

MINUTES
of the
VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



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Sixteenth session held with the
West Bristol Church, Bristol, Va.,
June 18 and 19, 1954.

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Russell Fork Church, Council, Virginia,
Friday before the third Sunday in June,
1955. The opening time, 10:00 a. m.
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GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. James A. Boatright.....Moderator
Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Mrs. M. C. Foran.....Clerk
321 Boone Street, Bristol, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Brother Grover Hawkins.....Dante, Virginia

Rev. S. M. McFall.....Clintwood, Virginia

Brother C. L. Woodruff.....Scenic Park,
Bristol, Virginia

HOME MISSIONS

Brother W. H. Dail.....309 Graydon Avenue,
Norfolk, Virginia

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Brother E. J. Kilgore.....Coeburn, Virginia

SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Delia Salyers.....Dorchester, Virginia

FIELD WORKER

Rev. Mack Fisher.....Wise, Virginia

Proceedings

Friday

The sixteenth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with West Bristol Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 18 and 19, 1954.

The opening session began by singing, "I Am Resolved."

The Scripture lesson was taken from the 2nd chapter of Ephesians and was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Rev. Orville Stokes led in prayer.

The business session began with Rev. James A. Boatright, moderator, in charge.

Ministers Enrolled:

Kelly Carter, Gate City, Virginia
R. A. Ryder, Bristol, Tennessee
E. F. Mitchell, Holston, Virginia
Charlie Howington, Bristol, Tennessee
A. L. Prator, Bristol, Tennessee
Orville O'Quinn, Honacker, Virginia
Thelma Combs, Bristol, Tennessee
Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tennessee
Walter Gloyver, Dante, Virginia
Winston Sweeney, Bristol, Tennessee
Joe Tolliver, Bristol, Tennessee, Route 2
Mack Fisher, Wise, Virginia
J. W. Chesnutt, Bristol, Virginia
Hobart Addington, Wise, Virginia
W. A. Vickers, Kingsport, Tennessee
Dan Jackson, Bristol, Virginia
J. W. Brannan, Pennington Gap, Virginia

Visiting Ministers Enrolled:

Clarence Howington, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Orville Stokes, Johnson City, Tennessee
R. N. Waycaster, Kingsport, Tennessee

Deacons Enrolled:

Grover Hawkins, Dante, Virginia
Kelley Estep, Kingsport, Tennessee
W. H. Dail, Norfolk, Virginia
Guy Culbertson, Gate City, Virginia
John Newman, Bristol, Tennessee
E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia
P. E. Presley
Cecil Presley
J. N. Wallace
Howard Miller, Bristol, Tennessee
Wilbur Mitchell, Bristol, Tennessee
Howard Hobson, Bristol, Virginia
M. C. Foran, Bristol, Virginia

Delegates Enrolled:

South West Virginia Association: Brothers
E. J. Kilgore and W. H. Dail.
Clinch Valley Association: Brothers W. H.
Frazier, E. R. Ashley, Oscar Hartsock
and Leland Addington; Sisters Mrs.
Grover Hawkins and Mrs. Ethel Lyons.
Sandy Valley Association: Sister Monnie
Johnson, Brothers Cecil Presley and J.
N. Wallace.
John Wheeler Association: Brothers W. C.
Brannan, M. C. Foran and Herbert
Adams; Sister Ida Flinchum.

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.

Rev. Orville Stokes was appointed by the committee to bring the introductory message.

Motions was carried that this conference adjourn for preaching service to convene back at 1:30 p. m.

The eleven o'clock preaching service opened by singing, "Room in God's Kingdom." Rev. J. C. Howington led in prayer. Rev. Orville Stokes brought the message, taking as a subject, "And He Led Them Out as Far as Bethany" (Luke 24:50). The service closed with prayer.

Friday Afternoon Session

The session opened by singing, "I Want to Love Him More." The clerk read the 8th chapter of Romans and Brother E. J. Kilgore offered prayer. Rev. James A. Boatright, moderator, took charge of business session.

Brother W. H. Dail gave an interesting address on the work of Home Missions. He expressed the need of more churches being built in the eastern part of Virginia. A collection

of \$13.19 was taken for the Home Mission fund.

Rev. J. C. Howington, a visiting minister from the Tennessee State Association, made an interesting talk for the good of the conference.

A proposal was put before the conference to be decided on in next conference, that each church send one delegate and \$1.00 to the Virginia State Association each year.

Motion carried that the clerk assist with the survey of the Free Will Baptist churches throughout the state of Virginia.

Rev. Charles Howington was chosen to bring the evening message.

Motion carried that this conference adjourn until 9 a. m. Saturday.

Friday Evening Service

Friday evening service opened at 7:30 by singing, "Jesus Keeps Me Singing." Special numbers entitled "I Cannot Find the Way Alone" and "My God Is Real," were rendered by Brother Dewey Bentley and daughter, Mary Ellen.

Rev. Howington brought the evening message, taking a subject from the 2nd chapter of Ephesians. Prayer was offered by Winston Sweeney.

Saturday Morning Session

The session began by singing "Holy Manna," followed with prayer by Brother Chesnutt. The

clerk read the 4th chapter of 2 Corinthians for a Scripture lesson.

The Rev. Boatright, moderator, took charge of business session.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Rev. Winston Sweeney gave an interesting talk on the necessity of Foreign Missions.

Brother E. J. Kilgore read the report on Foreign Missions as follows:

The following report is respectfully submitted from your treasurer of Foreign Missions, from June, 1953 to June, 1954:

W. H. Dail, Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia	\$ 59.47
Little Creek Church, Norfolk, Virginia	23.00
Warwick City Church, Norfolk, Virginia	100.00
Richmond Church, Richmond, Virginia	75.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia	25.00
Oak Grove Sunday School, Big Stone Gap, Virginia	117.00
Carlisle & Marie Hanna, Norfolk, Virginia	18.26
Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia	100.00
Bear Wallow Church, Dante, Virginia	15.00
Ladies' Auxiliary, Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia	16.32
Little Creek Church, Norfolk, Virginia	20.73
Tidewater Ladies' Auxiliary, Norfolk, Virginia	10.06
West Bristol Free Will Baptist Church, Bristol, Virginia	18.21
Ladies' Auxiliary, Free Will Baptists, Norfolk, Virginia	25.00
Miss Pearl Dockery, Norfolk, Virginia	5.00
W. H. Dail, Norfolk, Virginia	66.00
Wilson Chapel Church, Norton, Virginia, R. F. D.	12.64
Wilson Chapel, Ladies' Auxiliary, Norton, Virginia, R. F. D.	5.00

Stallard Memorial Sunday School, St. Paul, Virginia, R. F. D. -----	37.68
Total -----	\$749.37
Balance brought forward from last year -----	5.00
Total -----	\$754.37

DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. Raymond Riggs, Treasurer Foreign Missions	
August 12, 1953 -----	\$116.47
October 21, 1953 -----	103.94
November 6, 1953 -----	65.32
February 20, 1954 -----	75.36
May 6, 1954 -----	69.28

Post card from Wilton H. Dail recorded the following turned in:

Little Creek Church, Norfolk, Virginia -----	\$ 23.00
Warwick City Church, Norfolk, Virginia -----	100.00
Richmond Church, Richmond, Virginia -----	75.00
Fairmount Church, Norfolk, Virginia -----	25.00

Direct receipts was forwarded on as listed
in receipts ----- 96.00

Total disbursements -----	\$749.37
Balance on hand -----	5.00
Amount reported as per record of E. J. Kilgore, Treasurer -----	749.37
Amount reported by statements of receipts by the Board of Foreign Missions for the State of Virginia and not handled through the states treasurer -----	\$691.55
Grand total received for Virginia -----	\$1,440.92

VIRGINIA STATE FOREIGN MISSION FUND

E. J. Kilgore, Treasurer

SUPERANNUATION FUND REPORT

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

Carried forward from June, 1953\$617.26

RECEIPTS

Wilsons Chapel Church, Mrs. L. M. Salyers, Treas., Norton, Virginia	\$ 30.90
Dungannon Baptist Church, Mrs. R. A. Farmer, Treas., Dungannon, Virginia	15.00
W. H. Dail, 309 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia	13.00
Total Received	\$ 58.90
Total amount in bank and checks on hand ...	\$676.16
Disbursements, None.	

VIRGINIA STATE SUPERANNUATION FUND

C. L. Kilgore, Treasurer

AUXILIARY REPORT

Wise County

Our standing is as follows: Number auxiliaries 8, membership 130, number members making phone calls and personal visits for new members and bring back absentees 110, number members mailing cards 95, number young people 14 to 18 years 68, number 9 to 13 years 71, total membership in Y. P. A. 139.

Support to the Free Will Baptist College \$200.00, given to churches \$595.75, and to Home Missions \$379.00.

President, Mrs. Della Salyers,
Dorchester, Virginia

Secretary and Treasurer,
Mrs. Claude Bates,
Esserville, Virginia

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending May 31, 1954

Brought forward from 1953	\$	.51
Received at the meeting of 1953		175.00

Total	\$	175.51
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Expenditures: Clerk—\$15.00; Moderator—\$10.00; Treas.—\$15.00; Minutes—\$65.00; Nat. Ass. \$30.00	\$	135.00
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Balance	\$	40.51
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DENOMINATIONAL FUNDS PASSING THROUGH STATE TREASURER

Received for Promotional Work	\$	315.45
Expenditures; as ear marked		68.75

Home Missions brought forward	\$	246.70
Received	\$	566.29
		265.97

Expenditures; as ear marked	\$	832.26
	\$	60.00

Balance	\$	772.26
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Superannuation received	\$ 23.98
Expenditures	23.98

Balance	\$ 00.00
Christian Education received	\$ 38.00
Expenditures	38.00

Balance	\$ 00.00
Orphanage received	\$ 175.35
Expenditures	175.35

Balance	\$ 000.00
Foreign Missions received	\$ 95.48
Expenditures	95.48

Balance	\$ 00.00
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TIDEWATER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Orphanage—\$32.00; Home Missions—\$15.46; Foreign Missions—\$15.00; Christian Education \$8.00; Promot. work \$23.00; Superannuation—\$3.98

Total received	\$ 97.44
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Expenditures 97.44

Balance \$ 00.00

TIDEWATER AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Home Missions—\$93.94; Foreign Missions—\$113.94; Orphanage—\$148.77; Superannua-
tion \$17.36; Christ. Edu. \$10.00; Promot. work—\$17.75

Total received \$ 401.76

Expenditures 401.76

Balance \$ 000.00

Received for Virginia Orphanage, June 1, 1953, to June 1, 1954 \$4,022.90

John Wheeler Assn. 397.24

Total \$4,420.14

Total brought forward \$ 566.80

Total received 1,588.43

Grand Total \$2,155.23

Total Expenditures \$1,095.76

Balance remaining as of this date\$1,059.47
Virginia State Superannuation Fund as of March 25, 1954\$ 645.16

Wilton H. Dail
State Treasurer
309 Graydon Ave.
Norfolk, Virginia

Rev. Mack Fisher was chosen to bring the message at the eleven o'clock service.

The board requests that anyone sending in money to these worthy causes, to please sign their name to the statements so they can be given proper credit.

Motion carried that this conference adjourn for eleven o'clock preaching service to convene back at 1:30 p. m.

The preaching service began by singing "Send the Light." Brother Mack Fisher brought a message from the 15th chapter of St. Luke, taking as a text "Lost Sympathy." The closing song was "Amazing Grace."

Saturday Afternoon Session

The session opened by singing, "There Is A Fountain," followed with prayer by Brother John Newman. Scripture lesson, 4th chapter of 2 Timothy, was read by the clerk. Rev. James A. Boatright, moderator, then took charge of business session.

A collection of \$33.84 was taken for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Greeneville, Tennessee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We, the Executive Board, wish to make the following reports:

The next conference will be held with Russell Fork Church, Council, Virginia.

We also agree that Rev. Ronald Creech will preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Win-

ston Sweeney will deliver the evening message at 7:30, and that Rev. Orville Stokes will bring the closing message, Saturday.

We also recommend that the State Promotional secretary-treasurer be relieved of duties other than that which pertain to the Virginia State Association.

We further recommend that each church and conference contribute to the support of the Home Missions and the Foreign Missions.

We also agree to decide on a quota that each church should contribute to Home and Foreign Missions and send to the clerk who will notify each association.

By vote these reports were adapted.

OFFICERS ELECTED

By vote of the body Rev. James A. Boatright was re-elected moderator.

Motion was carried that Brother E. J. Kilgore be retained as treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

By vote of the conference Brother W. H. Dail was retained as treasurer of the Virginia State Association.

Motion was carried that Brother C. L. Woodruff be elected to the Executive Board.

Motion was carried that Sister Della Salyers be elected as treasurer of the Superannuation Fund, and that the Executive Board cooperate with her in the business of this fund.

By vote of the body Rev. Mack Fisher was elected field worker.

By vote of the body the following delegates were appointed to the National Association Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. Jewel Sweeney, Mrs. M. C. Foran, and Brother E. J. Kilgore. Brother W. H. Dail was appointed from the Southwest Virginia Association, and Brother M. C. Foran from the John Wheeler Association.

The names and addresses of the different clerks of the associations are as follows:

Southwest Virginia—Leslie G. Ketron, Box 5, Herald, Virginia

Clinch Valley—Early Hobbs, Castlewood, Virginia

Sandy Valley—Monnie Johnson, Council, Virginia

John Wheeler—Sarah B. Foran, 321 Boone Street, Bristol Virginia

Board members terms expires as follows:

Brother Grover Hawkins' term expires in 1955.

Rev. S. M. McFall's term expires in 1956.

Brother C. L. Woodruff's term expires in 1957.

Motion carried that this conference adjourn for one year.

We, the delegates of the represented associations, visiting brothers and sisters, offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of West Bristol 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. James A. Boatright, Moderator

Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

Letters

Clinch Valley Association

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the West Bristol Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 18 and 19, 1954.

We, the Clinch Valley Association, send as delegates: Emory Ashworth, George Egans, Vonda Dorton, Oscar Hartsock, and Emory Hill. Alternates: Pauline Stallard, Jake Gillenwater, Juanita Hawkins, Emma Hill, and Sarah Egans.

Our standing is as follows:

Number Quarterly Meetings 3, number churches 21, members died 3, total membership 1,013, number Sunday schools reported 15, average attendance 893, paid to visiting ministers \$801.00, paid pastors, \$2,030.82, paid orphanage \$613.20, paid foreign missions \$20.32, paid home missions \$58.08, paid superannuation \$15.00, spent for building and repairs \$956.10, value of church property \$16,000.00.

The three Quarterly Meetings belonging to our association are: Clinch River Quarterly

Meeting, Sunbright Quarterly Meeting, and Midway Quarterly Meeting.

The next session of the Clinch Valley Association will be on August 13, 14 and 15, 1954, with the Lick Creek Church, Fort Blackmore, Virginia.

Done by order of the Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist Association while in regular session at Hill's Chapel Church, Scott County, Virginia, August 7, 1953.

Walter H. Glover, Moderator

Early Hobbs, Clerk

John Wheeler Association

Greetings from the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptist to the Virginia State Association when convened with West Bristol Church, Bristol, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1954.

We send as delegates: Brother Herbert Adams, Sister Ida Flinchum, and Brother W. C. Brannan.

Our standing is as follows:

Number churches 14, membership 626, churches dismissed 3, churches having Sunday schools 14, auxiliaries 2, ordained ministers 38, licentiates 3, dismissed 9, members deceased 16, property value \$58,700, Home Missions \$278.00, orphanage \$397.24, enclosed for finance \$50.00, paid pastors \$1,451.17, paid evangelist \$328.86.

Done by order of the John Wheeler Association, June 6, 1954.

Rev. E. F. Mitchell, Moderator

Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

Ordained Ministers of the John Wheeler Association

E. F. Mitchell, Holston, Virginia, R. F. D. 1

H. M. Whittaker, Bristol, Virginia, R. F. D. 2

H. R. Rouse, Bristol, Tennessee, R. F. D. 4

Elmer Adkins, Indians Springs, Tennessee

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

Lula Henley, Abingdon, Virginia, Box 128

Dewey Foran, Abingdon, Virginia, R. F. D. 2

Albert Prator, Bristol, Tennessee, 660½ 6th St.

E. A. Wagner, Bristol, Tennessee, 146 Lee Hgy.

J. W. Chesnutt, Bristol, Virginia, 520 Page St.

Charles Roark, Abingdon, Virginia, Box 102

C. C. Norris, Abingdon, Virginia, R. F. D. 1

W. A. Howingdon, Bristol, Tennessee, R. F. D.

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Joe E. Tolliver, Bristol, Tennessee, R. F. D. 2

Amos L. Pope, Abingdon, Virginia, R. F. D. 1

Praston Roark, Abingdon, Virginia, R. F. D. 1

Jennings Wilson, Abingdon, Virginia, R. F. D.

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Thelma Combs, Bristol, Tennessee, Shelby St.

Virginia Brannan, Bristol, Virginia, Texas Ave.

W. S. Broyhill, Meadow View, Virginia

Andy Rutherford, Kingsport, Tennessee, R. F.

D. 2, Box 127

Claude Lethcoe, Glade Springs, Virginia

Louise Gilreath, Bristol, Tennessee, R. F. D.

1

John Vonnoy, Glade Springs, Virginia.

A. A. Hawks, Tampa, Florida, 8421 N. Edison Avenue

Dan Jackson, Bristol, Virginia, General Delivery

David A. Martin, Jr., Kingsport, Tennessee, R. F. D. 7, Box 72-R

Douglas Offield, Abingdon, Virginia, R. F. D. 1

W. A. Skeens, Bristol, Virginia

T. A. Ingram, Holston, Virginia

Winston Sweeney, Bristol, Virginia, 1106 Southside Avenue

Cecil Clifton, Glade Springs, Virginia

Edd Pendergrass, Bristol, Tennessee, Box 479, R. F. D. 1

Charlie Howingdon, Bristol, Virginia, Woodlawn Avenue

David Warren, Bristol, Virginia, Box 886

Lawrence Chapman

Wilma Baumgardner, Alvarado, Virginia, R. F. D. 1

Sandy Valley Association

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the West Bristol Free Will Baptist Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 18 and 19, 1954.

Greetings from the Sandy Valley Association of Free Will Baptist. We send as delegates our beloved Sisters, Jessie Justice, Lucille Smith, Bertha Helton, Violet Presley, Monnie Johnson, and Brother and Sister Floyd Shaw, 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 16, membership 814, Sunday schools at most of the churches, number of ordained ministers 39, number of Quarterly Conferences 2, number of Young People's Leagues 3, valuation of church property \$34,390.00, number of licentiates 4, amount enclosed with letter \$50.00.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association while in session with the Russell Fork Free Will Baptist Church at Council, Virginia, August 21 and 22, 1953.

Rev. Lester L. Gilley, Moderator

Rev. Earl James, Assistant Moderator

Monnie Johnson, Clerk

Ministers of the Sandy Valley Association

Earl James, Venia, Va.

Estell Sanders, Venia, Va.

Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.

R. A. Ryder, 922 Shelby Street, Bristol, Tenn.

Harry Martin, Leager, W. Va.

Mary Martin, Leager, W. Va.

Shirley Persinger, Roderfield, W. Va.

Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.

Lafern Honaker, Putman, Va.

John Henselly, Jr., Amonate, Va.

Jacob Mangus, Danville, Va.

Oliver Osborn, Richlands, Va.

S. E. Brooks, Richlands, Va.

H. A. Hess, 1115 Norfolk Ave., Bristol, Va.

Martha Church, Mayberry, W. Va.

Ralph Smith, Richlands, Va.
Lester L. Gilley, Honaker, Va.
Hassel Boyd, Swords Creek, Va.
B. S. Perkins, Honaker, Va.
Luther Coleman, Honaker, Va.
R. E. Hilton, Ohio
Arnold Bostic, Amonate, Va.
Ernest Lyne, Amonate, Va.
Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.
H. D. Hess, Lebanon, Va., Route 1
Walter Reedy, North Tazewell, Va.
Elmer Hankins, North Tazewell, Va.
Clifford Crisp, Bandy, Va.
E. E. Estep, Tookland, Va.
Ervin Penley, Drill, Va.
Hobart Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Truel Brown, Swords Creek, Va.
Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
Dewey Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.
Kyle Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.
Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Woodrow Richardson, Amonate, Va.

Licentiates

Allen Stevens, Jewell Ridge, Va.
Charlie Joyce, Jewell Ridge, Va.
Bert Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Harles Dawson, Clear Fork, Va.

Southwest Virginia Association

Greetings to the Virginia State Association
of Free Will Baptist while in regular session
with the West Bristol Free Will Baptist

Church, Bristol, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1954.

We have chosen as delegates Brothers E. J. Kilgore, Wilton H. Dail, and Rev. Brannon, these we pray you will receive to sit with you in your godly works.

Our standing is as follows:

Number Quarterly Conferences 3, number churches 50, membership 3,002, number Sunday schools 50, membership 3,826, number Young People's Leagues 19, ordained ministers 81, licentiates 8, state of religion good, minute fund enclosed \$50.00.

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Meades Chapel Church, Herald, Virginia, May 15, 1954.

Elder W. A. Hales, Moderator

Elder L. J. Fields, Assistant Moderator

Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

• Box 5

Herald, Va.

We, the Southwest Virginia Association, do request that if approved by the Virginia State Association that the addresses of all association clerks be printed in the Virginia State Association minutes.

Southwest Virginia Association Ministers

C. C. Arney, Herald, Va.

G. L. Addington, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. 1

J. W. Addington, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. 1

Hebert Addington, Wise, Va., R. F. D. 1
 Willie E. Adams, Inman, Va.
 J. W. Brannon, Dryden, Va.
 W. A. Bevins, St. Charles, Va.
 Edg. Baltimore, Calvin, Va.
 Palmer Blevins, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. 1
 Monroe Belling, Esserville, Va.
 H. E. Bevins, Bondtown, Va.
 S. R. Ball, St. Charles, Va.
 George H. Collins, Norton, Va.
 Robert Dixon, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Carson Detson, Wise, Va., R. F. D. 1
 Tillman Derry, Olinger, Va.
 Gillus Francus, Pound, Va.
 L. J. Fields, Norton, Va.
 Mack Fisher, Wise, Va.
 Virgell Griffith, Dunbar, Va.
 W. H. Gibson, Olinger, Va.
 Silas Gibson, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Ray Gardner, Esserville, Va.
 W. B. Gallaway, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 S. H. Jackson, Dorchester, Va.
 H. V. Johnston, Norton, Va., R. F. D. 2
 C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.
 Roy W. Kilgore, Dunganon, Va.
 J. B. Maggard Benham, Ky.
 Hansford Mullins, Pound, Va.
 Charlie Mullins, Wise, Va., R. F. D. 2
 L. H. Martin, Jonsville, Va.
 Raymond Powers, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. 1
 P. H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 J. L. Meade, Herald, Va.
 B. R. Powers, Wise, Va.
 W. R. Powers, Wise, Va., R. F. D. 1

David Powers, Norton, Va.
Beecher Powers, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elmer Parsons, Jonsville, Va.
Lacy Powers, Norton, Va., R. F. D. 1
James Rose, Coeburn, Va., R. F. D. 1
Earnest Ramey, Kingsport, Tenn.
Mrs. Ethel Robins, Norton, Va.
C. A. Robinette, Wise, Va., R. F. D. 1
Mrs. Della Salyers, Dorchester, Va.
Andrew Stidman, Ramsey, Va.
J. T. Sturgill, Pound, Va.
W. R. Surrent, Exter, Va.
V. B. Thacker, Fort Blackmore, Va.
S. M. McFalls, Clintwood, Va.
Curtiss Wynn, Exter, Va.
Wythe White, Herald, Va.
S. H. Wilson, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Jake Welch, Wise, Va., R. F. D. 1
E. R. Davis, Dryden, Va.
S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.
D. W. Cherry, Portsmouth, Va.
C. H. Denton, Kecoughton, Va.
Leroy Forlines, Newport News, Va.
W. A. Hales, Norfolk 9, Va.
L. H. Moulton, Richmond, Va.
M. C. Roschelar, Norfolk, Va.
E. H. Overman, Norfolk, Va.
Jessie Cowdan, Tom's Creek, Va.
J. T. Gear
Elmer Haga, Nickesville, Va.
Raymond Smith, Inman, Va.
Willie Adams, Inamn, Va.
James West, Flat Gap, Va.
Otis Keith, Kingsport, Va.

Homar Richardson, Sanduska, Ohio
C. W. Noles, Wise, Va., R. F. D. 2
Earl Miller, Wise, Va.
Jonah Shupe
Eddie H. Conn, Norfolk, Va.
Billie A. Melvin, Norfolk, Va.
Ronald Creech, Norfolk, Va.
Lewis M. Cole
John Steffer

Licentiates

V. L. Collins
Arnold J. Bowman
Robert Lee Stanley
Ralph Flannery
Jack Richmond
Emitt Begley
John H. Creech
Willie Kelly

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the State of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher decree 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.

