

MINUTES

Thirty-Eighth Annual Session

Of The

**Southwest Virginia
Association**

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**FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
And**

**SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

Held With The

GLAMORGAN FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Wise, Virginia

May 18, 1974

1974

The Next Session Will Convene With The

Bull Run Freewill Baptist Church

At Coeburn, Virginia

on Saturday Before The Third Sunday

In May, 1975 at 9:00 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 U.S. 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, N.C., 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.

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 solmen 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 Savior, 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 Savior 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 men 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, JUDGEMENT 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

Denver Dean, Moderator	Wise, Virginia
Ray Goode, Assistant Moderator	Wise, Virginia
William Maness, Clerk	Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Sharon Maness, Assistant Clerk	Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Paul Sams, Treasurer	Wise, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

	Exp. of Office
I.T. Stallard, Pound, Virginia	1975
Palmer Blevins, Coeburn, Virginia	1976
Hovert Addington, Wise, Virginia	1977

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

Billy Ray Crawford, Banner, Virginia	1975
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ENROLLMENT MINISTERS

William C. Maness	Jeff Salyer
Billy Ray Crawford	Denver Dean
Harold Kilgore	I.T. Stallard
C.L. Kilgore	Palmer Blevins
J.V. Estep	Ray Goode
Elmer Minor	Della Salyers
Bobby Laney	

DEACONS

Ralph Dye	Oscar Shepherd
Lee Greene	Watson Mullins
Odus Bush	James Sawyer
W.F. Wright	Steve Tomko

DELEGATES

Gladys Flanary	Augusta Akins
Flora B. Robinette	Luther Slemp
Thelma Lark	Loretta Proffitt
Glessie Shuler	Margaret McPheron
Betty Dean	Lydia Ison
Pauline Wright	Lola Sturgill
Hazel Bush	Joyce Sayer
Charlotte Ring	Ida Carter

PROCEEDINGS

9:00 o'clock

The 38th annual session of the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist convened with the Glamorgan Chapel Freewill Baptist Church on May 18, 1974.

The session was opened by Singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Elmer Miner and C.L. Kilgore.

The clerk read the scripture of 1 Peter 2:1-10, prayer was led by Harold Kilgore.

The Moderator, Billy Ray Crawford, took charge, calling the session to order and proceeding with the business.

The ministers, deacons and delegates were enrolled and seated as they appear in the enrollment. Visitors welcomes were: Bro. Craft and Bro. Tolliver from the John Thomas Assn.; Lola Long and Marie Hilemon from Dickenson County; Rev. and Mrs. James Raper from the Children's Home and Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Dail from the Tidewater Assn.

Minutes from the last yearly meeting were read and approved.

The host Pastor, Rev. Denver Dean then extended a warm welcome to the Glamorgan Chapel Church.

Minutes from the special called meeting of October 20, 1973 were read and approved.

Letters from the East Wise County and the West Wise County Quarterly Conferences were read and approved as they appear in these minutes. \$218.04 was sent with the reports for Association Fund.

Bro. Craft and Bro. Tolliver gave an oral report on the John Thomas Assn. and accepted by this association as information.

An oral report on field work was given by Mrs. Margaret McPheron. She said she had not accomplished a great amount as this was a new and unfamiliar task for her. Rev. Billy Crawford reported on growth and success of youth leagues in our association. Rev. Ray Goode asked for help for the field worker due to the lack of knowledge as to just what this position involved. Mrs. McPheron reported that there will be a youth crusade soon and asked for cooperation and encouragement in youth work. All reports were accepted as information.

Motion was made to appoint a committee to investigate the position of League Field Worker to see what its duties are and if it is a necessary office. The committee appointed were: Rev. Ray Goode, Rev. Harold Kilgore, and Rev. Elmer Miner. They will give their report at the next yearly meeting.

Bro. Dail gave an oral report on the Tidewater Association. His report was accepted as information.

The Moderator suggested a special committee be sent to the State Association. This committee should consist of five members, and it should be prepared to present the facts of our complaint concerning the Lee County situation if it is necessary. Motion was made that we elect this committee. Motion carried. The following five were nominated, and elected by acclamation. Rev. Billy Ray Crawford, Rev. Denver Dean, Rev. Ray Goode, Rev. Palmer Blevins, and Rev. I.T. Stallard.

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

The Moderator asked for a report on how the one percent was working. It was reported by the clerk of the East Wise County Conference that it was working better than the .12 cents per member method; however, the clerk of the West Wise County Conference reported it was not working as good as the old method.

After lengthy discussion on how we would be able to get the funds needed to support this association, Bro. Oscar Shepherd made a motion that the association petition each quarterly conference to send .25 cents for each member to the yearly. Each quarterly conference should also petition each church to send .25 cents per member to their conference as a quarterly meeting fund. This motion was seconded by Rev. Jeff Salyer. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn until 1:30 p.m. Motion carried.

11:00 o'clock

Morning worship service was opened by congregational singing "Never Grow Old," led by Elmer Miner. The moderator asked for the song, "Amazing Grace" and we received an offering for the Children's Home. Brother Raper spoke concerning the Home and his appreciation for the support from the Southwest Virginia Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Peaks from the Home gave wonderful testimonies, and the children sang three songs for us. The selected speaker, Rev. C.L. Kilgore, asked Bro. Raper to bring the morning message. Bro. Raper accepted and read Luke 10:30-35. He delivered a wonderful message from God concerning which side of the road we were on, and pointed out that we should be on God's side. He closed with prayer, asking God to make us all good samaritans. The congregation sang "O How I Love Jesus" as we shook hands. Rev. Denver Dean dismissed the service with prayer.

1:30 o'clock

The evening session began by singing "At the Cross" led by Rev. I.T. Stallard and prayer by Bro. Oscar Sheppard. The moderator thanked the Glamorgan Church for their warm hospitality and for a very good meal.

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

Sister Della Salyers gave an oral report on Superannuation and it was accepted as it appears in these minutes.

It was pointed out that the meeting place for the State Assn. had been changed from Oak Grove in Big Stone Gap to Lake Park in Richlands. Delegates chosen to go there on June 13 and 14 were Mrs. Paul Sams, Gladys Flanary, Betty Dean, Mrs. I.T. Stallard and Flora Robinette.

Bro. Billy Stover was nominated and voted by acclamation to be for the vacancy on the Superannuation Board created by the resignation of Sis. Della Salyer. Rev. Hobert Addington gave an oral report on the committee visit to Stallard Memorial. It was pointed out that this church does not indicate any desire at all to be a part of this organization again. Rev. Ray Goode made a motion and Denver Dean seconded that this report be accepted as given. Motion carried.

The association voted to have 1,000 copies of the minutes printed. Each quarterly conference is to pay one half of the cost. The ministers cards were read and accepted. Each minister reporting will receive a card of good standing. The Executive Committee chose the Bull Run Church as the next meeting place on Saturday before the third Sunday in May 1975 at 9 a.m.

The speaker of the 11:00 o'clock service will be James E. Laney and the alternate, J.V. Estep. Officers were elected or retained as they appear on the officer's page. Corresponding messengers to go to the John Thomas Association were Oscar Shepherd and Rev. I.T. Stallard. Messengers to the Clinch Valley Association were Rev. Elmer Miner and Rev. J.V. Estep. Messengers to the Tidewater Association were Rev. Ray Goode and Rev. I.T. Stallard.

Bro. Dail commented on the Link, its cost and its effect. He indicated that the Link needs support in order to continue publication. After an offering of \$26.49 was received for Bro. Dail, the motion was made and seconded that we adjourn. Rev. Elmer Miner dismissed with prayer.

Moderator: Rev. Billy R. Crawford Clerks: Rev. Wm. Maness, Sharon Maness

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Glamorgan Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Wise, Virginia, May 18, 1974.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE REPORT

The Southwest Virginia Minister's Association of Freewill Baptist convened Friday night, April 12, 1974 at the Indian Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Pound, Virginia, with 30 members present, 11 reporting by letter, and 23 absent of the 64 membership.

OFFICERS

Rev. Harold Kilgore, President Wise, Virginia
Rev. Ray Goode, Vice President Wise, Virginia
Rev. I.T. Stallard, Secretary-Treasurer Pound, Va.

MINISTER'S CONDUCT BOARD

Rev. J.D. Kilgore-----1974
Rev. Ralph Flanary-----1975
Rev. Vestus Jessee-----1976
Rev. Palmer Blevins-----1977
Rev. C.L. Kilgore-----1978

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Harold Kilgore
Rev. Ray Goode
Rev. I.T. Stallard
Rev. J.V. Estep
Rev. Elmer Miner

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at beginning of year	90.50
Receipts during year	203.95
	<u>294.45</u>
Total expenses during year	235.74
Balance at end of year	<u>58.71</u>

The minister's cards were read and passed on by the Minister's Conference and recommended to the Association convened at Glamorgan Chapel Freewill Baptist Church now in session.

Rev. Harold Kilgore, President
Rev. Ray L. Goode, Vice President
Rev. I.T. Stallard, Secretary-Treasurer

**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, Doctrinical 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.

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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 or ministers present provided the proposed amendments 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.

3. 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 un-christian 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

5-19-73 East Wise County Quarterly Conference	100.56
5-19-73 West Wise County Quarterly Conference	98.16
5-19-73 Freewill Offering	96.00
Total Received	294.72
Total Disbursements	<u>285.00</u>
Balance in Treasury	9.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk	55.00
Moderator	10.00
Treasurer	10.00
Virginia State Association	50.00
Printing of minutes	160.00
Total Disbursement	<u>285.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Sams, Treasurer

SUPPERANNUATION REPORT

Balance carried forward	37.21
Receipts from churches	<u>847.56</u>
Total	884.77
Disbursements	<u>660.00</u>
Balance in Treasury	224.77

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia, May 18, 1974. 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	15
Church membership	851
Number of Sunday Schools	15
Sunday School membership	866
Number of Youth Leagues	7
Membership of Leagues	194
Church members received	47
Members dismissed	18
Members deceased	5
Ordained Ministers	38
Licentiates	3

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastors' Salaries	13,820.84
Evangelistic Work	4,000.14
Home for children	1,787.95
Superannuation	301.81
Home Missions	1,018.35
Foreign Missions	880.00
Literature & Publications	1,529.26
Building and Repairs	8,873.59
Minute Fund Enclosed	102.12

OFFICERS OF WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Kenneth Profitt, Norton, Va. 1979
Watson Mullins, Wise, Va. 1978
Jimmy Smith, Norton, Va. 1977
Vadis Shupe, Wise, Va. 1976
Donnie Rutherford, Pound, Va. 1975

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Roger Freeman, Pound, Va. 1979
Denver Dean, Wise, Va. 1978
Hobert Addington, Wise, Va. 1977
Ray Goode, Wise, Va. 1976
Bobby Laney, Wise, Va. 1975

LEAGUE FIELD WORKERS

Mr. and Mrs. James Sawyer.....Norton, Virginia.....1975

Done by order of the West Wise County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptist while in regular session with Gladly Fork Freewill Baptist Church of Pound, Virginia, March 30, 1974.

Moderator: Rev. I.T. Stallard
Asst. Mod.: Rev. Bobby Laney

Clerk: Rev. William C. Maness
Asst. Clerk: Sharon Maness

MINISTERS OF THE WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Minister	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Reverals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions To Church	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Hobert Addington	54	1	1	14		2	3	2,000	\$ 300.00
C. B. Addison	49	1	1	2		1	1		645.30
Jeff Bevins	60		4	14	7		2		
Edison Boggs	52	1	2	2	6	1	5	15,000	
Deaver Dean	52	1	1	11	2	8	3	500	1,200.00
G. T. Francis	55		1	3			1	300	
Roger Freeman	110		7	26	21		2	3,800	725.00
Ray L. Goode	200	1	6	50	10		2	30,000	1,500.00
Monroe Hale	55	1	2	10	6	8	2	1,500	1,500.00
Lester Hampton									
Theodore Holmes									
Vestus Jessee	74	1	3	21	6		6		
J. Harold Kilgore	102	1	2	6	8	4	10	5,000	
William Kilgore	37								325.00
James E. Laney	180	1	2	32	25	11	9	25,000	9,350.00
William C. Maness	105	2	1	15			3	4,000	250.00
Richard McFarland									
Kermit Moore	75	1	2	15	5	23	2	7,000	600.00
Melvin E. Moore									
Danny Mullins		1	2	15	7	1	4		
Ermitt Mullins	75	1	3	8	3	2	5	30,000	1,500.00
Hansford Mullins	55		2	8	3		2	1,200	
LeRoy Mullins	84	1					2	400	270.00
Ethel Robbins	8								
Donnie Rutherford	100		2	8	1			10,000	
Della Salyer	10			8				150	28.00
I. T. Stallard	50	1	2	25	4	3	4	5,000	
Ullis Sturgill	50			10	1			4,000	
C. G. Turner	26		1	5			1		

ANNUAL REPORT ON CHURCHES OF THE WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Church	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Super-annuation	Home Missions	Foreign Mission	Literature & Publications	Sunday School Membership	League Membership	Pastor
Beckners	54	390.95	181.15		20.00			137.09	60	151	Monroe Hale
Bethel	46			12.63	14.56			37.44	54	20	Jeff Bevins
Esserville	79	8,500.00	269.00	207.23	30.00	337.00	130.00	319.28	100	52	Bobby Laney
Gladly Fork	76		470.00	30.00	20.00			60.54	48	20	I. I. Stallard
Glamorgan	83	900.00	743.00	326.80	37.25	158.00	240.00	146.40	100	35	Denver Dean
Hoover	24	383.08	269.83						30		William Maness
Hopkins	48	500.00	136.50	120.06	15.00			24.70	20		Emmitt Mullins
Indian Cr.	118	1,200.00	370.00	500.00	45.00	350.00	500.00	50.50	100	32	Harold Kilgore
Kelly View	55	23.00	322.41	30.00	20.00			9.94	45		William Maness
Marthas	67			7.34		62.00		16.83	40		Danny Mullins
Mt. Olive	37	245.00	113.00	270.00	20.00	55.00		123.13	50	25	LeRoy Mullins
Mt. View	53	673.81	806.14		20.00			78.30	94	32	C. B. Addison
Stevens	42	205.00		75.00	20.00			119.83	20		Oscar Powers
West Norton	30	550.00	178.53	43.89	20.00			47.85	35		Ray Goode
Wilson	41	250.00	139.58	165.00	20.00	56.35	10.00	72.43	70	33	Harold Kilgore

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. All proposed amendments or alterations will be tabled for three months to let each church discuss said amendment or alteration and make their decision of how they want to vote.

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 ministers 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.

20. A person must be present at the conference meeting in order to be elected to an office of this conference.

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist when convened with the Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia, May 18, 1974.

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	19
Church membership	966
Number of Sunday Schools	19
Sunday School membership	1,164
Number of youth leagues	7
Membership of leagues	247
Church members received	57
Members dismissed	13
Members deceased	18
Ordained ministers	26
Licentiates	0

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastors' Salaries	10,215.98
Evangelistic work	3,718.32
Home for Children	2,956.98
Superannuation	338.04
Home Missions	648.16
Foreign Missions	954.26
Literature and Publications	2,152.17
Building and repairs	18,142.68
Minute fund enclosed	115.92

OFFICERS OF EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

ORDAINING COUNCIL

J.V. Estep, Big Stone Gap, Va. 1979
Billy Stover, Norton, Va. 1978
Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, Va. 1977
Eddie Sturgill, Jenkins, Ky. 1976
David Powers, Norton, Va. 1975

EXECUTIVE BOARD

C.L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va. 1977
Bil. Crawford, Coeburn, Va. 1976
Palmer Blevins, Coeburn, Va. 1975

LEAGUE FIELD WORKERS

Rev. Tommy Kilgore—Coeburn, Virginia—1975
Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ketron—Coeburn, Virginia—1975

Done by order of the East Wise County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptist while in regular session with the Bull Run First Freewill Baptist Church, Coeburn, Virginia, April 13, 1974.

Moderator: Rev. C.L. Kilgore

Clerk: Rev. Elmer Miner, Sr.

Asst. Mod.: Rev. Milam Hall, Rev. Ralph Flanary

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
Palmer Blevins	85	1	4	8	9		2	2,000	\$ 600.00
Billy R. Crawford	74	1	2	19	15	9		2,000	1,020.00
J. V. Estep	54	1	1	1	1		1	2,148	219.18
Ralph Flanary	80	1	3	22	12	4	11	5,000	980.00
Milam Hall		2		12	8	15	6		
Perry W. Honeycutt	50	2					2	350	700.00
C. L. Kilgore									
J. D. Kilgore	113			5	5	12			
Roy W. Kilgore	60	1					10		
Tommy Kilgore	100			20	8			1,000	150.00
J. E. Leonard	30	1		6	4		2	1,500	102.00
Elmer Miner	110	1	1	15	12	18	9	5,000	1,150.00
David D. Powers	74	1		6	1		9		
James E. Ramey		1							
Jeff Salyer	39		2	26		9			68.40
Claude Sloce									
Billy R. Stover				1	1		1		
Eddie Sturgill	134	1	8	133	47	10	8	6,998	20.00
Garland H. Summers	40				3			1,000	490.00
Tyler Tate	40			2	2			2,500	

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	39	941.13	477.49	60.00		18.00		157.29	51	22	J. E. Leonard
Bondtown	16	33.00	17.47	25.00				31.78	30		Bernard Broskey
Bull Run	33	625.00	261.46	407.24	20.00	50.00	79.51	163.69	80	40	Billy Crawford
Calvary	14	199.18	286.30	45.00				19.87	12		J. V. Estep
Central	116	1,625.00	150.00	60.00		270.00	150.00		88	39	No Pastor
Davis	35	400.00	172.00	40.00	35.00			82.00	62		David Powers
Dry Fork	49	198.40	144.62	40.00	20.00			120.24	70		Elmer Miner
Dungannon	65	463.26		356.33	50.00		95.75	140.50	80		Erik Darnell
Durham	16		110.33	89.51		35.38		128.48	55	32	No Pastor
Flatwoods	75	641.61		40.00	20.00			79.50	75		Milam Hall
Gillenwater	25									8	Roy Kilgore
Inman	28	1,100.00	169.59	45.00				51.19	22		Milam Hall
Lone Pine	66	1,089.35	272.50	95.94	50.00		60.00	164.90	60	18	Bill Powers
Mary's	163	1,150.00	440.00	357.13	20.00		465.00	703.52	194	76	Eddie Sturgill
Pippin	32	75.00	20.00	21.00					20		Jody Kennedy
Ramsey	100	494.42	767.46	176.67	33.04		35.00		117	20	James Ramey
Rock Lick	51	525.00	379.10	838.31	40.00	40.00	70.00	124.52	77		Ralph Flanary
Tacoma	21	380.00	50.00			234.78		129.69	40		Perry Honeycutt
Valley View	22	275.63		74.91	20.00			55.00	23		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 descretion 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 order, or a violation of the conditions of this compact, and 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 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 transactions of the Conference, and to see that such is carried on according to Roberts 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 and divisions.

10. By a two-thirds 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 the 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 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.

