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Rev. W. H. Garmick
Norfolk, Va.
MINUTES

Of The
Twenty-third Annual Session
Of The
Southwest Virginia
Association
Of
Freewill Baptist Churches
Held With The
Dungannon Freewill Baptist
Church
Dungannon, Virginia
May 16, 1959



The next session will convene with the Beech
Grove Freewill Baptist Church at Big Stone Gap,
Virginia on Saturday before the third Sunday in
May, 1960, at 9:00 A. M. (E. S. T.).

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 sanctions 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ".

We will not forsake 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 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, admonish the erring, and, so 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 purpose 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 efforts 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.

P R E F A C E

For well over two hundred years there has been a Baptist people in the United States who preached and practiced "Freedom of the Will". A great many of the Baptists came from Wales and London to the eastern part of the United States in the early settling of this country. Among the earliest records available, we find the name of Paul Palmer, who preached and organized a church in Perquims, North Carolina, in the year 1727. This church was later lost to the Calvinistic Baptists. Not only this church was lost, but several others in the course of time were lost, but a sufficient number kept the "Faith once delivered to the saints" that a steady increase has prevailed throughout the years.

Those who are called Free Will Baptists in North Carolina were first called by this name by those who opposed the doctrine of "Freedom of the will". The same thing was true in the north with the Rev. Benjamin Randall and his followers, whose church was organized at New Durham, N. H., in the year of 1780. The name was later adopted by the believers in "Salvation by Grace through Faith", who preached freedom of the will.

Among these believers it was deemed wise to set forth certain outstanding fundamental doctrines as believed by the denominations. In several of the states there were booklets published setting forth the "Articles of Faith". Many of the Disciplines set forth had different ways of doing things, while the fundamental doctrine was the same in all. These Disciplines and the Articles of Faith set forth the fact that "these were set forth for the convenience" with the solemn declaration that "the Bible is infallible" and in every instance it was plainly set forth that "We believe the whole Scriptures to be the word of God".

In the year 1935, at Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., a committee was elected for the purpose of formulating, by way of a revision, a treatise out of the various Disciplines and former Treatise, to be used in Free Will Baptist churches. This committee was composed of the following ministers, namely: J. C. Griffin, chairman; and Winford Davis, E. B. Joyner, J. S. Frederick, E. E. Morris, W. B. Davenport, Millard Vanhooose, C. B. Thompson, and Ralph Staten, with two laymen, M. L. Morris and Hubert Post. This committee worked for several hours and then reported. A motion was carried that the report be accepted. In

the year 1947, while the National Association was in session at Highland Park, F.W.B. Church in Detroit, Michigan, a resolution was passed in which several members of the General Board of the National Association and one member from each affiliated state convention or association was to meet and revise the Treatise and report at the next session of the National Association. This committee, composed of the following ministers, namely: J. L. Welch, chairman; R. B. Crawford, J. C. Griffin, J. F. Miller, K. V. Shutes, F. S. Vanhoose, L. A. Holliday, I. W. Yandall, M. L. Sutton, Ralph Staten, Harry Beatty, H. E. Willis, Floyd Cherry, R. N. Hinnant, Seldon Bullard, C. H. Curry and J. A. Lambert met at Cofer's Chapel in Nashville, Tenn., in April and the revision was made and presented to the National Association in session in the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, July, 1948, and was adopted.

O F F I C E R S

Elder Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.	Moderator
Elder Hershel Ramey, Norton, Va.	Asst. Moderator
Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.	Clerk
Mrs. Minnie Belle Ketron, Herald, Va.	Asst. Clerk

Field Worker For Youth's League

Elder Hershel Ramey Norton,, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

	Exp. of Office
Elder W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.	1960
Wilton H. Dail, 3212 Brest Ave, Norfolk, Va.	1961
Elder Bobby Laney, Coeburn, Va.	1962

Committee To Deal With Problems of Ministers

Elder Eugene Waddell, Portsmouth, Va.	1960
Elder H. V. Johnston, Norton, Va.	1961
Elder Lacy Powers	1962

Tidewater Executive Board

Rev. Joe R. Haas, 913 Burksdale Rd., Norfolk, Va.	1959
M. E. Howard, 9300 Patterson, Richmond, Va.	1959
Mrs. Joe Strickland, Box 135Y, Route 1 London Bridge, Va.	1959
Floyd M. Heath, 2700 McKann Ave. Norfolk, Va.	1960
H. G. Findley, 8051 Roberts Rd., Norfolk, Va.	1961

Tidewater Ordaining Council

	Exp. of Office
Elder Joe R. Haas, 913 Burksdale Rd. Norfolk, Va.-----	1959
Elder Fred A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verdun Ave., Norfolk, Va. -----	1960
Elder Billie A. Melvin, Chairman 1719 Dominion Ave., Norfolk, Va.-----	1961
Elder Eugene Waddell, 1616 Lansing Ave. Portsmouth, Va. -----	1962
Elder Charles Sapp, 5210 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va. -----	1963

Lee County Executive Board

D. C. Sturgill, Dryden, Va.-----	1960
Clarence Ramey, Jonesville, Va. -----	1961
Frank Shoemaker, Pennington Gap, Va.-----	1962

Lee County Ordaining Council

Elder E. E. Eden, Keokee, Va.-----	1960
Elder L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Va.-----	1961
Elder Paul Pennington, Pennington Gap, Va.-----	1962

Wise County Executive Board

J. D. Sturgill, Rt. 2, Wise, Va.-----	1960
Elder H. V. Johnson, Norton, Va.-----	1961
Elder Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.-----	1962

Wise County Ordaining Council

Elder Hobart Addington, Esserville, Va.-----	1960
Elder L. J. Fields, Norton, Va. -----	1961
Elder P. H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.-----	1962

E N R O L L M E N T

DELEGATES—Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Kennedy, Arthur Hall,
Jackie Culbertson
Messengers from John Thomas Association—Mildred
Holbrook, Gladys Holbrook, Mrs. Hattie Rose
Visitors from Tidewater Conference — Mr. and Mrs.
Floyd M. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Harper

DEACONS—C. O. Bowman, W. H. Dail, E. J. Kilgore,
Garfield Taylor, L. G. Ketron

MINISTERS—Eugene Waddell, Joe Haas, Hershel Ramey, Robert Dixon, H. V. Johnston, Fred A. Rivenbark, W. H. Fentress, George Collins, Ralph Flannery, Perry Honeycutt, S. M. McFall, Melvin Moore, Bobby Laney, Wade Powers, Ben Powers, Robert L. Ramey James Boatright (Clinch Valley Association), Orville Quinn (Sandy Valley Association), James Hobbs and Enoch Rose (John Thomas Association)

PROCEEDINGS

The twenty-third annual session of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Dungan-non Free Will Baptist Church of Dunganon, Va., May 16, 1959. The association was called to order with a short devotional; congregational singing under the direction of Elder Hershel Ramey; prayer by Elder V. B. Thacker and scripture reading by Brother Leslie Ketron. The moderator took charge and business resumed as follows:

Enrollment and seating of all delegates.

Letters from Lee and Wise counties and Tidewater were read and accepted by regular motion as they appear in these minutes. Minutes of the last association were read and approved. The following oral reports were received by regular motion: Home Mission report by Bro. Wilton H. Dail; League report by Elder Hershel Ramey; Elder Fred Rivenbark reported on the fine work accomplished last year at the league camp. Elder Joe R. Haas reported on the plans for the youth camp this year, urging everyone to attend the last week in August. Sister Jackie Culbertson gave a fine talk on the ladies' work in Wise county. Sister Mattie Rose made a wonderful report on the ladies work in Dickenson county. Brother E. J. Kilgore reported on the children's home. An offering was received for the home in the amount of \$36.72. Prayer by Bro. Jim Boatright. Request from the Tidewater Association to invite the National Association to meet in Norfolk in 1961, was accepted. The clerk was instructed to write a letter to the state association asking for assistance in getting the National Association to Norfolk.

Prayer by Brother Orvil Quinn. By regular motion the conference was adjourned until 1:30.

11:00 A. M.

Singing by Christian Heart Quartette, Messenger Elder H. V. Johnston; prayer, Sister Jackie Culbertson; Scrip-

ture, Hebrews 3:1-16, Text, "Wherefore awake thou that sleepest, arise, call upon Christ and He shall give thee light" from which a very timely message was delivered. Fellowship service, benediction by Elder Jim Boatright.

Singing under direction of Elder Enoch Rose, Scripture reading by Elder Fred A. Rivenbark, St. John 4-34-38, prayer by Brother Leslie Ketron.

A wonderful report was given by Brother Rivenbark concerning the work done in Alaska.

The moderator took charge and business transacted as follows: The report of Alaskan work by Brother Rivenbark was accepted by regular motion.

Two members were absent from the Executive Committee. The moderator was given power to appoint two members. Elders Hershel Ramey and H. V. Johnston were appointed for the day.

We were glad to have reports from the following associations: Sandy Valley, Clinch Valley, and John Thomas. These reports were accepted along with their fine delegates as they appear in the enrollment.

Treasurer's report was received as it appears elsewhere in these minutes. By regular motion, \$63.20 was voted to make the offering \$100 for the children's home; \$50.00 was to be sent to foreign missions, \$100 to State Home Mission, \$50 to the Alaskan work.

The clerk was instructed to recommend to the State Association a free Elementary Bible Correspondence course.

Officers were elected as they appear in these minutes. Elder Billy Melvin was chose to bring the message at the next yearly meeting. Elder Wade Powers was alternate.

Delegates were appointed to the following associations:

John Wheeler—H. E. Ramey

John Thomas—E. J. Kilgore, Ralph Flannery, H. V. Johnston, S. M. McFall, and Jackie Culbertson

Sandy Valley—H. V. Johnston

Clinch Valley—Ralph Flannery and W. B. Powers

A report on Foreign Mission by Elder Joe Haas was accepted.

Delegates to the State Association were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Daton Sluss, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bowman, W. J. Sweeney, Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Kennedy. If the delegates selected are not present at the state association, power was given the clerk to insert delegates from members present.

Elder Eugene Waddell gave a wonderful report on the

Bible College.

An offering was received for the needy in Rugsby community. The offering of \$119.60 was turned over to the Ladies' Auxiliary. Ministers cards were received as they appear elsewhere in these minutes.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the Dungannon Church for the fine hospitality shown throughout the association.

One thousand minutes were to be printed.

By regular motion, conference was adjourned until Saturday before the third Sunday in May, 1960, when it shall convene with the Beach Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Benediction given by Elder Eugene Waddell..

TREASURER'S REPORT

Of The Southwest Virginia Association Of Free Will Baptist For Year Ending May 16, 1959

Balance brought forward from last year's report--- \$388.44

RECEIPTS

Wise County Quarterly Meeting-----	\$177.90
Lee County Quarterly Meeting -----	38.00
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting -----	151.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS -----	\$367.70
	\$756.14

DISBURSEMENTS

May 17, 1958, State Minutes-----	\$50.00
May 17, 1958, E. E. Waddell, Moderator	10.00
May 17, 1958, Leslie Ketron, Manuscript	45.00
Free Will Baptist Home for Children---	65.61
Leslie Ketron, postage -----	10.00
Printing Yearly Minutes -----	110.00
Total Disbursements -----	\$290.61
Balance in treasury -----	\$465.53

Respectfully,

E. J. KILGORE, SR., Treasurer

Norfolk, Va., May 16, 1959

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Bap-

tists when convened with the Dungannon Freewill Baptist Church, Dungannon, Va., May 16, 1959:

We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as corresponding messengers. These, we pray, may be seated with you in your godly work.

Our standing is as follows:

Number churches ----	7	Membership -----	1726
Received this year--	252		
Number Sunday Schools	7		
Number Youth Leagues	7		
Number prayer meetings--	7		
Number Missions ----	2		
Ordained Ministers ---	9	Licentees -----	7
Minute Fund enclosed -----	\$172.60		

Done by order of Tidwater Quarterly meeting of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with Bethany Church, Norfolk, Va., April 18, 1959.

Elder Joe R. Haas, Moderator
913 Burksdale Road
Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. Joe Strickland, Clerk-Treas.
Box 135-Y, Route 1
London Bridge, Va.

GREETINGS: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Dungannon Free Will Baptist church, May 16, 1959.

We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as messengers. These, we pray, may sit with you in your godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number churches reporting -----	32	Number Youth Leagues	14
Members received ---	95	Membership -----	485
Number dismissed---	30	Number ordained ministers -----	54
Number died -----	12	Number licentees ----	6
Total membership --	1802	Membership of Sunday School -----	2743
Number Sunday Schools	32		
Minute fund enclosed -----	\$180.20		

Done by order of Wise County Conference of Freewill Baptist churches while in regular session with Indian Creek Free Will Baptist Church, April 11, 1959.

Elder W. B. Galloway, Moderator
Leslie Ketron, Clerk, Herald, Va.

Woodway, Va., May 12, 1959

GREETINGS: To the Southwes Virginia Associaion of Free Will Baptists when convened with Dungannon Free Will Baptist churches of Dungannon, Va., May 16, 1959:

We have chosen all delegates of our last conference as corresponding members. These, we pray, may sit with you in your godly work.

Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches --	8	Membership -----	430
Members received -----	35	Members deceased ---	1
Number Sunday Schools	8	Membership -----	730
Number of Leagues ---	1	Membership -----	25
Ordained ministers ----	5		
Minute fund enclosed -----			\$37.90

Done by order of the Lee County Quarterly Conference while in regular session with Minton Memorial Church, April 4, 1959.

S. B. Culbertson, Moderator, Woodway, Va.
Mrs. Howard Salley, Clerk Woodway, Va.

TIDEWATER QUARTERLY MEETING--ANNUAL REPORT

CHURCH	1	2	3	4	5	6
Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.-----	127	980	\$23,199.85	\$21,356.68	\$1,045.00	\$723.00
Hyde Park, Norfolk, Va.-----	28	164	10,045.94	9,838.25	00	00
First F.W.B., Newport News, Va. 16	151	151	15,846.70	22,756.62	15.00	166.26
First F.W.B., Richmond, Va.-----	23	94	12,740.87	12,399.74	00	24.39
First F.W.B., Little Creek, Va.-----	7	24	1,536.04	2,144.68	20.00	38.25
First F.W.B., Portsmouth, Va.---	23	176	16,370.04	16,574.89	32.60	40.00
Betheny, Norfolk, Va.-----	25	110	8,944.86	8,679.84	00	00

TIDEWATER ANNUAL REPORT (Continued)

CHURCH	7	8	9	10	11
Fairmount Park, Norfolk, Va.-----	\$655.00	2,338.00	200.00	936.00	1,433.00
Hyde Park, Norfolk, Va.-----	96.00	00	00	00	637.00
First F.W.B., Newport News, Va.---	280.31		51.65	391.27	1,127.28
First F.W.B., Richmond, Va.-----	67.80	79.43	00	00	123.50
First F.W.B., Little Creek -----	15.00	00	00	00	98.93
First F.W.B., Portsmouth, Va.-----	11.50	00	00	342.69	1,891.43
Betheny, Norfolk, Va.-----		00	00	10.00	51.18

Key To Report

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| 1—Members received | 7—Orphanage |
| 2—Membership | 8—Co-op Program |
| 3—Receipts | 9—Superannuation |
| 4—Paid out | 10—College |
| 5—Promotional work | 11—Foreign Missions |
| 6—Home Missions | |

ANNUAL MINISTERS' REPORT

Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professn's Witness'd	Number Baptised	Additions to church	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Rec'd
TIDEWATER MINISTERS:								
Charles Sopp ----- 94	1	0	7	5	16	0	15000	\$4,511.00
Fred A. Rivenbark -- 124	1	4	120	109	112	5	23000	5,200.00
Billy A. Melvin ---- 150	1	3	65	30	30	0	20000	4,400.00
Eugene Waddell ---- 220	1	6	150	35	35	4	18000	5,000.00
Joe R Haas ----- 170	1	2	60	25	28	3	25000	4,100.00
Ivey J. Carter ----- 110	1	0	45	11	6	1	2000	
J. B. Chism, Jr. ---- 112	1	1	15	5	17	0	15000	3,600.00
W. H. Fentress ---- 72	0	0	0	0	0	3	2200	
WISE COUNTY MINISTERS:								
James Rose ----- 50	1	0	0				450	93.92
Jack Richmond ---- 141	2	1	10	27	0	10		214.00
J. W. Brannon ---- 27	0	4	14	3	0	17	1500	69.00
Hoy Tompkins ---- 75	1	2	19	15	11	7	3000	00
Hobart Addington -- 100	2	0	0	0	1	3	1060	281.99
Bobby Lancy ----- 110	2	8	46	42	0	1	00	00
V. B. Thacker ----- 139	2	3	9	0	2	12	1450	00
Perry W. Hunnicutt -- 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	00	60.00
Robert Dixon ----- 4	0	1	0	0	0	0	150	00
Geo. N. Collins ---- 50	0	2	11	0	0	4	400	28.00

P. H. Miller	275	1	6	65	49	15	75	5000	00
B. R. Powers	153	2	1	30	29	30	60	00	500.00
Wade H. Powers	50	1	2	6	6	4	15	800	1,000.00
Robert L. Ramey	95	0	5	0	2	0	0	00	00
S. M. McFall	(No report due to illness)								
W. B. Galloway	30	1	0	1	0	3	18	1500	to the church
H. V. Johnston	87	1	0	0	0	0	1	1200	157.00
Ralph Flannary	146	1	2	27	6	0	9	3000	150.00
David Powers	120	0	2	36	21	0	12	00	2.35
Hershel Ramey	124	1	0	5	5	0	1	3500	120.00
Della Salyer	18	0	0	0	0	0	4	769	26.00
Palmer Blevins	350	0	10	75	3	0	1	15000	1,000.00
Kermit R. Moore	100	2	0	12	12	20	15	300	720.00
Melvin E. Moore	64	0	1	2	6	0	1	9	00
Ray Gardner	24	1	0	0	0	0	2	00	120.00

LEE COUNTY MINISTERS:

Paul Pennington	75	1	2	2	2	27	0	00	14.00
Silas B. Culbertson	128	2	0	6	3	8	6	900	758.33
Edgar Baltimore	165	1	7	151	60	3	10	3000	300.00
Elmer Parsons	12	(No report due to illness. Active only part time.)							
T. H. Morton	84	3	1	11	8	4	1	00	498.98

ANNUAL REPORT OF WISE COUNTY CHURCHES

CHURCH	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Evang. Work	Orphanage	Super-annuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Literature	Pastor
Dungannon -----	153	\$.00	\$396.37	\$253.50	\$13.00	\$.00	\$.00	\$65.00	Ralph Flannery
Beech Grove -----	30	257.00	105.00	151.00	18.00	15.00	.00	58.33	S. M. McFall
Gillenwater -----	43	.00	15.00	11.00	.00	.00	.00	14.37	Ray W. Kilgore
Beckner's Chapel -	47	125.00	157.50	30.00	.00	.00	.00	59.76	Jack Richmond
Mary's Chapel -----	128	419.85	.00	182.17	.00	.00	15.00	114.78	Carson Dotson
Tacoma -----	32	50.00	488.60	20.00	.00	.00	5.00	76.00	Ben Powers
Ramsey -----	39	115.00	.00	.00	5.00	.00	.00	18.42	Hershel Ramey
Stevens Chapel ---	30	22.00	60.00	.00	.00	13.00	.00	15.10	Jim Ramey
Mt. Olive -----	25	10.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	25.14	Oscar Powers
Wilson's Chapel --	33	69.69	.00	63.92	9.42	5.00	2.58	35.39	Lacy Powers
Mt. View -----	26	25.00	15.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	28.50	Lacy Powers
-Indian Creek -----	123	35.00	.00	122.64	5.00	.00	.00	77.01	Bobby Laney
Davis Chapel -----	36	.00	84.46	.00	.00	.00	.00	35.13	Carson Dotson
Stallard Memorial	14	.00	80.06	38.20	.00	58.13	.00	43.25	Lacy Powers
									Bobby Laney
									James Hobbs
Meade's Chapel --	78	6.00	71.00	46.00	8.22	22.00	.00	45.70	J. L. Meade
Oak Grove -----	124	600.00	5.00	360.00	40.00	9.45	30.00	245.40	W. B. Galloway
Hopkins Chapel --	65	145.00	16.37	.00	.00	.00	.00	28.60	Lacy Powers

West End -----	75	570.00	220.00	97.77	.00	19.77	.00	68.30	P. H. Miller
Valley View -----	52	10.65	4.16	.00	.00	.00	.00	23.55	Patrick Bishop
Lone Pine -----	85	133.00	.00	42.66	3.00	89.65	.00	64.06	Kermit Moore
Martha's Chapel --	42	.00	66.00	10.00	.00	61.43	.00	28.50	Kermit Moore
Glamorgan -----	63	566.44	.00	60.00	18.00	104.85	.00	67.33	L. J. Fields
Dry Fork -----	40	119.82	.00	52.92	.00	.00	.00	31.51	James Rose
Central -----	124	1380.00	140.00	360.00	.00	.00	.00	88.54	W. E. Harrison
Calvary -----	31	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	8.76	Hershal Ramey
Inman -----	26	227.50	65.50	90.64	.00	58.50	.00	48.61	Jim Ramey
West Norton -----	31	139.72	.00	20.00	.00	.00	.00	30.23	Hobart Addington
Bondtown -----	30	.00	35.00	31.27	.00	30.00	.00	47.19	H. V. Johnston
Esserville -----	65	240.00	30.36	259.00	2.00	78.50	21.00	55.05	Hobart Addington
Addison's Chapel--	38	97.91	92.48	.00	.00	.00	.00	27.25	Jim Ramey
Huff Cloverlick ---	42	.00	25.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	24.76	Emit Begley
Durham's Chapel -	32	.00	142.73	.00	.00	.00	.00	56.83	Luther Collins

ANNUAL REPORT OF LEE COUNTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

CHURCH	Membership	Pd. Pastor	Orphan age	Evangelistic	Literature	Pastor
Mt. Hope -----	49	\$249.35	\$60.00	\$269.81	\$20.00	Oscar Powers
Rock Lick -----	55	180.00	59.00	.00	.00	L. H. Martin
Mt. Caramel -----	73	527.67	83.00	.00	98.70	S. B. Culbertson
Palmer Chapel ---	51	2.00	.00	75.93	35.55	Paul Pennington
Ocoonita -----	82	240.00	45.00	95.93	15.14	S. B. Culbertson
Willie Chapel ----	50	52.00	.00	.00	.00	L. H. Martin
Minton Memorial -	44	60.00	.00	.00	6.00	Edgar Baltimore
Hoover Chapel ---	26	5.00	.00	17.00	.00	Paul Pennington

BY - L A W S

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 be present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll the delegates to the association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the association. In case of questionable representation, however, the case under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this association which shall fail to represent 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, ruling of the moderator may 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 allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

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

10. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting 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 discussion 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 counted 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 from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat 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.

18. It shall be the duty of every minister who holds membership in this association to report in writing to every annual meeting of the association. If any minister fails to report to the association for two successive sessions, he may be dismissed from the association by two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the 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 Saviour and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The scriptures assign to the Holy spirit all the attributes of God.

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, suffering, death and resurrection affected 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 ones self to Christ as Saviour 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 ministered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Mat. 13:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2).

15. **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.

16. RESURECTION, 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 in eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life".

