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MINUTES
Of The
25th Annual Session
Of The
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
ASSOCIATION
OF
Freewill Baptist Churches



Held With The
MT. HOPE FREEWILL BAPTIST
CHURCH
LEE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
MAY 20, 1961

The next session will convene with Dungan-
non Freewill Baptist Church at Dungannon,
Virginia, on Saturday before the third Sunday
in May, 1962, at 9:00 A. M. (EST)

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 the 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. Vanhooose, 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 Flanary, Dungannon, Va.-----Moderator
 Eld. Fred A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verdun Ave.,
 Norfolk, Va. ----- Assist. Moderator
 Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.-----Clerk
 Minnie Belle Ketron, Herald, Va.-----Assist. Clerk
 E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.-----Treasurer

League Field Workers

Bobby Osgood and Paul Sams-----Wise, Va.

Executive Board

	Exp. of Office
Elder Bobby Laney, Coeburn, Va.-----	1962
Elder W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.-----	1963
Wilton H. Dail, 3322 Lens Ave., Norfolk, Va.-----	1964

Committee To Deal With Problems of Ministers

Elder Hobert Addington, Wise, Va.-----	1962
Elder V. B. Thacker, Ft. Blackmore, Va.-----	1962
Elder W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.-----	1962
Elder H. V. Johnston, Norton, Va.-----	1964

Lee County Executive Board

Frank Shoemaker, Pennington Gap, Va.-----	1962
D. C. Sturgill, Dryden, Va.-----	1963
Clarence Ramey, Jonesville, Va.-----	1964

Lee County Ordaining Council

Elder Paul Pennington, Pennington Gap, Va.-----	1962
Elder E. E. Edens, Keokee, Va.-----	1963
Elder L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Va.-----	1964

Wise County Executive Board

Elder Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.-----	1962
J. D. Sturgill, Rt. 2, Wise, Va.-----	1963
Elder H. V. Johnston, Norton, Va.-----	1964

Wise County Ordaining Council

Elder P H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.-----	1962
Elder Hobert Addington, Esserville, Va.-----	1963
Elder Kermit Moore, Pound, Va.-----	1964

Tidewater Executive Board

H. G. Findley, 8051 Roberts Road, Norfolk, Va. 1961
E. T. Jackson, 2210 Cromwell Rd., Norfolk, Va. ... 1962
New members of the board were not reported.

Tidewater Ordaining Council

Elder J. B. Chism, 618 N. Hudson Terrace
Newport News, Va. 1961
Elder Eugene Waddell, 1616 Lansing Ave.
Portsmouth, Va. 1962
Elder Charles Sapp, 5210 Mounment Ave.
Richmond, Va. 1963
Elder Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin St., Norfolk, Va. 1964
New members of the council were not reported.

ENROLLMENT

DELEGATES—Sylvia Robinette, Janett Kilgore, Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Nora Reynolds, Vida Baird, Rosalie Ramsey, Mrs. H. V. Johnston, Roscoe Reynalds, Martha Wainscott, Claude Arney, Mrs. Wilton Dail, Mrs. Fred A. Rivenbark. Carolyn Wainscott, Phyllis Wainscott.

MINISTERS — Ralph Flannery, Hobert Addington, Robert Dixon, V. B. Thacker, Burley Berry, Willard Bowman, Ben Powers, Gale Scott, W. B. Galloway, David Powers, H. B. Johnston, Raymond Riggs, Della Salyers, W. A. Hale, Ray Gardner, Fred Rivenbark, James Allbritten, Hobert Martin, E. H. Overman.

DEACONS—E. J. Kilgore, Edd Jackson, Toney Steel, Olive Baker, Bruce Smith, M. E. Howard, George Salyers D. C. Sturgill, W. H. Dail.

P R O C E E D I N G S

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptists met with the Mt. Hope Freewill Baptist Church at Lee County, Virginia, May 20. 1961.

The association was called to order with congregational singing under the direction of Arthur Poteete.

The clerk read Psalms 134, and prayer was by Elder Ben Powers. The moderator took charge and business resumed as follows:

Enrollment of all delegates as they appear in these minutes.

Minutes of the last association were approved as read. Corresponding messengers were asked for their reports.

Elder Fred A. Rivenbark was elected to serve as assistant moderator due to the absence of Elder S. M. McFall. Officers for the coming year were elected as they appear elsewhere in these minutes.

Elder Hobert Addington was elected to serve on the Executive Board for the day due to the absence of Elder Bobby Laney.

The moderator was given power to name new members on the committee to deal with ministers' problems. The new members were to serve one year each, except Eldr H. V. Johnston, who was retained on the committee by vote of the conference.

The Executive Board was given power to appoint the speaker for the next association. Elder W. B. Galloway was chosen as messenger. Elder Hobert Addington was alternate.

By regular motion conference was adjourned until 1 o'clock.

11:00

Singing by Christian Heart Quartet of Herald, Va., and a duet by Mt. Hope Church; prayer by Eld. Raymond Riggs. Offering received for National Association \$77.89.

Messenger—Elder Raymond Riggs.

Scripture—Romans Chapter 1.

Text—"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ"; from which Elder Riggs brought a very timely message.

Benediction—Bro. Wilton H. Dail.

Congregational singing under the direction of Bro. Arthur Poteete. Scripture reading by clerk. Prayer by Elder Robert Dixon.

The moderator took charge and business resumed as follows:

We were glad to receive an oral report from Elder E. H. Overman, a visiting minister from Kentucky.

Bro. M. E. Howard gave a fine talk concerning the F. W. B. Bible College. Reports of quarterly conferences were read and accepted as they appear in these minutes.

Treasurer's report was accepted as it appears in these minutes.

By regular motion, the following donations were to

be taken from the association treasury: \$250.00 to help sponsor the national association; \$50.00 for childrens' home. The treasurer was given power to write checks to cover the expense of the association.

Minister's reports were accepted as they appear in these minutes.

Bro. Wilton Dail made a wonderful talk concerning our Home Mission Program.

The following were appointed delegates to the State Association: Mrs. Earl Jones, Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. Ralph Flannary, Sylvia Robinette. In the absence of these delegates the clerk of the Yearly Association was given power to write in delegates from those present, or the state clerk write them in in the absence of the clerk of the Yearly Association.

One thousand minutes were to be printed.

The Association wishes to thank Mt. Hope Church for the wonderful fellowship extended to everyone present.

Conference was adjourned until Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1962, where it shall convene with Dungannon F.W.B. Church, Dungannon, Va.

Benediction, Bro. E. J. Kilgore.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Of The Southwest Virginia Association Of Freewill Baptists For May 20, 1961

Balance brought forward from last year's report \$734.98

DISBURSEMENTS

Leslie Ketron, manuscript and postage	\$ 55.00	
Rev. Joe R. Hess, State Treasurer	50.00	
W. H. Dale, treasurer, for home mission	100.00	
Rev. Ralph Flannary, moderator	10.00	
F.W.B. Home for Children	100.00	
Homer Willis for Alaskan mission	50.00	
Crescent Printery, cards	7.00	
Beverly's Print Shop, minutes	131.00	513.00

Balance in Treasury as of May 20, 1961 \$221.98

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. KILGORE, Treasurer
Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill
Baptists

Norfolk Va., April 24, 1961

GREETINGS: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Mount Hope Church, Jonesville, Va., May 20, 1961.

At our last meeting, we appointed the moderator to choose our delegates from those present at this meeting, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your godly deliberations.

DELEGATES: Mrs. Wilton Dale, Mrs. Fred Rivenbark

Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches -----	8
Membership -----	1491
Received this year -----	363
Number Sunday Schools -----	8
Number Leagues -----	7
Number Prayer Meetings -----	8
Ordained Ministers -----	10
Licentiates -----	3
Minute fund enclosed -----	\$149.10

Done by order of Tidewater Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Bethany FWB Church. April 14, 1961.

Rev. Raymond Riggs. Moderator
4624 Larkin St., Norfolk 13. Va.
Mrs. Willie L. McDonald Clerk
7941 Woodall Rd., Lot 8, Norfolk, Va.

Wise County, Va., May 20, 1961

GREETINGS: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Mt. Hope F. W. B. Church, Lee County, Va., May 20, 1961.

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 -----	36
Membership -----	2094
Members received -----	192
Members dismissed -----	52
Members died -----	19
Number Sunday Schools -----	36
Membership -----	2811
Number Youth Leagues -----	14

Me mbership -----	505
Number ordained ministers -----	64
Licentates -----	6

Minute fund inclosed, \$209.40.

Done by order of Wise County Quarterly Conference while in regular session with Lone Pine Free Will Baptist Church, April 8, 1961.

Elder W. B. Galloway, Moderator
Big Stone Gap, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ketron, Clerks
Herald, Va.

Lee County, Va., May 20, 1961

GREETINGS: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptisas when convened with Mt. Hope Church, Jonesville, Va., May 20, 1961.

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

Our standing is as follows:

Number churches ---- 7	Membership ----- 401
Number received ---- 12	Members Deceased ----- 4
Number Sunday Schools 7	Membership ----- 349
Number of leagues '--- 3	Membership ----- 95
Ordained Ministers ---- 5	Licentates ----- 1

Minute fund inclosed, \$40.10

Done by order of the Lee County Quarterly Conference, while in regular session with Hoover's Chapel Church, April 1, 1961.

Paul Pennington, Moderator, Pennington Gap, Va.
Mrs. Howard Salley, Clerk, Woodway, Va.

Annual Ministers' Reports

Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Profess'n's Witnessed	Number Baptised	Additions to Church	Churches Organized	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
TIDEWATER MINISTERS:									
Fred A. Rivenbark.....	116	1	3	96	56	54	1	23,076	\$5200.00
James M. Allbritten	67	1	1	26	34	16	0	15,000	4100.00
Henry J. Ban Kluyve ...	70	2	1	45	20	30	1	23,000	5255.00
J B. Chism, Jr.....	130	1	0	66	17	49	2	15,000	4160.00
W. A. Hales	133	1	2	58	22	41	0	18,000	5200.00
Raymond Riggs	156	1	6	98	13	46	1	18,000	5760.00
LEE COUNTY MINISTERS:									
Ray Gardner	150	1	6	20	15	10	0	1,200	700.00
Paul Pennington	55	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	85.00
L. H. Martin	86	2	0	3	1	4	0	0	415.87
S. B. Culbertson	52	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	617.00
Elmer Parson	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	Has been in ill health.	
WISE COUNTY MINISTERS:									
Harlie Green	75	0	0	10	10	0	0	1,200	165.00
Willard M. Bowman ...	55	2	0	7	5	3	0	0	0
Wythe White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. M. McFall.....	No Report Kept			0	0	0	0	0	0
H. V. Johnston	114	2	0	18	2	15	2	1,900	158.00
V. B. Thacker	78	0	2	5	9	0	0	.750	0
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Paul Butler	60	0	3	60	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. T. Francis	0	1	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	15.00
B. Addison	67	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. H. Jackson	No Report Kept				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melvin Moore	75	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	260.00
Wade Powers	75	2	4	21	17	17	0	0	50	5,000	100.00	100.00
Ralph Flannary	141	1	2	36	41	29	0	16	1,500	300.00	300.00	300.00
James H. Kilgore	136	3	8	41	25	12	0	5	3,200	355.00	355.00	355.00
W. B. Galloway	35	1	0	1	0	3	0	10	1,600	600.00	600.00	600.00
B. R. Powers	105	1	1	27	27	7	0	50	0	800.00	800.00	800.00
David Powers	185	1	4	68	48	24	0	9	16,000	0	0	0
Gale Scott	102	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Della Salyers	14	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	845	12.62	12.62	12.62
Robert Dixon	40	0	1	32	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Hobert Addington	74	1	0	7	17	8	0	2	1,650	306.00	306.00	306.00
Kernit Moore	110	1	0	17	42	8	0	12	0	65.00	65.00	65.00
J. L. Meade	70	3	1	15	14	10	0	9	1,000	50.00	50.00	50.00
Tyler Tate	0	0	2	6	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
James Rose	48	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	500	500.00	500.00	500.00
Robert L. Ramey	65	0	4	48	15	0	0	3	3,000	39.00	39.00	39.00
Willard Kiser	75	1	1	10	7	7	0	6	600	0	0	0
Paul Harry Miller	156	2	1	20	8	10	0	60	6,000	300.00	300.00	300.00
Earl Miller	74	0	2	0	21	11	0	6	3,000	45.00	45.00	45.00
James Ramey	250	4	0	37	0	45	0	22	1,500	400.00	400.00	400.00
James B. Maggard	0	0	3	17	2	8	0	3	0	63.00	63.00	63.00
Hoy Tompkins	75	1	0	16	16	0	0	9	1,500	25.00	25.00	25.00
J. D. Kilgore	96	1	0	19	10	11	0	1	7,824	311.20	311.20	311.20
Eddie Sturgill	96	1	1	21	20	5	0	3	2,641	0	0	0
Theodore Holmes	90	1	5	60	26	17	1	8	1,500	100.00	100.00	100.00

Tidewater Quarterly Meeting Annual Report

CHURCH	1	2	3	4
			\$	\$
Farmount Park, Norfolk, Va.....	56	711	6,527.00	6,217.00
Hyde Park, Norfolk, Va.....	26	138	22,273.88	17,132.03
Bethany, Norfolk, Va.	36	138	17,443.88	18,477.21
Newport News, Newport News, Va.....	34	181	9,215.10	9,114.41
Richmond, Richmond, Va.	13	102	12,474.04	12,490.14
Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Va.	20	132	2,067.81	1,595.98
Princess Anne	14	34	.611.98	.154.48
Calvary, Portsmouth, Va.....	28	55		
CHURCH	5	6	7	8
Fair Park	\$200.00	\$1,242.94	\$420.00	\$1,078.00
Hyde Park	.00	.193.67	.87.00	.00
Bethany	.00	178.17	.00	.296.76
Newport News	.00	312.44	299.11	.00
Richmond	.00	.00	24.00	.00
Portsmouth	476.15	300.70	.00	.00
Princess Anne	.00	.00	.00	.00
Calvary	.00	.00	.00	.00
CHURCH	10	11		
Farmount Park	\$1,337.80	\$3,156.95		
Hyde Park	40.00	731.93		
Behtany	141.72	.554.27		
Newport News	452.31	1,392.73		

Richmond 57.40
 Portsmouth 37.19
 Princess Anne 32.00
 Calvary00

KEY TO REPORT

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| 1. Members Received | 5. Promotional Work | 9. Superannuation |
| 2. Membership | 6. Home Missions | 10. College |
| 3. Receipts | 7. Orphanage | 11. Foreign Missions |
| 4. Paid Out | 8. Co op Program | |

Annual Report of Lee County Churches

CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP	Pd. Pastor	Orphanage	Evangelistic	Literature	PASTOR
Mt. Hope	41	\$735.00	\$ 60.00	\$93.00	\$ 16.36	Ray Gardner
Rock Lick	60	240.00	23.09	.00	59.26	L. H. Martin
Mt. Carmel	91	617.00	142.75	.00	161.17	S. B. Culbertson
Ocoonita	83	202.72	40.00	.00	22.21	Willard Bowman
Willis Chapel	47	166.38	.00	.00	18.95	L. H. Martin
Minton Memorial	53	960.00	40.20	.00	24.99	P. H. Miller
Hoover's Chapel	26	77.70	.00	23.70	17.46	Paul Pennington
Total 7.....	401					

Annual Report of Wise County Churches

CHURCH	Membership	Amt. Paid Pastor	Evangelistic Work	Orphanage	Super- annuation	Home Mission	Foreign Missions	Literature	Pastor and Address
Dungannon	157	\$210.96	\$573.98	\$237.33	\$16.25	\$ 6.00	\$245.60	\$76.00	Ralph Flanary Dungannon, Va.
Beech Grove	29	175.00	0	30.00	6.00	.00	.00	54.27	H. V. Johnston Norton, Va.
Gillenwater	45	No reports for the year			1.00	10.00	.00	79.76	Carson Dotson Wise, Va.
Beckners Chapel ..	49	13.00	32.00	40.00	12.00	.00	20.00	135.80	Ben Powers Wise, Va.
Mary's Chapel	134	484.01	0	86.46	35.00	32.50	.00	80.64	S. M. McFall Clintwood, Va.
Tacoma	28	82.50	130.00	150.00	12.00	.00	.00	17.72	Jim Ramey Norton, Va.
Ramsey	78	65.00	0	0	1.50	33.00	.00	37.70	Harold Kilgore Esserville, Va.
Steven's Chapel ..	30	23.00	30.00	5.00	15.00	.00	.00	48.94	Bobby Osgood Wise, Va.
Mt. Olive	33	21.50	72.94	15.00	17.00	10.00	8.16	45.48	Harold Kilgore Esserville, Va.
Wilson's Chapel ..	31	76.40	77.50	53.67					

Mt. View	28	45.00	75.00	.00	2.00	.00	.00	12.60	Bobby Laney Coeburn, Va.
Indian Creek	124	.00	56.00	67.05	6.00	.00	.00	77.14	Carson Dotson Wise, Va.
Davis Chapel	42	137.00	258.00	4.60	4.50	.00	.00	92.00	S. H. Jackson Norton, Va.
Stallard Memorial	28	67.93	178.54	75.26	20.00	103.89	20.09	56.55	Jim Ramey Norton, Va.
Mead's Chapel	77	.00	219.62	60.00	12.00	.00	.00	65.25	J. L. Meade Herald, Va.
Bethel's Chapel	18	20.00	184.17	37.94	4.50	5.00	.00	42.69	David Powers Norton, Va.
Oak Grove	125	600.00	30.00	360.00	43.00	45.00	75.00	252.10	W. B. Galloway Big Stone Gap, Va.
Hopkins Chapel ..	68	120.00	117.00	.00	20.00	4.00	.00	29.51	Ray Gardner Esserville, Va.
West End	No reports for the year								
Valley View	52	49.58	16.07	.00	6.35	.00	.00	16.82	J. T. Greear Norton, Va.
Lone Pine	98	209.20	11.75	52.82	9.00	28.78	.00	112.26	J. D. Kilgore Tacoma, Va.
Marthas Chapel ..	59	65.00	79.10	29.35	20.00	71.50	.00	46.25	Carson Dotson Wise, Va.
Glamorgan	84	585.95	623.21	134.00	12.00	118.56	75.00	64.45	Bobby Osgood Wise, Va.
Dry Fork	21	90.26	.00	68.79	9.00	.00	.00	6.75	Jeff Salyer

Annual Report of Wise County Churches

CHURCH	Membership	Amt. Paid Pastor	Evangelistic Work	Orphanage	Super- annuation	Home Mission	Foreign Missions	Literature	Pastor and Address
Central	125	875.00	210.00	240.00	.00	.00	15.00	109.79	W. E. Harrison Norton, Va.
Calvary	30	50.00	51.00	.00	1.50	.00	.00	12.00	Harold Kilgore Esserville, Va.
Inman	33	158.04	42.84	60.00	16.00	.00	.00	42.80	Jim Ramey Norton, Va.
West Norton	32	145.70	26.78	35.00	21.00	.00	.00	27.85	Ray Robinette Big Stone Gap, Va.
Bondtown	36	.00	89.00	9.61	6.00	.00	.00	37.00	H. V. Johnston Norton, Va.
Esserville	70	240.00	173.00	162.00	12.00	106.25	10.00	128.80	Hobert Addington Esserville, Va.
Addison's Chapel . .	41	108.50	206.31	.00	20.00	4.00	.00	12.36	Jim Ramey Norton, Va.
Huff Cloverlick . .	36	.00	.00	.00	3.00	.00	.00	17.23	Emmette Begley Benham, Ky.
Durham's Chapel . .	34	.00	36.00	.00	1.00	.00	.00	27.34	Herman Dickenson Big Stone Gap, Va.
Flatwoods	61	42.00	111.40	.00	1.00	.00	.00	28.48	Palmer Blevins Coeburn, Va.
Pippins Chapel . .	39	120.00	.00	16.00	4.00	2.00	.00	16.70	Wade Powers Wise, Va.
Kelley View	39	45.00	.00	3.00	.00	.00	.00	30.17	Theodore Holmes Keokee, Va.

IN MEMORY

Mr. Emmitt Day, age 80, departed this life June 29, 1960. He was a faithful member of Hopkins Chapel Church for 50 years. He is sadly missed in the church and community. His old ways were ready to help in time of need and meet everyone with a smile and a handshake. I believe he is resting in the Paradise of God and we will meet him on the great judgment day, to part no more.

Written by his wife,

MRS. MAGGIE DAY

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

James Hezekiah Davis—Whereas our Heavenly Father, in His divine wisdom, has seen fit to call unto Himself the spirit of our dear brother and friend, "Kye" Davis, we the members of Wilson Chapel F. W. B. church, Norton, Va., desire to express in these resolutions our sympathy to those who feel most keenly our common loss, and to pay tribute to the memory of our faithful brother and God's servant.

Brother Davis passed to his reward early in the morning of February 28, 1959, having served as a faithful member of our church for 43 years.

Surviving are: his wife, Viola Davis; a daughter, Edna M. Davis; one step-daughter, Mrs. Robert T. Boone.

We shall miss him, but we feel that his mission here has been courageously fulfilled.

COMMITTEE: Della Salyer, Edna M. Davis
Rev. Lacy Powers

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 reg-

ular 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 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 com-

mittal 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. **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 in eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life".

