

MINUTES
of the
VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Fifteenth Session held with the
Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Va.
June 19-20, 1953

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WOODWAY, VIRGINIA

June 19, 20, 1953

OFFICERS

Rev. Mack Butler.....Moderator
Dungannon, Va.

Bro. W. H. Dail.....Treasurer
309 Gradon Ave., Norfolk 7, Va.

Mrs. M. C. Foran.....Clerk
321 Boone St., Bristol, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. R. N. Waycaster.....Kingsport, Tenn.
Route 4

Bro. Grover Hawkins.....Dante, Va.

Rev. S. M. McFall.....Clintwood, Va.

The next session will convene with West Bristol Church, Bristol, Virginia, on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1954. The opening time: 10 a. m. E. S. T.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday

The fifteenth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Virginia, June 19-20, 1953.

The opening song was "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

Rev. Wilson Addington offered the opening prayer. The clerk then read the fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians.

The business session began with Rev. Mack Butler, moderator, in charge, with Mrs. M. C. Foran as clerk.

Rev. S. M. McFall, whose term expired at this meeting was retained on the Executive Board by vote. Members of the Board terms expire as follows: Rev. R. N. Waycaster, 1954; Brother Grover Hawkins, 1955; Rev. S. M. McFall, 1956.

Rev. J. W. Addington was chosen to bring the introductory message.

Delegates Enrolled—

Hazel Jessie

Roy Helton

M. C. Foran

Sarah Foran

Sister R. N. Waycaster

Deacons Enrolled--

W. H. Dail
M. C. Foran
Grover Hawkins
E. J. Kilgore
Roy Hilton
Bill Melzoni
A. E. Gentry
C. O. Bowman
Fred Shoemaker
Kelley Estep

Ministers Enrolled

Rev. George Addington
Rev. Roy S. Powers
Rev. Tom Hall
Rev. Wilson Addington
Rev. Earl James
Rev. Walter Wampler
Rev. R. N. Waycaster
Rev. S. B. Culbertson
Rev. Winston Sweeney
Rev. W. H. Frazier
Rev. V. B. Thacker
Rev. James A. Boatright
Rev. J. M. Collier
Rev. Echols E. Edens
Rev. Walter Gloyver
Rev. Lacy Powers
Rev. Hobart Addington
Rev. Paul Harry Miller
Rev. Della Salyers
Rev. H. V. Johnston

Rev. David A. Martin, Jr.

Rev. S. M. McFall

Visiting Ministers Enrolled

Rev. W. H. Calvert

Rev. J. C. Calvert

Motion was carried to adjourn the conference until 1:30 p.m.

The eleven o'clock service opened by singing "Wonderful Words of Life." Rev. J. W. Addington then brought the introductory message based upon 2 Kings, 3 and 4 chapters; subject: "Bring the Empty Vessels and Borrow Not a Few." Two selections were sung by the children from the F. W. B. Orphanage at Greenville, Tenn., with Sister I. L. Stanley at the piano. Closing song "Bound For the Promise Land." Closing prayer by Brother Mack Butler.

Friday Afternoon Session

Opening song "Amazing Grace."

Prayer by Brother George Addington.

The clerk read the fifth chapter of Ephesians.

Rev. Mack Butler, moderator, took charge of the business session.

Mrs. I. L. Stanly and the children from the Greenville, Tenn., Orphanage, gave the devotional in prayer and song. Mrs. Stanly gave a report on the care and keeping of the home. Brother E. J. Kilgore made an interesting talk

on the behalf of the orphanage. An offering of a \$100.87 was taken for the orphanage.

Brother Tom Hall was chosen to bring the afternoon message and Brother Earl James and Brother Walter Wampler to bring evening message.

Motion to adjourn the conference until 9 a.m. Saturday was carried.

Brother Tom Hall brought the afternoon message. A wonderful service was enjoyed by all.

The closing song was "In The Sweet Bye And Bye."

Friday Evening Service

The evening service opened by singing "Power In The Blood."

Prayer was offered by Brother W. H. Dail.

The small children in the congregation rendered the devotional in song, Bro. W. H. Dail in charge. Brother Walter Wampler brought the evening message followed by Brother Earl James. Their subjects were based upon the first chapter of Hebrews.

Saturday Morning Session

The session began by singing "Send The Light."

Opening prayer by Brother W. H. Calvert.

The clerk read the first Psalm.

The Rev. Mack Butler, moderator, took charge of the business session. Motion was

carried to read the letters from the Association. Motion carried that the letters stand approved as read. Motion carried that the title of ministers be changed from Reverend to Elder. By vote Brother C. L. Kilgore was retained as superannuation fund treasurer. By vote of the conference Brother W. H. Dail was retained as treasurer of the Virginia State Association. The treasurerers report was read and approved. Conference adjourned for 11 o'clock preaching service to convene back at 1:30 p.m.

Eleven O'clock Service

The Young Peoples Class from Esserville Church gave the devotional in song.

Brother J. C. Calvert offered prayer.

Brother James A. Boatright brought the message from the book of Ezekiel.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Afternoon session opened by singing "In the Shadow Of the Cross."

Prayer offered by Rev. J. J. Johnson.

8th Psalm was read by the clerk.

The moderator took charge of business session. It was announced by the moderator that the next conference session will be held with West Bristol-Church, Bristol, Virginia.

Motion was carried that promotional secretary be added to the title of the treasurer.

Motion carried that the treasurer be given \$15.00 for his services.

Motion carried that the Executive Board with Brother W. H. Dail be responsible for the disbursements of the Home Mission Fund.

Motion carried that the sum now in the promotional secretary's hands be turned into the Home Mission Fund.

Motion carried that Brother and Sister Clyde Kyser be retained as field league workers.

Motion carried that Brother W. H. Dail, treasurer, be given authority to pay all dues out of the association treasury.

Motion was carried for the local churches to cooperate in sending all donations for Foreign Mission and Orphanage to the Quarterly Meetings to be forwarded on to the treasurer.

Motion carried that Brother W. H. Dale, treasurer, be given authority to open an account with the bank in the name of the Virginia State Association, and that he be given a letter written by the clerk and signed by the moderator and Executive Board on this behalf.

Vote was carried that delegates be elected to the National Association as follows: Sister R. N. Waycaster, Sister Grover Hawkins, Sister Christine Martin, Sister Arlena Statzer, and Brother Emmett Statzer.

By vote Brother James A. Boatwright was elected moderator for the next session of the association.

Report of Finance	\$175.00
Orphanage	100.87
Total	\$275.87

Delegates from Various Associations

Sandy Valley—Walter Wampler, Roy Helton, Bertha Helton, Earl James.

Clinch Valley—Sally Deskins, Hazel Jessie, Mrs. Carter Phillips, Jim Pierson, and Emory Ashworth.

Southwest Virginia—Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. W. S. Minton, Mrs. Ray Davis, Mrs. Winona Graham, Mrs. Edith Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ewebanks.

John Wheeler—Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Foran, Winston Sweeney, Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Waycaster.

LETTERS RECEIVED

Clinch Valley—Letter and delegates with \$25.00 for State fund.

Sandy Valley—Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for State fund.

Southwest, Virginia—Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for State fund.

John Wheeler—Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for State fund.

The moderator announced that Brother R. N. Waycaster would bring the afternoon message.

By vote the conference of this association

adjourned for one year to convene with West Bristol Church, Bristol, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1954.

Saturday Afternoon Preaching Service

Opening Song "Standing On The Promises."

Prayer offered by Brother Grover Hawkins.

Brother R. N. Waycaster brought the message based on the 8th chapter of Luke.

We, the delegates of the represented associations, visiting Brothers and Sisters offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of the Mt. Carmel Church and community for their kind hospitality rendered us during our stay in your locality.

Respectfully submitted by the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists,

Rev. Mack Butler, Moderator

Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

Letters

Greetings from the John Wheeler Association to the Virginia State Association when convened with Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Virginia, on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1953.

We send as delegates our beloved Brothers and Sisters: Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Waycaster, Brother and Sister M. C. Foran, Rev. and Mrs. Winston Sweeney, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid in your godly deliberations.

Our standing is as follows: Number Churches 16, membership 702, churches having prayer meetings 15, churches dismissed 2, Number Sunday schools 15, Number Auxiliary 2, ordained ministers 40, licentiates 6, Paid pastors \$6,138.36, Home Mission \$51.82, Orphanage \$229.30, evangelist \$371.88, property \$58,700, deceased members 12. Enclosed for finance \$50.00.

Done by order of the John Wheeler Association.

Rev. E. F. Mitchell, Moderator

Mrs. Sarah B. Foran, Clerk

**Ordained Ministers of the John Wheeler
Association**

E. F. Mitchell, Holston, Va., RFD. 1

H. H. Whittaker, Bristol, Va., RFD. 2

W. G. Henley, Abingdon, Va., Box 128

Lula Henley, Abingdon, Va., Box 128
 H. R. Rouse, Bristol, Va., RFD. 4
 Everett Dollar, Blountville, Tenn.
 R. L. Carr, Abingdon, Va., Gen. Del.
 Elmer Adkins, Indians Springs, Tenn.
 R. N. Waycaster, Kingsport, Tenn., RFD. 4
 Dewey Foran, Abingdon, Va., RFD. 2
 A. L. Prator, Bristol, Tenn., 6th St.
 J. W. Chesnutt, Bristol, Va., 520 Page St.
 Charles Roark, Abingdon, Va., Box 122
 C. C. Norris, Abingdon, Va., RFD. 1
 W. A. Howington, Bristol, Tenn., RFD. 3
 Joe E. Tolliver, Bristol, Tenn., RFD. 2
 Amos L. Pope, Abingdon, Va., RFD. 1
 Preston Roark, Abingdon, Va., RFD. 1.
 Winston Sweeney, Bristol, Tenn., 1106
 Southside Ave.
 Cecil Clifton, Holston, Va., RFD. 1
 Jennings Wilson, Abingdon, Va., RFD. 1
 Thelma Combs, Bristol, Tenn., Shelby St.
 Virginia Brannon, Bristol, Va., Texas Ave.
 W. S. Broyhill, Meadowview, Va.
 Parley Bryant, Itmann, West Va.
 Andy Rutherford, Kingsport, Tenn., Box 127,
 RFD. 2
 Claude Lethcoe, Glade Sprigs, Va.
 Demple Jones, Bristol, Tenn., 1115 Ceader
 St.
 Louise Gilreath, Bristol, Tenn., RFD. 1
 Charles Richards, Laurel Bloomery, Tenn.
 John Vonnoy, Glade Springs, Va.
 C. A. Hawks, Tampa, Fla., 8421 Edison Ave.
 Dan Jackson, Abingdon, Va., RFD. 2
 Douglas Offield, Bristol, Tenn., RFD. 1

David A. Martin, Kingsport, Tenn., Box 72-
R, RFD. 7

W. A. Skeens, Bristol, Va.

E. A. Wagner, Bristol, Tenn., 145 Hgy.

T. A. Ingram, Holston, Va.

Edd Pendergrass, Bristol, Tenn., RFD. 1,
Box 479

Jonny Wolfe, Glade Springs, Va., Box 95,
RFD. 2

Licentiates

Clifford Roak

Frank Mitchell

Willma Baumgardner

Sylvia Catlett

Mabel Otey

George Shepherd

Dismissed

George Newman

H. H. Daniels

Dewey Quailes

Aileen Quailes

J. W. White

Palmer Graybeal

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Virginia, on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1953.

We, the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist

Church, Norfolk, Virginia, May 16, 1953, have chosen the following delegates to sit with you in your godly work: Mrs. Charles Rogers, Mrs. Ray Davis, Mrs. W. F. Minton, Mrs. Winona Graham, Mrs. Edith Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ewebanks. .

Our standing is as follows: Number of quarterly meetings 3, Number of churches 48; membership 2,997, Number of Sunday schools 46, membership 3,526, Number leagues 18, ordained ministers 80, licentiates 10. State of religion—good. Minute fund enclosed \$50.00.

Done by the order of the Southwest Virginia Association.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator
Leslie Ketron, Clerk

Ministers of Southwest Virginia Association

C. C. Arney, Herald, Va.
G. L. Addington, Coeburn, Va., RFD. 1
J. W. Addington, Coeburn, Va., RFD. 1
Hobert Addington, Wise, Va., RFD. 2
Willie E. Adams, Inman, Va.
Mack Butler, Dungannon, Va.
J. W. Brannon, Pennington Gap, Va.
W. A. Blevins, St. Charles, Va.
Edgar Baltimore, Calvin, Va.
Palmer Blevins, Coeburn, Va., RFD. 1
Monroe Bolling, Esserville, Va., RFD. 1
H. E. Bevins, Bontown, Va.
S. R. Ball, St. Charles, Va.
Geo. N. Collins, Ramsey, Va.
Robert Dixon, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Carson Dotson, Glamorgon, Va.
 Tilman Dairy, Olinger, Va.
 Gillus Francis, Pound, Va.
 James Fields, Inman, Va.
 L. J. Fields, Norton, Va.
 Mack Fisher, Wise, Va.
 Virgil Griffith, Dunbar, Va.
 W. H. Gibson, Olinger, Va.
 Silias Gibson, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Ray Gardner, Esserville, Va.
 W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 S. H. Jackson, Dorchester, Va.
 H. V. Johnston, Norton, Va., RFD. 2.
 C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.
 Roy Kilgore, Dunganon, Va.
 J. B. Maggard, Denhams, Ky.
 Hansford Mullins, Pound, Va.
 Charlie Mullins, Wise, Va., RFD. 2
 L. H. Martain, Jonsville, Va.
 Raymond Powers
 P. H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 J. L. Meade, Herald, Va.
 B. R. Powers, Wise, Va.
 W. R. Powers, Wise, Va.
 David Powers, Norton, Va.
 Beecher Powers, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elmer Parsons, Jonsville, Va.
 Lacy Powers, Norton, Va., RFD. 1
 James Rose, Coeburn, Va., RFD. 1
 Earnest Hamey, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Mrs. Ethel Robbins, Norton, Va., Box 231
 Cova Robinette, Wise, Va., RFD. 1
 Mrs. Della Salyers, Dorchester, Va.
 Andrew Stidham, Ramsey, Va.

J. T. Sturgill, Pound, Va.
 W. R. Surett, Exter, Va.
 V. B. Thacker, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.
 Curtiss Wynn, Exter, Va.
 Wythe White, Herald, Va.
 Sylvian Wilson, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Jake Welch, Wise, Va., RFD. 1
 D. W. Cherry, 308 Webster Avenue, Portsmouth, Va.
 C. H. Denton, Kecoughtan Hospital, Kecoughtan, Va.
 Leroy Forlines, 319 54th St., Newport News, Va.
 W. A. Hales, c/o Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church, Corner Argonne and Pershing Avenues, Norfolk 9, Va.
 Daniel Merkh, RFD. 1, Box 273, Lynn Haven, Va.
 L. H. Moulton, 5210 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va.
 M. C. Roscholar, 902 East 28th St., Norfolk, Va.
 Rev. E. H. Oberman, Norfolk, Va.

Licentiates as follows:

Jessie Cowden, Tom's Creek, Va.
 V. L. Collins, Ramsey, Va.
 J. T. Greear
 Elmer Haga, Nicklesville, Va.
 Raymond Smith, Inman, Va.
 Willie Admans, Inman, Va.
 James West, Flat Gap, Va.
 Otis Keith, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Homer Richardson, Tom's Creek, Va.
Earl Miller, Glamoragon, Va.

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Va., June 19-20, 1953.

We send as delegates our beloved brother and sister Roy Helton and Bertha Helton, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your godly deliberations.

Our standing is as follows: Number of churches 17, Number of ordained ministers 36, quarterly conferences 2, Sunday school at most of our churches, licentiates 6, membership 813, valuation of church property \$27,000.00.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association while in regular session with Lynn Springs Church at Lynn Springs, Va.

Rev. S. E. Brooks, Moderator

Rev. Earl James, Asst. Mod.

Mrs. Monnie Johnson, Clerk

Ministers of Sandy Valley Association

S. E. Brooks, Richlands, Va.

Hassel Boyd, Putman, Va.

Lester L. Gilley, Honaker, Va.

H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.

R. E. Hilton, Putnam, Va.

Holland Miller, Unknown

Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.

Woodrow Richardson, Amonate, Va.

La Ferne Honaker, Putnam, Va.
Rena Hale, Richlands, Va.
H. A. Hess, Shelby St., Bristol, Tenn.
W. L. Rhudy, North Tazwell, Va.
A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Earl James, Venia, Va.
Estel Sanders, Venia, Va.
Orville Quinn, Honaker, Va.
R. A. Ryder, 22 12th St., Bristol, Tenn.
Hobert Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
Truel Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.
Lacy Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
B. S. Perkins, Honaker, Va.
Jacob Mangus, Danville, Va.
Harry Martin, Ieager, West Va.
Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.
Shirley Persinger, Rhoderfield, West Va.
John Hensley, Jr., Amonate, Va.
Lawrence Smith, Unknown
E. E. Estep, Little Prator, Va.
Frank Addison, Amoniate, Va.
Ralph Smith, Richlands, Va.
Arnold Bostic, Amoniate, Va.
J. J. Johnson, Amoniate, Va.
Luther Coleman, Honaker, Va.
Charlie Brooks, Davey, West Va.
R. H. Rhudy, Unknown
R. P. Reedy, Unknown

To the Virginia State Association when convened with Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Virginia, June 19-20, 1953.

We send as delegates: Sally Deskins, Hazel Jessie, Mrs. Carter Phillips, Jim Pierson, and Emory Ashworth.

Our standing is as follows: Number of quarterly meetings 3, number churches 19, number of membership 464, number of ordained ministers 27, deceased 1, number Sunday schools reported 8, average number pupils enrolled 507, value of church property \$46,500.00.

The name of the Clinch Valley Quarterly Meetings are: Clinch River, Sunlight, and Midway. Our next session will convene with Hill's Chapel Church, August 6, 7, 8, 1953.

Done by order of Clinch Valley Association when in regular session with Straight Hollow Church, Dante, Virginia, August 8, 9, 10, 1952.

Rev. Tom Hall, Moderator
Early Hobbs, Clerk

Ministers of Clinch Valley Association

W. H. Frazier, Horton Sunniet, Va.

Wayland Owens, Mabe, Va.

James A. Boatright, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn., RFD. 6

Elmer Baker, Natural Tunnel, Va.

L. E. Sexton, Kingsport, Tenn.

W. H. Gloyver, Dante, Va.

Pat Bishop, Mabe, Va.

James A. Cassel, Clinch, Va.

Emory Cook, Dante, Va.

W. C. Vickers, Highland Ave., Kingsport,
Tenn.

W. C. Templeton, Mabe, Va.
J. H. Patrick, Hansonville, Va.

Deceased:

A. D. Edwards, Dante, Va.

REPORTS

June 18, 1953

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convening with the Mt. Caramel Church, Woodway, Virginia, June 19-20, 1953.

GREETINGS:

The following report is respectfully submitted from your treasurer of the Virginia State Superannuation Fund account:

Balance Carried Forward from Last Year -----\$443.90

RECEIPTS

Wilson Chapel Church	
Mrs. L. M. Salyers, Treas.,	
Norton, Va., RFD -----	30.36
Dungannon Baptist Church	
Mrs. R. A. Farmer, Treas.,	
Dungannon, Virginia -----	20.00
Mary's Chapel Woman's Auxiliary	
Mrs. Juanita M. Reece, Treas.,	
Coeburn, Virginia -----	3.00
Lick Fork Woman's Auxiliary	
Fontilla Robinson, Treas.,	
Coeburn, Va., RFD -----	3.00
Meades Chapel Woman's Auxiliary	
Mrs. Curtis Arney, Treas.,	
Herald, Virginia -----	2.00

Tidewater Quarterly Meetings
 W. H. Dail, M. E. Howard,
 Sunday School Convention,
 W. H. Dail,
 Norfolk, Virginia 115.00

Total Amount in Bank and Checks on Hand ---\$617.26

DISBURSEMENTS

None

Would appreciate you selecting a more active treasurer for this worthy cause.

Virginia State Superannuation Fund

C. L. Kilgore, Treasurer

June 18, 1953

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convening with Mount Caramel Church, Woodway, Virginia, June 19-20, 1953.

GREETINGS:

The following report is respectfully submitted from your treasurer of the Foreign Mission Funds, from July 1952 to June 1, 1953.

Oak Grove Sunday School,
 Big Stone Gap, Va.\$126.50

Mary's Chapel Church,
 Coeburn, Virginia 75.00

Tidewater Quarterly Meeting,
 Norfolk, Virginia 468.42

Tidewater Woman's Auxiliary,
 Norfolk, Virginia 30.97

Warwick City Church,
 Norfolk, Virginia 46.71

Sunday School Convention of
 Norfolk, Virginia 59.71

L. W. League
 Norfolk, Virginia 10.78

Stallard Memorial Church	
St. Paul, Va., RFD	31.25
Bear Wallow Sunday School	
Dante, Virginia	20.00
League Convention,	
Norfolk, Virginia	8.00
Wilson Chapel Church,	
Norton, Virginia	19.10
Ivan Reedy,	
Millard, Virginia	25.00
E. J. Kilgore,	
Coeburn, Virginia	15.07
Total Receipts	<u>\$936.51</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Secy.-Treas.,	
Foreign Missions Funds	
September 15, 1952	\$176.26
November 14, 1952	127.35
December 20, 1952	343.32
April 16, 1953	174.58
June 8, 1953	110.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$931.51</u>
Balance on Hand	\$ 5.00

Virginia State Foreign Mission Fund

E. J. Kilgore, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Brought Forward from Last Year	\$ 20.00
Received from Association	83.33
Received from Russel County Conference	17.33
Received from State Promotional Work	411.70
Total Received this Year to June 1, 1953	<u>\$533.21</u>

EXPENDITURES FOR ASSOCIATION

Moderator	\$ 10.00
Minutes	65.00
Clerk	15.00

National Association	30.00
State Promotional Work	46.41
Total Expenditures	\$167.41
Balance State Association	\$.51
State Promotional Work	366.29
Total Balance	\$366.80

RECEIVED TIDEWATER QUARTERLY MEETING

Orphanage	\$ 817.79
Foreign Missions	667.37
Home Missions State	270.24
Home Missions National	189.26
Christian Education	1,382.84
Superannuation—State	112.00
Superannuation — National	97.25
Church Extention	350.00
Total Received	\$3,886.75
Expenditures Earmarked	3,686.75
Balance on Hand	\$ 200.00

RECEIVED SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA QUARTERLY MEETING

Orphanage	\$ 63.63
Indian Creek Church Orphanage	22.00
Oak Grove Church	97.00
Oak Grove Foreign Mission	33.00
Total Received	\$ 215.63
Total Expenditures	215.63

RECEIVED FROM JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

West Bristol Church	\$ 69.70
East Bristol Church	6.00
West Bristol Church	65.54
East Bristol Church	38.25
Total Received	\$ 179.49
Total Expenditures	\$ 179.49

Grand Total Received for the Year\$4,796.22
Grand Total Expenditures4,229.42
Balance as Checked with Bank\$ 566.80

Wilton H. Dail
309 Gradon Ave.
Norfolk 7, Va.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We the FREE WILL 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 known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL 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 delegates for each Quarterly Meeting to be chosen by the respective Quarterly Meetings.

Article IV

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 Free Will 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 People'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. The first member named shall serve one (1) year, the second member named shall serve two (2) years, the third member named shall serve (3) years, and one elected annually, as order requires, to serve for a three year term.

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 vacancies 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 meetings shall be Friday before the third (3) Sunday in June 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

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

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.

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.

