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MINUTES

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

**Southwest Virginia
Association
of
Freewill Baptist Churches
and
Southwest Virginia
Ministers' Conference**

HELD WITH THE
VICTORY FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
LEE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
MAY 19, 1979

The Next Session Will Convene With The
BULLRUN FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
MAY 16, 1980

PREFACE

For well over two hundred years there has been 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 Baptist. 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 Freewill 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 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 Freewill Baptist churches.

This committee was composed of the following ministers, namely: J. C. Griffin, chairman; Winford Davis, E.B. Joyner, F. 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. Holiday, 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 Freewill 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 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, or 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 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

Raymond Baird.	Moderator
Denver Dean.	Assistant Moderator
Ralph Flanary.	Clerk
Mrs. Ralph Flanary	Assistant Clerk
Paul Sams	Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Denver Dean.	Wise, VA
Hobert Addington	Wise, VA
Ralph Flanary	Dungannon, VA

C.T.S. FIELD WORKERS

Paul Sams	Wise, VA
Jeffery Sams.	Wise, VA
Lars Dorton	Wise, VA

ENROLLMENT MINISTERS

Thomas Slempe	Readford Meadows
Raymond Baird	Edgar Baltimore
Elmer Minor, Sr.	Donald Bolling
Hobart Addington	Denver Dean
J. E. Leonard	J. D. Kilgore
Lars C. Dorton	William C. Maness
Ray Gardner	J. V. Estepp
Palmer Blevins	Ralph Flanary

DEACONS

Everett Noe	Claude W. Arney	Otis Bush
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PROCEEDINGS

9:30

The 42nd annual session of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist met at the Dry Fork Church Saturday, May 19, 1979.

The session began by singing the song I'll Fly Away.

The Clerk read scripture taken from John 14th Chapter.

Prayer by Bro. J. V. Estepp.

Bro. Palmer Blevins the Moderator opened the session for business with a challenge for more involvement in our work.

The delegates were seated and the minutes of last session were read and approved.

Bro. J. D. Kilgore then accepted the chair as the assistant moderator.

East Wise County Quarterly Conference letter was read and approved.

Lee County letter was read and approved.

West Wise County Letter was read and approved.

Ministers Conference report was approved.

Treasurer's report given and approved.

Ministers Cards were approached as a whole with no objections.

Rev. Flanary was retained as Clerk.

Rev. Denver Dean was retained on Executive Board.

Rev. Raymond Baird was elected as Moderator.

Rev. Denver Dean elected as Asst. Moderator.

Superannuation report was given and accepted, with an urge for each Church to increase our giving.

Next session to be held at Bull Run.

PROCEEDINGS

Rev. Raymond Baird was elected as Moderator.

Rev. Denver Dean elected as Assistant Moderator.

Superannuation report was given and accepted, with an urge for each church to increase our giving.

Next session to be held at Bull Run.

The worship service began by singing Just a Little Talk With Jesus.

An offering was received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$43.25.

We heard a very inspiring and challenging message and our hearts were warmed by God's Holy Work. Bro. Meadows our speaker is deeply appreciated and welcomed into our midst.

The host Church provided food and fellowship which was enjoyed by all.

Session adjourned until Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May 1980 at Bull Run Church.

MINISTER'S CONFERENCE REPORT
1978-1979

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP-71

OFFICERS

Hobert Addington, President Wise, VA
G. T. Francis, Vice President Pound, VA
J. Harold Kilgore, Secretary-Treasurer Wise, VA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Hobert Addington
C. L. Kilgore
G. T. Francis
Harold Kilgore
Palmer Bevins

MINISTER'S CONDUCT BOARD

Leroy Mullins
Ralph Flanary
Danny Mullins
Miliam Hall
William Manes

PULPIT COMMITTEE

J. V. Estep
Eddie Strugill
Ray Gardner

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at Beginning of Year	\$156.34
Receipts During Year	160.79
	\$317.13
Expenses for Year:	
Postage & Supplies	\$75.00
Superannuation	100.00
Clerk	40.00
Total Expenses	\$215.00
Balance At End of Year	\$102.13

Respectfully Submitted
J. Harold Kilgore
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 -

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 Homolectical 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 preceeding 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 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.

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 in 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.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 20, 1978

Balance Forward	\$50.30
Receipts:	
East Wise County Quarterly Conference	232.50
West Wise County Quarterly Conference	206.50
Lee County Quarterly Conference	46.75
Total Receipts	485.75
TOTAL	\$536.05

DISBURSEMENTS

VA State Association	100.00
Clerk	55.00
Moderator	10.00
Treasurer	10.00
Total Disbursements	\$175.00
Balance in Treasury	\$361.05

Respectfully Submitted
Paul D. Sams

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptist, when convened with the Victory Freewill Baptist Church, Jonesville, Virginia, on May 19, 1979. We have chosen all delegates from our last quarterly conference as messengers, these we pray will sit with you and aid you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	5
Church Membership	187
Number of Sunday Schools	5
Sunday School Membership	195
Number of C.T.S.	1
C.T.S. Membership	15
Church Members Received	3
Church Members Dismissed	2
Church Members Deceased	0
Ordained Ministers	11
Licentiates	0
Ordained Deacons	10

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor's Salaries	\$9,200.47
Evangelistic Work	1,183.04
Home for Children	488.95
Home Missions	50.00
Foreign Missions	582.70
Literature & Publications	583.96
Building & Repairs	6,424.59
Enclosed for Fees	100.00

Done by the order of the Lee County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptist, while in regular session at Ocoonita Freewill Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Jonesville, VA April 14, 1979.

Moderator: Rev. Raymond Baird
Asst. Mod.: Rev. Frank Freeman
Clerk: James V. Pochodzay

OFFICERS OF LEE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Paul Pennington 1980
Donald Boling 1981
Ray Davis 1982
Raymond Baird 1983
J. D. Kilgore 1984

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Fred Jr. Parsons 1980
Fred Smith 1981
James Vernon Pochodzay 1982
Fred Carter 1983
Elton Hobbs 1984

Conference Clerk: James Vernon Pochodzay
Conference Treasurer: Fred Jr. Parsons

CONSTITUTION OF LEE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

Article 1 This association shall be called the Lee 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 2 The acting members of this Quarterly Conference shall be the Ordained 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 with up to 50 members to be entitled to 5 delegates and one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or portion thereof.

Article 3 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 five (5) members, all of whom shall perform such duties as set forth in the by-laws and as usually devolve upon such officers.

Article 4 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 (application having been tabled at the last regular session of this conference to enable the Executive Board time to examine said Church) by vote of the Conference.

Article 5 The 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 by 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 repugnant 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 6 The sessions of this Quarterly Conference shall be on Saturday before the third Sunday in January, April, July, and October at 9:30 a.m., which time it shall be the duty of all the churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letters and delegates.

Article 7 This Constitution may be altered as amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, notice of such intended alterations of amendments having been given in writing and recorded by the clerk at the last regular session of the Conference.

WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE 1978

Number of Churches	14
Church Membership	870
Number of Sunday Schools	14
Sunday School Enrollment	905
Number of C.T.S. Groups	8
C.T.S. Enrollment	196
Member Received into Churches.	83
Members Lost	31
Members Deceased.	5
Ordained Ministers.	37
Licentiates	3
Deacons.	47

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor's Salaries.	\$10,719.31
Children's Home	3992.01
Bible College	132.68
Home Missions	3,054.25
Foreign Missions	1,680.62
Literature	2,636.03
Superannuation.	331.43
Evangelistic Work	5,941.94
Wise Co. Christian School	2,608.02
Building and Repairs	32,588.82
Minute Fund Enclosed	205.89
25c per member fee enclosed.	217.50

OFFICERS OF WEST WISE COUNTY CONFERENCE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Jim Smith, Norton, VA 1982
 Danny Boggs, Pound, VA 1983
 Kenneth Proffitt, Norton, Va 1984
 Carlos Hash, Wise, VA 1980
 Vadis Shupe, Wise, VA 1981

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Hobart Addington, Wise, VA 1982
 Rev. Denver Dean, Wise, VA 1983
 Rev. Roger Freeman, Pound, VA 1984
 Rev. Harold Kilgore, Wise, VA 1980
 Rev. William Maness, Big Stone Gap, VA 1981

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE FIELD WORKERS

Jeff Sams. Wise, VA
 Rev. Lars Dorton. Wise, VA

TREASURER

Paul Sams Rt. 2 Box 190, Wise, VA 24293

Clerk: Lee Green, Wise, VA
 Asst. Clerk: Faye Sams, Wise, VA

**BY-LAWS
WEST WISE COUNTY CONFERENCE
OF FREEWILL 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 have a one year waiting period for acceptance or rejection by the Body. After the year is up, if the Church is accepted, it will then be eligible to host the next Conference, regardless of where it stands in alphabetic listing of churches.

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

EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

GREETINGS:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Victory F.W.B. Church, Jonesville, VA, May 19, 1979. We have chosen all delegates from our last Quarterly Conference as messengers. These we pray may sit with you in this Godly work.

Our Standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	17
Church Membership	950
Number of Sunday Schools	17
Sunday School Membership	1,078
Number of Youth Leagues	10
League Membership	302
Church Members Received	70
Church Member Dismissed	27
Church Members Deceased	10
Ordained Ministers	31
Ordained Deacons	58
Licentiates	8

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastor Salaries	22,482.97
Evangelistic Work	7,626.88
Home for Children	3,740.96
Superannuation	768.50
Home Mission	2,851.44
Foreign Mission	1,125.61
Literature & Publications	4,442.31
Building & Repairs	16,068.76
Minute Fund Enclosed	237.50

OFFICERS OF EAST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE:

ORDAINING COUNCIL

J. V. Estep, Big Stone Gap, VA 1984
 Billy Stover, Norton, VA 1983
 Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, VA 1982
 Eddie Sturgill, Jenkins, KY 1981
 Fred Ramey, Norton, VA 1980

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bill Thompson, Norton, VA 1982
 Palmer Blevins, Coeburn, VA 1981
 Billy Slemp, Coeburn, VA 1980

LEAGUE FIELD WORKERS

Ralph Salyer, Coeburn, VA 1980
Bobby Salyer, Coeburn, VA 1980

TREASURER

James E. Bolling, Pound, VA 1980

Done by order of the East Wise County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptist Churches, while in regular session with Lone Pine Church, Pound, VA April 7, 1979.

Moderator: Jona Shoop
Asst. Mod.: Noon Kiser

Clerk: Elmer Miner, Sr.

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 Freewill 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 Freewill Baptist Church which conforms to the practices and agree with the doctrine of the Freewill 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 persons 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 Freewill Baptist Denomination, and not repugnant 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 the Quarterly Conference shall be on Saturday before the second Sunday in January. April. July and October at 9 a.m. at 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 Freewill 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 Freewill Baptist denomination must first unite with a local church, practicing Freewill 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.

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Minister	Sermons	Churches Pastored	Revivals	Professions	Baptised	Church Additions	Funerals	Miles	Money Received
Hobart Addington	25			1			2	1,050	
C. B. Addison									
Jeff Bevins									
Robert Bevins									
Palmer Bevins	75	1	3	10	10		2	5,000	
Donald Bolling	15			1				1,100	
Bernard Brasky	50		1						200.00
Raymond Baird	56	2	1	4	1	1	1	1,500	310.51
Edgar Baltimore	30		2	12			15		
Willie Adams	28			2				655	2,689.00
Vardee Bolling	75	1	2	5	2	19		3,000	
Jess Cowden	25		1			3		1,500	125.00
Denver Dean	40	1		13	10	6	1		
Lars Dorton	35			2			1	500	200.00
David Powers	60	1		9	3	2	21		
Ben Powers	16			2			47		
Paul Pennington	75	1	1	3					
Eddie Sturgill	108	1	3	30	7	3	7	3,516	
Jim Smith	130	1	6	38	8		1	5,000	
Jonah Shoop	150	1	2	25	30	15	2		
Frank Freeman	100	1	4	1		2			
G. T. Francis	40		1	2				1,000	300.00
Ralph Flanary	150	1	3	21	26	16	11	30,000	3,000.00
Roger Freeman	105		9	33	10				
Ray Gardner									
Ray Goode	150	1	3	20			1	10,000	2,000.00
Perry Honeycutt	40	1						400	850.00
William Harrison	100	1	2	53	32		11	8,000	2,400.00
Milam Hall							4		
Clifford Bevins	55		1	6	10		2		
Readford Meadows	102	1	1	5		7	1		4,675.00
Harless Powers	30							300	250.00

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Minister	Sermons	Churches Pastored	Revivals	Professions	Baptised	Church Additions	Funerals	Miles	Money Received
Munroe Hale									
Theodore Holmes			4	13	4				411.06
J. V. Estep	62	2	2	3			1	4,028	480.65
Noah Kiser, Jr.	95	1		32	10	6	7	3,000	280.00
William Kilgore									
James Kilgore	70	1	1	8	4			2,000	
James H. Kilgore	50	1		6	10	10	20	3,000	
J. D. Kilgore	112	1	2	11	9	11	4	15,750	5,475.00
C. L. Kilgore	70	1	2	4	4	2	6	2,400	1,800.00
Carl Lawson									
Donald Lambert	125								
J. E. Leonard	56	1		11	1	4	3	1,500	1,250.00
Cecil McConnell	60	1	1	100	50	5	2	2,000	900.00
William Maness	112	2	1	7	6	6	4	2,500	1,000.00
Danny Mullins	114	1	5	18	19	7	4	2,586	500.00
Emmitt Mullins	100	1	2	14	10		4	10,000	1,200.00
Hansford Mullins									
Melvin Moore									
LeRoy Mullins	15								
Glen Murray									
Elmer Miner, Sr.	156	1		10		8	6	6,000	1,400.00
M. L. Thompson	16			3					
Hoye Tompkins	75	1	4	15	20	10	5	14,000	700.00
Everett Mullins	35	1	2	4	2	4			
Fred Ramey	130	1	1	1	1	4	2	7,500	
James A. Ramey	125	1		2		3	8		
Garland Summers	50				4			500	
Claude Sloce									
Bill Stover	52	1	1				1		600.00
C. G. Turner	20			3					
Tyler Tate	14			1				225	230.00
Donnie Rutherford	40	1		5		4		200	

LEE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REPORT

CHURCH & PASTOR	Membership	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Avg. Attend.	Women's Aux. Enrollment	Auxiliary Avg. Attendance	CTS Enrollment	CTS Avg. Attendance	Mid-Week Ser. Avg. Attend.	Ordained Ministers	Number Deacons	Pastor's Salary	Evangelistic Work	Building & Repair	Literature	Local Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education (Bible College)	Orphanage	Value Church Property	Quarterly Meeting Fund
North Fork	55	0	0	25	18	0	0	0	0	10	3	3	135.00	260.00	675.00	71.44	0	0	0	0	90.00	7,000.00	78.75
Paul Pennington																							
Ocoonita	42	0	0	40	39	0	0	0	0	18	2	1	3,062.50	250.00	0	182.36	250.15	65.00	50.00	50.00	283.07	35,000.00	60.50
Palmer Blevins																							
Stone Mountain	23	0	0	23	19	15	12	0	0	12	1	1	331.97	421.04	776.75	135.23	678.52	175.00	0	0	0	0	39.75
Raymond Baird																							
Victory	53	3	0	90	60	0	0	14	8	20	5	3	5,475.00	192.00	4,972.84	167.93	1,599.98	342.70	0	0	135.88	60,000.00	92.00
J.D. Kilgore																							
Willis Chapel	14	0	2	15	15	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	196.00	60.00	0	27.00	67.17	0	0	0	0	10,000.00	23.50
Raymond Baird																							

WEST WISE COUNTY QUARTERLY CONFERENCE REPORT

	Building Repair	Literature	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Attendance	CTS Enrollment	CTS Attendance	Auxiliary Enrollment	Auxiliary Attendance	Prayer Meeting Attendance	Value of Church Property	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Deacons	Received	Dismissed	Died	Total Membership	Quarterly Meeting Fund	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Supernatuation	Children's Home	Home Mission	Foreign Missions	Bible College	Other Expenses
Beckner's Chapel	10,249.43		46	17						50,000.00	3			1	3	1	36	34.50		90.00	20.00			20.00	20.00	36.20
Hanford Mullins										50,000.00	4		4	6			51	50.00		406.25	20.00	106.19	20.00			
Bethel	3,287.80	231.54	60	50	27	23	18	8	12	50,000.00	2		2	9	2		20	17.80	500.00	316.10	9.55	202.60				69.63
Brian's Chapel	2,896.52	747.53	37						18	35,000.00	2		2				65	49.00	2,200.00	298.00	20.00	406.28	417.77	325.00		3,948.68
Haye Tompkins										60,000.00	2		7				106	104.00	2,200.00	1,598.00	33.28	1,945.00	140.00	407.00	60.00	5,157.57
Essexville	110.77	396.94	73	68	34	31	18	10	12	100,000.00	5		6	9	2		34	34.75	425.81	199.38	20.00	138.75		17.18		490.20
James H. Kilgore	1,736.00	648.21	133	119	25	28	30	18	15		2		1	5	7		1	69	69.00		21.56	93.92				
Glamorgan Chapel										50,000.00	1		3	2	1		1	69	69.00		21.56	93.92				
Harold Kilgore	2,215.74	26.11	45	25					15	50,000.00	1		3	2	1		1	69	69.00		21.56	93.92				
Hoover Hill	89.75	75.90	25		25				15	50,000.00	1		3	2	1		1	69	69.00		21.56	93.92				
William Marans										70,000.00	4		7	4	2		139	134.50	2,200.00	355.12	43.04	400.00	2,200.00	440.00		1,281.37
Hopkin's Chapel										24,000.00	3		2	15	6	2	77	79.50			24.00	72.92				766.17
Indian Creek									10	24,000.00	3		2	15	6	2	77	79.50			24.00	72.92				766.17
Eddie Sturgill									8		1		1	9	2		35	44.25	318.50	642.95	45.00	275.00				43.00
Martha's Chapel	1,624.24	37.30	35	15					8		1		1	9	2		35	44.25	318.50	642.95	45.00	275.00				43.00
Danny C. Mullins									20	60,000.00	2		7	1			66	67.35	1,200.00	1,608.03	30.00		57.20			1,019.83
Mt. Olive		239.86	45	35					8		1		1	9	2		35	44.25	318.50	642.95	45.00	275.00				43.00
Mt. View									20	60,000.00	2		7	1			66	67.35	1,200.00	1,608.03	30.00		57.20			1,019.83
C. B. Addison	1,530.18	151.74	90	65	30	15			20	60,000.00	2		7	1			66	67.35	1,200.00	1,608.03	30.00		57.20			1,019.83
Seven's											3			2	4		42	41.25	50.00	10.00	20.00	125.00				
Eddy Salvers	208.32	45.43	40	30			15	10			3			2	4		42	41.25	50.00	10.00	20.00	125.00				
West Norton									8	103,500.00	3		2	11			74	53.00	250.00	270.00	15.00	56.35	100.00	198.00		2,636.66
Ray Goode	3,088.07	39.75	44	30	29				8	103,500.00	3		2	11			74	53.00	250.00	270.00	15.00	56.35	100.00	198.00		2,636.66
Wilson's Chapel										40,000.00	3			4	7		45	40.00	1,375.00	391.11	20.00	170.00	119.28	131.75		2,672.78
Jim Smith	5,552.00	270.95	76	60	35	30	24	22	26	40,000.00	3			4	7		45	40.00	1,375.00	391.11	20.00	170.00	119.28	131.75		2,672.78

ANNUAL REPORT ON CHURCHES OF THE EAST WISE COUNTY CONFERENCE

CHURCH	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Supernatuation	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Literature & Publications	Sunday School Membership	League Members	PASTOR
Beech Grove	31	1,250.00	370.10	130.00	10.00			181.20	55	24	Rev. Cecil McConnell, Jr.
Bondtown	22	100.00	114.00	5.00				23.00	30		Rev. Howard Jackson
Bull Run	43	3,000.00	477.36	168.20	25.00		259.25	256.69	60	25	Rev. Ralph Flanary
Central	71	6,540.00		70.00			120.00	288.64	84		Rev. Redford Meadows
Davis Chapel	42	540.00	1,230.12	441.43	40.00		67.36	186.00	50	35	Rev. Danny Mullins
Dry Fork	58	1,126.00	30.00	200.00	20.00	145.00		235.46	58	20	Rev. Elmer Miner, Sr.
Durham	58	1,692.63	775.50	785.23		359.55		533.35	130	56	Rev. Jonah Shoop
First F.W.B.	45	1,800.00	398.00		40.00			292.28	40	32	Rev. Fred Ramey
Flatwoods	36			125.25	51.00			380.32	36		Rev. Vaughn Dotson
Inman	26	600.00	872.20	257.27	300.00			135.14	30		Rev. Bill Stover
Lone Pine	113	1,800.00	1,461.58	450.19	109.50	805.47	295.00	587.13	106	49	Rev. Kermit Moore
Mary's Chapel	193	2,400.00	1,057.63	915.60	20.00	1,318.42	274.00	903.28	134	34	Rev. Bill Harrison
Pippin Chapel	30	400.00	15.00	15.00	3.00	3.00			10	9	Rev. Estil Hale
Ramsey	95	431.03	360.39	177.69	90.00		30.00	50.30	123	18	Rev. James Ramey
Rocklick	50	400.00	200.00		40.00	40.00	80.00	137.74	87		Rev. Jimmy Smith
Tacoma	15	30.00				180.00		140.22	20		Rev. David Powers
Valley View	22	373.31	265.00		20.00			111.56	25		Rev. Bill Honeycutt
TOTALS	950	22,482.97	7,626.88	3,740.96	768.50	2,851.44	1,125.61	4,442.31	1,078	302	

