

Minutes
of the
JOHN-THOMAS
YEARLY MEETING
of
Freewill Baptists

VA.-KY.-OHIO-IND.

72nd SESSION

Held With
BETHEL
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Virgie, Ky.

September 9-10, 1994

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1993-1994

Amount received in letters in 1994

Dickenson County	1790.00
Letcher County	593.75
Letcher County for engraving	49.00
Letcher County	25.75
Pike County	1015.00
Pike County for engraving	78.00
New Durm	300.00
New Durm for engraving	14.00
Hamilton County	110.00

Total received in letters \$3,975.50

Amount in treasury 1993. \$6,573.33

Amount in treasury 1994. \$10,548.83

Expenses for the year 1994

Clerk's fee \$ 100.00

Minutes, printing and shipping \$2,554.37

Total paid out. \$2,654.37

Balance in treasury 1994 \$7,894.46

The John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting will convene with the Pike County Conference at Owsley Freewill Baptist near Pikeville, Ky. on the Saturday before the second Sunday in September which will be September 8th and 9th, 1995.

Directions to the church are as follows: When traveling south on US 23 to Pikeville take the exit that says Hurricane Creek; turn right and go about 2 miles, church is on right side of road. If traveling north on 23 you will make a left and follow the same directions.

MINUTES FOR THE YEAR 1994

Dickenson County 1190
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 Phone (703) 865-4567

Letcher County 490
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 Phone (606) 633-0298

Pike County 670
 Dennis Hinkle, 2655 Pinsonfork Rd., McAndrews, Ky. 41543
 Phone (606) 353-4571

New Durm 230
 Troy F. Harris, Rt. 1, Box 157, Vansant, Va. 24656
 Phone (703) 859-2912

Hamilton County 48
 Lena Couch, 103 Bockers Dr., Alexandria, Ky. 41001

Total Minutes 2,628

MINISTERS, DEACONS & DELEGATES ATTENDING YEARLY MEETING

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS

Roy C. Vanover
Robbie Hay
Allen Gene Conley
Delmon D. Moore
Lynn Vanover

Terry Price
Bruce Pilkenton
Keith Dotson
Avery Carty
Gary Hill

Franklin D. Hall
Howard Reynolds
Elva Rose
Clyde Hay

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS

Sonny Miracle
John C. DePriest
Tommy England
Ernest McCown
Woodrow Mullins

Ralph E. Profit
Robert Lee Hampton
Julian Gibson
Richard Gibson
Leon Bolden

Larry R. Jones
Homer Lee Mullins
Edgar Sanders
Stanley Ray Tackett
Billy R. Miller, Sr.

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS

Bennie F. Slone
Robert Varney
Harold Brewer
Curtiss Wellman

Robie Kendrick
Velon E. Burgess
Kenneth Lowe
Donnie Williamson

Homer Adkins
Dennis Hinkle
Emery Varney
Donnie Ray Harris

NEW DURM MINISTERS

Kenneth Sproles
Roy L. Wilson

Troy F. Harris

Larry Robinson

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS

Clarence Hubbard
Harold D. Robinson

Leroy Reed

Robert L. Matney

DICKENSON COUNTY DEACONS

Kermit Wallace
Larry Bise
Earet R. Rose
Carol Dotson
Charles Sutherland

Ricky Hampton
Raymond McCarty
Bruce Willis
Oval Hillman

Oscar McMillan
Franklin D. Stanley
Sam Anderson
Leroy Reynolds

LETCHER COUNTY DEACONS

William E. Gibson
Butler Adkins

Paul Hamilton
Lenard Smallwood

Chester Mullins
Milford Craft

PIKE COUNTY DEACONS

Rolin T. Rutherford
Edward Abbot
William Maynard

Jackie Charles
Matthew Stevens

Harrison Hayes
Ronnie Stevens

NEW DURM DEACONS

Brady Farmer
Clyde Glover

Estil Ray
Ronald Johnson

Ray Lee Farmer

DICKENSON COUNTY DELEGATES

Judy Marshall	Margaret Sutherland	Gertrude French
Frank Powers	Marie McCarty	Dewey Powers
Helen M. Blair	Betty Stanley	Janice S. Addington
Lucille Adkins	Ruby Deel	Caudle E. Deel (Bud)
Gilvie Dings	Linda Carty	Pearl Blackstone
Donald Blackstone	Delbert Boggs	Seibert Hillman
Shelvie Willis	Elizabeth Robinson	Nina Patrick
Ruth Roknich	Willie P. Mullins	Manie W. Strouth
Patty Mullins	Michael Mulkey	Dillard Fleming
Penny McMillian	Alice Owens	Zetta M. O'Quinn
Hester Swindale	Wilma Smith	

LETCHER COUNTY DELEGATES

Bobby R. Lucas	Joe K. Basham	Alka Mullins
Oma McCown	Lola Wallace	Phyllis Thornbury
Emogene Fields	Sammy Fields	Sarah E. Mullins
Vernon Childers	Wendall W. Hawkins	

PIKE COUNTY DELEGATES

Bonnie Rutherford	Bobbie D. Slone	Gaynelle Kendrick
Lynchia Smith	Shirley Honaker	Prue J. Gannon
Sue Charles	Jeanette May	Kevin Thacker
Ireland Thacker	Rachel Thacker	Ronnie Dale Church
Estil Hatfield	Donnie Robinson	Phillip Church
Poshia Thompson	Mildred Varney	Lula Belle Gross
Gay Hayes	Susie Abbot	Jessie H. Bridgeman
Juanita Bridgeman	Peggy Maynard	Mike Irick
John H. Justice	Vernice Overstreet	Eddie D. Overstreet
Sharon Irick	Lena Hamilton	Nontana Vanover
Kirby R. Vanover	Ample Ratliff	Josephine Williamson
Eunice Damron	Luvicie Gibson	Olvie Lee Adkins
Judy Bevins	Douglas Bevins	Amy Overstreet

NEW DURM DELEGATES

Ada Farmer	Helen Harris	Harley Nuckles
Sandra Robinson		

HAMILTON COUNTY DELEGATES

Janet Robinson	Bernice Matney	Richard A. Layne
Cleo Layne		

VISITING MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Roger Hood, from Freewill Baptist Children's Home, Greeneville, Tenn.
Donnie E. Gannon and Joyce A. Deacon from Elyria, Ohio

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Homer Lee Mullins
Clerk	Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
	169 Highway 1056, 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: Larry Bise, Earet Rose, Raymond McCarty, Luke Wright, Donald Elkins.

LETCHER COUNTY: Milford Craft, Earl Smith, Jack Whitaker.

PIKE COUNTY: Robert (Bobby) Varney, Benny Slone and Robie (Buddy) Kendrick.

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

HAMILTON COUNTY: Robert Matney, Harold Robinson and LeRoy Reed.

INTRODUCTION

FRIDAY MORNING 11:00 A.M.

The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists met for the 72nd session with the Letcher County Conference at the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church at Virgie, Kentucky on the Friday before the second Sunday in September, which was September 9, 1994.

Reverend Sonny Miracle, the Pastor of the church, took charge of devotions. He gave all visitors a warm welcome to the John Thomas Association. He also led the congregation in prayer. Scripture was read from Philippians 1: 2-6.

Brother Homer Lee Mullins led in prayer after many hands went up for special prayer. Congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On." Special songs were sung by the choirs from Grassy and Owsley churches.

Brother Sonny Miracle came forward to preach the introductory sermon using for a text, Philippians 1:1-6. He brought a good message to the Christians. Congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee" and shook hands. Dismissed by Brother Sonny Miracle and Blessing over the food until 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 1:30 P.M.

We met back with Congregation singing "I'll Meet You In The Morning." Opened session by reading 1st John chapter 3. Prayer by Brother Earet Rose.

A motion was made by Brother Benny Slone and seconded by Brother Homer Adkins to nominate Brother Robie Kendrick as moderator. Brother Harold D. Robinson made a motion to cease the nominations. The motion was seconded by Brother Donnie Robinson. With no further nominations, Brother Robie Kendrick was elected by vote of acclamation. A motion was made by the clerk, Brother Bobby Varney, and seconded by Brother Donnie Robinson to give the Moderator authority to appoint all necessary committees. Motion carried. Brother Homer Lee Mullins was appointed to serve as assistant moderator. Brother Bennie Slone made a motion, which was seconded by Brother Homer Mullins 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 Homer Mullins and carried.

Rev. Homer Lee Mullins made a motion for all addressing the Moderator to arise, give his name, conference and church before speaking. Seconded by Rev. Ralph Proffitt and passed by vote. Also Brother Dennis Hinkle made a motion which was seconded by Bro. Brady Farmer to retain Sister Mildred Varney as assistant clerk, motion carried by vote of hands.

Audit Committee

Brother Tommy England

Brother Roy Vanover

Brother Homer Adkins

Pulpit Committee

Brother Brady Farmer

Brother Rolin T. Rutherford

Brother Leroy Reed

Rev. Tommy England made a motion seconded by Brother Eddie Overstreet for the Association to buy a new typewriter for the clerk. Motion passed by show of hands.

Rev. Roger Hood from Children's Home in Greeneville, Tn. came forward to report that presently they have 50 children in their care. He reported that in 1993 there were 392 children who applied for care at the home. Bro. Hood made it plain it was a children's home and not an orphanage. He gave a good talk and report on the work of the home and his main subject was commitment.

A motion was made by Terry Price and seconded by Tommy England to receive an offering for the Children's Home. Motion was carried.

Motion was made by Brother Tommy England and seconded by Brother Harold D. Robinson to accept minutes as printed. Pulpit Committee reported Brother Homer Adkins will preach at the afternoon service and Brother Roy Vanover to preach at the evening service.

The Audit Committee reported the treasurer's books to be in order. Report was given by Brother Jack Charles and accepted by move of the yearly meeting. A motion of adjournment was made by Brother Eddie Abbot and seconded by Brother Tommy England.

Brother Homer Adkins came forward to preach using for a subject, Luke 8:22 and brought a good message.

The love offering for the Children's Home was \$233.50. Dismissal was by Brother Eddie Overstreet until Saturday morning at 9:30 A.M.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

* Moderator read from 1st Thess. 4:13 to open Yearly Meeting for business. Prayer by Brother Dennis Hinkle. Congregation sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

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 Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, in The Letcher County Conference, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in September 1994.

Greetings:

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

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Brother Franklin Hall

Assistant Moderator

Brother Billy Darrel Willis

Clerks

Brother Lloyd Hillman

Brother Oval Hillman

Brother Kermit Wallace

Ordaining Council

Brother Terry Price — Chairman

Brother Lester Mullins

Brother Roy Vanover

Executive Committee

Brother Larry Bise

Brother Earet Rose

Brother Raymond McCarty

Brother Luke Wright

Brother Donald Elkins

Treasurers

Quarterly Meeting — Sister Patty Mullins

Emergency Fund — Brother Donald Elkins

Children's Home — Sister Ann Bartley

The Conference voted to buy 1190 minutes. Amount enclosed for the minutes is \$1,790.00.

Statistics

Churches	36	Sunday Schools	33
Church Membership	2111	Sunday School Membership	1585
		Ladies' Auxiliaries	15

Balance from July 1993 to July 1994:

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$1,500.63
Emergency Fund	5,278.10
Children's Home Fund	4,220.10

Done by order of the Dickenson County Conference while in regular session this the 22 and 23 of July 1994.

Moderator: Brother Franklin Hall

Clerks: Brothers Lloyd Hillman, Oval Hillman and Kermit Wallace

Clerk: Kermit D. Wallace, Sr., Route 1, Box 495, Haysi, VA 24256-9768
Phone (703) 865-4567

LETCHER COUNTY CONFERENCE

Larry R. Jones, Clerk
HC 84, Box 1920
Whitesburg, Ky. 41858

William E. Gibson, Treasurer
P.O. Box 179
Jenkins, Ky. 41537-0179

Greetings to the John Thomas Association while in session with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church on September 9-10, 1994. The Letcher County Conference met at the Poor Bottom Church on Saturday, August 27, 1994.

After opening the conference by singing, prayer, and Bible reading, Bro. Richard Gibson was elected as Moderator of the Conference. Brother Charles Gallion was appointed Assistant Moderator. The Sunday School Talk was given by Brother Leon Bolden, the Temperance Talk was given by Brother Garland Franklin, Jr.

Committees were as follows:

Executive Committee

Brother Milford Craft (Chairman)
Brother Earl Smith
Brother Jack Whitaker

(Brother Leonard Smallwood and Brother Edgar Sanders filled in because of the absence of Brother Smith and Brother Whitaker)

Pulpit Committee

Brother Donald Bartley
Brother Red McCown
Brother Ralph Profit

Arbitration Committee

Brother Julian Gibson (8-21-92)
Brother Ralph E. Profit (8-20-93)
Brother Edgar Sanders (8-27-94)

Sermons were delivered by Brother John C. DePriest and Brother Charles Gallion during the Conference.

Delegates to the Conference enrolled as follows:

Delegate	Church	Delegate	Church
Larry R. Jones	Kings Creek	Evelyn Bolden	Visitor
James N. Tackett	Alleghany	Randolph R. Gill, Jr.	Dunham
Lestel C. Hyden	Alleghany	Elizabeth Gill	Dunham
Richard Gibson	Poor Bottom	Joyce A. Profit	Pine Chapel
David K. Bentley	Poor Bottom	Ralph E. Profit	Pine Chapel

Ethel Tackett	Alleghany	Patricia Baker	Burdine
Milford Craft	Payne Gap	Louise Potter	Burdine
Sarah Trinkle	Payne Gap	Bobby R. Lucas	Burdine
Fred Young	Payne Gap	William E. Gibson	Burdine
Mary Ann Young	Visitor	Lee Reeves	Burdine
Mable Ratliff	Hylton	Roma Reeves	Burdine
Louella Swiney	Hylton	John C. Depriest	Burdine
Ann Leigh Boggs	Hylton	Herman Bates, Jr.	Payne Gap
Leanza Mullins	Pine Chapel	Charles Gallion	Dunham
Carolina Mullins	Payne Gap	Garland Ratliff, Jr.	Dunham
Madeline Baldrige	Alleghany	Cindy Keen	Alleghany
Elizabeth Morris	Energyville	Vicie Smallwood	Poor Bottom
Sarah Mullins	Energyville	Donald Bartley	Poor Bottom
Phyllis Thornsby	Energyville	Sammy Fields	Poor Bottom
Oma McCown	Energyville	Ray Cook	Poor Bottom
Ernest McCown	Energyville	Edgar Sanders	Poor Bottom
Lola Wallace	Energyville	Richie Gibson	Poor Bottom
Betty Moore	Bethel	Irene Johnson	Dorton
Ralph Moore	Bethel	Bonnie Pritchard	Pine Chapel
Sonny Miracle	Bethel	Mary Shelby	Pine Chapel
Ireland Sexton	Old Fashioned	Myrtle Lee Venters	Burdine
Jessie Miller	Old Fashioned	Emogene Fields	Poor Bottom
Alice Hall	Seco	Margaret S. Ratliff	Poor Bottom
Willie Hall	Seco	Nancy Ratliff	Dunham
Vernon Childers	Hylton	Margaret Honeycutt	Dunham
Bazella Childers	Hylton	Leon Bolden	Ligon
Wendell Hawkins	Hylton	Leonard Smallwood	Poor Bottom
Delegates enrolled	62		
Visitors	2		
Total attendance	64		

**Fourth Quarterly Statement
Funds Received
Poor Bottom Church — August 27, 1994**

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$ 819.00
Foreign Missions	80.00
Home Missions	135.00
Children's Home	130.50
Youth Center	15.00
Conference Offering Received	104.00
Total Funds Received	<u>\$1,283.50</u>

Fourth Quarter Statistics

Churches	22	Youth Leagues	1
Membership	1509	League Membership	10
Sunday Schools	21	Ministers (active)	53
S. S. Membership	859	(with Lifetime Cards)	13
Auxiliaries	11	(Licensed)	2
Aux. Membership	132	Deacons	85

Please send 475 minutes. Enclosed is \$593.75 for Minutes, and \$49.00 for obituaries.

Larry R. Jones — Clerk, Letcher County Conference

Treasurer's Report for Third (3rd) Quarter 1994
Poor Bottom Church — August 27, 1994

Balance Brought Forward \$4,770.87

Conference Receipts for Third (3rd) Quarter 1994

Quarterly Meeting Fund	\$ 819.00
Foreign Missions	80.00
Home Missions	135.00
Free Will Baptist Children's Home	130.50
Youth Group	15.00
Conference Offering	<u>104.00</u>
Total Conference Receipts for 3rd Quarter	\$1,283.50

Conference Expenditures for Third (3rd) Quarter 1994

Free Will Baptist Home for Children	\$ 130.50
Conference Clerk's Expenses	150.00
Postage (Stamped Envelopes)	34.00
Foreign Missions	80.00
FWB Home Missions of Letcher County	135.00
Minutes of the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting	593.75
Obituaries included in John-Thomas Minutes	<u> </u>
Total Conference Expenditures as of 8-8-94	\$1,123.25

Balance in Account as of September 8, 1994 \$4,931.12

William E. Gibson — Treasurer, Letcher County Conference

PIKE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings,

To the Yearly Meeting of the John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church between Dorton and Virgie, Ky. on September 9 and 10, 1994.

The Pike County Quarterly Conference met with the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church at Esco, Ky. on August 27, 1994 for our quarterly meeting. Officers elected were as follows:

Moderator

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtiss Wellman

Rev. Herbert Goff

Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick

Assistant Moderator

Rev. Homer Adkins

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney

Rev. Robey (Buddy) Kendrick

Rev. Benny Slone

Clerk

Rev. Dennis Hinkle

Business Committee

Rev. Bennie Slone

Rev. Donnie Williamson

Rev. Joe Coleman

Pulpit Committee

Mark Robertson

Harrison Hays

Walker McCoy

Finance Committee

Rev. Gary Thacker
Rev. David Varney
Rev. John Vance

Treasurer

Rev. Velon Burgess

Statistics

Churches..... 19
Church Membership 1750
Ministers 77
Sunday Schools 17

Sunday School Membership... 770
Ladies' Auxiliaries 7
Auxiliaries Membership..... 137
Mid-Week service attendance.. 345

Treasurer's Report

Amount in the treasury June 1993 \$3,746.99
RECEIVED — August 1993 to June 1994 \$3,936.90
EXPENSES — August 1993 to June 1994 \$3,768.94
Balance June 1994 \$3,914.95

Delegates to the Yearly Meeting

Name	Church	Name	Church
Lula Bell Gross	Grassy	Eddie Overstreet	Owsley
Eunice Overstreet	Owsley	Vernice Overstreet	Owsley
Amy Overstreet	Owsley	Johnny Justice	Owsley
Ronnie Stevens	Toler	Philip Church	Octavia
Estel Hatfield	Octavia	James Hackney	Octavia
Dale Church	Belfry	Mathew Stevens	Tolers
Bobbie Slone	Owsley	Bonnie Rutherford	Belfry
T. Rutherford	Belfry	William Maynard	Owsley
Peggy Maynard	Owsley	Christopher Smith	Virgie
Delorse Smith	Virgie	Eddie Abbott	Edo
Susie Abbott	Edo	Gary Hays	Edo
Harrison Hays	Edo	Poshia Thompson	Grassy
Jackie Charles	Grassy	Ample Ratliff	Grassy
Sue Charles	Grassy	Kenneth Rowe	Grassy
Minnie Rowe	Grassy	Judy Bevins	Owsley
Doug Bevins	Owsley	Mike Irick	Owsley
Sharon Irick	Owsley	Mildred Varney	Belfry
Kirby Vanover	Owsley	Montana Vanover	Owsley
Walter McCoy	Leckieville	Noah Smith	Leckieville
Darrell Wellman	Leckieville	Donnie Robinson	Greasy
Jimmy Williamson	Owsley	Josephine Williamson	Owsley
Lois Bowman	Meathouse	Dolly C. Adkins	Tremble Chapel
Sonny Hall	Owsley	Treva Hall	Owsley
Buddy Hall	Owsley	Juanita Bridgeman	Canney Creek
Shirley Honaker	Meathouse	Charley Honaker	Meathouse
Jesse Bridgeman	Canney	Lena M. Hamilton	Owsley
Alice Lee Adkins	Leckieville	Debbie Runyon	Bluespring
Jettilee Hatfield	Octavia	Jeannette May	Grassy
Ireland Thacker	Grassy	Rachel Thacker	Grassy
Prue J. Gannon	Meathouse	Gaynelle Kendrick	Belfry
Lynchio Smith	Belfry		

We are enclosing \$1030.00 for minutes and \$63.00 for engraving. We are requesting 670 minute books.

Done by the order of the Pike County Quarterly Conference this the 27th day of August 1994.

Moderator: Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney,
169 Hwy. 1056, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555, Phone: 606-353-7704

Clerk: Rev. Dennis Hinkle
2655 Pinsonfork Rd., McAndrews, Ky. 41543, Phone 606-353-4571

NEW DURM CONFERENCE

To the John Thomas yearly meeting when convened with the Bethel Freewill Baptist Church at Virgie, Ky. on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1994.

Greetings,

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

Officers elected for the following year:

Moderator

Giles Wilson (3 mo)

Assistant Moderator

Roy Lee Wilson

Clerk

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

Treasurer

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

Church Statistics

Churches 9

Church Membership 274

Ministers 15

Licentiate 0

Sunday Schools 8

Sunday School Membership 350

Balance from August 1993 to 1994

Quarterly Meeting Fund \$2,490.50

Emergency Fund \$2,833.21

Conference voted to buy 230 minutes

Amount enclosed for minutes \$300.00

Amount enclosed for obituaries \$7.00

Done by order of New Durham Conference

Moderator: Giles Wilson

Assistant Moderator: Roy L. Wilson

Clerk: Troy F. Harris

List of Delegates

Phyllis Miller
Bill Davis
Helen Harris

Dorothy Mitchell
Harley Nuckles
Myrle Stevens

Ada Farmer
Marcella Rasnake
Eura von Thompson

Gay Hess
Thelma Walters
Debbie Barton
Sandra Robinson
Nola Smith
Faye Harris
Betty Ray
Gail Musick
Linda Harris
Lucille Whitaker

Ruby Mitchell
Rachel Johnson
Donna Deskins
Peggy Dye
Cheryl F. Keith
Lois Nuckles
Lois Johnson
Harlis Harris
Wanda Osborne

Darlene Ratliff
June Harris
Michael Colley
Terry Mitchell
Carson Harris
Shelia Stump
Mae Wilson
Betty Sproles
Gracie Harris

HAMILTON COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the Yearly Meeting of The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists. The Hamilton County Quarterly Conference met on August 13, 1994 with the Norristown Freewill Baptist Church in Norristown, Indiana. We met in love and unity and had a great time in the worship part of the conference. We ask that you pray for us.

Moderator's Name and Address

Rev. LeRoy Reed
7450 W. Co. Rd. 110 N
Greensburg, Indiana 47270

LIST OF DELEGATES

Marion Davidson
Florence Reed
Pauline Davidson
Nancy Hubbard
Dollie Higdon
Emily Flannery
Cora L. Lay
Hazel Davidson

Clerk's Name and Address

Lena Couch
103 Bockers Dr.
Alexandria, Ky. 41001

Statistics

No. of Churches 3
Church Membership 135
Ordained Ministers 8
Licensed Ministers 2

Enclosed is \$50.00 for Association work and \$60.00 for 48 minute books.

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Quarterly Conference on the 13th day of August, 1994.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—Continued

Motion was made by Harold D. Robinson and seconded by Brother Benny Slone to accept letters as read. Motion was carried.

Rev. Dennis Hinkle, clerk of Pike Co. Conference, said that he left off of Pike Co. letter the location and directions to next year's meeting place and for it to be added. The resolutions that were presented and tabled last year were up to vote at this time.

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.

A motion was made by Tommy England and seconded by Julian Gibson to turn this resolution over to the yearly ministers' conference. Motion carried by show of hands.

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 Baptists 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.

Motion was made by Franklin Hall and seconded by Harold Robinson to accept the Executive Committee's report and to insert this resolution in the minutes under THE MINISTRY as number 8. Passed by vote of the association.

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 hosts 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.

Brother Benny Slone made a motion to let each host conference decide where the yearly meeting would be each year, seconded by Frank Tyler. Motion passed by vote of association.

4. Dickenson County had two resolutions that were tabled last year. They are as follows:

1. 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 and forty-five in the Treatise Of The Faith and Practices of the Original Freewill Baptists.

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 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 in the best interest of the Association to change this constitution and by-law.

Brother Bennie made a motion seconded by Harold Robinson to accept the Executive Committee report on these two resolutions and replace article 20 under Articles of Faith with the following which is found on pages 44 and 45 in the Treatise book.

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).

Also Brother Bennie's motion included number two concerning deacons being standing delegates. These Amendments were voted upon and passed with more than a four fifths vote.

The Pulpit Committee reported Brother Larry Robinson will bring the morning message and Brother Harold D. Robinson in the afternoon.

Motion was made by Brother Frank Powers and seconded by Brother Harold D. Robinson to adjourn from business for the worship service.

Brother Gary Hill gave a report on the work at Camp Jacob. Cabin space for all visitors and breakfast is furnished by the Camp. The note will be paid completely very soon. Thanked yearly meeting for their support and asked we continue to support the Camp. They had 15 conversions this past summer and 100 rededications.

Motions were made by Brother Roy Vanover and seconded by Brother Harold Robinson to accept Brother Gary Hill's report. Motion carried.

Song by Brother Paul Hampton before Brother Larry Robinson came to bring the message. Special song by Brother Earet Rose. Brother Larry Robinson came forward to preach using for a text Psalm 37 using text TRUST. Brought a good message to the Christians. Song and invitation given. Dismissal and blessing over the food by Brother Roy Vanover until 1:00 pm.

SATURDAY 1:00 PM

Congregation sang "We'll Meet By The River." Prayer by Brother Terry Price. Scripture reading from Acts 5:27.

Motion by Brother Jack Charles and seconded by Brother Eddie Overstreet to adjourn from business until our next meeting at Owsley, Pike County 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 Benny Slone and seconded by Brother Eddie Overstreet to retain the same officers as the yearly meeting to serve for the ensuing year. Motion by Brother Homer Mullins and seconded by Brother Roy Vanover 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:

DICKENSON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Dickenson County Ministers' Conference was welcomed to Camp Jacob by Bro. Franklin Hall at 7:30 pm on July 21, 1994. Brother Robert Phipps led in prayer. Brother Roy Vanover led us in song "We Will Understand It Better By and By." Clerk read Scripture lesson from I Tim. 1:6-14. Brother Gary Stanley was elected moderator by acclamation. He chose as his assistant Brother Doug Moore. Ministers and Deacons and Visitors were enrolled. Minutes of last conference read and approved.

Brother Jack Meade spoke briefly on lifetime cards. Brother Roy Vanover spoke briefly on lifetime cards and said that the church the minister belongs to should be the one to recommend a man for a lifetime card. Brother Jack Fogleman spoke about Brother James Hobbs needing a lifetime card and presenting a letter of recommendation, which was approved by the Committee for lifetime cards.

Brother Emory Cook spoke about his good standing card; he didn't understand that he had been dropped. Brother Terry Price spoke about reinstating Brother Cook, motion made and seconded to reinstate Brother Cook. Voted and approved.

Brothers Paul E. Mullins and Robert Cantrell were dropped from ministers' conference.

New business, a letter for dismissal for Brother Samuel E. Slemp to join North-ern Va. Conference. Motion made by Brother Frank Hall and seconded by Brother Roy Vanover to give Brother Slemp a letter of dismissal and recommendation.

Brother Billy D. Willis asked ministers' conference to pray about having more preaching in conference and less emphasis on Sunday School and Temperance talks.

Brother Robert Phipps asked about not being able to get his minister's card because he worked on the evening shift and could not attend ministers conference regularly. Brother Freddy Boyd said lay over until October conference. Brother Phipps said he would present a letter of recommendation on the matter at October conference. Brother Remire Mullins commented about ministers going everywhere but to the ministers' conference.

Officers elected for the coming year: Clerk: Brother Avery Carty., Committee for lifetime cards: Brothers Freddy Boyd, Clyde Hay, Jack Meade. Brother Franklin Hall term up on ordaining council. Nominations for ordaining council, Brothers Howard Reynolds, Manie Strouth, Lester Robinson, Jerry Robinson; all four declined nomination. Brother Roy Vanover nominated and elected to ordaining council. New ordaining council; Brothers Terry Price, Lester Mullins and Roy Vanover.

Brother Terry Price came at 8:45 pm and spoke about us growing in the Lord; said we neglect to teach loving one another, also about attending yearly meeting.

Spoke about resolutions from Pike Co. Conf.; New Durm and Letcher Co. Conferences; said these resolutions should be settled in their respective conference and not at yearly meeting.

Motion made at 9:10 pm to adjourn conference until Oct. 94. Motion made and seconded to accept Brother Arvil Bruce Pilkenton into ministers' conference. Dismissed in prayer by Brother Finis Hill. Refreshments served by workers at Camp Jacob. 49 ministers, 44 deacons and visitors present. 10 ministers reported by letter.

Dickenson Co. Ministers with Lifetime Cards

Minister	Address	Church
Edison Boggs	P.O. Box 5, Pound, Va. 24279	Davis Chapel
*J. T. Hartsock	Castlewood, Va. 24224	Bear Wallow
James E. Jenkins	Rt. 1, Dante, Va 24237	Martins Chapel
*Hie A. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 270, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Frying Pan
Clyde E. Reedy	Rt. 2, Box, Madisonville, Tn. 37354	Peuthers Chapel
Gobel Rose	Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226	Counts Chapel
I. T. Stallard	Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, Va. 24279	Glady Fork
James J. Hobbs	1711 Central Ave., Elizabethton, Tn. 37643	
*Denotes Pastor		

Ministers to receive Good Standing Cards

Minister	Address	Church
Johnny Anderson	Rt. 2, Box 100b, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Flemingtown
*Charles Baker	Rt. 2, Box 350, Pound, Va. 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Luther Belcher	Rt. 2, Box 138b, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Troy Belcher	Rt. 2, Box 184, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
*Clifford Bevins	P.O. Box 224, Pound, Va. 24279	Davis Chapel
*Benny Boles	Rt. 1, Box 556, Norton, Va. 24273	Dyers Chapel
James E. Bolling	P.O. Box 361, Pound, Va. 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
*Freddy Boyd	P.O. Box 183, Clinchco, Va. 24226	Tarpon Church
Randall D. Carter	P.O. Box 909, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
*Avery R. Carter	Rt. 2, Box 295, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel Chapel
*Allen G. Conley	Rt. 1, Box 246, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Peuthers Chapel
Dallas Conley	Rt. 1, Box 439, Pound, Va. 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Emory Cook	P.O. Box 321, Dante, Va. 24237	Phillips Chapel
Tennie B. Crabtree	Rt. 4, Box 51, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Georges Fork
Larry Damron	Rt 1, Box 26, Nora, Va. 24272	Ramsey Ridge
*Verlin Deel, Jr.	Box 30, Birchleaf, Va. 24220	Lick Creek
Eddie Edwards	P.O. Box 866, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Fremont
Jack Fogleman	Rt. 2, Box 144, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rugsby
Glynn Hale	Castlewood, Va. 24224	Mill Creek
*Franklin Hall	Rt. 2, Box 310d, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
Robert C. Hay	Rt. 1, Box 274e, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
*Billy D. Hibbits	Rt. 1, Box 268, Wise, Va. 24293	Duncan Gap
Sam Hileman	Rt. 3, Box 85c, Castlewood, Va. 24224	Castlewood
Finis A. Hill	Rt. 1, Box 156, Haysi, Va. 24256	Splashdam
Gary Hill	Rt. 2 Camp Jacob, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
*Tammy Hill	Box 343, Nora, Va. 24272	Hill Ridge
*Jerry L. Jenkins	Rt. 1, Box 37, Nora, Va. 24272	Buffalo
Jack Johnson	Box 1044, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Quinton A. Keith	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel Chapel
David P. Kilgore	P.O. Box 193, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Jimmy Large	Rt. 2, Box 473, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Davis Chapel
Garcia B. Layne	Rt. 2, Box 445, Coeburn Va. 24230	Georges Fork
*E.B. Lee, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 190, Nora, Va. 24272	Light House
Vester McKinney, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 345, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Middle Branch
*Jack W. Meade	HC05 Box 410, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Meades Chapel
*James D. Meade	HC05 Box 409, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Meades Chapel
Delmon D. Moore	Rt. 3, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek

James A. Moore	P.O. Box 280, Clinchco, Va. 24226	Flemingtown
* Paul D. Moore	P.O. Box 365, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Georges Fork
Billy G. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 269, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Flemingtown
Bobby Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 518c, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
* David L. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 118c, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
* Jack Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 268a, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Yates Chapel
* Johnnie Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 1504, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Yates Chapel
* Lester C. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 331, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Lewis W. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 518, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
Mack Mullins	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Duncan Gap
Percy Mullins	Rt. 1, Box 395, Wise, Va. 24293	Hubbard Chapel
* Remire Mullins	Box 271, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Buffalo
* Ricky D. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 705, Wise, Va. 24293	Duncan Gap
* Robert C. Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 176x, Pound, Va. 24279	Glady Fork
* Roy A. Mullins	Rt. 3, Box 460k, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Honey Camp
Ted Mullins	Rt. 2, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel Chapel
Wayne Mullins	Rt. 2, Box 423, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Hubbard Chapel
* Willie R. Mullins	General Delivery, Pound, Va. 24279	Pyles Memorial
Oscar Neece	Rt. 2, Box 31, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Walt Phillips	Rt. 3, Box 229a, Castlewood, Va. 24224	Castlewood
Clifford Phipps	Rt. 3, Box 547, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
* Robert L. Phipps	Rt. 3, Box 546, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Rachel Chapel
* Arvil B. Pilkenton	P.O. Box 191, Pound, Va. 24279	Mills Chapel
Terry Price	Rt. 2, Box 392, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Lick Fork
Ralph Rasnick	Wise, Va.	Frying Pan
Esley Ratliff	Rt. 2, Box 3aa, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
* Howard Reynolds	Box 67, Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Castlewood
Jerry W. Robinson	Rt. 3, Box 399b, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Tarpon
Lester Robinson	Rt. 2, Pound, Va. 24279	Ferbie Chapel
Nyal B. Robinson	Box 46, Pound, Va. 24279	Ferbie Chapel
* Clyde E. Roop	Box 574, Pound, Va. 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
* Carl Rose	Rt. 1, Clinchco, Va. 24226	Counts Chapel
Elva Rose	Rt. 2, Box 245, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel Chapel
Harlan Lee Rose	15779 Bradford Rd., Culpeper, Va. 22701	Clinchco
Willie C. Rose	Rt. 1, Box 479, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Hill Ridge
Ed Slemp	Rt. 2, Camp Jacob, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Ferbie Chapel
Jackie Slemp	Rt. 2, Box 415a, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Davis Chapel
Tom Slemp	Rt. 2, Box 425, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Davis Chapel
* Danny Sluss	Rt. 1, Box 93, Haysi, Va. 24256	Splashdam
* Joe Glenn Sluss	Rt. 1, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Peuthers Chapel
* Steve Smith	Rt. 3, Box 417, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Flemingtown
Adam M. Stanley	Rt. 2, Box 330, Pound, Va. 24279	Davis Chapel
Gary Stanley	Rt. 2, Box 244, Coeburn, Va. 24230	Rachel Chapel
James G. Stanley	Rt. 3, Box 575c, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Pine Creek
* Nolan M. Stanley	Rt. 1, Box 714, Pound, Va. 24279	Hubbard Chapel
Joseph P. Steele	Rt. 1, Box 209, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
* Manie W. Strouth	Box 958, Pound, Va. 24279	Pine Creek
Eulis Sutherland	Rt. 3, Box 336a, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Buffalo
* Eddie Sturgill	P.O. Box 1141, Wise, Va. 24293	Ferbie Chapel
* Glenn Sykes	Rt. 1, Box 195, Haysi, Va. 24256	Tarpon Church
* Leon Sykes	Rt. 1, Box 116, Haysi, Va. 24256	Lick Creek
* Lynn Vanover	P.O. Box 1616, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Valley View
Roy C. Vanover	Box 382, Pound, Va. 24279	Lone Pine Chapel
Talt Wolford	Box 426, Clinchco, Va. 24226	Tarpon
* Luke Wright	Rt. 3, Box 243, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Flemingtown
* Billy D. Willis	Rt. 1, Box 47, Haysi, Va. 24256	Splashdam

PIKE COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Pike County Ministers' Conference met with the Belfry Freewill Baptist Church August 26, 1994. Brother Velon Burgess called the conference to order for fellowship and prayer. After several prayer requests, Brother Simie Adkins took us to the Lord in prayer. Brother Velon Burgess called the conference to order for business reading from 1st Thessalonians, Ch. 4, verses 7-18. Brother Robert (Bobby) Varney resigned as clerk because of his health. Brother Dennis Hinkle was elected as clerk and there were no reports of any ministers preaching unsound doctrine or walking disorderly. We had a discussion about Ministers who did not attend church regularly. Brother Donnie Williamson gave a report from the life time card committee. They recommended that Brother Bennie Slone, Brother Tom Carrol, Brother Luther Boyd and Brother Richard Watson be given life time cards accepted by move of the conference. Brother Gerria Reynolds made motion to letter up to the John Thomas Association, seconded by Brother Edward Burgess; motion carried. The following is a list of Officers and Ministers to receive good standing cards.

Moderator

Rev. Velon Burgess
834 Hurricane Rd.
Pikeville, Ky. 41501

Ordaining Council

Rev. Curtis Wellman
Rev. Hebert Goff
Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Clerk

Rev. Dennis Hinkle
2655 Pinsonfork Rd.
McAndrews, Ky. 41543

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert (Bobby) Varney
Rev. Bennie Slone
Rev. Robie (Buddy) Kendrick

Yearly Meeting Place and Date

Bethel FWB Church between Dorton and Virgie, Ky.
Letcher County Conference, September 9 and 10, 1994

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Ray Williams	Rt. 4, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Fellowship Chapel
Robert (Bobby) Varney	169 Hwy. 1056, Pinsonfork, Ky. 41555	Belfry
Hebert Goff	4003 Upper Coon Rd., Raccoon, Ky. 41557	Grassy
David G. Varney	Kimper, Ky. 41537	Edo
Robie (Buddy) Kendrick	Belfry, Ky. 41514	Belfry
Curtis Wellman	Hardy, Ky. 41531	Bluespring
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
Jimmy Jack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 52, Shelbianna, Ky. 41562	Greasy Creek
Kenneth Lowe	Huddy, Ky. 41535	Belfry
Emery H. Varney	Canada, Ky. 41519	Bluespring
Gerria Reynolds	3286 Pinsonfork Rd., McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
Dennis Hinkle	2655 Pinsonfork Rd., McAndrews, Ky. 41543	Octavia
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	43 Callahan Branch, Kimper, Ky. 41537	Meathouse
Perry Kendrick	780 A Knoll Rd., Shelbyana, Ky. 41562	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	P.O. Box 065, Stone, Ky. 41567	Belfry
Lonnie Francis	215 Yeager Dr., Williamson, W. Va. 25661	Leckieville
Philip 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 Rodgers	2373 Pinsonfork Rd., 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
Rodger 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. 41501	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
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
Roger Parsons	1239 South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Stone Coal
Roger Williamson	Box 13, Huddy, Ky. 41535	Leckieville
Rodney Williamson	Box 81, Huddy, Ky. 41535	Leckieville
Tommy Webb	Box 196, Red. Cr. Road, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Stone Coal

Ministers Holding Lifetime Cards

O. H. Greer	Rt. 1, Box 200, 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

Bennie Slone	115 Meathouse Rd., Kimper, Ky. 41537	Owsley
Tom Carroll	465 Peach Orchard Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Island Creek
Luther Boyd	134 Wolfan Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Owsley
Richard Watson	Box 229, Chattaroy, W. Va. 25667	Leckieville
Total number of ministers to receive good standing cards		68
Number of ministers with lifetime cards		9
Total number of ministers in Pike County Conference		77

Done by the order of the Pike County Minister's Conference this 26th day of August, 1994.

Rev. Velon Burgess, Moderator
Rev. Dennis Hinkle, Clerk

LETCHER COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Greetings:

To the John Thomas Association Yearly Meeting when convened at the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

The Letcher County Ministers' Conference met at the Poor Bottom Free Will Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, August 26, 1994. Brother Herman Bates, Jr., Moderator, presided over the Conference. Election of officers for the following year resulted as follows:

Moderator

Bro. Richard Gibson
Box 198
Lookout, Ky. 41534

Assistant Moderator

Bro. Homer Lee Mullins
Box 339
Ashcamp, Ky. 41512

Ordination Committee

Br. John C. DePriest (8-21-92) Bro. Larry R. Jones (8-20-93)
Bro. James N. Tackett (8-26-94)

Ministers Enrolled

Larry R. Jones
Herbert H. Stallard
Julian H. Gibson
Stanley Ray Tackett
Clyde Damron
Donald Bartley (Deacon)
Ray Cook (Deacon)
Edgar Sanders
Timmy Hopkins
Charles Bolden
Daris Williams
Leo Blackburn (Deacon)
Richie Gibson (Deacon)
Ralph E. Profitt
Milford Craft (Deacon)
Danny Mullins
Jimmy Adams
Ernest McCown
Danny Hurst
Sammy Fields (Deacon)
Tedd Tackett
Tommy England (Letter)

Lester Boggs
Garland Ratliff, Jr.
Charles Gallion
David K. Bentley
Richard Gibson
Steve Childers
Conley Tackett
Sonny Miracle
Leon Bolden
Everett D. Mullins
Carl Coleman
Dennis Williams
Randolph R. Gill, Jr.
Jessie Miller (Deacon)
Hollis Bevins
Millard Bates, Jr.
Woodrow Mullins
James N. Tackett
John C. DePriest
Homer Lee Mullins
Herman Bates, Jr.
Jimmy Dean Looney (Letter)

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Minister	Address	Church
James N. Tackett (P)	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
Marvin E. Hylton, Jr.	Box 175, Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Denny Little		Alleghany
Tommy Tackett	Hellier Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Jimmy Dean Looney	Box 30, Jackhorn Rd., Elkhorn, Ky.	Alleghany
Sonny Miracle (P)	Jonancy, Ky. 41538	Bethel
Timmy D. Hopkins		Bethel
Robert Lee Hampton	HC 84, Box 272, Virgie, Ky. 41572	Bethel
Ralph Vicars	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
John C. DePriest (P)	Box 415, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Bobby Fleming	Box 485, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine
Don McKnight	HCR 3, Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
Marvis D. Dixon (P)	HCR 3, Box 810, Cumberland, Ky. 40823	Cloverlick
McCoy Tackett	Mets, Ky. 41510	Dorton
Teddy Tackett (P)	Rt. 2, Box 108, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
Gerald Wright	Rt. 2, Box 74, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dorton
Garland Ratliff, Jr. (P)	Box 128 A, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Randolph R. Gill, Jr.	P.O. Box 350, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Woodrow Mullins (P)	Box 525, Caney Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Steve Childers	Rt. 2, Box 187, Wise, Va. 24293	Energyville
Everett Mullins	Caney Hwy., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Billy R. Miller, Sr.	3741 Stone Coal Rd., Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Ernest McCown	195 Little Fork, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Energyville
Rodney Smith (P)	Happy, Ky. 41746	Happy
Danny Gene Mullins (P)	Box 243, Cromona, Ky. 41810	Haymond
Millard Bates, Jr.	408 Maryland Dr., Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Haymond
Danny D. Hurst, (P)	Rt. 1, Box 67, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Hemphill
Johnnie Colier	Box 291, Ermine, Ky. 41814	Hemphill
Floyd Sexton	HC 82, Box 910, Jackhorn, Ky. 41825	Hemphill
Homer Lee Mullins (P)	Box 339, Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Clyde Damron	HC 72, Box 1148, Shelby Gap, Ky. 41563	Hylton
Tommy England	HC 72, Box 575, Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Hylton
Larry R. Jones (P)	HC 84, Box 1920, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	Kings Creek
Leon Bolden	Lickfork, Box 44, Pikeville, Ky. 41501	Ligon
Charles Bolden	HC 73, Box 995, Harold, Ky. 41635	Ligon
Doyle Caudill (P)	P.O. Box 1328, Clintwood, Va. 24228	Marshall's Branch
Bobby W. Elkins	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Marshall's Branch
Jimmy Adams (P)	Box 67, Ermine, Ky. 41815	Moore's Chapel
Herman Bates, Jr. (P)	Box 503, Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Hollis Bevins	Pound, Va.	Payne Gap
Herbert H. Stallard	Ermine, Ky. 41815	Payne Gap
Ralph E. Profitt (P)	HC 34, Box 612, Neon, Ky. 41840	Pine Chapel
Earl Combs	Happy, Ky. 41746	Pine Chapel
Richard Gibson (P)	Box 198, Lookout, Ky. 41534	Poor Bottom
Julian Gibson	Lookout, Ky. 41534	Poor Bottom
Edgar Sanders	Ashcamp, Ky. 41512	Poor Bottom
David Bentley		Poor Bottom
Lester Boggs (P)	Box 13, Seco, Ky. 41849	Seco
Tommy Phillips	Kona, Ky. 41829	Seco
Conley Tackett (P)	P.O. Box 268, Virgie, Ky. 41572	Tackett's Fork

Note: (P) indicates Pastor

Ministers With Lifetime Good Standing Cards

Daris Williams	Hellier, Ky. 41534	Alleghany
Patrick Whitaker	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Burdine

Kelton Robinette	Dorton, Ky.	Dorton
Charles Gallion	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Dunham
Earl Breeding	Seco, Ky. 41849	Hemphill
Arnold Noles	Neon, Ky. 41840	Hemphill
Lloyd Addington	Pound, Va. 25279	Payne Gap
Vardrey Bolling	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
William Crawford	Pound, Va. 25279	Payne Gap
Ersel McPeck	Payne Gap, Ky.	Payne Gap
Jonah D. Wright	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Payne Gap
Percy Elkins, Sr.	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel
Caleb Holbrook	Jenkins, Ky. 41537	Pine Chapel

Ministers deleted from the Letcher County Conference.

Glen Ray	Gene Patton	Jerry N. Tackett
Gordon Damron	Roy R. McKnight	Ike Young, Jr.

Ministers Deceased — 3

Ministers to receive good standing cards	53
Number of ministers with lifetime good standing cards	13
Total Ministers in the Letcher County Conference	66

This report is given to the John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptists while in session with the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in session on September 9-10, 1994.

Moderator—Brother Herman Bates, Jr.

Clerk—Brother Larry R. Jones

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NEW DURHAM COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

New Durham Ministers' Conference of Freewill Baptists met with the Mt. View Freewill Baptist Church, Honaker, Virginia on August 11, 1994.

Moderator	Assistant Moderator	Clerk
Rev. Kenneth Sproles	Rev. Giles Wilson	Brady Farmer
2644 Watauga Rd.	Rt. A	Star Rt., Box 143
Abingdon, Va. 24210	Council, Va. 24260	Rowe, Va. 24646

Ordaining Council	Executive Committee
Rev. Larrie Robinson, Chairman	Brady Farmer, Chairman
Rev. Edward Dye	Elbert Rasnake
Rev. Giles Wilson	Rev. Troy Harris
	Rev. Kenneth Sproles
	Bro. Ronnie Johnson

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. Giles Wilson	Rt. A, Council, Va. 24260 859-2749	Mt. View
Rev. Clyde Stanford	P.O. Box 1860, Lebanon, Va. 24266 880-9024	East Lebanon
Rev. Troy Harris	Rt. 1, Box 157, Vansant, Va. 24656 859-2912	Fletcher's Ridge
Rev. Roy L. Wilson	Box 134, Bee, Va. 24217 859-2149	Mt. View
Rev. Willis Rasnake	Council, Va. 24260 859-0809	Mt. View
Rev. Sammie Deskins	Rt. 2, Box 98, Honaker, Va. 24260 873-5814	Clinch View
Rev. Avery Barton	Council, Va. 24260 859-2952	Drill Chapel
Rev. Archie Hubbard	Rt. 1, Swords Creek, Va. 24649	Drill Chapel
Rev. Terry Mitchell	Rt. 2, Box 452, Honaker, VA 24260 859-0155	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.

Ministers Holding Life Time Cards

Name	Address	Church
Rev. Edward Dye	Oakwood, Va. 24631	Guiding Light
Rev. Edward Perkins	Oakwood, Va. 24631	Guiding Light
Rev. Gonan Kelly	Cleveland, Va. 24255	Clinch View
Rev. Glen Peck	Drill, Va.	Drill Chapel

Done by order of New Durham Ministers Conference on August 11, 1994.

Moderator—Brother Kenneth Sproles

Clerk—Brady Farmer

HAMILTON COUNTY MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Moderator's name and address

LeRoy Reed
7450 W. Co. Rd. 1110 North
Greensburg, Indiana 47240

Ordaining Council

Rev. Harold D. Robinson
Rev. Clarence Hubbard
Rev. Robert Matney
Alt. Rev. Dewey Higdon

Clerk's name and address

Rev. Harold D. Robinson
7737 Hollywood Dr.
Florence, Ky. 41042

Executive Committee

Rev. Robert Matney
Rev. Harold D. Robinson
Rev. LeRoy Reed

Ministers to Receive Good Standing Cards

Name	Address	Church
Robert Matney	4526 B. Rt. 29, Galion, Oh.	Mt. Tabor
LeRoy Reed	7450 W. County Rd. 1110N, Greensburg, Ind.	Norristown
Harold D. Robinson	7737 Hollywood Dr., Florence, Ky.	Pipecreek
Danny Cross	2050 Robin Ave., Hamilton, Oh.	Pipecreek
Clarence Hubbard	Rt. 7, Box 150, Greensburg, Ind.	Norristown
Dewey Higdon	7382 W. Range Rd., Needham, Ind.	Norristown

Done by the order of the Hamilton County Quarterly Conference while in session with the Norristown Freewill Baptist Church on August 13, 1994.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION CONTINUED

Brother Bennie Slone made a motion seconded by Brother Emery Varney to accept the letters as read.

Discussion on the resolution submitted by New Durm and passed from the yearly meeting to the Mlnisters' conference, concerning the use of the authorized version of the King James Bible. Motion made by Bennie Slone, seconded by Harold Robinson to use only the authorized version King James Bible. Passed by vote. Being no further business, Brother Frank Powers made a motion seconded by Brother Harold Robinson to adjourn from business until next year unless called together for a special meeting by the moderator.

The moderator called Sister Peggy Maynard to sing. She sang "Heaven's Gained a Soul." Rev. Harold Robinson came forward and read Luke 3:1-8; he brought a good message. The congregation sang and was dismissed by Rev. Donnie Williamson.

OBITUARIES



Noah David Adkins

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write this obituary in memory of my precious and beloved husband. Noah David Adkins was born at Shelby Gap, Ky. on March 31, 1941. He was the son of the late Creed Adkins and Elizabeth Hopson Adkins.

He went Home to be with Jesus on January 24, 1994, making his stay on earth 52 years 9 months and 24 days. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, his wife of thirty years, Jenny Adkins of Kingsport, Tenn., and two sons, Gary David Adkins of Pound, Va. and Gary Dale Adkins of Kingsport, Tenn, as well as one grandson, Devin Adkins of Pound, Va. He also has one brother, Fon J. Adkins of Jenkins, Ky., and three sisters Mobie Epling of Elkhorn Creek, Ky., Delores Adkins of Kingsport, Tenn. and Betty Ruth Davis of Winter Haven, Florida. Two sisters and four brothers preceded him in death. He also left a host of family and friends.

David was a member of the Poorbottom Freewill Baptist Church. His goal in life was simple, "HEAVEN." He wanted a home there, and he wanted everyone else to live there too. He spent every possible moment being a witness for the Lord. During his illness he had more courage than anyone I knew. His faith in the Lord never wavered. He was an humble and loving husband and dad. He loved to go to church and rejoice in the Lord. His death leaves a very lonely place in the hearts of his many friends, family, brothers and sisters in Christ.

This is not good-bye, for I know you're in a far better place now than you've ever been. You left the testimony that you loved and served the Lord. By our faith in Jesus Christ we will meet again.

*A place is vacant in our home,
Which can never be filled.
A precious one of us is gone,
A voice we love is still.
We watched you suffer day by day
It caused us bitter grief
To see you slowly slip away
And we could not give you relief.
Our aching hearts are longing
For your face we see no more.
But we hope someday to see you
On that bright and golden shore.*

—Written by his broken-hearted wife Jenny Adkins.



Reverend Harley G. Dye

Reverend Harley G. Dye passed away October 25, 1993 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

He was born September 30, 1903 in Swords Creek, Virginia, making his stay here on earth ninety years and twenty-five days. Survivors include his wife of seventy years, Sister Ellen Dye, ten children, twenty grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, several great-great grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Through years of hard work to provide for his family, Brother Harley will be remembered for what he loved best, preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. A man who was a blessing to many souls through his forty-five years of preaching revivals and as pastor of several churches, he will be remembered as a precious friend and neighbor.

For many years he served on the New Durm Ordaining Council, and at the time of his departing, was a member and Honorary Pastor of the East Lebanon Freewill Baptist Church.

Thank God for our Pastor who fought a good fight and kept the faith.

— By: Larry Robinson



Trigg Smith

With precious and loving memories I will attempt to write an obituary of Dad. He was born in 1910, the son of Henry and Julia Large Smith. He had three brothers and one sister that preceded him in death.

Dad married Georgia Robinson in 1929. To this union were born four sons, Jimmy, Bernard, Farrell and Johnny...two daughters, Lucille and Helen. He had seventeen grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of Rugsby Freewill Baptist Church for 62 years where he served as deacon for many years and was on the executive committee of the Dickenson County Conference of Freewill Baptists. He was superintendent of Pine Grove Freewill Baptist Sunday School for 40 years, and stood steadfast on the articles of faith until death.

Dad and Mom attended church all their lives; they loved to sing, pray, and shout the praises of God. They were gifted in leadership, prayer and singing. The love of their life was participation at church with a host of friends. This was the greatest joy of their life.

Dad was a retired miner, a member of the U.M.W.A. District 28. He had a lot of fox hunting friends whom he loved since youth.

He suffered many afflictions in his life, but he would always have a smile and loved to talk to family and friends who came to visit. We feel our loss is his eternal gain.

—Written by daughter, Lucille S. Lawson



Hubert "Eck" Mullins

Hubert "Eck" Mullins was born April 26, 1921 and departed this life November 27, 1993. Eck was married to Frankie Salyer who preceded him in death March 19, 1987.

Eck had been a member of Rugsby Freewill Baptist Church since the early 1960s and was ordained as deacon July 23, 1966. Eck was a member of the Sunday School, and a member of Clintwood Masonic Lodge No. 66.

He was employed by Clinchfield Coal Co. for many years, and also owned and operated the Phillips 66 service station until he retired.

Eck is survived by one brother, Thadeus Oak Mullins, two sisters, Nita Ratliff and Vona Mullins and a great number of friends and relatives.

Eck was loved by everyone who knew him; he was always visiting the sick in the hospitals, nursing homes, and helping anyone needing help.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

—Seader Mullins



In Loving Memory of Sister Marie Hileman

Marie Hileman, 69, died Friday, December 31, 1993 in Holston Valley Hospital and Medical Center. She was a long-standing member of Mills Chapel Freewill Baptist Church where she had served as Treasurer for many years. She was a retired employee of Rockwell Manufacturing Co. in St. Paul, Va.

Survivors include her husband, Archie W. Hileman, Castlewood; her mother, Ms. Ada Salyers, Castlewood; one daughter, Ms. Charles (Judy) Salyer, Bristol, Tenn; one son, Robert Lee, Rockford, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Delmar Mays, Nora; three brothers, Fred Salyers, Nora; Paul Salyers, Bristol, Va.; and Troy L. Salyers, Orlando, Fla.; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, January 2, 1994 in Mills Chapel Church with the Reverend Franklin Hall, Reverend Roy Vanover and Reverend Bruce Pilkenton officiating. Burial was in Temple Hill Memorial Park. Pallbearers were: Junior Austin, Michael Patrick, David Patrick, Mack Bailey, Marvin Robinson and Chester Bolling. Honorary pallbearers were: Oscar McMillan, Thurman Sproles, Joe Bailey and Roy Patrick.

Mrs. Hileman was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Reedy Smith, in 1980.

Mrs. Hileman was faithful to the Dickenson County Conference and will be sadly missed by her brothers and sisters in Christ.

—Submitted by: Nina Patrick, Mills Chapel Church,
Castlewood, Va. 24224



Reverend Harry P. Whitaker

Born: July 17, 1922
Died: March 29, 1994

We thank God for a husband, father and grandfather who was called of God and served Him faithfully.

As we look back on the tender memories, we will cherish the years of sitting in a church pew taking in our father's words as he pleaded with lost souls to repent and flee from the wrath to come. We will remember the tears of joy that were shed by him as he saw the untold numbers over the years slip from their seats and receive in their hearts his Savior, whom he loved and served faithfully, steadfastly, and unmovably.

Just as John the Baptist was called by God to "bear witness of the light" and to preach Jesus Christ, so was our father. He entered God's ministry in 1955 and was ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister on November 30, 1957. He dedicated forty years of being true to the word of God, by preaching the virgin birth of Christ, His death, His resurrection, and His coming again.

For many years he served as a pastor to several local churches. The last church he pastored was Straight Hollow Freewill Baptist where he served for 22 years. The benefits and blessings of working shoulder to shoulder with fellow believers in fulfilling the Lord's will was marvelous for him. The joy of seeing children learn God's Word, of helping others and leading lost souls to Christ could not be matched by anything the world had to offer him. He faithfully rejoiced in God's love by sharing in His blessings and laboring with His people. Dad gave help and encouragement to all.

Our Dad was married to our mother (Lucille Milhorn Whitaker) for 48 years. There were five children born to these wonderful parents. We know he could not always give us everything he wanted to but he gave us the things that counted and mattered the most. He gave us a home rich in love and care; filled with warmth, laughter, and security. Our home was a Christian home filled with loving, godly parents and that is the greatest gift, and the most wonderful treasure from our Dad. We lacked for nothing because we had the best. We had everything because we had him to show us what love was every step of our way.



A Tribute to the Memory of Brother Albert Dingus

1899-1984

On this 10th anniversary of the home-going of our former Pastor, Albert Dewey Dingus, Burdine Free Will Baptist Church pays this tribute to his memory.

Brother Albert, as he preferred to be called, was born on July 18, 1899 at Dante, Va. He was converted to Christ, August 11, 1927 and baptised September 18. He began preaching in October 1927 with Ben and Wade Powers at the Free Will Baptist Church on Mudtown Hill in Jenkins, Ky. He was ordained to the gospel ministry April 21, 1928. Also in 1928 he, along with eight other believers, organized the Burdine Freewill Baptist Church in Jenkins, Ky. For over 56 years until his home-going Sept. 26, 1984, Brother Albert was the faithful, wise and loving pastor of the Burdine Free Will Baptist Church. In his personal ledger entitled "A Partial listing baptisms, marriages and funerals I have

conducted" almost one thousand names appear. In 1980-81 he encouraged and led the congregation at Burdine in building the sanctuary where they worship today.

In 1936, Brother Albert was instrumental in organizing the Letcher County Conference of Free Will Baptists and getting it into the membership of the John Thomas Association. His Scriptural wisdom and loving disposition was used of the Lord many times to give meaningful direction to the conference and association in the transaction of their business. It is particularly noteworthy that over 50 men surrendered to the call of God to preach the gospel under his ministry at Burdine and were ordained through the conference.

At a Bible Conference held at the Freewill Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. in 1982, Brother Albert was asked to stand and was acknowledged as one of the outstanding pastors among Free Will Baptists. It is my opinion, as one who has been a part of Burdine Church since 1937 when my parents were saved and joined there and I was privileged to co-pastor the church with Brother Albert from 1974 until 1984, that the reason he was an outstanding pastor is that he led the church by his example of love for God and his love for people. We praise God for the memory of Brother Albert Dewey Dingus.

—Submitted by Brother John C. DePriest
for Burdine Free Will Baptist Church



Maxine Fields Ison

Maxine Fields Ison passed away Friday, July 15, 1994 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center.

Maxine was the daughter of the late Alford and Betty Ison Fields.

She was born September 15, 1927 being 66 years and 10 months of age at the time of her passing.

Surviving are her husband, Fred Ison; three sons: Levon Williams of Kingscreek, Danny Ray Ison and Larry Dean Ison both of Kingscreek; two daughters:

Yvonne Wilson of Dry Fork and Annette Holland of Taylor, Michigan; four brothers: Lester Fields of Loyal, Eugene Fields of Bedford, Indiana, Leroy Fields of Premium and Herbert Fields of Dry Fork; three sisters: Dixie Eldridge of Kingscreek, Hester Fuson of Everts and Linda Collins of Ice; nine grandchildren: Ricky, Cynthia, William, Arthur Lee, Danny Fred, Jeremy, Jessica, Cody and Wendy and her stepmother, Dona Fields of Kingscreek along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.



Ervin Lewis Cantrell

Ervin Lewis Cantrell was born October 17, 1933 and passed away June 30, 1994.

Lewis was united in marriage to Deanna Mae Cook on May 14, 1954. Born to this union were five children: Joe Lewis and Curtis of Lower Pigeon; Ruby Norman and Carmeletta Spears of Ashcamp; and Veneda Sanders of Lexington. Lewis leaves four wonderful grandchildren, Eric and Travis Sanders of Lexington; Cindy Norman of Ashcamp, and Chelsea Cantrell of Lower Pigeon, and one expecting.

Lewis was preceded in death by his parents, Tolbert and Lila Baker-Cantrell, and three brothers, Elster, James E., and Harold C. Cantrell, all of Ashcamp. He also leaves to mourn his loss four sisters and five brothers: Alka Coleman, Anna Lee Adkins, Christine Sawyers, and Rita Smith, all of Ashcamp; Everett, Roy, Jim, and Martin Cantrell, also of Ashcamp; and Larry Cantrell of Belcher.

Lewis turned his life over to the Lord on October 31, 1966. He was a member of Hylton Freewill Baptist Church.

He entered the United States Army on June 15, 1954, and was honorably discharged on May 31, 1956.

Lewis was a retired coal miner and a member of Local UMWA 1468.

Since retiring from the coal mines, Lewis spent his time playing music and working with wood. He loved making many beautiful things for his family and friends.

Lewis was a wonderful friend and neighbor. He was always willing to help any time he was needed. He will be missed by all who loved and knew him.



Russell Boggs

In sweet loving memory and guidance from my Heavenly Father, I write the obituary of a loving Christian husband and father.

Russell Boggs was born February 17, 1917, at Martha, Kentucky. He died January 16, 1994 in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

He was married to Ann Leigh Sanders Boggs on February 17, 1940, and to this marriage were born three children, two sons and one daughter.

Russell was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church for 45 years and a trustee of the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church for 30 years. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the UMWA and the Masonic Lodge at Jenkins, Ky. He was loved and is missed by all who knew him.

—Written by his wife, Ann Leigh Boggs



Rev. Earlist Mullins

In loving memory of my husband, Rev. Earlist Mullins. He was born April 29, 1921 in Pike County and passed away on June 9, 1994, making his stay on earth 73 years, one month and 11 days. He was the son of the late Albert and Stella McFalls Mullins. He was preceded in death by a wife Naomi Moore Mullins and one daughter Linda Joyce Mullins. Survivors include his wife Dorothy Tackett Rose Mullins, three sons, Timothy Mullins, Marty Mullins, Tony W. Mullins; two daughters, Fernetta Curtis and Earline Shoupe,

seven step-children, one brother Harrison Mullins, two sisters, Vacina Sanders and Esta Childers; nine grandchildren, two step great grandchildren.

He attended Hylton Freewill Baptist Church, Ashcamp, Ky. He was a retired sheet metal worker and a World War II veteran.

He was sick a lot while on this earth but he trusted in the Lord for his every need. Only the good Lord knew how he suffered. He was humbler even in great pain talking much about the Lord. We believe in our hearts he has gone to rest in a better place with Jesus. His life was his testimony left behind.



Michael David Childers

1955-1994

In loving memory of a wonderful husband and a great father. Michael passed from this life on February 28, 1994. He was a very thoughtful person, full of life, and had many friends. He was a disabled coal miner, a member of the Jenkins Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church. But most of all in his life he was a servant of God. He loved his wife and sons dearly, but God was first in his life.

Michael was stricken with cancer in August of 1989 and from that date till he passed away he dealt with his sickness with the help of God. He was baptised in April of 1990 and lived for God from that day.

Michael was the eldest son of Vernon and Baszella Childers, born May 31, 1955. Besides his parents he is survived by his wife, Freda D. Anderson Childers, three sons, Terry Michael, Justin David, and Steven Lee, all of the home; two brothers, James Manual and Vernon Lee Childers; and one sister, Mattie Ellen Moore, all of Shelby Gap, Ky.

Michael was the kind of man that touched many lives and left many memories that his wife, family, and friends will cherish forever. The loss of Mike was very heart breaking, but knowing that he gave his soul to God lets us have some comfort today and that we have a chance to meet him again in Heaven.

—Written by his wife, Freda



Dorothy June Woodward Anderson

1928-1992

Mother was born January 31, 1928 to Franklin Woodward and Grace Elizabeth Steele Woodward. She was the eldest of five children. The children were Oakie Woodward, Harold (Half) Woodward, Virginia Dare W. Ratliff, and Franklin Herbert (Smoke) Woodward. Mother was preceded in death by both her parents.

She graduated from Dorton High School in 1948 and married our father, Duran Anderson, March 23, 1950. To this marriage four children were born. Patsy Jean Anderson Tackett, Peggy Sue Anderson Milam, Freda Devaryl Anderson Childers, and Terry Elmon Anderson. From these children she was given six grandsons and one granddaughter.

Mother was a very intelligent woman, loving mother, caring neighbor, and wonderful wife. She managed to always find time to do everything for everyone. She always had time for her children even when they were grown. She was a very moral person and loved the Lord.

She became ill April 28, 1991, and was diagnosed as having colon cancer. Her battle with cancer ended April 11, 1992 but not before she gave her soul to the Lord and was saved in early November of 1991.

—Written by her daughter, Patsy J. A. Tackett



Spicy M. Robinson Cole

In memory of our loving and precious mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt.

Spicy was born in Lebanon, Virginia on September 18, 1926, the daughter of the late Albert C. and Mary Sexton Robinson and the wife of the late Harry Cole. She departed this life and went home to be with the Lord May 8, 1994.

She is survived by her two sons Albert and Ralph Cole; three daughters: Marquita Snodgrass, Mary Honaker, and Evelyn Hartsock, three brothers: G. J.

Robinson, Clarence Robinson, and Barry "Cornbread" Robinson, twelve grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Spicy was a homemaker and a member of the Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church. She often testified of how she loved the Lord and knew she had a better place to go after her life on Earth. She suffered many afflictions the last year, but her faith never wavered and her desire remained strong to see Heaven. She just traded her home here for one that God had ready for her.

We all miss her, but hope to meet her in Heaven where we will separate no more.

Written by daughter, Evelyn Hartsock and granddaughter Samantha Hartsock.



Gaynell Compton

In loving memory of our mother, Gaynell Compton, who was born on July 21, 1934, to the late Mary Sexton Robinson and Albert C. Robinson. She went home to be with the Lord on November 28, 1993.

She is survived by her husband, Wallace Compton, Jr.; two sons, Wallace Lynn Compton and Finis Ray Compton; one daughter, Brenda Kay Boyd; and eight grandchildren. She also had three brothers, G. J. Robinson, Rev. Clarence Robinson and Rev. Barry Ed Robinson; one sister, Spicy Cole.

Not so long ago we experienced a lost love. Our beloved Gaynell passed away to be with the dear Lord above. We all know she is gone to a better place. We just miss seeing that beautiful smile upon her face. We all remember her dark skin and big brown eyes, and how she would laugh and smile to keep her troubles in disguise. Because no matter how much we cry and weep, we will always have the memories of her that we love, cherish, hold, and keep. Although when she passed away, with us she had to part, Gaynell will always have a place deep inside our hearts. We all miss her very much and we love her more than words can explain. We help ease the pain by knowing that our Gaynell is gone away with a friend and our loss is heaven's gain.

Gaynell was loved and respected by many. She was also a very faithful member of the Island Creek Freewill Baptist Church. She was a mother to all and a light to everyone. Church was her life and going home to be with Jesus was her destination. Even though she was very sick, she was a great inspiration at church and at the hospital because she was like a soldier on the battlefield that kept marching on home.

Our special thanks go out to her niece, Pauline Branham, who stood by her and helped Gaynell in each and every way that she possibly could.

We all love Gaynell and she will never be forgotten because she is always with us in our hearts!

—By: Family



Wilma Dunn

Being a sister in Christ to Wilma, I will attempt to write her obituary for this booklet. I think of the many times I've seen her stand and praise the Lord, longing for that home that awaited her. She has now laid aside these earthly trials, she's resting from all her problems. No doubt Wilma is singing the songs of Zion as she strolls over Heaven and seeing those things that the Bible tells us that our eyes and ears can't even imagine what they are like. As she so often would pen the words of her heart and put them to music, perhaps she's teaching the angels how to sing. I know she's happy and I'm happy for her because she is enjoying the good things that God has reserved for all of us. We'll meet again and we'll sing again.

Wilma died March 17, 1993. She was a member of the Leckieville Freewill Baptist Church at Goody, Ky. She lived most of her life at Aflex, Ky. raising one son, David Wagner of Hardy, Ky. She was a member of the JOY AND PEACE singers at church.

I'm sure Wilma would want us to be happy for her and would want us to join her in that heavenly land one day. She now can praise Jesus throughout eternity.

May she rest in peace,
—Christine Daniels



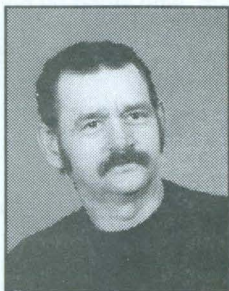
Virginia Gibson Stevens

It is with a sad and broken heart that I try with God's help to write the obituary of our dear mother.

Mom was born October 17, 1921 and she went to meet her savior on the night of July 12, 1994 at the age of 73 years. She was the daughter of the late Eli and Mary Ford Gibson, and to this union was born nine children of whom six have preceded her in death. Mom was married on September 23, 1939 to the late Arthur Stevens of Hurricane Creek Rd. of Pikeville, Ky. Dad died on Feb. 10, 1982. To this union was born 16

children, five of whom preceded Mom and Dad in death. They were married 43 years. Mom followed the Lord in Baptism in November of 1975. She was a member of the Toler Creek Freewill Baptist Church for almost 20 years. Mom was loved by everyone who knew her. Mom wasn't sick very long but by the grace of God she was at home with her family and friends before God took her home to be with him. We, her family and friends are left to mourn the loss of our sweet mother. Our circle is broken here on Earth, but I believe our loss is Heaven's gain and some day we shall meet again on Heaven's bright shore, so rest in peace, Mom. You're gone but never to be forgotten.

—Written by your daughter Lillian
and the rest of the family



Thomas D. "Jackie" Hunt

Thomas D. (Jackie) Hunt was born to Thomas and Ethel Hunt October 22, 1948. He went to be with Jesus December 28, 1994, after a sudden illness.

He left behind his mother Ethel Hunt Coleman; his wife Bobbie Hunt, two children, Luther Dewey Hunt and Fayette Hunt of Ewington, Ohio; two grandsons; four brothers, Leroy Hunt, Andrew Hunt, Earl Hunt, Billy Hunt; and one sister, Ocie (Susie) Abbott; and a host of friends and loved ones.

He was a member of the Deer Creek Freewill

Baptist Church in Ohio.

Our promise to each other was to wait for the other one by the river if one of us should part this life, so just keep waiting there, brother, for I plan to meet you by and by.

—Written by his one and only sister, Susie Abbott



Pearl Thornsburg Bostic

It's with very much sadness in my heart to try to write the obituary of my late sister Pearl Thornsburg Bostic. She lived on this earth 88 years, 11 days. She was born November 5, 1905 and died Nov. 16, 1993 after a long illness. She was married to the late Henry Bostic. She was the daughter of the late Frank and Cenia Plymal Thornsburg.

She had one stepson Lawrence Bostic; eight sons, Phillip Bostic, Thormal Bostic, Hassel Bostic, Bennett Bostic, Junior Bostic, Harold Bostic, Wade Bostic, James Bostic, Billy Bostic; five daughters, Mary Hunt, Arlene Bostic, Edith Sue Coleman, Madeline Blackburn, and Irene Bostic, who preceded her, in death.

She had 26 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren. She had five brothers, Roscoe Thornsburg, Arson Thornsburg, Alson, Wade, and Dave who preceded her in death.

She had five sisters, Ethel Coleman, Bonnie Kiser and Rennie Thornsburg, Daisy Coleman, and Zetta Thornsburg who preceded her in death. She was a member of the Edo Freewill Baptist Church. She leaves behind a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Sleep on Sis, hoping to meet you someday.

—Written by her sister, Ethel Coleman



Mark Parsons

Mark Parsons of Pikeville left to be with Jesus February 20, 1994. He was born to the late James and Carrie Maynard Parsons of Gulmare, Ky. July 6, 1906. On January 16, 1951, he was united in marriage to Lizzie Thompson of Heenon, Ky. Together they raised three girls, Arlena Thompson, Ellie Thacker, and Zella Dean.

In 1967, at the age of 62, Mark and Lizzie took in their youngest granddaughter, Treva Hall and raised her to the best of their ability. Other than his parents,

Mark was preceded in death by five brothers and one sister, one daughter and one grandson. He is survived by his wife Lizzie Parsons, one sister Martha Thompson, two daughters Ellie Thacker and Zella Dean, his adopted granddaughter Treva Hall, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He will be remembered and sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.



Hobert Hall

It is with a very sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my beloved brother.

In loving memory of Hobert Hall, 66 years of age, born June 28, 1927 at Galveston, Kentucky. He was the son of Martha Hamilton Hall of Galveston and the late Dewey Hall. He departed this life following an extended illness on Sunday, January 16, 1994, at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. In life his occupation was that of a retired paper mill employee. He was a member of the Stone

Coal Freewill Baptist Church where he was Assistant Pastor. He is survived by three brothers: James Hall, Homer Lee Hall, and Azzie Hall, all of Galveston; and three sisters: Geneva Tackett of Grethel, Ky., Berlie Hamm and Ruth Hamm of Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Hazel Hall; three brothers: Daniel Hall, Charlie Hall, and Jimmy Hall; and two sisters: May Hall and Opal Hall. A host of relatives and friends mourn his passing, especially the members of the Stone Coal Freewill Baptist Church. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sleep on, Brother Hall. We will meet you again on that great and noble Day of our Lord.

—Written by your Brother in Christ
Brother Dwight P. Buckley



James Joe May

We never dreamed we would again be writing an obituary for one of our parents—at least this soon. However, none of us know when our lives will end. This was the case with our father who died just after Christmas last year.

In late November 1993, he was taken to our local hospital and diagnosed as having a light heart attack. On the advice of his doctor, he was transferred to a larger hospital known for its exceptional cardiac care facility for precautionary testing. This revealed several

blockages and required multiple bypass surgery.

Through a strange series of complications, only one month after his heart attack our father, who was as strong as an ox, died.

Now, we try to comfort ourselves with the thought that he is at home with his Lord and Creator. He and our mother, who died only nine months before his death, are now united for all eternity.

Our thoughts are filled with loving memories of both our father and our mother and of the Christian testimony they left behind.

Our father, James Joe May, a Pike County, Ky., native died December 28, 1993, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

He was born the son of the late Rab and Virginia May on September 6, 1922. He was a retired coal miner spending 35 years in the employment of Eastern Coal Corporation and Kentland-Elkhorn Coal Company (where he was a foreman). He was a former deputy with the Pike County Sheriff's Department and a former member of the United Mine Workers of America and the honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

He was a member of the Edo Freewill Baptist Church serving as a deacon. He was a very active part of the church and the Pike County Quarterly Conference.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Pinkie Smith May, who died on March 8, 1993; his stepfather, Hibbert Thacker; one brother and two sisters.

He is survived by three sons, Joe W. May of London, Ky., Donnie R. May of Kimper, and Terry L. May of McVeigh; two daughters, Billie J. Deskins of Meta, and Betty J. McGuire of Kimper; two brothers, Harold May and Dover May, both of McAndrews; one sister, Joy Ann Johnson of Ypsilanti, Michigan; four granddaughters; five step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

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.
8. The John Thomas Association of Freewill Baptists 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.

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."

E.A. REEDY
S.M. McFALL

D.L. SMITH
ARTHUR CASTEEL

J.C. RASNAKE
W.R. STALLARD

YEARLY MEETING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, the members of the Freewill Baptist Church, in order to form a more perfect union and promote Christ's kingdom, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the John-Thomas Yearly Meeting.

Article 1. This Yearly Meeting shall be called the John-Thomas Meeting, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under the Constitution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 9. Each Quarterly Conference shall send to the Yearly Meeting \$1.25 for each minute book ordered, this money will be used for the minutes and expense of the Yearly Meeting.

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

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes. 1 Cor. 8:6; Isa. 40:28.
2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man: who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven, from whence we look for him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead. — 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:17; Acts 24:15; 1 John 2:2.
3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through his dear Son, unto the World, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God. — St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:2; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.
4. We believe in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression fell, and by means brought on himself a miserable and moral state subject to death. — Gen. 2:17; 3:19.
5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which end Christ hath commended the Gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature. Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 1 Tim. 2:4.
6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for Him, but as the Scripture has said for denying the Lord that bought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and the righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or another, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. — Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1st John 5:1-10.
7. We believe that all people reaching the years of accountability must be born again. Then by trusting His promise and keeping His commandments until the end of life, we shall be saved. — II Tim. 4:7, St. John 3:3.
8. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice. — II Tim. 3:16, 17.
9. We believe in the doctrine of General provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe in the gospel. — Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.
10. We believe that sinners are drawn to God the Father of the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impress of His Spirit, shall, at a future day, own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. — Matt. 11:17; St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12.
11. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God. — Jude 1:4; II Peter 2:1; II Thesa. 2:11; Rom. 2:10-21.
12. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and that none of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God." — 1 Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.
13. We believe that good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men. — Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16.
14. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God. — Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21; Eph. 2:8-9.
15. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice further that He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin, unto death. — Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.
16. We believe as teaching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and the fruit of the vine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing the praise of God and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament. — Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-7; James 5:14; Eph. 2:8, 9.
17. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism. — Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

18. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day. — John 5:28, 29; II Cor. 5:10.
19. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless. Matt. 25:46.
20. 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 2:4, 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 (1 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 (1 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 (1 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 fullness 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).

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.

Conferences. 5

	Dickenson County	Letcher County	Pike County	New Durm	Hamilton County	Totals
Ministers:						
Ordained	93	53	68	15	8	237
Licensed	0	2	0	0	2	4
Lifetime	8	13	9	0	0	30
Sunday Schools	33	21	17	8	0	79
Membership	1585	859	770	350		3564
Churches	36	22	19	9	3	89
Membership	2111	1509	1750	274		5644
Auxiliaries	15	11	7			33

YEARLY MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Pike	1995
Dickenson	1996
Hamilton	1997
New Durm	1998
Dickenson	1999
Letcher	2000
Pike	2001
Dickenson	2002
Letcher	2003

