

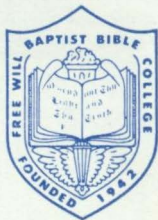
MINUTES
Of The
VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ELEVENTH SESSION

Held with the
South Side Chapel Church
Norton, Virginia
June 17-19, 1949

Moderator, Rev. Mack Fisher
Asst. M., Rev. Shelby H. Jackson
Clerk, Rev. C. A. Robinette

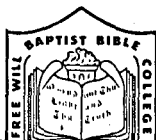
The next Association will convene with the West Bristol Church beginning on Friday Morning before the Third Sunday in June, 1950, at 10:00 A. M. EST.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd



The last four lines of page one reading as follows—

adjourned until 1:30.

(1:30)

The Moderator opened the association by reading 1st Psalm. Prayer was offered by should be read in between line six and line seven on page four. Our genuine apologies. —The Printer.

PROCEEDINGS

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists met with the South Side Chapel F. W. B. Church of Norton, Va., June 17, 1949, at 10:30 a. m.

Scripture lesson 133rd and 134th Psalms. A very able prayer was offered by Rev. Andrew Stidham. The conference then elected Rev. Mack Fisher as Moderator and work began as follows.

By vote of the association Bro. R. N. Waycaster, Bro. Albert Proctor and Bro. Dan Sturgill were elected as Executive Board members. The association then adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

(11:00)

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Mack Fisher the pastor of South Side church. Rev. Fisher read for lesson Leviticus, 26th chapter. A very able prayer was offered by Rev. E. F. Mitchell. Text or subject FAITH, from which Rev. Fisher brought a wonderful message.

(2:00)

Rev. S. H. Jackson, the Assistant Moderator, read for the lesson Luke 5:1-16. Prayer was offered by Rev. Maurice Roach. The Minadjourned until 1:30.

(1:30)

The Moderator opened the association by reading 1st Psalm. Prayer was offered by

isters, Deacons, Delegates and Messengers were enrolled and seated.

Letters from the various district associations were received as follows:

The Southwest Virginia Association by letter and delegate, with \$15.00 association funds.

The Sandy Valley Association by letter and delegate, with \$15.00 association funds.

The Clinch Valley Association by letter and delegate, with \$15.00 association funds.

The John Wheeler Association by letter and delegate, with \$15.00 association funds.

At this time Bro. and Sis. Roach gave fine talks on Foreign Missions which were enjoyed by all present. Association adjourned until Saturday at 10:00 a. m.

ENROLLMENT OF MINISTERS

R. N. Waycaster	Roy Kilgore
Ethel Robbins	Paul Harry Miller
Maurice W. Roach	Bill Surette
Orville O'Quinn	Aleck Thompson
Matt Reynolds	Mack Fisher
C. L. Kilgore	Albert Proctor
C. A. Robinette	S. H. Jackson
Curtiss Wynn	Bro. Rankins
Jimmie Boatright	R. A. English
Enoch M. Rose	George Dunbar v.
Joe Tolliver	C. W. Noles
Dellia Salyers	Ray Gardener
R. A. Dingus	E. J. Ramey
Thomas Hall	Billie Hall
L. J. McConnell v.	

ENROLLMENT OF DEACONS

M. C. Faron	E. H. Preston
R. B. Collier	Kelly Estept
Dave Buchanon	E. J. Kilgore
John Newman	Garfield Taylor
James Rose	

ENROLLMENT OF DELEGATES

Sylvia Robinette	Jack Adkins
Sherman Hundon	Hardin Brewer
John Newman	Mrs. M. C. Faron
Eugene Wampler	Hawkins Grover
M. C. Faron	

Saturday—10:00 O'Clock

The association was called to order by the Moderator, reading for a lesson St. John 14: 1-15, and after a very able prayer offered by Rev. Orville O'Quinn, work was resumed as follows:

A report was given and accepted on the Superannuation State fund by the treasurer, Rev. C. L. Kilgore of Coeburn, Va. Thus:

Carried over from last year.....	\$370.41
Receipts: Wilsons Chapel church...	20.00
Dunganon church	16.69
Grover T. Hawkins (from his ass'n.)	28.00
Total receipts for the year.....	\$ 64.69

Balance in Treasury.....\$435.10

The association then elected Bro. Dan Sturgill, Bro. R. B. Collier and Bro. W. B. Galloway to serve as the State Meeting Board.

At this time Bro. Stanley, along with some

of our children from the Greenville, Tenn. home being present, the children put on a very fine program which was enjoyed by all.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Rev. Paul Harry Miller would bring the 11:00 o'clock message. The association then Rev. George Dunbar. The reports of the Woman's Auxiliaries were received and approved by the association.

A twelve point program was explained by Rev. George Dunbar of Chucky, Tenn., as practised by Tennessee Free Will Baptists.

Delegates were appointed to the National Association as follows: Bro. E. J. Kilgore, Rev. S. H. Wilson, Rev. Paul Harry Miller and Bro. Leslie G. Ketron.

Bro. and Sis. Leslie G. Ketron of Herald, Va., were retained as State Field Workers for the Youth's Leagues.

Rev. Mack Fisher was elected to serve as Moderator and Rev. James A. Boatright as Assistant Moderator for the next session of the association when it will convene with the West Bristol F. W. B. Church, beginning on Friday morning before the Third Sunday in June, 1950, at 10:00 a. m. EST.

The association then voted to have 400 minutes printed to be paid for out of the State Association Treasury. Also to pay the Clerk \$15.00 for preparing the manuscript for minutes.

The association then adjourned until Friday before the 3rd Sunday in June, 1950.

LETTERS

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Letter from the Southwest Virginia Association of F.W.B. to the Virginia State Association when convened with the South Side Chapel Church of Norton, Va. June 17-19, 1949.

We send as delegates our beloved Bro's. and Sisters: Rev. Cova Robinette, Rev. C. G. Turner, Bro. and Sis. Jack Adkins, Bro. Roy Begley and Sis. Chas. Robinette whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly work.

State of Religion.....	Good
Number of Churches.....	34
Members received this year.....	162
Deceased this year.....	15
Total Membership.....	2,022
Number Sunday Schools.....	33
Membership	2,817
Number Youth's Leagues.....	10
Membership	339
Paid Pastors.....	\$4,104.94
Evangelistic Work	4,885.69
Home Mission	1,822.25
Foreign Mission.....	385.58
Superannuation	10.00
Publication, Lit., Minutes, etc.	864.77
Number Ordained Ministers.....	49
Licentees	7
Minute Fund enclosed.....	15.00

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia

Association of F. W. B. assembeled in conference May 20-22, 1949, with the Oak Grove F. W. B. church, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Moderator Rev. Mack Butler, Dunganon, Va.

Ass't. Moderator.....Rev. W. B. Galloway
Big Stone Gap, Va., RFD 1

Clerk.....Rev. Paul Harry Miller
Big Stone Gap, Va.

Ass't. Clerk Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.

(Ministers of Southwest Virginia Ass'n.)

✓ C. B. Dickenson.....Wise, Va.

✓ C. L. Kilgore.....Coeburn, Va.

✓ S. H. Jackson.....Dorchester, Va.

Ethel Robbins.....Norton, Va., Box 231

✓ James Fields.....Inman, Va.

✓ C. C. Arney.....Herald, Va.

W. B. Galloway.....Norton, Va., RFD 1

Delia Salyers.....Dorchester, Va.

Robert Dixon....Big Stone Gap, Va., RFD 1

J. L. Meade.....Herald, Va.

Mack Butler.....Dunganon, Va.

Ray Gardener.....Esserville, Va.

J. W. Addington.....Coeburn, Va., RFD 1

Vielder Flannrey Big Stone Gap, Va., RFD 1

W. E. Kern.....2305 E. Edgwood Ave.,

Kingsport, Tennessee

✓ L. J. Fields.....Norton, Va.

✓ Paul Harry Miller.....Big Stone Gap, Va.

✓ Carson Dotson.....Glamorgan, Va.

Cova Robinette.....Cran Nest, Va.

Roy Kilgore.....Dunganon, Va.

B. R. Powers.....Wise, Va.

✓ W. R. Powers.....Wise, Va.

J. T. Sturgill.....	Pound, Va.
Wythe White	Herald. Va.
Gale Scott.....	Big Stone Gap, Va., RFD 1
Curtiss Wynn....	Big Stone Gap, Va., RFD 1
W. H. Gibson....	Big Stone Gap, Va., RFD 1
Curtiss Porter.....	Big Stone Gap, Va.
Jim Ramey.....	Norton, Va., RFD 1
J. W. Brannon..	Pennington Gap, Va., RFD 1
Bascom Bledsoe.....	St. Charles, Va.
W. A. Blevins.....	St. Charles, Va.
L. H. Martin.....	Jonsville, Va.
T. F. Sears.....	St. Charles, Va.
Edgar Baltimore.....	St. Charles, Va.
Lee Hardstock.....	Pennington Gap, Va.
Bob McCougly.....	St. Charles. Va.
Elmer Parsons.....	Jonsville, Va.
Silas Gibson	Olinger, Va.
Tillman Derry.....	Olinger, Va.
Matt Reynolds.....	Banner. Va.

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SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To State Association of Free Will Baptists
which convenes with the South Side Baptist Church, Norton, Va., June 17-18, 1949.

We, the Sandy Valley Association now in session with the Russell Fork Church, of Council, Va., send as delegates namely: Lucindia O'Quinn, Eugene Wampler, Elizabeth Witt, Elmer Hankins and Monnie Gilley.

We have nineteen ordained ministers and one licensed minister:

S. E. Brooks.....	Richlands, Va.
Earl James.....	Venia, Va.
H. D. Hess.....	Honaker, Va.
La Ferna Honaker.....	Putman, Va.
Orville O'Quinn	Council, Va.
Edgar West	Cedar Bluff, Va.
Luther Coleman.....	Honaker, Va.
Holland Miller.....	Kingsport, Tenn.
Hassell Boyd	Putman, Va.
Estil Sanders.....	Venia, Va.
Aaron Justice.....	Honaker, Va.
H. A. Hess.....	Bristol, Tenn.
Lester L. Gilley.....	Honaker, Va.
R. A. Ryder.....	Bristol, Tenn.
Walter Reedy.....	North Tazewell, Va.
Renie Wilson.....	Richlands, Va.
Rhoda Dye.....	Swords Creek, Va.
R. E. Hilton	Putman, Va.
Noah Helton.....	Venia, Va.
Arnold Hubbard.....	Swords Creek, Va.

Licensed

No. of Churches.....	9
No. of Members.....	484
No. of Sunday Schools.....	6
No. of Pupils in Sunday School.....	385
Donation for Orphanage.....\$	42.33
Donation for Evangelist.....	56.38
Valuation of Church Property.....	15,000.00
Enclosed is the amount of \$15.00 for the purpose of printing State Minutes.	

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association.

S. E. Brooks, Moderator
Eugene Wampler, Clerk

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of F. W. B. when convened with the South Side Chapel Church June 17, 1949.

Greetings: We send our beloved Brothers and Sisters whom we pray may sit with you in your Godly work; J. W. Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Henry, E. R. Ashworth and Juanita Hawkins. Our standing is as follows:

State of Religion.....	Good
Members Received	15
Dismissed	2
Total Membership	1,029
Number Prayer Meetings.....	4
Sunday School	Good
Paid Pastors	\$637.97
Evangelist	250.00
Home Mission.....	83.18
Children's Home	145.25

Building and Repairs..... 297.75
State Association Fund Enclosed.... 15.00

(Name and Address of our Ministers)

W. H. Frazier.....Horton Summit, Va.
Wayland OwensMabe, Va.
R. A. Dingus.....Dante, Va.
James A. Boatright.....Verdi, Va.
Tom Hall.....Kingsport, Tenn., RFD 6
A. D. Edwards.....Dante, Va.
Elmer Barker.....Natural Tunnel, Va.
L. E. Sexton.....Kingsport, Tenn.
W. H. Glover.....Dante, Va.
Pat Bishop.....,.....Mabe, Va.
James Casell.....Clinch, Va.
Emory Cook.....Dante, Va.
W. C. Vickers..Highland Ave., K'port, Tenn.
W. C. Timplinton.....Mabe, Va.
J. H. Patrick.....Hansonville, Va.

Done by order of the Clinch Valley Association while in session with the Pine Grove Church, Scott County, Va., August 6, 1949.

Moderator, Rev. R. A. Dingus
Clerk, Rev. L. E. Sexson

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists which convenes with the South Side F W. B. Church, Norton, Va., June 17, 1949.

Greetings: We send as delegates our beloved Sisters and Brothers; Bro. R. N. Waycaster, Bro. E. F. Mitchell Bro. Kelly Estep,

Bro. A. L. Praton, Bro. and Sis. M. C. Foran,
whom we pray you will receive to sit with
you in your Godly work. Our standing is as
follows:

Number of Churches.....	12
Membership	466
Number Sunday Schools.....	10
Youth's Leagues.....	3
Woman's Auxillary	3
Value Church Property.....	\$34,100.00
Paid Pastors.....	2,711.99
Members Died	5
Ordained Ministers	40
Amt. for State Association Fund.....	\$15.00

Done by order of the John Wheeler As-
sociation of F. W. B. while in session with
the Mt. Olivet Church June 3, 1949.

Moderator, Rev. E. F. Mitchell
Clerk, Sarah B. Foran

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
TO STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FOREIGN MISSIONS RECEIPTS
(July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949)

Brought for'd. from last Ass'n. year\$	.00
Rec'd by Ass'ns. during past year:	
Southwest Association:	
Churches <i>va</i>	\$704.31
Woman's Auxiliaries.....	10.00
Rev. W. T. Large.....	100.00
State Association.....	26.14

840.45

Clinch Valley Association:

Churches	\$102.55
Sunday Schools	32.52
Clinch Valley Association...	14.47

149.54

John Wheeler Association:

Churches	\$142.62
Sunday Schools	9.45

152.07

Sandy Valley Association:

Churches	\$ 46.64
Rev. Orville O'Quinn.....	1.40

48.04

Dickenson County Quarterly Meet.	15.50
Fairmount Church, Norfolk. Va. ..	72.20
Anonymous Collection	111.08

Total amount received for year....\$1,388.88

Less—total paid to Winford Davis,
Treasurer of National Foreign

Missions Board

1,388.88

\$.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Kilgore, State Treasurer
Foreign Missions Board

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We the FREEWILL BAPTISTS of the State of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher degree of co-operation and a greater spirit of unity do ordain and constitute this Constitution and By-Laws for the Government of the State Association of Virginia.

ARTICLE I

Name: The name of this Association shall be know as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS.

ARTICLE II

Purpose: The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local Associations of this State and adjacent Territory.

ARTICLE III

Section 1

Representation: All ministers in good standing in the denomination in the State shall upon application become members in full standing.

Section 2

Each Association within the State shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local Association and additional delegate for each Quarterly Meeting to be chosen by the respective Quarterly Meetings.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

Discipline: The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from any Association Quarterly Meeting or Church composing said State Association of the Freewill Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by anybody belonging to said State Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent Body or Bodies. Such appeals are to come before the State Association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

ARTICLE V

Section 1

Officers: The officers of this State Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Recording Clerk, a Treasurer and an Executive Board, each of which shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session—excepting the Clerk which shall be for a period of four (4) years or during good behavior—and the Executive Board which shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Section. 2

The State Executive Secretaries of Departmental Work shall be as follows:

Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Young Peoples Work, Woman's Work, Sunday Schools and Education, and shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

Section 3

Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed or until their successors are elected and installed.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1

Executive Board: An Executive Board of three (3) members shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session of the State Association. They shall hold office for a period of three (3) years.

Section 2

This Executive Board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the State Association from one regular session of the Association to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.

Section 3

This Executive Board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its body, and shall also have power to fill any va-

cancies that occur in any department of work. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the State Association.

ARTICLE VII

Time of Meeting: This State Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meeting shall be Friday before the third (3) Sunday in June in each year and shall continue in session until its work is completed—providing notice shall have been served to the Clerk of each Association composing the State Association—said notice to have been given ten (10) days previous to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting. Adjourned sessions may be called when conditions demand.

ARTICLE VIII

Denominational Enterprises: It shall be the right and purpose of this State Association to establish and maintain Home Missions, Publishing Houses, Orphanages and Aged Ministers' Homes and Summer Camps for Young People.

ARTICLE IX

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this State Association of Free Will Baptists by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the members present, provided that a specific notice has been given at the last previous session.

BY-LAWS OF THE State Association of Free Will Baptists

ARTICLE ONE

The Moderator, or in his absence the Assistant Moderator, shall call the Association to order and if a quorum is present shall proceed with the business.

ARTICLE TWO

Any minister in good standing from any Association composing the State Association shall be eligible for membership upon application, and any delegate legally appointed or elected by any Association and Quarterly Meeting of that Association composed of State Association shall be eligible to membership in this Association.

ARTICLE THREE

It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any local Association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions, will be considered dropped from this association.

ARTICLE FOUR

Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE FIVE

By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of a Moderator can be overruled.

ARTICLE SIX

This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

ARTICLE SEVEN

This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE NINE

It shall be the duty of all members of this Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the Moderator.

ARTICLE TEN

No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the Moderator.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

ARTICLE TWELVE

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

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Any one 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.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

No member of this Association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the Moderator.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this State Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

