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Of The

Southwest Virginia

Association

—Of—

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

And

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

HELD WITH THE

DUNGANNON

FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

DUNGANNON, VIRGINIA

MAY 19, 1973

1973

THE NEXT SESSION WILL CONVENE WITH THE

GLAMORGAN FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH AT

WISE, VIRGINIA ON SATURDAY BEFORE

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN MAY 1974 AT 9 O'CLOCK

PREFACE

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 Vanhooze, 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. Vanhooze, 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.

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 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.

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's 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 (Matt. 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".

OFFICERS

Billy Ray Crawford, Moderator - - - - -Banner, Virginia
 James E. Laney, Asst. Moderator - - - - - Wise, Virginia
 William Maness, Clerk - - - - -Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Sharon Maness, Asst. Clerk - - - - - Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Paul Sams, Treasurer - - - - - Wise, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

	Exp. of Office
Ray Goode, Christiansburg, Virginia - - - - -	1974
I. T. Stallard, Pound, Virginia - - - - -	1975
Palmer Blevins, Coeburn, Virginia - - - - -	1976

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

Margaret McPherson, Wise, Virginia - - - - -1974

ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS

Perry W. Honeycutt	Denver Dean
Billy Ray Stover	Jeff Salyer
J. V. Estep	James E. Laney
C. L. Kilgore	Jim Cox
I. T. Stallard	Eddie Sturgill
Fred Greene	Hobert Addington
Palmer Blevins	William C. Maness
Billy Ray Crawford	

DEACONS

Ralph Dye	Oscar Sheppard
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DELEGATES

Annie Honeycutt	Shirley Laney
Torrence Collins	Lilly Hoback
Blanche Collins	Bessie Mullins
Faye Sams	Fredia Sluss
Margaret McPherson	Sharon Maness

PROCEEDINGS

9:00 o'clock

The 37th annual session of the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist convened with the Dungannon Freewill Baptist Church on May 19, 1973.

The session was opened by singing "The Lily of the Valley", led by Bro. Oscar Sheppard.

The clerk read the scripture of Psalm Chapter 117 and verse one of Psalm 118, prayer was led by Rev. Fred Greene.

The moderator, Rev. Ralph Flanary, took charge, calling the session to order and proceeding with the business.

The first item of business was to elect a clerk and an assistant clerk. Rev. William Maness was elected by acclamation as clerk, and Sharon Maness was elected assistant clerk.

A letter of recommendation was read by Rev. C. L. Kilgore to present a Certificate of Gratitude to Bro. Anson Evans and Sis. Buena Evans for their previous job as clerks. The entire conference expressed their gratitude to them for a job well done. Motion was made by Rev. Palmer Blevins and seconded by Rev. Billy Crawford to present this certificate. Motion carried.

The ministers, deacons and delegates were seated and enrolled as they appear in the enrollment. Visitors welcomed were Bro. Tolliver from Letcher County and Bro. W. H. Dail from the Tidewater Association.

Minutes from the last yearly meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted as it appears in these minutes.

Reports from the East Wise County and The West Wise County Quarterly Conferences were read and approved as they appear in these minutes. \$198.72 was sent with the reports for Association Fund.

The Ministers Conference report was read and approved as it appears in these minutes.

A report from the Tidewater Association was given by Bro. Dail and accepted by this association as information.

The executive board selected Rev. Jim Cox as the morning speaker due to the absence of Rev. Roger Freeman, the previously selected speaker.

Bro. Cox then gave his report on "Project Roanoke", which was accepted by the association as information.

A verbal report on field work was given by Mrs. Paul Sams. It was reported that the field workers had been helping the Bull Run Youth League. Rev. Billy Crawford, pastor of the Bull Run Church reported on this project and its success. Bro. Dail then reported on the youth rally at Wilson's Chapel. Bro. Fred Greene gave a report on the youth camp for the summer and recommended that churches buy their Sun-

day School and Bible School literature from Rudine Kennedy's book store. Sis. Kennedy is giving 5% of her profit from this to support home missions. All reports were accepted as information.

Delegates to the State Association which convenes June 14-15&16, At Shiloh in Bristol were: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sams, Mrs. Bobby Laney, Mrs. Fred Greene and Mrs. Denver Dean.

Congregation sang "Farther Along", and received an offering of \$96.00 for conference expenses.

A letter of reccomendation was read from Rev. Elmer Minor concerning division of the Minister's Conference into two conferences. It was decided this was a matter to be presented directly to the Ministers Conference.

Motion was made to let each quarterly conference pay for their half of the minutes published. Motion carried.

Motion was made that each church would send 1% of each month's total offering to their quarterly conference to support this conference's expense. Motion carried. All churches will be notified of the above.

Motion made to adjourn until 1:30 pm. Motion carried.

11:00 o'clock

Morning worship service was opened by congregational singing "If Jesus Goes With Me", led by Ralph Flanary and prayer led by Rev. Eddie Sturgill. The moderator introduced Rev. Jim Cox to bring the message. His text was James 4:7 and the message was "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you". Bro. Cox stressed how Christians fail to go forth and work as Christ commanded. After an inspiring sermon, the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and shook hands. Rev. C. L. Kilgore, the host Pastor, welcomed everyone and invited each to enjoy the noon meal. Rev. Perry Honeycutt dismissed the service and asked the blessing over the food.

1:30 o'clock

The afternoon session was opened with the young people from the Dungannon Church singing "Build My Mansion Next Door to Jesus", prayer led by Rev. J. V. Estep.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the host church for their warm hospitality and the good meal served to the Association.

Officers for the next yearly meeting were elected or retained as they appear on the officers page of these minutes.

The Executive Board reported that the next Association would meet at Glamorgan Chapel, in Wise on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May 1974.

The eleven o'clock speaker will be Rev. C. L. Kilgore; alternate speaker Palmer Blevins.

The ministers cards were read and accepted. A card of good standing will be issued to each minister reporting.

Delegates were selected to go to the John Thomas Association. Selected were as follows: Hobert Addington and I. T. Stallard.

Delegates to the Clinch Valley Association were J. V. Estep and Fred Greene.

The moderator appointed a committee to go to the Stallard Memorial Church to talk to the pastor and the church about rejoining the conference. Selected to go are: Rev. Jeff Salyers, Rev. William Maness and Rev. Hobert Addington.

Association voted to have 1,000 copies of minutes printed.

An offering of \$49.00 was received for children's home as congregation sang "Tell it to Jesus".

Unanimously voted to adjourn until next appointed time, unless called together by the moderator. Benediction by William Maness.

Moderator: Rev. Ralph Flanary

Clerks: Rev. William C. Maness
Sharon Maness

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Dungannon Freewill Baptist Church, Dungannon, Va., May 19, 1973.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE REPORT

The Southwest Virginia Ministers Association of Freewill Baptists convened Friday night April 6, 1973, at Bethel Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Wise, Virginia with 38 members reporting in person, 7 reporting by letter, 6 having honorary life membership, 1 reported sick in the hospital, and 14 absent, making the total membership 63.

OFFICERS

Rev. G. T. Francis, President - - - - - Pound, Va.
Rev. Ralph Flanary, Vice President - - - - - Dungannon, Va.
Rev. I. T. Stallard, Sec. - Treas. - - - - - Pound, Va.

MINISTERS CONDUCT BOARD

Rev. James E. Laney - - - 1973 Rev. Vestus Jessee - - - - - 1976
Rev. J. D. Kilgore - - - 1974 Rev. Palmer Blevins - - - - - 1977
Rev. Ralph Flanary - - - - 1975

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. G. T. Francis Rev. Ray Goode
Rev. Harold Kilgore Rev. Ralph Flanary
Rev. I. T. Stallard

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in treasury beginning of year - - - - -	\$176.75
Receipts during year - - - - -	<u>107.23</u>
	\$283.80
Superannuation Contribution - - - - -	\$100.00
Churches (meetings) - - - - -	10.00
Postcards and envelopes - - - - -	23.30
Sec. - Treas. fee - - - - -	60.00
Balance at end of year April 6, 1973	<u>193.30</u>
	\$ 90.50

The ministers' cards were read and passed on by the Ministers' Conference and recommended to the Association now in session.

Rev. G. T. Francis, President
Rev. I. T. Stallard, Sec. - Treas.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Of the Ministers' Conference of the Southwest
Virginia Association of Freewill Baptists

ARTICLE I - NAME: This organization shall be called the Ministers Conference of Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptists.

ARTICLE II-MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Ministers' Conference shall consist of ordained ministers in good standing who hold their membership in a Freewill Baptist Church within the Southwest Virginia Association area. This association is to issue cards annually to all members in good standing.

ARTICLE III- FINANCE: This Ministers' Conference will be financed by free-will offerings, which will be received at each session of the conference.

ARTICLE IV- PURPOSE: The purpose of this conference is to promote unity and brotherly love; to promote the Gospel; to promote intellectual and spiritual improvement and to promote Exegetical, Doctrinal and Homoletical study of the scriptures.

All applicants for ministerial licenses must be qualified to preach the Gospel according to the scripture, and must be able to read and write and show a general willingness to grow in the ministry, and willing to abide by the by-laws and treatise of the Freewill Baptist Church

ARTICLE V- OFFICERS: The officers of this conference shall be President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, the officers to be elected annually.

ARTICLE VI- COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS:

Section 1. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two (2) members elected from the floor.

Section 2. Special Committees: Any special committee may be elected or appointed as needed.

Section 3. A Committee on Ministerial Conduct and Improvement: This Committee shall be composed of five pastors who have been in good standing for five (5) previous years, elected by the body. Their term of office shall be 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years. One new member to be elected each year.

ARTICLE VII- MEETINGS. The time of meetings of this Ministers' Conference shall be at 7:30 P. M. on Friday night preceding each Quarterly Conference.

ARTICLE VIII-AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of the Ministers' Conference by a three-fourths vote of ministers present provided the proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body at the last regular meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. Each meeting shall be opened with Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Duties of Officers:

A. President: It shall be the duty of the president to call each meeting to order, preside over all meetings, maintain proper Christian order and discipline in each meeting and to perform the various other duties relating to his office.

B. Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

C. Secretary-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to record minutes, maintain records, keep accurate accounts of all finances and to perform such other duties as pertaining to his office. It shall further be his duty to notify all ministers in this Conference of the time and place of each meeting three weeks in advance of the meeting.

3. It shall be the duty and responsibility of each minister to be present at all meetings if possible. He may report by letter or in person. Each minister must report by letter or person at least every four meetings to remain in good standing.

4. By a two-thirds vote of all ministers present, a ruling of the president may be overruled.

5. Any person not a member of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussions by a majority vote of the body.

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

7. On any question of procedure ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER shall be final.

8. No minister of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than five (5) minutes or more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the president.

9. Duties of the Various Committees:

A. Executive Committee: It shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the Ministers Conference from one regular session to another. Any action taken by the Executive Committee when Conference is not in session shall be reported in writing to the next regular Conference for its approval.

B. Committee on Ministerial Conduct and Improvement:
It shall be the duty of this committee to hear any appeals which may be made to it by any minister appealing a decision of the ordaining Council.

It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate unchristian conduct, Doctrine and Practices which are not in accord with the National Treatise of Freewill Baptist, and unethical Ministerial Practices or policies. If this committee deems it wise and expedient they should present written charges against any minister who is unsound in Doctrine or practices to the Southwest Virginia Ministers' Association.

It shall be the duty of this Committee, through every means at its disposal, to promote ministerial improvement in the fields of Pastoral Care, Administration and Preaching.

TREASURER'S REPORT

5/20/72	Wise County Quarterly Conference	- - - - -	\$230.76
5/20/72	Southwest Virginia Freewill Offering	- - - - -	37.70
10/7/72	Wise County Quarterly Conference	- - - - -	47.03
10/7/72	Wise County Freewill Offering	- - - - -	46.77
	Total Received		<u>\$362.26</u>

Total Disbursements	- - - - -	\$362.26
Balance in Treas.	- - - - -	0.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk	- - - - -	\$ 55.00
Virginia State Association	- - - - -	50.00
Treasurer	- - - - -	10.00
Printing of minutes	- - - - -	247.26
Total Disbursements	- - - - -	<u>\$362.26</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Sams, Treasurer

SUPPERANNUATION REPORT

Balance carried forward	- - - - -	\$ 86.53
Receipts from churches	- - - - -	672.99
	Total	<u>759.52</u>
	Disbursements	- 730.00
Balance in Treasury	- - - - -	<u>\$ 29.52</u>

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Virginia, May 19, 1973. We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as messengers. These, we pray, may sit with you and aid you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches - - - - -	14
Church membership - - - - -	818
Number of Sunday Schools - - - - -	14
Sunday School Membership - - - - -	867
Number of Youth Leagues - - - - -	10
Membership of Leagues - - - - -	315
Church Members received - - - - -	79
Members dismissed - - - - -	13
Members deceased - - - - -	22
Ordained Ministers - - - - -	36
Licentiates - - - - -	3

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastors - - - - -	\$9,289.48
Evangelistic work - - - - -	2,043.99
Home for Children - - - - -	1,407.73
Superannuation - - - - -	244.55
Home Missions - - - - -	341.00
Foreign Missions - - - - -	719.28
Literature & Publications - - - - -	2,189.95
Building and repairs - - - - -	7,039.80
Minute fund enclosed - - - - -	98.16

OFFICERS OF WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Watson Mullins, Wise, Va.	1978
Jimmy Smith, Norton, Va.	1977
Vadis Shupe, Wise, Va.	1976
Donnie Rutherford, Pound, Va.	1975
Cletus Hubbard, Wise, Va.	1974

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Denver Dean, Wise, Va.	1978
Hobart Addington, Wise, Va.	1977
Ray Goode, Clintwood, Va.	1976
Bobby Laney, Wise, Va.	1975
Harold Kilgore, Wise, Va.	1974

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

Clifford Shell, Wise, Va.	1974
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Done by order of the West Wise County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptist while in regular session with Esserville Freewill Baptist Church of Esserville, Virginia, April 28, 1973.

Moderators: Rev. Emmitt Mullins	Clerks: Rev. William Maness
Rev. Denver Dean	Sharon Maness

MINISTERS OF THE WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Minister	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions To Church	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Addington, Hobert	66	2	1	6	2	4	3	1,789	\$ 667.60
Addison, C. B.	49	1	1	7	7	14	1		158.00
Bevins, Jeff		1	1	8	1	3			
Bevins, Robert	50	1	1						1,200.00
Dean, Denver	100	1	1	2	3		4	350	500.00
Francis, G. T.	105		8	32	17				400.00
Freeman, Roger									
Hampton, Lester	48	1	1	3	4	2			
Jessie, Vestus	105	1	1	5	3	25		5,000	
Kilgore, J. Harold	38			3					
Kilgore, William	170	1	1	25	17	12	8		6,500.00
Laney, James E.	104	2	1	14	4	3	3	4,000	250.00
Maness, William C.	79	1	2	25	15	60	7	30,000	100.00
Moore Kermit									
Moore, Melvin									
Mullins, Danny C.	45	2		20	8		1		
Mullins, Hansford	208	2	1	5	5	3	27		
Powers, Oscar	18								
Robbins, Ethel	10			5					
Salzer, Della	100	1	1	10	10	12	1	81	21.00
Stallard, I. T.	35			6		6		10,000	
Turner, C. G.									

ANNUAL REPORT ON CHURCHES OF THE WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Church	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Super-annuation	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Literature & Publication	Sunday School Membership	League Membership	Pastor
Beckners	47	465.33	38.58		20.00			93.76	50	25	Monroe Hale
Bethel	46		221.00	20.26	14.64			96.27	37	12	Harless Powers
Esserville	80	4,875.00	100.00	119.96	20.00	23.00	135.00	799.20	111	73	James E. Laney
Gladly Fork	76		125.00	60.00	20.00			128.81	60	26	I. T. Stallard
Glamorgan	82	1,200.00	165.00	305.00	28.00	60.00	370.00	296.47	100	34	Denver Dean
Hopkins	49	510.00	75.00	96.30	20.00			95.05	40	24	Emmitt Mullins
Indian Cr.	120	1,360.00	290.00	484.70	24.43	210.00	188.00	245.94	88	44	Harold Kilgore
Kelly View	50	50.00	205.62		10.00			8.03	45		William Maness
Marthas	67			25.82	15.00			34.47	40		Danny Mullins
Mt. Olive	37	290.00	185.00	136.90	14.48	3.00		208.55	50	25	Leroy Mullins
Mt. View	53	159.15	174.79		8.00			74.51	94	32	C. B. Addison
Stevens	42	80.00	85.00		10.00				15		Oscar Powers
West Norton	30	600.00		38.79	20.00			42.68	45	4	Palmer Blevins
Wilson	39	300.00	30.00	120.00	20.00	45.00	26.28	66.21	70	20	Hobart Addington

BY-LAWS
WEST WISE COUNTY CONFERENCE
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in the ministry, who is a member of the West Wise County Conference, shall call the conference to order, 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 the ministry, who is a member of the West Wise County Conference, shall act as moderator.
2. It shall be the duty of the clerk with the assistant clerk to enroll delegates at the door of the conference. Delegates shall present proper evidence of their rights to be seated therein. All delegates shall be issued some type of identification such as a ribbon or badge or card with the name of the delegates pinned to or on the lapel where it will be visible by the moderator when the delegate is standing for business. The deacons, ministers, and delegates enrolled by the clerk shall compose the conference. In case of questionable representation, however, the case under question shall be referred to the Executive Committee.
3. It shall be the duty of every church belonging to this conference to send a letter to every session of this conference reporting in the same, its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any church belonging to this conference which fails to represent itself for two successive sessions may be dismissed from the conference 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. The meeting shall be closed with prayer.
5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present, ruling of the moderator may be overruled.
6. This conference may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.
7. This conference shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a Committee of the Whole.
8. It shall be the duty of all members of the conference to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain permission from the moderator. Exceptions to this would be due to illness, deaths, and funerals.
9. No member shall absent himself from the conference during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
10. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
11. The moderator shall not allow discussion when it is not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

12. 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.
13. The standing vote, or lifted hands may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.
14. No member of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.
15. It shall be the duty of the moderator or his assistant to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.
16. These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular session of this conference by a two-thirds vote of the members present.
17. Any minister desiring to be licensed or ordained must be the husband of one living wife. His wife must have only one living husband.
18. All minister must be brought before this conference and examined by the ordaining council before being granted a license or ordained.
19. Any church wishing to join the West Wise County Conference will be placed under the watch care of the conference for one year before acceptance or rejection.

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Virginia, May 19, 1973. We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as messengers. These, we pray, may sit with you and aid you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches - - - - -	18
Church membership - - - - -	838
Number of Sunday Schools - - - - -	18
Sunday School Membership - - - - -	1,059
Number of Youth Leagues - - - - -	9
Membership of Leagues - - - - -	267
Church Members received - - - - -	42
Members dismissed - - - - -	20
Members deceased - - - - -	14
Ordained Ministers - - - - -	26
Licentiates - - - - -	0

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastors - - - - -	\$13,095.66
Evangelistic work - - - - -	3,160.92
Home for Children - - - - -	1,989.59
Superannuation - - - - -	248.24
Home Missions - - - - -	645.71
Foreign Missions - - - - -	631.30
Literature & Publications - - - - -	2,041.54
Building and repairs - - - - -	8,439.61
Mimite fund enclosed - - - - -	100.56

OFFICERS OF EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Elmer Miner, Coeburn, Va. 1978
 Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, Va. 1977
 Eddie Sturgill, Jenkins, Ky. 1976
 David Powers, Norton, Va. 1975
 C. L. Dilgore, Coeburn, Va. 1974

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Billy Crawford, Coeburn, Va. 1976
 Palmer Blevens, Coeburn, Va. 1975
 C. L. Kigore, Coeburn, Va., 1974

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER.

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Ketron, Rt. 2, Box 45, Coeburn, Va. 24230

Done by order of the East Wise County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptist while in regular session with Mary's Chapel Church of Coeburn, Virginia, April 7, 1973.

Moderators: Rev. Ralph Flanary
 Rev. Billy Crawvord

Clerks: Elmer Miner
 C. L. Kilgore
 Buena Evans

MINISTERS OF THE EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Minister	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions To Church	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Broskey, Bernard	70	1	1	2					\$ 200.00
Blevins, Palmer	90	1	3	30	7		4	1,400	600.00
Cox, Jim									
Crawford, Billy Ray	85	1	4	29	9	2	1		420.00
Estep, J. V.	53	1		1				2,728	245.35
Flanary, Ralph	85	2	3	34	9	9	16	4,000	1,500.00
Greene, Fred	160	1	1	48	14	10	11	28,789	5,200.00
Hall, Milam		2		6	5	7	6		
Honeycutt, Perry	35	2						400	600.00
Kilgore, C. L.	75	1		2	4	20	2	2,000	480.00
Kilgore, J. D.									
Kilgore, Roy	60	1				2	4		
Leonard J. E.	20			2	3				
Miner, Elmer	90	1		5	3	3	4	2,500	1,500.00
Powers, Arnold									
Powers, David	72			14	14		14		
Ramey, James A.		1							
Ritchie, Glenn	78		7	46	10			1,209	485.70
Rose, James	72	2		7		5	14	1,100	230.00
Salyers, Jeff	69		4	42	31		17		129.00
Sloce, Claude									
Stover, Billy		1	1	4					
Sturgill, Eddie	119	1	8	57	13	10	12	8,220	
Summers, Garland	50							1,000	30.00
Tate, Tyler B.			2	5	2		1	1,647	248.00

ANNUAL REPORT ON CHURCHES OF THE EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Church	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Super-annuation	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Literature & Publication	Sunday School Membership	League Membership	Pastor
Beech Grove	37	823.51	180.00	60.00				175.21	50	25	Elmer Miner
Bondtown	15	44.10	24.10	35.00				33.90	23		Gene Vanover
Bull Run	28	165.00	112.72	113.58	15.00			53.18	37		Billy Crawford
Calvary	15	422.60		10.25				27.05	14		J. V. Estep
Central	103	5,000.00		90.00		290.00	180.00	287.39	88	36	Fred Greene
Davis	36	725.00	155.00	40.00	20.00			56.55	60	56	David Powers
Dry Fork	38	195.32		40.00	20.00			91.62	42	25	James Rose
Dungannon	65	456.62		348.17	35.00			98.85	80	31	C. L. Kilgore
Durham	19		50.35	56.17		10.00		51.82	55		Thurman Holcomb
Flatwoods	76	150.76	113.00	35.00	20.00			76.53	70		Milam Hall
Gillenwater	25		35.00						10		Roy Kilgore
Inman	31	910.00	367.00	45.00				46.99	42		Milam Hall
Lone Pine	57	252.55	50.00	19.07	10.00		15.00	84.93	100	12	Bill Powers
Mary's	160	925.00	425.68	310.60	20.00		125.00	655.44	280	46	Eddie Sturgill
Pippin	32	50.00	15.00	36.80	4.00	4.00			25		Jody Kennedy
Ramsey	105	752.06	765.67	167.79	33.44		10.00	30.00	131	20	Jim Ramey
Rock Lick	50	480.00	150.00	586.00	30.00	45.00	10.00	90.57	57		Ralph Flanary
Tacoma	21	180.00	30.00	50.00		87.71		49.60	50	21	Perry Honeycutt
Valley View	28	316.23	50.00	128.05	20.00			56.78	33		Perry Honeycutt

CONSTITUTION OF EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

ARTICLE I. This association shall be called the East Wise County Quarterly Conference, and shall be composed of such consistent, well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches which possess sound doctrine, character, reputation, fellowship, stability and organization, as shall unite in this compact and agree to this constitution.

ARTICLE II. The acting members of this Quarterly Conference shall be the Ministers and Deacons belonging to member churches, who shall be considered as standing members, together with such delegates as are chosen by the several churches of which the Quarterly Conference is composed, to represent them in this Conference; every church to be entitled to two delegates, every church containing 50 members to three (3) delegates, and one (1) additional delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members.

ARTICLE III. The officers of this Quarterly Conference shall be a Moderator, who shall be elected at the close of each Conference session, and shall serve the conference the following three months. A clerk and treasurer, who shall serve as standing officers of the Quarterly Conference at the discretion of the Quarterly, together with assistants as may be deemed necessary, and an Executive Board consisting of three (3) members, all of whom shall perform such duties as set forth in the by-laws and as usually devolve upon such officers.

ARTICLE IV. Any well organized and well regulated Free Will Baptist Church which conforms to the practices and agree with the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as stated in the treatise of their faith, and are in favor of the benevolent enterprises, as Sunday Schools; Missions, Temperance, and Education, may be received into this Conference, on application, by vote of the Conference.

ARTICLE V. This Quarterly Conference shall have power to discipline its churches for unchristian behavior a want of conformity to Gospel ordern, or a violation of the conditions of this compact, an expel them in case of unsuccessful labor; to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God. By request of churches to which such person belong; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the churches may refer to it; and transact such other business as may be necessary for the benefit of religion, consistent with liberty and independence of the churches according to the practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, and not repugent to the regulations of the yearly association with which this conference is connected; and to make such by-laws necessary to its regulation not repugnant to this Constitution.

ARTICLE VI. The sessions of this Quarterly Conference shall be on Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October at 9 A. M. which time it shall be the duty of all the churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

ARTICLE VII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present, notice of such intended alterations or amendments having been given and recorded by the Clerk at the last regular session of the Conference.

BY-LAWS OF THE EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

1. Each session of this Conference shall be called in conference by the clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years; if a quorum is present, charge shall be taken by the Moderator, or assistant Moderator, or in their absence a moderator shall be elected from the floor. Each session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.
2. It shall be the duty of the clerk to enroll all ordained ministers and deacons of this conference as standing delegates, and to enroll lay-delegates elected by the various churches as letters are read and approved. Also keep a concise and careful record of all the proceedings, read them at the direction of the moderator, and to perform such other duties his office may direct.
3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep an accurate record of all Conference finances and disbursements and to report such at the direction of the Moderator.
4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the business transaction of the Conference, and to see that such is carried on according to Robert's Rules of Order parliamentary procedure; to maintain proper christian order and discipline; and to call and preside over any special called meeting of the conference, between sessions, should an emergency arise that warrants immediate attention.
5. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to arrange the programs of the Conference session, if not otherwise determined, to assist in securing pastors for the churches and suitable fields of labor for the ministers; to render special assistance to weak churches; to see that effective work for Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Superannuation, and Sunday Schools is being done in all the churches, appointing, if need be, suitable committees and workers for these enterprises; and to labor faithfully for the general good of the Quarterly Conference.

As such this Board shall have power to act for and in behalf of the Conference from one regular session to another; any such action to be reported to the next regular session for approval.

6. It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to examine for license, candidates at the request of the churches to which they are a member; to examine for ordination candidates, recommended by their local churches who have been licensed for one year or more; to ordain deacons at the request of the churches; to ordain candidates to the Gospel Ministry who favorably pass examination, such examination shall include sufficient material to determine a reasonable acquaintance with the Bible, Christian doctrine, and Free Will Baptist teachings to examine ministers coming from other conferences or denominations.

7. 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 session.

8. This Conference shall be generally governed by Chapter three (3) of this Treatise as published by the National Association in 1969, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and these By-laws.

9. The Moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or divisions.

10. By a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present a ruling of the Moderator may be overruled.

11. Any person not a member of the Conference may be allowed to take part in its discussion by a majority vote of the Conference.

12. No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten (10) minutes, not more than twice on the same subject without permission from the Moderator.

13. No women shall be ordained into the ministry.

14. All candidates ordained into the ministry will be required to be able to read the Bible and to manifest a desire for self improvement and study. A minister from another denomination wishing to unite with the Free Will Baptist denomination must first unite with a local church, practicing Free Will Baptist doctrine, and will then be subject to examination by the ordaining council as noted in Article VI.

15. Any candidate who has been married and divorced and remarries

another will not be granted credentials; no candidate married to a divorcee will be granted credentials; any minister who belongs to this Conference, who divorces his wife and marries another, forfeits his right in this Conference to preach the Gospel, and his credentials will be called for by the Ordaining Council.

16. These By-laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the members present, notice of such intended alterations having been given and recorded by the Clerk at the last regular session of the Conference.

17. This conference adopts the covenants together with the Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

18. No person should hold more than one elective office, at one time that shall continue for one year.

19. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to their feet, and address the Moderator, "Brother Moderator", but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

