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OF THE
JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

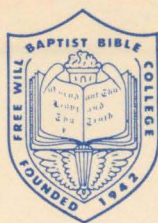
1950

Proceedings of the
SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

Convened With
EAST BRISTOL CHURCH
Bristol, Tennessee

Thursday, August 31;
Friday, September 1, 1950

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

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OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. E. F. Mitchell Holston, Virginia, Route 1
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. W. G. Henley P. O. Box 128, Abingdon, Virginia
Associational Evangelist.....	Rev. Jennings Wilson Abingdon, Virginia, Route 1
Clerk & Treasurer.....	Sarah B. Foran 321 Boone St., Bristol, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. L. Prator, Chm, 1854 Circle Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Elmer Atkins.....Indian Springs, Tenn.
Rev. R. N. Waycaster.....Route 4, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. George Newman.....Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Charlie Roark.....P.O. Box 201, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. P. L. Trivette.....Route 3, Marion, Va.
Rev. Jennings Wilson.....Route 1, Abingdon, Va.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Any three or more ministers

The next session of the John Wheeler Association will convene with West Bristol Church, Bristol, Virginia, beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1951. Rev. Robert Carr and Rev. R. N. Waycaster will preach the introductory sermons.

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Morning Session

The John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptists convened with East Bristol Church.

The conference session was called to order by the Moderator Rev. E. F. Mitchell.

The opening song "Some Day."

Prayer by Bro. Elmer Adkins.

Fellowship was taken.

Scripture lesson 3rd chapter of Acts was read by the Moderator who also read the Rules of Decorum to the body.

Committees elected as follows:

Executive Board: Bro. A. L. Prator, Bro. Elmer Adkins, Bro. R. N. Waycaster, Bro. George Newman, Bro. Charlie Roark, Bro. P. L. Trivette, and Bro. Jennings Wilson.

Finance Committee: Bro. Joe Tolliver, Sisters Louise Gilreath, Sylvia Gatlett.

Pulpit Committee: Sisters Lula Newman, Mary Newman, Frances Sykes.

Sunday School Committee: Brothers John Newman, Sam Hulse, Joe Tolliver.

Obituary Committee: Sisters Thelma Combs, Virginia Brannon.

Temperance Committee: Brothers H. M. Whitaker, Charlia Richardson, W. A. Howington.

Delegates Enrolled:

East Bristol Church: Sisters Frances Sykes, Mary Newman, Dimple Jones, Louise Gilreath, Gay Hockett.

West Bristol Church: Sisters, Thelma Combs, Lula Newman, Hazel Gaultney; Brothers Claude Newman, John Newman.

Mount Olivet Church: Brothers E. M. Powers, H. C. Blevins, Nathan Rolland and Sis. Rachel Blevins.

Rooty Branch Church: Bro. W. A. Howington, Sisters Virginia Brannon, Sylvia Catlett, Dorthy Wright. Sis. W. A. Howington, Bro. Burtis White.

Shiloh Church: Brothers H. M. Whittaker, Joe Tolliver, and Sis. Lillian Parks.

Macadonia Church: Brothers Sam Hulse, Virgil Love-

grove, Sisters Oma Yeager, Virgie Ford.

Greggs Chapel Church: Brothers, J. W. White, Frank Littleton, Willie Gregg, and Sis. Debbie Gregg.

Greenwood Church: Brothers Clearance Parks, Rhea Blevins, Sisters Wilma Baumbardner, and Maudie Testament.

Free Zion Church: Brothers Dewey Foran, Press Otie, Sisters Mable Otie, Kathaleen Otie, and Grace Otie.

New Bethel Church: None.

Spoon Gap Church: None.

Cedar Bluff Church: Sis. Mayme Graybeal.

* Friendship Church No. 1: Bro. Matt Gross, and Sis. Meriah Gross.

Moved by the Moderator that this conference adjourn to convene back at 1:30 p.m. Closing prayer by Bro. W. A. Howington.

Eleven O'clock Service

Opened by singing "Hand in Hand With Jesus."

Bro. Jennings Wilson and Bro. E. F. Mitchell brought the introductory message. Bro. Wilson reading for scripture lesson 14th chapter Cor. and taking as a subject "Love and Charity."

Closing song "Calling the Prodigal Home."

Afternoon Session

Opened 1:30 p.m. by singing "Victory in Jesus." Meeting called to order by Bro. W. G. Henley reading 12 verses from 10th chapter of Romans.

A brief but interesting address was made by Bro. Charlie Richardson.

Report of Pulpit Committee:

We, your Pulpit Committee, do recommend Bro. W. A. Howington and Bro. L. J. Howell to bring the afternoon messages and Bro. Elmer Adkins and Bro. George Newman to bring the messages at the 8:00 o'clock service.

We suggest that this conference adjourn at 11:00 o'clock to convene back at 1:30 p.m.

We agree for Bro. H. M. Whittaker and Sister Virginia Brannon to preach at the 11:00 o'clock service Friday morning and that Bro. R. N. Waycaster bring the closing message Friday afternoon.

We ask that this conference adjourn at 3:00 p.m. for the closing preaching service.

Obituary Committee Report:

We, your Obituary Committee, wish to submit the following:

The Deceased

West Bristol Church: Joyce Newman, 5 year old daughter of Bro. and Sis. Raymond Newman, expired July 2nd, 1950.

Greenwood Church: Deceased: C. M. Moretz, Zeke Stewart.

East Bristol Church: Sis. Katherine Stout expired June 16, 1950. Velma Hockett, age 1 year, expired Aug., 1949. Bro. Sam Leonard expired May, 1950.

Sunday School Committee Report:

We, your Sunday School Committee, submit the following report. That every church should have a Sunday School and that all teachers and officers should be Christians and capable of teaching. We don't believe ministers should be put in as superintendent that they should be free to preach the gospel to the lost and dying world.

Temperance Committee Report:

We, your Temperance Committee agree that we should be temperate in all things as well as abstaining from all intoxicating beverages.

Executive Committee Report:

We, your Executive Committee, report: that we have examined Sister Thelma Combs and Sister Virginia Brannon and Brother J. W. White and find them worthy to be ordained to preach the gospel.

We also have examined Brother Ray Wilson and find him eligible for license.

We ask that Brother Jennings Wilson be again elected as Evangelist for the forth coming year.

We request that the next quarterly be held with Greggs Chapel.

We request that the annual association convene with West Bristol Church and that Brother Robert Carr and Brother R. N. Waycaster preach the introductory sermon.

Finance Committee Report:

Receipts of Churches:

Rooty Branch.....	\$ 5.00
Mount Olivet.....	3.00

East Bristol.....	5.00
West Bristol.....	5.00
Donations	25.70
Treatise sold.....	5.00
Total	\$ 48.70
Carried forward.....	\$ 91.78
Grand Total.....	\$130.48

Motions carried that Sisters Thelma Combs and Virginia Brannon and Brother J. W. White receive their ordination. Brothers H. M. Whittaker, W. A. Howington, L. J. Howell were the ordaining council. Bro. Howell leading the ordaining prayer.

Brother Ray Wilson was found eligible and received license to preach the gospel for one year.

Moved by the Moderator that this Conference adjourn until Friday morning 9:00 a.m.

Three O'clock Service

Bro. L. J. Howell brought the afternoon message followed by Bro. W. A. Howington. Wonderful sermons were brought and the Holy Spirit was greatly manifested. Closing prayer by Sis. Sylvia Catlett.

Friday Morning Session

Opening by singing "Camping in Canaan." Meeting called to order by the moderator. Scripture lesson 7th chapter of Matthew was read by Bro. E. F. Mitchell. Opening prayer by Bro. John Newman. Fellowship was taken by vote. Rules of decorum were read. Bro. A. L. Pope gave an interesting talk for the good of the Association.

Motion carried that Bro. Jennings Wilson be elected as evangelist for the forth coming year.

Motion carried that church letters be received and adopted as follows:

Greenwood Church:

To the John Wheeler Association when convened with East Bristol Church August 31, September 1, 1950.

We send as delegates our beloved brothers and sisters Ray Blevins, Edd Baumgardner, Frank Roberts, Frank Wright, Wilma Baumgardner, Mable Hillard whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year,

17; membership, 35; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 60; value church property, \$5,000; paid pastor, \$345.09; pastor for coming year, Rev. Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tennessee; clerk, Eulala Baumgardner.

Done by order of the Greenwood Church while assembled in conference this 5th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. Elmer Adkins

Clerk, Sis. Everette Baumgardner

East Bristol Church:

To the John Wheeler Association when convened with East Bristol Church.

We send as delegates Sisters Frances Sykes, Mary Newman, Dimple Jones, Louise Gilreath, Gay Hockett, Virginia Pickel whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberation.

State of religion, good; members received, 19; members baptized, 27; members deceased, 1; total membership, 45; condition of prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, fair; average number of pupils, 45; officers and teachers, 7; value of church property, \$4,500; amount paid pastor, \$297.25; amount for evangelist work, \$240.06; amount for building repairs, \$189.99; amount for incidentals, \$375.90; amount for home mission, \$81.14; amount for publication, \$31.88; amount for minutes, \$5.00; pastor's name for forth coming year, Rev. George Newman, Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee; ministers: Rev. Charles Richards, Rev. Elmer Adkins, Rev. Robert Carr, Rev. J. W. Henley, Rev. Dowell Moore.

Done by order of East Bristol Church assembled in conference this 26th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. George Newman

Clerk, Sis. Louise Gilreath

West Bristol Church:

To the John Wheeler Association when convened with East Bristol Church.

We send as delegates our beloved brothers and sisters Rosa Sherman, Ora Wagner, Lula Newman, Hazel Gaultney, John Newman and Claude Newman whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 2; number baptized, 9; number dismissed, 5; total membership, 60; condition of prayer meeting, good; condi-

tion of Sunday School, good; average number pupils, 75; number of officers, 9; condition of league, fair; membership, 8; auxiliary, good; members, 14; value of church property, \$5,000; paid pastor, \$800.00; evangelist work, \$146.36; building repairs, \$188.00; foreign mission, \$91.64; orphanage \$48.90; publication, \$56.78; amount for minutes, \$5.00; pastor's name and address for the forth coming year, Rev. R. N. Waycaster, Route 4, Kingsport, Tennessee; names of ministers and deacons: Rev. E. F. Mitchell, Rev. E. A. Wagner, Rev. George Newman, Rev. A. L. Prator, Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, Rev. David Warren, Rev. Amos Pope, Rev. Sis. Thelma Combs; deacons: Bro. John Newman, Bro. S. C. Gonyea, Bro. Howard Hobson, Bro. Howard Miller, Bro. Charles Cornellius, Bro. Burley Frye.

Done by order of West Bristol Church assembled in conference this 26th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. R. N. Waycaster
Clerk, Sis. Thelma Combs

Free Zion Church:

To the John Wheeler Annual Association when convened with East Bristol Church.

We send as delegates our beloved brother and sisters Press Otie, Grace Otie and Mable Otie whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received, 9; number baptized, 2; total membership, 30; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 36; value of church property, \$1,500; paid pastor, \$43.50; pastor's name for the forth coming year, Rev. Palmer Graybeal, Abingdon, Virginia, Rt. 2.

Done by order of the Free Zion Church assembled in conference this 19th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. Palmer Graybeal
Clerk, Flossie Bailey

Greggs Chapel:

To the John Wheeler Annual Association when convened with East Bristol Church:

We send as delegates our beloved brothers and sisters William Gregg, Debbie Gregg, Mae Littleton, J. W. White, and Frank Littleton whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 15; total membership, 31; revivals, 2; paid for evangelistic work, \$42.09; paid pastor, \$97.88; Sunday School, good; average number pupils, 25; pastor for the forth coming year, Rev. Hubert H. Daniels, Telford, Tennessee.
Clerk, Nora Bacon

Shiloh Church:

To the John Wheeler Association when convened with East Bristol:

We send as delegates our beloved brother and sisters Charles Eldrith, Louie Mumpower, Lawrence Powers, Goldie Eldrith, Sis. Amos and Lillian Parks whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 54; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; average number pupils, 100; conversions, 68; baptized, 40; amount for evangelistic work, \$162.00; home mission, \$55.45; pastor's name for the forth coming year, Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Paige St., Bristol, Virginia.

Clerk, Blanche Blaylock

Macedonia Church:

To the John Wheeler Association when convened with East Bristol Church:

We, the class at Macedonia, do hereby request that we be dismissed from the association.

Mount Olivet Church:

To the John Wheeler Annual Association when convened with East Bristol Church:

We send as delegates our brethren Rev. P. L. Trivette, John Wyatt, Nathan Rolland, Lester Rolland, and E. M. Powers whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 7; number baptized, 6; total membership, 55; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number pupils, 60; officers and teachers, 6; paid pastor, \$168.50; paid evangelist, \$100.00; publication, \$17.42; amount enclosed, \$3.00.

Done by order of Mount Olivet Church assembled in conference this 5th day of August, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. John Buchanan
Clerk, E. M. Powers

Rooty Branch Church:

To the John Wheeler Annual Association when convened with East Bristol Church:

We send as delegates our beloved brothers and sisters whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberations.

Delegates: Sisters Sylvia Vanover, Dorothy Wright, Virginia Brannon; brothers Burtis White, W. A. Howington and Sister W. A. Howington and Sis. Willie Vanover; Sunday School, good; average number pupils, 150; prayer meeting, good; paid pastor, \$1,527.85; evangelist, \$160.50; enclosed for minutes, \$5.00; we give each 4th Sunday offering to the orphanage.

Done by order of Rooty Branch Church assembled in conference this 19th day of August, 1950.

Pastor for the coming year, Rev. W. A. Howington.

Clerk, Dorothy Wright

Motion carried this conference adjourn for 11:00 o'clock service to convene back at 1:30.

Eleven O'clock Service

Opened by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer by Sis. Virginia Brannan.

Bro. H. M. Whittaker brought the message followed by sister Virginia Brannan, reading from the 13th chapter of St. Mark.

Closing prayer by Bro. R. N. Waycaster.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

(Friday Afternoon Session

Opened at 1:30 p.m. by singing "Take my Hand Precious Lord." Prayer by Bro. Joe Tolliver. Scripture lesson 2nd chapter Hebrews read by the Moderator, Bro. E. F. Mitchell.

Roll call of ministers as they received their annual cards.

Ordained Ministers:

Rev. E. F. Mitchell.....Holston, Va.

Rev. E. T. Tolliver.....Bristol, Va.

Rev. H. M. Whittaker.....Bristol, Va.

Rev. H. R. Rouse.....Bristol, Tenn., Rt. 4

Rev. Robert Carr.....	Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Elmer Adkins.....	Indian Springs, Tenn.
Rev. W. G. Henley.....	Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Sis. L. F. Henley.....	Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Palmer Graybeal.....	Abingdon, Va., Rt. 1
Rev. R. N. Waycaster.....	Kingsport, Tenn., Rt. 4
Rev. Dewey Foran.....	Old Glade Springs, Va.
Rev. A. L. Prator.....	Long Island, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. E. A. Wagner.....	145 Blountville Hgy., Bristol, Va.
Rev. J. W. Chesnutt.....	520 Page St., Bristol, Va.
Rev. P. L. Trivette.....	Marion, Va., Rt. 3
Rev. Charles Roark.....	P. O. Box 102, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Cisero C. Norris.....	Abingdon, Va., Rt. 1
Rev. W. A. Howington.....	Bristol, Tenn., Rt. 3
Rev. Joe Tolliver.....	Bristol, Tenn., Rt. 2
Rev. David Warren.....	Box 886, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Amos Pope.....	Abingdon, Va., Rt. 1
Rev. Preston Roark.....	Abingdon, Va., Rt. 2
Rev. Jennings Wilson.....	Abingdon, Va., Rt. 1
Rev. Charles Richardson.....	Bristol, Va., Rt. 2
Rev. George Newman.....	Bristol, Tenn., Rt. 2
Rev. H. H. Daniels.....	Telford, Tenn.
Rev. J. W. White.....	Jonesboro, Tenn., Rt. 9
Rev. Sis. Thelma Combs.....	109 12th St., Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Sis. Virginia Brannan.....	Bristol, Va.

Licensed Ministers:

Bro. Scott Broyhill.....	
Bro. George Shepherd.....	Fordtown, Tenn., Rt. 2
Bro. Ray Wilson.....	Abingdon, Va., Rt. 1
Bro. Dowell Moore.....	205 22nd St., Bristol, Tenn.
Bro. Preston Roark.....	Abingdon, Va., Rt. 2
Bro. Bordie McMurray.....	Kingsport, Tenn.

Visiting Ministers:

Rev. L. J. Howell.....	Chilhowie, Va., Rt. 2
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Ministers received this year, 7; ministers dismissed 5; ministers for consideration, 7.

Motion carried the request from the Macedonia class that they be dismissed from the association was granted.

Motion carried that Bro. Elmer Adkins be sent to Mount Olivet Church as pastor.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Received and adopted as follows:

R. L. Carr—

Preached several sermons; assisted in two funerals; witnessed several conversions; visited the sick; traveled a number of miles; received, \$35.00.

W. A. Howington—

Sermons preached, many; miles traveled, several; sick homes visited, many; visited sick in hospitals, many times; marriage ceremonies performed, 2; conversions witnessed, many; baptized, 35; received, \$1,714.95.

Joe Tolliver—

Sermons preached, 85; funerals, 1; conversions witnessed, 30; revivals conducted, 14; marriage ceremonies performed, 1; baptized, 5; miles traveled, 634; received, \$38.87.

Virginia Brannon—

Sermons preached, 12; prayer meetings conducted, several; conversions witnessed, 110; sick homes visited, several; revivals attended, 3.

A. L. Prator—

Churches pastored, 1; conversions witnessed, 19; baptized, 6; received, \$113.60.

E. F. Mitchell—

Sermons preached, many; conversions witnessed, 174; baptized, 90; revivals conducted, 5; marriage ceremonies performed, 12; funerals, 13; sick visits, many; miles traveled, many; received, \$585.00.

R. N. Waycaster—

Churches pastored, 1, sermons preached, 125; number baptized, 9; miles traveled, 11,000; received, \$800.00.

Hubert H. Daniels—

Churches pastored, 1; sermons preached, 65; revivals conducted, 2; conversions witnessed, 25; received into the church, 15; sick room visits, 5; homes visited, several; prayer meetings conducted, several; marriages performed, 3; received, \$97.80.

Thelma Combs—

Sermons preached, 10; prayer meetings conducted, 10; church programs, 2; organized leagues, 1; amount enclosed for association, \$1.00; received, \$10.00.

Jennings Wilson—

Sermons preached, many; revivals conducted, 11; conversions witnessed, 315; baptized, 84; received into church, 11; all day services conducted, 8; marriage ceremonies performed, 5; funerals, 13; miles traveled, many; received, \$1,512.40.

J. W. Chesnutt —

Churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted, 1; conversions witnessed, 55; baptized, 51; received, \$38.20.

Sorry I could not be with you in the conference. May God bless you all is my prayer. Pray for me. Enclosed is \$2.00 for the benefit of the association.

Palmer Graybeal—

Churches pastored, 1; sermons preached, 68; revivals conducted, 2; conversions witnessed, 8; sick home visits, many; miles traveled, many; received into church, 11; received, \$89.18.

H. N. Whittaker—

Sermons preached, several; conversions witnessed, several; miles traveled, many.

George Newman—

Churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted, 5; funerals conducted, 3; conversions witnessed, 74; baptized, 37; miles traveled, many; received, \$367.25.

Elmer Adkins—

Churches pastored, 2; revivals conducted, 4; funerals, 1; conversions witnessed, 85; baptized, 15; sermons preached, 154; sick homes visited, many; miles traveled, many; received, \$654.70.

E. A. Wagner—

I am still on the Good Way, fighting the battle against sin and the Devil. I love the Lord with all my heart.

May God bless every one of you and give you a wonderful conference. Remember me in prayer.

Your humble servant in Christ,

Motion carried that the next Quarterly Meeting be held with Greggs Chapel and the annual association convene with West Bristol Church beginning Thursday before the first Sunday in September, 1951.

Rev. Robert Carr and Rev. R. N. Waycaster preach the introductory sermon.

Report of the clerk of the association was read as follows:

Clerk's Report—

To the John Wheeler Association when convened with East Bristol Church:

I, as your clerk and treasurer, do hereby make this report August 24, 1950.

Receipts:

Balance carried forward.....	\$134.83
Dec. 5 Quarterly Conference, Rooty Branch.....	\$ 25.86
Mar. 5 Quarterly Conference, Shiloh.....	23.01
June 2 Quarterly Conference, Macedonia....	25.61

Total receipts.....	\$ 74.48
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Grand Total.....	\$209.31
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Disbursements:

For Minutes.....	\$ 78.25
For Moderator.....	20.00
For Va. State Association.....	15.00
For Treatise.....	7.20
For Blanks and Letter Forms.....	2.25
For Ministers' Cards.....	3.00
For Clerk and Treasurer.....	25.00

Total disbursements.....	\$150.70
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Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 91.78
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Old Age Ministers' Fund'

Carried forward.....	\$79.36
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Disbursements:

Rev. E. T. Tolliver.....	\$10.00
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Balance in Treasury.....	\$69.36
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Motion carried this conference adjourn at 3:00 p.m. for preaching service.

Three O'clock Service

Opening song "Victory in Jesus." Prayer by Bro. E. F. Mitchell. Bro. R. N. Waycaster brought the message taking a text from the 133rd Psalm. A wonderful message was enjoyed by all.

The meeting came to a close with a hearty handshake and the Spirit of the Lord was greatly manifested.

We, the delegates of the represented classes and visiting brothers and sisters, offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks and grateful appreciation to the people of East Bristol and community for the kind hospitality rendered us during our stay in your locality.

Respectfully submitted,

Moderator, E. F. Mitchell

Ass't. Moderator, W. G. Henley

Clerk, Sarah B. Foran

I, Sarah B. Foran, Clerk and Treasurer of the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptists, do hereby certify these minutes are here produced correctly to the best of my knowledge and ability with such corrections and revisions as permitted me by the association.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sarah B. Foran

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.

Article. 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong, and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

Article 3. The Association shall elect annually a Moderator and Clerk.

Article. 4. The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the body is organized.

Article 5. This Association will encourage a sound ministry, such as presents Christ as an all-sufficient Saviour having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the Gospel, which is freely offered to all.

Article 6. Any minister in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and have his name enrolled in our minutes.

Article 7. The Association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expedition of business, shall report their proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made by committees may be adopted or rejected by the body.

Article 8. All proceeding queries regularly presented to the Association by any church shall be attended to.

Article 9. The Association shall have a book in which shall be recorded an accurate account of all its proceedings.

Article 10. Any church may become a member of the Association by making application by letter or delegate and adopting our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

Article 11. The Association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

Article 12. There shall be an Association fund for defraying expenses and charges that may accrue, and for replenishing such, each church may contribute at pleasure.

Article 13. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the Association whose duty it shall be to have care of and account of all money committed to his charge.

Article 14. The Association shall use the Free Will Baptist Treatise in full.

Article 15. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

Article 16. The Association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

Article 17. The Association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services at each annual meeting.

Article 18. The Association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. There shall be no conversation by members one with another as to interrupt business while in session.

3. Every member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

5. We will admit no other title but that of brother while speaking.

6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the moderator.

10. On all motions made, when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is one living and true God, who is in personality the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection. "There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time." I Timothy 2:5.

2. The Holy Scripture—We believe that God is the Author of the Holy Bible and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16.

3. Original Apostasy—We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin. "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree

to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and also gave her husband with her and he did eat." Gen. 3:6.

4. Free Grace—We believe that the grace of God comprehends all blessings, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is also the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." Romans 10:12.

5. Christian Faith—We believe that Christian faith is belief in Jesus Christ as the Son and Redeemer for the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36.

6. Repentance—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin, and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin.

"Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of, but sorrow of the world worketh death." II Cor. 7:9,10.

7. Free Agency—We believe that the human will is free and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

"He hath showed thee, O man what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8.

8. Perseverance—We do not believe under the Gospel dispensation any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; but it is possible again to sin and be lost.

"And Jesus said unto him: No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62.

9. Good Works—We believe that good works are the results of faith, and are not of necessity; that those who have faith will do the works of righteousness, while those who do not have faith cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.

“Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruits is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” Matt. 7:19,20.

10. Christian Baptism—We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be spiritually administered without faith in the subject who receives it.

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4.

11. The Lord’s Supper—We believe the supper was instituted by our Saviour as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represent His body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians and all Christians should be united in service regardless of name of denominational distinction.

“But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.” I Cor. 11:29.

12. Feet Washing—We believe that washing the saint’s feet is a command of our Saviour, and that His followers ought to practice the same.

“If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet ye ought also to wash one another’s feet.” John 13:14.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Faith. We give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandment implied in a confession of faith in the spirit of meekness, rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray and watch over each other, being careful of each other's reputation and our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another and to strengthen those who are weak.

We promise by the help of God that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed Word in the minds of those under our care.

We agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are implied in profession of faith.

We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not to use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such, nor furnish it to others.

We also agree to encourage home and foreign missions, education, Sabbath Schools, good morals, and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and prepare us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the kingdom of God where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

