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The Sixth Session of the Maryland State Association will convene 23 & 24 June 1972, with the Oak Crest Church, Bassett, Virginia. Host pastor will be Rev. Dwite Ferguson.

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION
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OFFICERS

MODERATOR: Rev. Lester Horton
Fairwood Church
6415 Ox Road
Fairfax Station, Virginia

CLERK: Mr. Cossie Meade
249 Cabbel Drive
Manassas Park, Virginia

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: Rev. William Steele
Chestnut Hill Church
Big Island, Virginia

SECRETARY: Miss Nancy L. Meade
249 Cabbel Drive
Manassas Park, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Elzo Bevan
Bethel Church
3713 Davis Ford Road
Woodbridge, Virginia
Term Expires: 1974

Rev. Johnnie Skeens
Mt. Calvary Church
Perryman, Maryland
Term Expires: 1972

Rev. William Steele
Chestnut Hill Church
Big Island, Virginia
Term Expires: 1973

Rev. Curtis Byrd
Trinity Church
Darlington, Maryland
Term Expires: 1972

Bro. Eugene Wampler
Welcome Home Church
Bel Air, Maryland
Term Expires: 1974

NATIONAL OFFICES

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
POST OFFICE BOX 1088
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37202

Address above can be used for following Departments:

Board of Foreign Missions
Home Missions - Church Extension
Sunday School Department
Executive Church Bonds
Church Training Service
Retirement and Insurance
Laymen's Board
Woman's Auxiliary

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE
3606 WEST END AVENUE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37205

FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN
ROUTE 9
GREENVILLE, TENNESSEE 37743

1. The Clerk or his assistant or in their absence the senior minister in years shall call the Association to order if a quorum is present. The Moderator or in his absence the Assistant Moderator shall take charge. If neither is present, a Moderator Pro Tem shall be elected.
2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to enroll the ordained personnel and delegates to this Association who shall sign the register upon arrival with name, address, and Quarterly Meeting they represent. Visitors will also be registered.
3. It shall be the duty of each Quarterly Meeting belonging to this Association to send a letter to each annual meeting of this Association reporting in the same its statistics and benevolent work. Any Quarterly Meeting belonging to this Association may be dismissed from the Association by a two thirds vote of all members present.
4. Each session shall be opened by Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
5. By a two thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the Moderator can be overruled.
6. The Moderator shall have the same privileges to speak as any other person provided the Chair is filled.
7. This Association may correspond by letter or otherwise with other religious bodies.
8. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.
9. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in discussion by obtaining permission from the Moderator and properly identifying themselves.
10. Anyone desiring to speak shall stand and address the Moderator by the appellation "Brother Moderator" but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
11. It shall be the duty of each member of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting. Anyone wishing to retire should first obtain permission from the Moderator.
12. The Moderator of this Association must be an ordained minister and no person may be Moderator more than twice in succession.
13. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
14. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee provided the person nominated be elected.
15. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section at the beginning of each session.
16. Five members or a majority of the resident members present shall constitute a quorum in conference.
17. Each minister shall make a yearly report to the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting of which he is a member prior to the State Association. Good standing cards will be issued only to those that report.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a State Association and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination among us, do therefore adopt this Constitution for our better denominational government.

1. This yearly meeting shall be called the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings conveniently located as may embody themselves under this Constitution.
2. The business of this Association shall be conducted by the ordained ministers and deacons and elected delegates who are members of a Quarterly Meeting within this Association. Each Quarterly Meeting is entitled to three delegates from each church in addition to the ordained personnel who are standing delegates.
3. The officers of this Association shall be Clerk, Treasurer, and Secretary who shall retain that office until terminated by this Association or themselves. The Moderator shall be elected at the close of the annual meeting of this Association.
4. Any well organized Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting composed of such church as conform to the usages and adopt the doctrines and the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association may at any time, upon application and by majority vote of this Association, become a member thereof.
5. From this time (June 1970) forward, any minister or deacon applying for membership in this Association must first meet the qualifications set forth in First Timothy, Chapter 3 and Titus Chapter 1. No minister or deacon shall hold membership in this Association if he or his wife have a living companion from a previous marriage.
6. This Association shall have authority to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed and exclude them for practices contrary to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association.
7. The annual meeting of this Association shall convene on Friday morning at 10 o'clock before the fourth Sunday in June and shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws not inconsistent with the Constitution which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.
8. This Association shall not recognize any minister or delegate unless they comply with the Constitution and By-Laws thereof.
9. Parliamentary procedure will be governed by "Roberts Rules of Order."

DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Maryland State Association of Free Will Baptists, any assets of the organization then remaining shall be conveyed to such organizations than existent dedicated to similar objectives to those of this organization, selected by the Executive Board at the time of dissolution, which organization must be exempt under Section 501 (E) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended or under successor provisions of the Code as may be in effect at the time of dissolution.

MINUTES

Session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Cossie Meade, "We'll Work Til Jesus Comes."

Scripture read from James 2:14-20 by Bro. Curtis Byrd and prayer led by Bro. Johnnie Skeens.

Host Pastor, Rev. Elzo Bevan welcomed the Association and read Psalms 133 with response given by Bro. Jim King, (John 10:4-5).

Clerk, Bro. Cossie Meade took charge of the service and declared the Association open for business.

Clerk then asked the Moderator, Rev. Lester Horton to take charge.

Moderator gave brief history of the Maryland State Association.

Moderator called for conference letters to be brought forward and asked the clerk to read the names of the delegates. Delegates then came forward and received the right hand of fellowship and were seated with the Body.

Moderator asked for any visiting ministers or corresponding messengers.

Moderator welcomed Rev. Eugene Waddell of the National Foreign Missions Department and pastor of Cofer's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Moderator asked Clerk to read conference letters.

Moved and seconded that letters be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Moderator selected Committee on Committees, consisting of: Bro. Larry Branham, Bro. Sid Brooks, and Bro. Denver Brown.

Moved and seconded to adopt the Program as submitted by the Northern Virginia Conference to follow as closely as possible. Motion carried.

Moderator asked Bro. Waddell to give his report on the work of the Foreign Mission Department. Bro. Waddell read Romans 15:20, 24, and 30, and gave a report on the work of the Foreign Mission Board and the progress in several different mission fields. Moved and seconded that Bro. Waddell's report be accepted with our appreciation. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that we take a love offering for the Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee, at the opening session of the Association. Motion carried. Amount received for Children's Home \$42.43.

Moved and seconded that the business session be adjourned until the afternoon session at 2:00 p.m. Motion carried.

11:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Johnnie Skeens, prayer led by Rev. Clate Kilby, scripture read from Phil.:1-12, and singing led by Bro. Cossie Meade "Send the Light."

Rev. Lester Robinson brought the keynote message, "Occupy Till I Come" Luke 19:13.

Benediction.

2 : 0 0 P . M . B U S I N E S S S E S S I O N

Opened with congregational singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go" and scripture read by Bro. Larson Cave (I John 3:1-7).

Moderator appointed Bro. Dwite Ferguson as Assistant Moderator.

Bro. Wampler reported that the youth of the Maryland Churches raised \$1,300 for the Bible College. Bro. Steele gave a report on the Bible College.

Bro. Waddell gave a short report on CONTACT MAGAZINE, followed by Bro. Bevan's report on State work and particular regarding 3% to State. Moved and seconded that we accept these reports as read. Motion carried.

Bro. Steele nominated as State Promotional Secretary and Editor of State Paper. Moved and seconded that nominations cease.

Bro. Bevan's and Bro. Wampler's terms expired on the Executive Board this year. Moved and seconded we retain Bro. Bevan in his present position on Executive Board for another three year term. Carried. Moved and seconded that we retain Bro. Wampler in his present position on Executive Board for another three year term.

Bro. Horton's term on General Board expired. Moved and seconded that we retain Bro. Horton for another term. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that the plaque for our \$1,000 gift to the Bible College be hung in the Mount Calvary Church, Perryman, Maryland.

Question of delegates to the National Association tabled until Saturday session.

Bro. Johnnie Skeen's term expired as State Home Mission Promotional Director - Secretary - Treasurer.

Bro. Lester Robinson nominated to fill this position. Moved and seconded that nominations cease. Carried. Bro. Robinson was elected.

Moved and seconded that we have 400 minutes printed. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Greg Bevan have minutes printed within 90 days.

Moved and seconded that business session be adjourned until 6:00 p.m., Minister's Conference. Motion carried.

Y O U T H S E R V I C E - 7 : 0 0 P . M .

Singing led by Bro. Steve Bevan, "Footprints of Jesus."

Devotional by Bro. Reed Mullins, prayer led by Bro. Curtis Byrd, and special singing by the Light of Life Trio and Bethel Youth Choir.

Message brought by Bro. Eugene Waddell, "I Have Five Brethern," Luke 16:27-31.

Foreign Mission offering \$92.42.

Singing led by Bro. Steve Bevan "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder," scripture read by Dwight Ferguson (St. Luke 19:13; 1 Cor. 2:15), and prayer led by Bro. Dewey Lockee.

Moderator called for any delegates not present for Friday's session.

Visiting ministers called forward, Rev. Luke Wright welcomed from Dickenson County Conference.

Rev. William Steele gave report on Minister's Conference.

By-laws of Ministers Conference read for approval of Body. Moved and seconded they be accepted as read. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded we establish an office to take care of our giving to the National work. This office would be called Director of Finance. Motion carried.

Bro. Eugene Wampler was elected Director of Finance for Maryland State Association.

Bro. Kyle Settle elected assistant Director of Finance.

Moved and seconded to receive offering for newly established Director of Finance.

Bro. Elzo Bevan gave report on cooperative giving.

Oak Crest Church requested that the 1972 Session of Maryland State Association be held with their church at Bassett, Virginia.

Moved and seconded we accept invitation of Oak Crest Church. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded we retain Bro. Lester Horton as Moderator. Motion failed to pass.

Rev. Jack Bartley and Rev. Johnnie Skeens nominated as Moderator. Rev. Jack Bartley elected as Moderator for 1972 Session.

Sis. Dottie Steele gave report on Ladies Auxillary.

Delegates elected for National Association: Bro. and Sis. Tom Phipps, Bro. Dan Mullins, Sis. Lottie Horton, Bro. Jim Moore.

Moved and seconded to strike all notes regarding Sis. Nancy Meade's resignation as Secretary.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Horton be given a letter giving him authority to fill any vacancy in our State delegation with another who was present at the National Association. Carried.

Minister's good standing cards distributed.

Moved and seconded that each delegate to the National Association be given \$25 toward expenses. Carried.

Moved and seconded that each Maryland State Bible College student be given \$50. Carried.

Moved and seconded that business session be adjourned until 1972 with the Oak Crest Free Will Baptist Church, Bassett, Virginia.

11:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

Devotion by Rev. Jack Bartley.

Offering taken for the cushion fund for the Maryland State Director of Finance.

Special singing by Bro. and Sis. Clate Kilby.

Bro. Steele brought the message (I Cor. 14:9-11 and Mark 7:9).

Benediction.

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MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Local Causes:	Paid Evangelists	Building & Repairs	Publication & Literature	Maryland State Association	Miscellaneous
Pastors' Salaries					\$19,956.89
\$12,372.02	\$3,045.35	\$28,348.98	\$560.58	\$834.20	
Outside Causes:	Foreign Missions	Children's Home			
Home Missions					
\$300.00	\$315.92	\$494.79			

MARYLAND-NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

Local Causes:	Paid Evangelists	Building & Repairs	Publication & Literature	Maryland State Association	Miscellaneous
Pastors' Salaries					\$5,533.32
\$5,790.63	\$1,111.27	\$9,867.05	\$979.96	\$456.29	
Outside Causes:	Foreign Missions	Children's Home			
Home Missions					
\$322.32	\$46.23	\$545.10			

NEW RIVER CONFERENCE

Local Causes:	Paid Evangelists	Building & Repairs	Publication & Literature	Maryland State Association	Miscellaneous
Pastors' Salaries					\$1,590.00
\$4,638.00	\$843.00	\$6,177.00	\$261.00		
Outside Causes:	Foreign Missions	Children's Home			
Home Missions					
\$106.00	\$189.00	\$135.00			

MARYLAND STATE ASSOCIATION
STATISTICS

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

No. of Churches	Church Membership	Members Rec'd	Churches Organized	Ordained Ministers	Deacons	Licensed Ministers	Sun. School Attendance
7	533	108	2	23	40		505
1 (parsonage)							

MARYLAND-NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

6	382			11	12	1	511
1 (parsonage)							

NEW RIVER CONFERENCE

4	380	29	1	7			240
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LIST OF DELEGATES

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Greg Bevan	Henry Thomas
Denver Brown	Lawrence Thompson
William Cave	Jack Whited
Hall Delph	Emma Good
Cecil Green	Alda Henseley
Robert Hale	Ruth Jackson
Elmer Henseley	Ruby Kyger
Billy King	Nancy Meade
Frank Nick	Rose Miller
Jimmie Stanley	Julia Schaffer
	Ora Thomas

MARYLAND-NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

Bobby Beavers
Richard Cole
Clewitt Cooke
Charles England
Amos Lane
Stanley Parnell
Tom Phipps
Bill Testerman
Gladys Deckman
Lillian Lockee

NEW RIVER CONFERENCE

John L. McDaniel
Jessie Brown
May Clark
Janis Ferguson
Pearl Ferguson
Evazell Kilby
Mae Miller
Marie Miller
Francis Newman
Kathy Reeves
Dortha Steele
Jean Sturgill

MINISTERS' REPORT

Minister	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Jack Bartley	95	1		5	3	2		\$ 100.00
Elzo Bevan	135	1	4	25	12		15,000	1,200.00
Larry Branham	90	1			3	1	40,000	350.00
Cary L. Campbell	14			1				
Robert Casteel		1					1,000	
Waymond L. Cave	75	1		2	2	2	500	100.00
Jesse L. Cox	68		1	12	8			
Dwite K. Ferguson	64	1		6	3		1,400	400.00
W. Leo Good	35	1			2	1		
Lonnie P. Hale	50	1	1	2	2		8,000	25.00
Monroe Hale	40	1	2	10	2	3		60.00
Jimmy C. Hopson	54	Asst. 1	6	28	5	2	34,000	198.00
Lester Horton	250+	1	10	125+	23	6	42,000	10,070.00
James L. King	75	1		14	16			
Clate Kilby	75	2	1	12	11	2		1,258.18
George W. Meade	200	1	2		16	6	9,000	535.00
Delmas Meadows	50							
C. Reed Mullins	64	Asst. 1			12	1	10,000	65.00
Houston Mullins	24			1	1		5,000	65.00
A. Ray Mullins	150	Asst. 1	6	25	10	4	12,000	200.00
Roger Mullins	50	Asst. 1	1	5	2		10,000	250.00
Lester Robinson	50	1				1	15,000	
Robert Sanger	24					1		
Wm. H. Steele	122	1	3	8	12	1	8,000	1,400.00

