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Freewill Baptist Churches

SECOND SESSION

Held with the

DUNGANNON CHURCH

September 1-4, 1938

REV. C. J. VERNON, Moderator

REV. J. W. ADDINGTON, Clerk

E. J. KILGORE, Treasurer

A WORD BY THE CLERK:

I have spent some considerable time and effort to arrange and make ready the work of this issue of our conference minute.

I have endeavored to make it attractive, up-to-date and then to make it interesting and understandable for every reader.

If I have succeeded in either of the above objectives and can be assured so by any of our people any time in the future then I shall feel myself more than amply paid for all the effort has cost.

If an error or mistake appears please think of it as not being intentional and forgive.

And may I invoke the blessings of Christ and the Holy Spirit upon all who may read or come in contact with this little pamphlet.

J. W. ADDINGTON, Clerk.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Grateful acknowledgement is hereby given to the Rev. C. A. Robinette, of Wise, Va., and to the Rev. Mack Fisher, of Calvin, Va., for valuable information given me in making up the "Church Information Reports" of their respective Quarterly Meetings, and to Brother E. J. Kilgore, of Coeburn, Va., for the generous use of his automobile in collecting much of the data for this particular issue of our Conference minute.

J. W. A.

MEMOIR

W. E. McCOY

With tears in my eyes and a prayer in my heart I attempt to write this brief obituary of my dear, loving husband.

Mr. McCoy was born May 20, 1879. Death came to him on Feb. 8, 1938. He professed faith in Christ in the year 1930 and placed his name as a member soon afterwards with the Mary's Chapel Free-will Baptist Church. He remained a faithful consistent Christian and church member until his death. He loved his church and was very much devoted to its work and programs. One of his greatest delights was to sing with his church choir. On Sunday night before his death on Monday night he sang with the choir at the church. The last song I ever heard him sing was: "Will You Miss Me When I'm Gone?" The words of that song still ring in my ears. Yes, we miss thee darling, more than words can tell.

Mr. McCoy was noted for his kind, loving and sweet disposition and for his pleasing personality. He had a smile always for everyone and made friends wherever he went.

I ask that all my friends and Christian people everywhere pray for me that I may always be faithful to my Lord and be constantly found at the post of duty as a Christian mother.

No more will we see his loving smile,

No more we'll hear his gentle voice;

But we shall greet him after awhile,

In that bright land where souls rejoice.

NEECIE McCOY.

Proceedings

FIRST DAY Morning Session

Thursday, Sept. 1, 1938.

The Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist Churches met in its second session with the Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Va., on Thursday morning, September 1st, 1938, at eleven o'clock. According to custom and ruling it is the duty of the pastor of the church with which the conference is meeting to preach the opening or introductory sermon. The Rev. Leonard Fields, pastor of the Dungannon Church, not being present at the opening hour the first sermon was delivered by the Rev. C. J. Vernon. A part of the fourteenth chapter of 1st Cor. was read as the Scripture lesson. Text I Cor. 13:1-4. The sermon was very interesting, helpful, inspiring and thus the setting for the second session of the Yearly Meeting was beautiful and impressive.

FIRST DAY Afternoon Session

Thursday, Sept. 1, 1938.

The conference work proper or business part of the meeting got under way Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. C. A. Robinette being clerk of the conference opened the afternoon service by reading the 23rd Psalm. Rev. Andrew Stidham lead the opening prayer.

RESIGNATION: The first item of business was the accepting of the resignation as moderator offered by the Rev. W. R. Stallard.

OFFICERS: By motion and vote of delegation the Rev. C. J. Vernon was named as Moderator for the ensuing year. The Rev. C. A. Robinette and Brother E. J. Kilgore were named clerk and treasurer respectively.

ADOPTION OF TREATY: At the original meeting or time of organization of the Southwest Virginia Association the decision was made by the members present to retain and be governed by the By-laws and Rulings established heretofore by the parent or John Thomas Association. But since that time by much deliberation and careful thinking on the part of a number of the leading ministers and members of the conference a motion was now put before the house that the Southwest Virginia Association go on record as adopting herewith and for hereafter as its only fixed and abiding authority as to government the old, original, standard or general Treaty or Discipline of the National Conference of Freewill Baptist Churches in America. The motion prevailed and the Treaty was adopted. Much satisfaction was expressed over this ruling.

DELEGATES: An enrollment of delegates was now begun and

the following names found to be present: Roscoe Reed, J. D. Johnson, W. H. Ramsey, E. J. Kilgore, J. W. Brannon, C. O. Bowman, Mrs. Arthur Davis, Curtis Arney, E. L. Bates, J. L. Meade, Mrs. Curtis Arney, Annie Jones, C. L. Kilgore, Mrs. C. L. Kilgore, Lonnie Rose, Logan Stallard, Talmadge Flanary, W. C. Robbins, R. E. Sexton, J. F. Baldwin, Robert Lawson and Mrs. Robert Lawson.

MINISTERS PRESENT: The clerk enrolling names found the following ministers to be present: Mrs. Della Salyers, W. R. Stallard, P. L. Anderson, C. A. Robinette, Andrew Stidham, C. J. Vernon, S. M. McFall, J. W. Addington, J. F. Elliott, Mack Butler, V. B. Thacker, B. R. Powers, Henry Flanary, W. E. Kern, John Robbins, R. M. Evans, W. T. Large, J. V. Flanary and Wade Powers.

COMMITTEE: Members of the Pulpit Supply Committee were appointed by the chair as follows: C. O. Bowman, W. H. Ramsey and J. D. Johnson.

TALKS: At this point in the procedure of the work of the conference a couple of inspiring and helpful talks were made on "The Joy and Value of True Service to God," by the Rev. S. M. McFall and Brother E. J. Kilgore.

ADJOURNMENT: By motion and vote of delegation the Conference adjourned to meet again the following day (Friday) at 9 o'clock A.M.

EVENING SERVICE: A splendid, well-behaved congregation assembled in the church on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for preaching service conducted by the Rev. C. A. Robinette and the Rev. Andrew Stidham, the subject for the evening being: "The Church." The eleventh chapter of 2 Cor. was read as the Scripture lesson.

SECOND DAY

Morning Session

Friday, Sept. 2, 1938.

DEVOTIONAL: The Conference convened again Friday morning at 9 o'clock with clerk reading the 22nd chapter of the Revelation and prayer by the Rev. E. J. Robinette.

VISITING MESSENGERS: The Conference now takes up the matter of inviting to seats and recording names of any corresponding messengers who may be present from other Associations and the following representatives were recognized: Rev. H. M. Smith of the John Thomas and the Rev. J. A. Boatright of the Clinch Valley Association.

NEW COMMITTEE: The Moderator with the co-operation and consent of the body now creates a new Conference Committee which was named and shall hereafter be known as the "By-Law and Treaty Committee." The duty of this new office was stated and shall be: "To keep a vigilant watch over and upon the work and business of the entire set-up of the Southwest Virginia Association—including the Quarterly Conferences and all the churches comprising said Asso-

ciation for any mistake, error or deviation in or from the laws and regulations found in our Treaty or Discipline."

MEMBERS: The members of this "By-Law and Treaty Committee" as appointed by the chair, are as follows: Will Ramsey, Chairman, J. W. Brannon, Arthur Davis, Roscoe Reed and Lonnie Rose.

EXAMINATION: By legal motion the Conference orders at this time that V. B. Thacker be examined by the council for ordination.

ADJOURNMENT: The Conference now comes to adjournment to meet again in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MORNING SERVICE: Rev. J. W. Addington preached at the eleven o'clock Friday morning service, taking as his subject: "The Church Permanent." Text: Matt. 16: 17-18. The Rev. P. L. Anderson concluded this morning service.

ORDINATION SERVICE: At the beginning of the above mentioned Friday morning service the Rev. V. B. Thacker and the Rev. Mack Butler were given authority to preach the Gospel by prayer and the laying on of hands. The ordaining prayer was offered by the Rev. C. A. Robinette and the charge was ably and impressively given by our beloved and Wise County's veteran minister the Rev. W. R. Stallard.

SECOND DAY

Afternoon Session

Friday, Sept. 2, 1938.

DEVOTIONAL: The annual meeting was again set in order and ready for the transaction of business at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon by clerk reading the fourth chapter of I Peter and prayer by the Rev. V. B. Thacker.

TREASURER REPORT: Brother E. J. Kilgore was at this time, being the Conference Treasurer, called upon to make his report to the meeting, which he did, and the report made was heard and accepted.

CLERK RESIGNS: At this time the Rev. C. A. Robinette offers his resignation as Yearly Meeting clerk in favor of his retaining his long held position as clerk of the Wise County Quarterly Meeting.

NEW CLERK: After receiving or accepting the resignation of the former clerk the house moved at once to elect J. W. Addington as Associational Clerk.

MANUSCRIPT: The house moved to appoint C. A. Robinette and C. L. Kilgore to help the clerk with the Manuscript for the press.

COMPENSATION: The sum of Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars was appropriated to pay for the work of preparing the minute material for the press.

BOOKS: The Chair with the consent of the body gave the clerk authority to purchase a complete set of books for the office and work

of the clerk. The clerk was given permission to buy such books at any time to be reimbursed later by the Conference.

FUNDS COMMITTEE: No definite arrangements having been made heretofore in regards to a permanent fund for the Yearly Meeting the Chair with consent of the house moved at this time to appoint special committees to meet with the respective Quarterly Meetings at the next regular sessions of the same for the purpose of taking under advisement with those bodies the establishing of a new fund to be known and to be used by the body as a purely Yearly Meeting Fund.

COMMITTEE: The committees named to visit the Quarterly Meetings in favor of the new association fund are as follows: **WISE COUNTY:** J. W. Addington, B. R. Powers and Lonnie Rose. **LEE COUNTY:** P. L. Anderson, Mack Fisher and J. W. Brannon.

CERTIFICATES: By motion the house gave orders at this time to the clerk to have printed and to keep on hand a supply of "Minister's Ordination Certificates." The same order applied also to "Certificates of License for Ministers."

ADJOURNMENT: By motion the Conference adjourns to meet again at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

EVENING SERVICE: On Friday evening at 8 o'clock a large and enthusiastic crowd gathered in the church to enjoy a very interesting and helpful preaching service in which the Rev. B. R. Powers and the Rev. W. R. Stallard brought the messages. The text and subjects were taken from Hebrews 4: 8-9.

THIRD DAY

Morning Session

Saturday, Sept. 3, 1938.

DEVOTIONAL: A very noticeable and encouraging crowd of ministers, delegates and friends were on hand for the opening session of the Conference on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The clerk, after a very beautiful and inspiring song service, opened and set in order the meeting by reading again the 23rd Psalm.

BY-LAWS READ: By request of the Moderator in favor of many who had not been present up to this time the clerk read before the house the general By-Laws of the Treaty.

HONORED: The Rev. Mrs. Della Salyers of Dorchester, Va., being the only lady minister present and out of a feeling of deep respect to her, by the entire house, as a very fine Christian lady the Chair with the entire conference moved that her name be given first place both as heading the list of ministers and the annual report of ministers for the year.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORTS: Inasmuch as the Lee County Quarterly Meeting had failed to get their written report in and ONLY since this was the first procedure of the work under adoption of the Treaty the committee on "By-Laws and Treaty" agreed to permit the Chair to hear the "verbal" report of said Quarterly

Meeting, with the understanding that a correct written report would be mailed the clerk in time for the work to go to press.

STATISTICS—WISE COUNTY: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist meeting with the Dungannon Church on Sept. 1-4, 1938, **GREETINGS:**

We submit to you our report, as follows: We have 18 churches with a membership of 1,114; 21 ordained ministers; 16 Sunday-schools with an enrollment of 1,319 and an average attendance of 955. Our church property is valued at \$14,500.00.

W. T. LARGE, Moderator.

C. A. ROBINETTE, Clerk.

STATISTICS—LEE LOUNTY: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist meeting with the Dungannon church on Sept. 1-4, 1938, **GREETINGS:**

We submit to you our report, as follows: We have 6 churches with a membership of 300; 6 ordained ministers; 6 Sunday-schools; Our church property is valued at \$5,000.00.

P. L. ANDERSON, Moderator.

MACK FISHER, Clerk.

TALK: The Rev. W. R. Stallard gave at this time a very interesting talk relative to the new church at Woodway. The Woodway church is beautifully situated and is at present one of the most promising churches we know of anywhere in our denomination.

TALKS: Delightful and encouraging talks were made at this time in regards to visits made some time ago to the Western Association which met in Greenville, Tenn., at that time, by the Rev. Monroe Hubbard, the Rev. B. R. Powers and Brother E. J. Kilgore.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS APPOINTED: The Chair appointed Corresponding Messengers to other Associations as follows: **CLINCH VALLEY:** E. J. Kilgore, Lonnie Rose, C. A. Robinette, and P. L. Anderson. **JOHN THOMAS:** B. R. Powers, E. J. Kilgore, W. R. Stallard and J. W. Brannon.

REPORT: A very fine talk was made and a report given by N. H. Stanley of the work and progress of the John Thomas Association, of which he himself is clerk. We were indeed glad to have with us for the entire session of conference our much beloved brother Stanley who is one of the outstanding church workers in Dickenson County.

ADJOURNMENT: Conference votes to adjourn again until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE: A very fine congregation of people gathered at the church on Saturday morning at the eleven o'clock hour to hear the Rev. Wayland Owens and the Rev. S. M. McFall preach. The Lord graciously blessed these His servants and their messages were certainly and wonderfully enjoyed by all who were present.

THIRD DAY

Afternoon Session

Saturday, Sept. 3, 1938.

Conference opened on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with clerk reading the 5th chapter of Eph. and the opening prayer by the Rev. W. R. Stallard.

APPLICATION: The application of the Rev. Matt Reynolds, coming from another denomination and wishing to unite with the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist, after being examined and questioned by the Ordaining Council was accepted and the said Rev. Reynolds was then given the right hand of fellowship and full rights of church to preach the Gospel.

TALK: An interesting and much appreciated talk was at this time given to the house by the Rev. J. A. Boatright of the old Clinch River Association, relative to subject of organizing a general conference, which was under consideration already by the body.

DELEGATION: A special delegation was now appointed by the Moderator to meet with a delegation from the Clinch Valley Association on the 4th Sunday in this month (Sept.) at the home of Brother E. J. Kilgore in Riverview near Coeburn, Va., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of taking under advisement the organizing and establishing of a general conference at that time.

COMMITTEE: Names of persons comprising the above mentioned delegation were as follows: Mack Fisher, P. L. Anderson, E. R. Davis, E. J. Kilgore, W. R. Stallard and W. T. Large.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: By motion of the house the men who were named on the "By-Law and Treaty" committee were at this time also named and appointed by the Moderator as the association's "Business Committee," namely: Will Ramsey, J. W. Brannon, Arthur Davis, Roscoe Reed and Lonnie Rose.

NEXT SESSION COMMITTEE: Committee on Next Session was appointed as follows: P. L. Anderson, Henry Flanary, Wade Powers, Talmadge Flanary, Andrew Stidham and Robert Evans.

WORK APPROVED: A standing vote of approval and commendation was at this time given to the Moderator and Clerk for the splendid manner in which they had conducted the work of the present session.

NEXT SESSION: The committee on next session after meeting together gave the next session to the Hoover's Chapel Church, Calvin, Lee County, Va. The next session will meet with that church on Thursday before the first Sunday in September 1939.

ADJOURNMENT: By motion and vote of entire delegation the present session of the Southwest Virginia Association stood adjourned to meet with the above named church on the above named date.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT: We shall always feel grateful to God and to the good people of Dungannon for their remarkable interest and wonderful hospitality in caring for our delegations as they did.

No finer people ever lived than they of this valley of the old Clinch.
J. W. ADDINGTON, Clerk.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The ministers of the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist Churches met in their second annual session at the close of the Yearly Meeting with the Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Va., on Saturday afternoon, September 3, 1938, at 4 o'clock.

OFFICERS ELECTED: The Moderator and Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, namely: C. J. Vernon and J. W. Addington by motion and vote of ministers present were retained or elected to fill the two chairs respectively in the Minister's Conference.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS: The clerk upon calling roll of ministers found them to be present as follows:

IN PERSON: Ministers who were present in person and whose reports were heard and characters passed as good were as follows: Mrs. Della Salyers, C. F. Tipton, J. F. Elliott, W. R. Stallard, C. A. Robinette, J. V. Flanary, R. M. Evans, V. B. Thacker, Henry Thacker, W. E. Kern, Andrew Stidham, C. J. Vernon, B. R. Powers, P. L. Anderson, Wade Powers, S. M. McFall, J. W. Addington.

BY REPORT: Ministers who were absent but had their reports in and whose reports were heard and characters passed as good were as follows: Leonard Fields, E. R. Davis, Mack Fisher, S. H. Johnson, J. F. Welch, Clarence Turner, Mrs. Ida Carter, C. C. Wright.

ABSENT: Ministers who were not present either in person or by letter were as follows: Clyde Flanary, J. T. Davis, Charles Salyers, W. B. Galloway and Sylvan Wilson.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: The Ordaining Councils for the coming year were named as follows: **WISE COUNTY:** S. M. McFall, B. R. Powers and Andrew Stidham. **LEE COUNTY:** P. L. Anderson, Mack Fisher and Henry Flanary.

GENERAL EVANGELIST: The Conference named by motion and vote J. W. Addington as General Conference Evangelist for the ensuing year.

NUMBER OF MINUTES: The clerk was instructed and authorized to have one thousand copies of the minutes of the Association printed.

ADJOURNMENT: By motion and vote the present session of the Minister's Conference stood adjourned to meet one year hence with the Hoover's Chapel Church at Calvin, Va.

C. J. VERNON, Moderator.

J. W. ADDINGTON, Clerk.

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE: A more-than-a-capacity crowd filled the Dungannon church on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock to hear the Rev. J. A. Boatright and the Rev. V. B. Thacker deliver the message of the evening. Rev. Boatright delivered the sermon with feeling and power of The Holy Spirit in such an impressive manner

that the congregation was greatly revived and benefitted. The Rev. Thacker being a young minister in the work closed the service very beautifully.

FINAL SERVICE: As the crowning event of the Associations proceedings on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, September the 4th, a congregation that packed the house came together to hear the final and closing messages of the annual session. The Rev. Monroe Hubbard of the John Thomas Association and the Rev. Mrs. Della Salyers delivered the Sunday morning sermons. Brother Hubbard in his usual pleasing style, helped by the Holy Spirit, delivered a clinching, stirring message on: "The Little Stone From the Mountain," using as his text: Dan. 2:5. At the close of Brother Hubbard's wonderful sermon Mrs. Salyers fell directly in line with the service and continued for awhile with a wonderful exhortation that was also filled with the power of The Holy Spirit. The church was noticeably revived and two precious souls were saved during the service.

AND THUS came to a close what was at the time and will be for time to come conceded and believed to be one of the best, most effective and profitable Yearly Associations ever to have convened in the hills of Old Southwest Virginia.

BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator, or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. All persons declared by a Committee on Credentials to be duly entitled to a seat in this Association are hereby made and constituted members of this body, and are authorized to act in all respects according to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws under which this Association is organized.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every tri-ennial session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual conditions, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with 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. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be al-

lowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all the members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

- ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic effort for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



CHURCH INFORMATION REPORT

Name of Church	Location of Church	Pastor's Name Clerk's Name	Postoffice Address	Time of Service	Church Mbrshp	High School	Value of Property
Banner	Banner	Henry Smith Mrs. Geo. Lawson	Coeburn, R. 2 Banner	* 2 & 4 Sun.	46	50	
Big Springs	East Stone Gap	Sylvan Wilson Dewey Cole	Norton, R.F.D. East Stone Gap	* 1 Sun.	201	171	\$1,500.00
Cranes Nest	Cranes Nest	C. A. Robinette Mary Adkins	Wise, R.F.D. Cranes Nest	* 3 Sun.	9	109	
Cherry Grove	Dry Fork	S. M. McFall Robt. Lawson	Georges Fork Coeburn, R.F.D.	* 3 Sun.	105	75	
Dales Ridge	Dales Ridge	W. T. Large Clyde Kiser	Coeburn Toms Creek	* 2 Sun.	19	56	500.00
Dorchester	Dorchester	Leonard Fields Ernest Teasley	Norton, R.F.D. Dorchester	* 2 & 4 Sun.	25	100	
Davis' Chapel	Ramsey	Andrew Stidham Edna Thacker	Norton Norton	* 3 Sun.	60	110	2,000.00
Dungannon	Dungannon	Leonard Fields Charlotte Osborne	Norton Dungannon	* 4 Sun.	155	101	1,500.00
Flat Gap	Stone Mt.	Leonard Fields R. E. Sexton	Norton Coeburn	* 1 Sun.	26	40	
Indian Creek	Indian Creek	Wade Powers Garnett Shankle	Wise, R.F.D. Pound	* 1 Sun.	41	48	1,500.00
Mary's Chapel	Maytown	S. M. McFall E. J. Kilgore	Georges Fork Coeburn	† 4 Sun.	163	165	1,000.00
Mt. Olive	Bear Creek	B. R. Powers Ina Brooks	Wise Wise	* 3 Sun.	48	75	2,000.00
New Mt. View	Wise Mountain	C. A. Robinette Billy Collier	Wise, R.F.D. Wise	* 3 Sun.	18	60	500.00
Ramsey	Ramsey	J. B. Carter Ida Osborne	Norton Norton	* 1 Sun.	24	146	
Stevens Chapel	Glamorgan	B. R. Powers Dan Sturgill	Wise Glamorgan	* 4 Sun.	82	65	500.00
West Norton	West Norton	Shelby Jackson D. A. Stallard	Dorchester Norton	* 3 & 4 Sun.	30	38	1,000.00
Wilson's Chapel	Needmore	C. A. Robinette Della Salyers	Wise Dorchester	* 1 Sun.	32		2,500.00
Hoovers Chapel	Keokee, R.F.D.	Mack Fisher D. T. Flanary	Calvin, Va. Keokee, R.F.D.	* 2 Sun.	75	60	1,000.00
Mt. Hope	Jonesville, R.F.D.	Mack Fisher Clarence Ramsey	Calvin Jonesville, R.F.D.	* 3 Sun.	27	65	
Mt. Caramel	Woodway, Va.	Mack Fisher Lee Wells	Calvin, Va. Pennington Gap, R.F.D.	* 3 Sun.	30	125	5,000.00
Rock Lick	Pennington Gap, R.F.D.	Henry Flanary Elsie Gibson	Keokee, Va. Pennington Gap, R.F.D.	* 3 Sun.	32		
Sigma	Johnson's Mill	Mack Fisher Aldo H. Payne	Calvin Johnson's Mill	* 1 Sun.	69	52	1,000.00
Shuler's Chapel	Olinger	Mack Fisher Rosella Shuler	Calvin Olinger, Va.	* 4 Sun.	8	43	300.00

A * Means: And Saturday Night Before.

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Name of Minister	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revolts Held	Conversions Witnessed	No. Baptized	Burials Attended	Memorials Held	Added to Church	Prayer in Homes	Churches Organized	Sunday Schools Organized	Couples Married	Miles Traveled	Total Amount Received
Mrs. Della Salyers		10		5		3			4				75	
Mrs. Ida Carter		18							3					
C. C. Wright		34	2	3	2	2							126	
S. M. McFall	2	60			9	15	2		10					\$155.00
J. W. Addington		176	2	76		26	2		216			14	876	169.20
P. L. Anderson, Q. M. Evangelist		160	4	24		6	4		55			3	1,200	50.00
B. R. Powers	2	429	19	652	420	158	10	101	800	1	1	26		749.50
C. J. Vernon	1	312	7	411		7			36		1	5		175.04
Andrew Stidham	1	73		91	12			67	64	1	1		2,500	20.00
W. E. Kern		49	2	8		3	2		5		1		200	5.00
Henry Flanary	2	50	3	15									300	7.00
Clarence Turner	1	84	1	9	5	1				1		1	500	2.75
V. B. Thacker		46	1	47		2	1		3				450	1.70
R. M. Evans		25		20					50				100	
J. V. Flanary		80	4	18		2	1		10				80	10.00
J. F. Welch	1	33				3	3		20				320	1.00
C. A. Robinette	2	130	3	58	7	2	4		10				1,500	85.50
S. H. Jackson		50	1	25		7	1						60	6.45
Mack Fisher	4	150	5	67	23		4						2,000	173.00
E. R. Davis		38	2	29	19	5	2		20				2,000	111.50
W. R. Stallard		75	6	37		4	2		24	1			300	149.77
C. F. Tipton		15	1	12		1			15				300	
J. F. Elliott		38	3	84		4			37	1			400	21.00
Leonard Fields	1	105	7	95			1							119.69
Wade Powers	2	200	7	175		5	3		15	1	1		1,000	20.00

