 2, 1910, a son of the late James and Alma Akers Gibson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Hager. He has left to mourn his death, his wife Lue Vicie who loved and cared for him for many years; one daughter, Alpha Hamilton of Rt. 5, Pikeville; two

sons: James E. Gibson of Manassas, Va. and Homer Gibson of Pikeville, Ky.; also ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Owsley Freewill Baptist Church. He was baptised May 12, 1983 and was ordained a deacon on August 12, 1989. He loved to attend the church. He was a retired meter reader for Ashland Oil. He never met a stranger and always had a smile on his face and love in his heart. His passing has left a place that can never be filled. His memory lives on in the hearts of his family and his brothers and sisters in the church. Our loss is Heaven's gain til we meet again; rest in peace, you so deserve. He loved to sing. His favorite song was "Come and See Me In My New Home."

—Written by his wife who loved and cared for him, Lue Vicie



Jimmie Coleman

With the help of the God Almighty, we will try to write the obituary of my dear husband and our daddy. Jimmie Coleman, age 73, went to be with the Lord on Monday, November 9, 1992. He was born in Pike County on February 26, 1919 to the late Jimmie and Parasade (Rowe) Coleman Blankenship. He was a retired mine foreman and a member of the Unity Freewill Baptist Church at Rockhouse, Ky. Jimmie loved his church life and brothers and sisters in Christ so much.

He was preceded by his stepfather, Harrison Blankenship. He is survived by his wife, Mae (Green) Coleman; five sons: Keith and Danny Coleman of Venters, Reverend Ronald Coleman, pastor of the Unity Freewill Baptist Church at Rockhouse, Ky., Larry Coleman of Raccoon, Ky., and Rev. Darrell Coleman of Elkhorn Creek; two daughters: Joyce Frasure of Rockhouse and Carol Tabor of Pikeville, Ky.; two brothers: Palmer and Greg Coleman of Rockhouse, Ky.; also fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and relatives who miss him so much. His memory will always remain in the hearts and minds of everyone that knew him. It was easy for anyone to see the light of Jesus in his face. We cannot begin to describe the loneliness we all feel without Jimmie in our lives, but we will remember and miss his sweet smile, the laughter and fun we all shared and hearing him whistle and sing as he worked around the house and garden. Daddy, you were always there for us when we needed you and we know you were a special blessing from the Lord. So Jimmie, we are parted now in this life but we will live eternally together someday.

—Written in loving memory by his family



Anthony Thompson

In loving memory of Anthony Thompson of Raccoon, Ky. He was born December 12, 1899 and passed away March 26, 1993 at the age of 93. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Anna Charles Thompson on December 18, 1986. They both were charter members of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church at Raccoon, Ky.

He is survived by one son, Verl Thompson and three daughters, Lola McQuire, Matilda Staines, and Marie Coyer.

We, the children were truly blessed to have Dad and Mom as parents. They loved and trusted the blood of Christ alone to save, and tried daily to point us in that direction.



Gale Coleman

In loving and tearful memory of my wife, and our mother, Gale Coleman. She was born August 22, 1942 to Curtis May, deceased and Verna Sanders May of Rockhouse.

She was united in marriage to Clifford Delone Coleman, on February 27, 1960. Born of this marriage were two children: Michael Delone Coleman and Cathy Coleman; one daughter-in-law Mary Coleman and one son-in-law Gregory Kiser; three beautiful grandsons, Michael Delone Coleman II, Joshua Ryan Coleman and Justin

Gregory Kiser. She is also survived by one brother, Roger Dale May and one sister, Glenda Clevenger.

Gale devoted her entire life to her family. She stayed home with her two children and made us feel loved. She always held a very special place in her heart for those in need. Her home was always open to her family and friends.

She was a member of the Unity Freewill Baptist Church of Rockhouse for eight and one half years and also a member of the ladies auxiliary.

After a short illness, Gale was taken from us on March 3, 1993, in her home. The only way we know to deal with our grief is to think of her praising the Lord in her new Heavenly home. Our hope is we will meet her in Heaven someday. We love her and she will always hold a special place in our hearts.

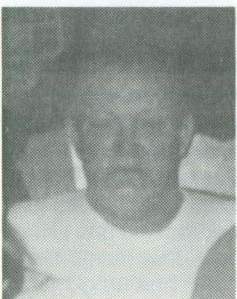
—Written by Clifford and Mike Coleman and Cathy Kiser.



Avery Scott

In loving memory of our dad, Avery Scott, passed away August 29, 1992. Dad, now you can rest in peace, because you are gone to sleep in the arms of our Lord. I know you are in a much better place, than here on this earth. Time changes things, but there is one thing that will never change; that is my love for you. I pray every night that I will meet you in Heaven someday; though you are gone you are not forgotten.

—With all our love, Brenda, Steve, Suzie, Kay and your brothers and sisters, we all miss you so much



Clyde Bowman Sr.

In loving memory of Clyde Bowman Sr., McAndrews, Ky., who was born June 3, 1933. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Octavia Freewill Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Ruby Bowman; five sons: Clyde Jr., Danny, Larry, Earsel Lee of McAndrews, Ky. and Kenny Bowman of Magnolia, Ky.; and one daughter, Diana Sellards of McAndrews; and eleven grandchildren, several brothers and sisters, and a host of friends who loved and miss him very much. We can truly say that our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Written by Clyde Jr. and Lois Bowman



Palmer Thompson

Palmer Thompson, 80, passed away March 16, 1993, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital in the arms of Jesus.

He was a member and minister of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church for 23 years. He was the son of the late Garland C. and Zettie M. Thompson. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Pamala Thompson, and one son, Larry Thompson.

He leaves behind one daughter, Connie Sue Charles, and one son, Palmer Dwight Thompson, seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren who love and miss their father and grandfather.

He is loved by a host of friends and loved ones. The people of the church are saddened by his passing and were truly a family to him.

He went home to be with Jesus.

Still praising God's word.

Sorrow has filled our hearts.

Oh how we miss his beautiful smile.

He went to heaven to wait for us.

Where we can go when God calls us home.

A loving husband, a father, a friend to all.

Oh how safe we all felt when he was here.

Many years he lived for Jesus and so faithful and true.

Someday we will be together again never to part anymore.

—Written by his wife Poshia Thompson of 41 years
who loves and misses him greatly



Reverend Frank Rich

With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of a brother in Christ. Rev. Frank Rich, born Sept. 21, 1918, in Pike County, Ky. Frank died at home Dec. 26, 1992. He was on the Earth 74 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Ethel Robinson Rich. Frank is survived by his wife Myrtle Brewer Rich, of Pikeville; two sons, Timothy L. Rich and James F. Rich of Pikeville; four daughters: Pamela Ann King of Pikeville, Ethel Louise Rich of Mesa, Ariz., Rhynettia Kay Martin of Harrisville, Mich., and Donna

Sue Martin of Greenbush, Mich. Our brother in Christ was given 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Rev. Frank Rich was a retired Pikeville city worker, and veteran of World War II. A member of Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church, a Christian for 40 years, a minister for 38 years, he attended church and the conference as long as his health permitted. We feel that our loss is Frank's gain.

—Written by Darrell Roberts



Denver Robinson

With much sadness and sorrow I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Denver Robinson, who died July 23, 1990. Born Aug. 12, 1911. He had a long illness and suffered much, but he never complained. He was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church and he went to church as long as he was able. We had seven children, 5 girls and 2 boys: Faye Frye, Janey Coleman, Dolly Coleman, Patricia Hylton, and Debbie Coleman, all of Pike Co.; Donald Robinson of Lodi, Ohio and James Robinson of Columbia Station, Ohio. He also had twenty-six grandchildren and thirty great grandchildren. We had a good life together and loved each other and he loved his children dearly. We all miss him very much. With God's help we can meet him again.

Sleep on dear husband and father. We will meet you in the sweet by and by.

—Written by his loving wife and children



James Allen (Alley Buck) Charles

James Allen (Alley Buck) Charles was born April 25, 1896. He was the son of Fredrick Charles and Margaret (Aunt Peg) Thompson Charles. He was born and lived his entire life at Raccoon, Ky. He was a retired miner and a veteran of World War I. He died August 19, 1992.

Allen was first married to Effie Scott. To this union were born four children. Hearold preceded Allen in death. He was survived by two sons, Glen Charles and J. B. Charles, both of Zebulon; and one daughter, Mrs. Dave (Laura Elizabeth) Newsome of Open Fork-Meta.

After Effie's death in 1941, James Allen married Emma Coleman of Raccoon, who survives. They were married for over forty years.

Allen was a faithful member of Grassy Freewill Baptist Church. He drove to church for many years. After he was unable to drive, he rode the church bus. The front pew seems empty with his absence.

—Written by the family



Mark Dempsey Adkins

Mark Dempsey Adkins of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, April 14, 1993, in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, at the age of 72.

He was born in Pike County, February 28, 1921, to the late Rob and Lori Ratliff Adkins. He was the husband of Bertha Wallace Adkins, who survives him. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America and a minister at the Unity Freewill Baptist Church for many years.

In addition to his wife, Dempsey is survived by the following: one brother Ermil Adkins of Elkhorn City; and two sisters, Lacie Damron of Akron, Ohio, and Easter Hull of Elkhorn City.

Also included among Dempsey's survivors are a number of other beloved relatives and a host of friends who will regretfully mourn his passing.



Mae Adkins Hill Hylton

With God's help we will try to write a few words about our wonderful mother Mae Hylton. She was born Mae Adkins on May 5, 1913, to Sherman (King) & Elizabeth (Sis) Adkins on Greasy Creek of Pike County, Ky.

She married Elza Hill of Rockhouse, Ky. on October 13, 1927. Together they had 5 children: Geneva, Ruben, Eva, Leroy, and Bud Ray. Elza died as the result of a car accident, Sept. 11, 1939; he was not quite 31 years old and sorely missed.

Those were difficult years for our Mom, struggling to raise five children alone, before the days of government assistance, but with her determined hard work and the loving assistance of her family and her neighbors, she made do, and always managed to provide plenty of love and laughter for her children.

On May 8, 1943, she remarried a fine hard working man named Jim Hylton and together they provided for her first five children and the six more born to their union: Ray Dean, Eloise, Cloutine, Kermeal Dean, Lorean, and Nella Jean.

On Oct 11, 1949, they suffered the loss of their little Cloutine. She was not quite two years old, having been born Jan. 29, 1948.

Both Mae and Jim were baptized early in 1950 by Clarence Bailey. And for the rest of their lives they were faithful members of the Rockhouse Unity Freewill Baptist Church.

Jim died on July 23, 1985, but we were blessed with the presence of our Mother for eight more years. She left for her heavenly home the morning of her 80th birthday, May 5, 1993, surrounded by family and friends.

Mom was a wonderful homemaker; her hands were always busy making things. She was a member of the Ladies Auxilliary, and at one time was the Sunday School Treasurer. She really was the "virtuous woman" of Proverbs 31 and will be missed by many.

Left to mourn her loss are her five sons and five daughters. She is remembered with much love by her sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, twenty-nine grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, one sister, one brother, two half-sisters and two half-brothers. She will also be missed by her brothers and sisters in Christ and a host of neighbors and friends.

—Written by family members who love her and miss her greatly



Pearlle Spears

In loving memory of Pearlle Spears, who was born on September 16, 1924 to the late George and Letha Stevens. She went home to be with the Lord on June 7, 1993 at 68 years of age.

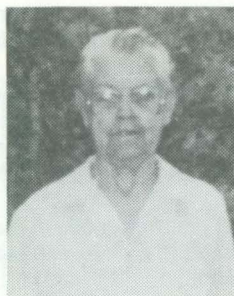
Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Elvie F. Spears; two daughters, Ruby Newman and Shirley Adkins; and two sons, Roy Spears and Larry Spears; all of Harold, Kentucky; plus 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. She also had seven brothers and sisters: David Stevens of Michigan who preceded her in death in

October, 1986; Milford Stevens of Harold, Ky.; Donald Stevens of Michigan; Burtley Stevens of Michigan; Goldie Spears of Michigan; Josie Lenze of Ohio; and Myrtle Anderson of West Virginia.

Pearlie was loved by many because of her love toward others. To come to her home was to be made welcome. Visiting relatives, brothers and sisters in the church, sons- and daughters-in-law all felt it as they were graciously received in her home. Though other mothers may be loved as much as Pearlie, no one has been loved more.

Pearlie was a charter member of the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church which was so much a part of her life. As a mother in the Church, her quiet and firm faith was a light to so many. She loved to go to church. Even in sickness she missed few services. When she could attend no longer, she would ask for prayer, and because of her great faith you could see the peace that came over her as the prayers went up. Because she is there, Heaven shines brighter in our hearts than ever before. Her desire for each of her many loved ones is to meet them there.

See you there, Pearlie.



Letha Stevens

In loving memory of Letha Stevens, who was born on March 12, 1908, to the late George and Flora Howell Justice. She went home to be with the Lord on March 15, 1993, at 85 years of age.

She was the wife of the late George Jasper Stevens who preceded her in death on April 20, 1970. She was a mother to eight children: David Stevens of Michigan who preceded her in death in October, 1986; Milford Stevens of Harold, Ky.; Donald Stevens of Michigan; Burtley Stevens of Michigan; Pearlie Spears of Harold,

Ky.; Goldie Spears of Michigan; Josie Lenze of Ohio; and Myrtle Anderson of West Virginia.

She had six brothers: David L. Justice and Joe Justice of Ousley, Ky.; Hi Justice of W.Va.; Steve Justice of Va.; Jeff Justice of Michigan; and Troy Smith of Ohio; and four sisters: Cora Lynch and Marjorie Lynch of Betsy Layne; Lorain Beech of Pikeville, Ky.; and Edna Clark of Michigan. She also is survived by 22 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Letha meant so much to so many, her care and generosity touching all those around her. So many have memories of the hospitality of her table at any time visitors arrived; including grandchildren who after traveling all night from Michigan found a hearty breakfast on the table when they arrived.

This care and so much more was bestowed upon the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church of which she was a charter member along with George. As a deacon's wife and treasurer, she saw the church through its early years and for so many years even after the death of her husband. So many times she walked out of the hollow to clean and care for the church which meant so much to her. Sometimes this meant two trips on a Sunday morning, as she would go early to turn on the heat and return home to cook dinner before church. This care and concern continued even to the end, long after she no longer had the physical ability to continue.

As I read this this morning, I am grateful to know that even as she is so sorely missed by many she has gone to claim her reward in Heaven and will so sweetly greet her loved ones there.



Oliver R. Taylor

Oliver Taylor, of Raccoon, Ky., passed away August 22, 1992 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was sixty-two years old.

Oliver was born Feb. 6, 1930, in Pike County, Ky. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest Taylor and Samantha Pinson Robinette.

Oliver was a disabled coal miner and member of the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church. He was baptized into the church May 3, 1959.

He is survived by his wife, Emogene Maynard Taylor of Raccoon, his son Tim Taylor of Raccoon, his daughter Linda Stratton of Raccoon, and three grandchildren.

—By his wife, Emogene Taylor



Pinkie Smith May

Most people consider obituaries to be news of sadness and loss — for it truly — is truly with sadness and loss when we think of our mother who died in March. But by faith in the word of God and in the testimony of a Christian wife and mother, we try to look beyond this veil of mortality and we try to comfort ourselves with the knowledge that she is in a better land and is at rest with her Creator.

Now for the first time in more than a decade, our mother is able to breathe freely and deeply and never again to remember what it was like to smother when her earthly body was unable to produce its much needed oxygen.

Our mother, Pinkie Smith May, died at 11 p.m. on March 8, 1993, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

A Pike County native, she was born a daughter of the late Floyd and Annie Hess Smith on September 2, 1927.

She was a housewife and a former practical nurse at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She was a member of the Edo Freewill Baptist Church at Kimper, where she was a deaconess.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Ira Norman in 1947; one brother, Noah Smith; and one sister, Ora Hunt.

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, James Joe May; three sons, Joe Willis May of London, Ky., Donnie R. May of Kimper and Terry L. May of McVeigh; two daughters, Billie Norman Deskins of Meta and Betty J. McGuire of Kimper; three brothers, Elcanie Smith, Emzy Smith and Charlie Smith, all of Kimper; one sister, Catherine Coleman of Kimper; four granddaughters; one great-grandson; five step-grandchildren; and four step-great grandchildren.



Lula Stewart

Born April 28, 1910, and passed away October 8th, 1992. A very God-fearing wife and mother, Lula Stewart was a Christian for 63 years. She was one of the founders of the new Pipe Creek Freewill Baptist Church. She was retired from National Distillers Products Co., in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was an active member of Enid Chapter No. 153 Order of the Eastern Star.

Very sadly missed by her loving husband, Marion Stewart, whom she married on May 8th, 1928. Asleep in Jesus, but never out of the mind of her loved ones on this earth. She had four sons: Reverend Floyd Stewart, Leslie Stewart, Levi Stewart, and Jarman Stewart; and one daughter, Frances Davidson.

*Oh just once more to go to church again
As in the old times, when I sat with you
With you our life was young, and memory was new
So many years between then and now
So many faces gone beyond our view
Oh just once more to go to church again
As in the old times when I sat with you*

—Written by her husband, Marion Stewart



Gracie Spurlock

In loving memory of my wife and mother of two children. Gracie Spurlock, age 54, was born December 15th, 1938 and taken to rest May 9th, 1993.

The daughter of Henry and Ann Grimes, she was married to A.C. Spurlock on December 14th, 1954. She leaves her husband A.C.; one daughter, Anna Terrill; one son, Charles Spurlock; five grandchildren; five sisters; and three brothers. One brother preceded her in death.

She was a member of Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church. She worked at Margaret Mary Hospital in the nursery for thirty years. She was indeed mother to hundreds of children, and was called to be with Jesus and His children on Mother's Day this year. She is greatly missed by her family, friends and loved ones, and will never be out of our hearts.

—Her Family

Grandma, Why Did You Have To Leave Me?

As I lie crying on my bed, Memories of you run through my head.

I remember the times you said you loved me and everything will be all right.

I remember the times we would play in the sand,

I remember the times you would hold my hand.

Grandma, Why did you have to leave me?

I remember the times you wiped my tears, for every broken heart over the years.

I remember the times we would laugh together, and you would say "I will leave you never."

Grandma, why did you have to leave me?

You knew me better than anyone did.

While I was growing up, especially when I was a kid.
 As I lie here thinking of all the great times, and arranging them into little rhymes.
 Why did God have to take you from me? Why did it happen to me now?
 I'll always remember the love we shared together, and
 Grandma, I'll remember you now and forever.

—Written by her granddaughter, Georgette, age 16



Elijah E. Davidson

In loving memory I write the passing of Elijah E. Davidson, my husband and friend of 42 years, and the father of our three children: Wanda L. Davidson Bledsoe, Warren G. Davidson, and Wilma J. Davidson Wilson; and nine grandchildren and many friends and loved ones, who all are saddened and mourn the loss of his passing. He was the son of Floyd Davidson and Matilda Spurlock Davidson, who preceded him in death and he was next to the youngest of nine children. He leaves one surviving sister, Emily Davidson Spurlock. He was born

June 11, 1919 at Bear Branch, Ky. He passed away January 26, 1993 at his home in Milan, IN after a lingering illness.

He was a deacon and faithful member of Pipecreek Freewill Baptist Church of Penntown, IN. Elijah had a dream of a new church so all of God's children would have a better place to worship. Elijah put all his heart into seeing his dream. "We thank and praise the Lord for the Church and the time we had with Elijah E. Davidson."

—In loving memory, written by his wife, Hazel Childs Davidson



Carmie Combs

In loving memory of our precious mother, Carmie Combs, who was born Jan. 1909. She went to sleep in Jesus Jan. 12, 1993. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tolbert Combs, two daughters Dolly and Rita, and two sons, Earnest and Billy. She leaves behind to mourn her passing seven children, thirteen grandchildren, one great grandchild, and many friends and neighbors. She was a member of Combs Ridge Church for many years.

Our Angel

We always had an angel
 That made us brave and bold
 She was with us in our childhood ...
 And didn't leave us once.

Our Angel loved to grow flowers
 And if you wouldn't think it was unfair,
 Could you give her a corner of
 Heaven ...
 So she can grow some flowers there?

The memory of our Angel is with us
 Although she's no longer here,
 And we are not mad or bitter ...
 For she's free from pain and tears.

All the good things that she taught us
 We could never learn from another;
 Our Angel made us what we are
 today ...
 For that Angel ... was our ... "Mother."

—Daughter Betty



Clint Castle

Clint (Bill) Castle was born in Scott County, Va. to the late Lucy and Henry Castle, and was a retired coal miner. He died June 29, 1993. He is survived by his wife, Kate Castle; two sons, Carl Sr. and Billy Castle; two daughters, Phyllis Wallace and Betty Castle; 7 grandchildren; and 4 great grandchildren. He spent a lot of time reading and studying the Bible and was helpful to a lot of young Christians.

He was our loving father in life and our brother in the Lord and was much loved by everyone who knew him. Most important he was always a faithful servant of the Lord. A friend, Mary McCowen wrote of him:

*Family and friends don't worry,
Be ready when the Master calls,
Pa Bill will be in Heaven waiting,
His outstretched arms will welcome all.*



Claude Cecil Nichols

In loving memory of our dear beloved husband and father, Claude Cecil Nichols. He was born October 31, 1913 and died June 29, 1993 making his stay here on Earth 79 years, 8 months and 29 days. He was the son of the late William B. and Ida Looney Nichols. He leaves behind to mourn his passing his wife, Ruth Montgomery Nichols; three daughters, Peggy McConahvey, Ann Short, and Alice Porter; three sons, Robert, Bill, and Cecil Nichols; nine grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Guiding Light Freewill Baptist Church at Mavisdale, a retired coal miner, a member of the United Mine Workers of America Local 6843, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He loved to go to church and rejoiced in the Lord. He always had a sweet smile for everyone he met. He loved his friends and sisters and brothers in Christ. He loved the true gospel and good singing.

Sleep on and enjoy the blessed rest which you worked so many years to obtain. We love you and miss you and are looking forward to meeting you again someday.

—Your loving wife and children
Ruth, Peggy, Ann, Alice, Robert, Bill and Cecil Nichols



Ricky Cole Wilson

In loving memory of our son, I will try to write the obituary of our son Ricky Cole Wilson. He was born November 6, 1962 and died September 9, 1992. He was a member, deacon, and Sunday School Superintendent at Mount View Freewill Baptist Church at Combs Ridge.

He was employed as a shuttle car operator by the Coke Raven Coal Company near Keene Mountain, Va., where he got killed. Survivors were his wife, Anita Karen Cook Wilson, daughter Natasha Colett Wilson, and his

son Ricky Nathan Wilson. Also surviving are his parents, Rev. Giles and Mae Tiller Wilson, brothers Richard, David and Dexter Wilson, one sister Linda Harris, all of Council, Va.

He got saved and was baptized by his dad and Rev. Donald Sullivan. He always filled his place in church. He worked for the Lord and his family, and would do anything he could to help the people and he loved everybody. Our son never worried us as he was growing up. He would listen to us and never got out and drank and worried us.

Son, you are missed so much by all of us. Your family and friends in the community miss you. I know Jesus is taking good care of you. We have heard you testify of going to Heaven and what a pretty place it will be. Son, there is no other that can fill your place in our hearts, for you were always special to us.

Thank God we had you 29 years with us. We miss you, but we feel you are at rest and our loss is Heaven's gain. I know God will give us the strength to go on to someday see you in Heaven. There is an emptiness in our hearts for the loss of you.

Dear God, you picked a special flower when you took our son away, but we know he is happy with you. I know if he could tell all of us, he would say "I have kept the faith and praise God, Victory is mine, for we shall meet again." You always meant so much to us all.

We Love You, Son.

—Written by: Mom and Dad, Mae & Giles Wilson

Charlie D. Robinson



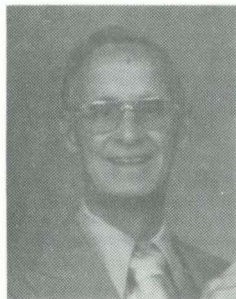
Charlie D. Robinson was born in Clinchfield, Va. on March 23, 1922, the son of the late Albert C. and Mary S. Robinson. He passed from this life on March 16, 1993, making his stay on Earth 70 years, 11 months, and 25 days. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha Justice Robinson; two sons: Charles A. Robinson, Jr. and Rev. Harold D. Robinson; three daughters: Billie I. Erickson, Ruth A. Wolfe, and Wanda L. Varney; three brothers: G.J. (Cotton) Robinson, Rev. Barry E. (Cornbread) Robinson, and Rev. Clarence Robinson; two sisters: Spicy Cole and Gaynell Compton.

Dad was a member of the Fowler Creek Freewill Baptist Church in Independence, Ky. He leaves behind many brothers and sisters in Christ. We will look for him again in Heaven some day.

—Written by his son, Rev. Harold D. Robinson

Reverend Darwin Mullins



It is in sweet memory and with the guidance of our Heavenly Father, we write of a loving Christian father and husband. We feel so rich knowing for a fact we had such a wonderful, honest and considerate person as head of our home. We loved and cherished him so very much.

Darwin Mullins was born to J.C. Mullins and Delphia Mullins on July 12, 1914, in Pound, Va.. He went home to be with Jesus on April 8, 1990.

Darwin left his wife of fifty-seven years, Ota Mullins; seven sons: Royce, Lennis, Ellis, J.C., Clifford, Ronald

and Michael; and five daughters: Joyce, Loretta, Yvonne, and Kathy. Madonna preceded him in death; a host of friends too many to list, also mourn his passing.

Darwin was called to preach the word of God forty-one years ago and was a faithful member of Hemphill Freewill Baptist Church for over twenty-five years.

He fought a good fight, kept the faith, finished his course, and has gone to receive that crown of righteousness.

His stay here on Earth was seventy-five years, eight months, and twenty-seven days. He just traded his home here for one that God had ready for him. We all miss him, but hope to meet him in Heaven where we will separate no more.

—Written by daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Ralph Page



Brother John Calvin Hatfield

In loving memory of our precious father and husband who outstripped us in this life and went home to be with the Lord April 3, 1993.

He was born May 20, 1926, the son of Emzy and Nettie Hatfield. He departed this life early in the morning hours amidst many dear friends, family, and brothers and sisters of the church. Brothers and sisters in the Lord attended and ministered to him down to his last hours here on Earth.

He is survived by his wife Jettilee, son Rodney Hatfield, daughter Deborah Runyon and grandchildren Jonathan Orison and Sarah Elizabeth Runyon.

John was a member of the Bluesprings Freewill Baptist Church for 43 years. He testified how the Lord touched his heart under the preaching of the gospel by Bro. Bobby Varney. He later was converted and baptized in September 1950 after returning home from service in the Army. In March of 1954, he was ordained at the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church to preach the gospel.

During the years of his ministry he preached many revivals and held services in many areas. His heart's desire in this life was to preach the gospel of Christ and see souls saved. He pastored the Bluesprings Freewill Baptist Church for about 23 years and attended faithfully until his health no longer permitted. He suffered many afflictions the last years, but his faith never wavered and his desire remained strong to enter into Heaven's fold. We believe as the Scripture states, "He fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Tim. 4:7,8).

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 dismission and recommendation so that they may properly unite themselves to the Quarterly Meeting where they move.
7. Resolution of Dickenson County Quarterly Meeting. To all pastors and churches, as recommended by the ministers' conference in called session with the Yates Chapel Church, October 21, 1950.
 1. That all Freewill 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 impressive of His Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. — Matt. 11:17; St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12.
11. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God. — Jude 1:4; 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

Conferences. 5

	Dickenson County	Letcher County	Pike County	New Durm	Hamilton County	Totals
Ministers:						
Ordained	113	76	73	17	8	287
Licensed		8		1	2	11
Sunday Schools	35	22	18	8		83
Membership	1725	992	845	355		3917
Churches	38	22	19	9	3	91
Membership	2114	1607	1507	320		5548
Auxiliaries	15	9	7			31

YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Letcher	1994
Pike	1995
Dickenson	1996
Hamilton	1997
New Durm	1998
Dickenson	1999
Letcher	2000
Pike	2001
Dickenson	2002

