

MINUTES
of the
**VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION**
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Eighteenth session held with the
Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Va.
June 15 and 16, 1956.

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The next session will convene with Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the ^{3rd} Sunday in June, 1957. The opening time, 10:00 a. m., E. S. T.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. James A. Boatright, Route 1, Box 125, Clinchport, Virginia

Treasurer—Rev. E. H. Overman, 1826 Broadfield Road, Norfolk, Virginia

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. S. M. McFall (Chairman), Clintwood, Virginia

Rev. H. V. Johnston, Route 2, Norton, Virginia

Rev. E. T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

HOME MISSIONS

Wilton H. Dail, 3212 Brest Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia

Cecil Pressley, Council, Virginia

M. E. Howard, Norfolk, Virginia

Mack Crowell, Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Leslie Ketron, Herald, Virginia

Guy Culbertson (Address not given)

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Billy A. Melvin, 5210 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia

SUPERANNUATION

Mrs. L. M. Salyers, Route 1, Box 659, Norton, Virginia

LEAGUE FIELD WORKERS

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Ketron, Box 5, Herald, Virginia

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The eighteenth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, on June 15 and 16, 1956.

The opening session began by singing "In The Sweet By and By."

The Scripture reading, eleven verses from the second chapter of Revelation, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran, followed with the opening prayer by Rev. H. V. Johnston.

Rev. James A. Boatright, moderator, was in charge and presided during this session of the association.

Ministers Registered

James A. Boatright
H. V. Johnston
Joe Tolliver
E. H. Overman
Mrs. L. M. Salyers
Orville O'Quinn
Jeff Salyers
Aaron Darnell
Jake Welch
S. M. McFall
J. A. Alexander
A. F. Williamson
W. H. Fentress
Guy Gardner

S. P. Davis
Dan Jackson
Wythe White
E. T. Darnell
James Rose

Deacons Registered

W. H. Dail
M. C. Foran
Guy Culbertson
Floyd Starnes
Edward Marriner
Crockett Haman
E. G. Kilgore
John Rhea
Leslie Ketron
Cecil Pressley

Delegates Registered

Mrs. Arthur Dockery
Mrs. W. H. Dail
Hazel Dye
Mrs. E. T. Darnell
M. C. Foran
Mrs. Dan Jackson
Mrs. Elizabeth Worley
Inez Smith
Adam Haman
Mrs. Cecil Pressley
Mrs. Macele Phillips
Elizabeth Whitt
James Hensley
Mrs. E. G. Kilgore
Mrs. Mary Rose
Mrs. James Rose

Sara Foran
Monroe Dotson

Association letters were received and approved as read.

Letters Received

Clinch Valley Association—Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for state fund.

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

Southwest Virginia Association—Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for state fund.

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

Church Representation

Individual churches responded with representatives and donation as follows:

Starnes Bend—E. T. Darnell, \$5.00

Linkous Chapel—T. G. Whitt, \$1.00

Shiloh Church—M. C. Foran, \$1.00

Yosts Chapel—Inez Smith, \$2.00

Amonate—Adam Haman, \$3.00

Fairmount Park—Mrs. Arthur Dockery,
\$1.00

Valley View—Hazel Dye, \$2.00

Russell Fork—Mrs. Cecil Dye, \$2.00

Hyde Park—W. H. Fentress, \$1.00

Phillips Chapel—Macele Phillips, \$5.00

Copper Creek—Guy Culbertson, \$1.00

Pine Grove—Floyd Starnes, \$1.00

Mount Olive—Monroe Dotson, \$1.00

Sabers Chapel—Jeff Salyers and H. V.
Johnston, \$1.00

The minutes of the home missions board that was organized in West Bristol Church, September 9, 1955, were read by W. H. Dail.

A motion was carried that these minutes be received as read.

A motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn for preaching service, to convene back at 1:00 p. m.

The eleven o'clock preaching service opened by singing "Are You Washed in the Blood."

A number, "Heaven Will Be Worth It All," was sung by Rev. Boatright, Rev. Darnell and Mrs. E. T. Darnell.

The Scripture lesson, Matthew 24, was read by Brother Wilton H. Dail.

The Rev. J. A. Alexander brought the message, using as his subject, "The Signs of the Times."

The closing song was "Amazing Grace."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

This session opened by singing "Victory in Jesus."

The Scripture lesson, 2 Peter 3, was read by the clerk.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Jeff Salyers.

Rev. James A. Boatright, moderator, took charge of the business session and seated the delegates.

The woman's auxiliary minutes were read by Sister Wilton Dail, and approved as read.

The superannuation fund report was read by Sister Salyers.

The home missions report was read by Brother W. H. Dail.

The conference stood in silent reverence in honor of the deceased, Rev. S. E. Brooks, of the Sandy Valley Association.

Election of Officers

Rev. S. M. McFall (Chairman), Rev. H. V. Johnston and Rev. E. T. Darnell were elected to the executive board.

Rev. James A. Boatright was retained as moderator for another year.

Rev. E. H. Overman was retained as treasurer for another year.

Brother Wilton H. Dail was retained as home missions promotional secretary. His assistants are Cecil Pressley, M. E. Howard, Mack Crowell, Leslie Ketron and Guy Culbertson.

Rev. Billy A. Melvin was retained as treasurer of foreign missions board.

Mrs. L. M. Salyers was retained as treasurer of the superannuation fund.

Brother and Sister Leslie Ketron were retained as league field workers for the coming year.

A motion was carried that this conference adjourn until 9:00 a. m., Saturday.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The service was opened by singing "I'll Live in Glory."

A special number, "Jacob's Ladder," was

sung by Rev. and Mrs. James Rose.

Prayer was offered by Brother McConnell.

The Scripture lesson, Exodus 27, was read by Rev. E. T. Darnell who brought the message, taking as a subject, "God's Dwelling Place."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session opened by singing "Stand by Me."

Philippians 2 was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. H. Overman.

The moderator, Rev. James A. Boatright, took charge of the business session.

The treasurer's report was read by Rev. Overman, and approved as read.

The report of the ministers' conference was also read by Rev. Overman.

The report of the executive board was read, and approved as read.

A motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn to meet back at 1:00 p. m., surrendering this time to Mr. H. C. Burgess, superintendent of The Home For Children at Greeneville, Tennessee.

Mr. Burgess made a talk about the work and progress of the home. The children from the home entertained with song and recitation. A donation of \$109.62 was taken by freewill offering for the benefit of the home.

The eleven o'clock service opened with song entitled, "Heavenly Love," sung by the children from the home.

Rev. S. M. McFall brought the message, reading from the twenty-second chapter of St. Luke, and three verses from the twenty-eighth chapter of St. Matthew; he took as a subject, "United."

The closing song was "Draw Me Nearer."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session began by singing "Shouting on the Hills of Glory." Prayer was offered by Rev. Orville O'Quinn.

Romans 8 was read by the clerk.

The moderator then took charge of the business session.

The report of the league field workers was read by Leslie Ketron.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, secretary of the National Association, made a brief talk on the behalf of the National Association.

Report of the new members for recommendation to the home missions board was approved.

All reports received as follows:

AUXILIARY REPORT

Per Capita Dues to State Association, \$46.50

Free Will Baptist College, \$42.00

Children's Home, \$517.75

Home Missions, \$128.73

Foreign Missions, \$30.85

Superannuation, \$140.35

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Brought Forward from Last Year \$ 694.76
 Receipts for the Year 1,102.44

Total to Account For \$1,797.20

Expenditures:

Office Supplies\$ 72.92
 Superannuation Refund 12.18
 Little Creek Church 46.35
 Princess Anne Mission 200.00
 Richmond 200.00
 Saltville 200.00
 Miscellaneous 4.50

Total Expenditures 770.95

Balance on Hand \$1,026.25

For Promotional Work:

Brought Forward from Last Year \$ 358.83
 Receipts for the Year 275.00
 Profits from Bibles 25.51

Total to Account For \$ 659.34

Expenditures:

Showing and Six Films\$ 24.00
 Phone Calls and Stamps 20.00
 S. S. Literature (Princess Anne Mission) 16.00
 Travel 135.30

Total Expenditures 195.30

Balance on Hand \$ 464.04

Grand Totals

On Hand in Home Missions Treasury\$1,026.25
 On Hand for Promotional Work 464.04

Grand Total in Treasury, May 30, 1956 \$1,490.29

Travel

Two Trips to Bristol 1,600 miles
 Two Trips to Coeburn 1,752 miles
 Tidewater Churches 1,000 miles
 Total 4,352 miles

Churches

Fairmount Park\$ 515.07
 Hyde Park 29.70
 Warwick 76.32
 West Bristol 35.00

Little Creek	19.10
Princess Anne Mission	2.50
<i>Quarterly Meetings</i>	
Tidewater	\$ 88.59
Midway	54.59
<i>Auxiliaries</i>	
Wilson's Chapel—Norton, Virginia	\$ 9.20
Richmond	11.20
Warwick	7.00
Fairmount Park	56.76
Little Creek	5.00
<i>Individual Supporters</i>	
Mr. Cecil Salter	\$ 2.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith	15.00
E. J. Kilgore	15.00
Kilgore Grocery	2.00
Otto Capps	25.00
Mrs. Roy Croquette	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Overman	1.00
Mr. James E. Jones	5.00
Mrs. J. A. Hollman	10.00
Mr. Harrel Warterman	2.00
James E. Marriner	2.00
Eld. S. M. McFall	1.00
Mrs. Louise Nixon	2.00
Mr. Carl Overman	1.00
Mr. Lennie Ewell	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jaeger	5.00
Mr. John Harrel	5.00
Rev. W. H. Fentress	25.00
Luther E. Parker	5.00
T. B. Everton	4.00
Rev. C. H. Denton	1.00
Mr. P. W. Jones	5.00
A. J. Filyaw	5.00
Eld. Cecil Pressley	20.00
William C. Liles	21.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Melton	1.00
Eld. H. V. Johnston	1.00
T. J. Tingle	2.00
John T. Martin	10.00

W. H. Dail, Treasurer
3212 Brest Avenue,
Norfolk, Virginia

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONS BOARD

The promotional secretary-treasurer for the Virginia State Association Home Missions Board met with the Executive Board

of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session at Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Virginia, June 16, 1956.

We bring the following recommendations for your approval:

1. That the Southwest Virginia Association be allowed two members to serve on the board of home missions for reason of distance in the said association.

2. The following members are recommended to serve for a period of one year: Southwest Virginia Association, M. E. Howard and Leslie Ketron; Clinch Valley Association, Guy Culbertson; Sandy Valley Association, Cecil Pressley; John Wheeler Association, Mack Crowell.

3. The following members are recommended to serve for a period of two years: Leslie Ketron, Guy Culbertson and Mack Crowell.

Signed:

J. E. Marriner,

Recording Secretary

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought Forward\$ 37.51

Receipts:

Clinch Valley Association	\$ 25.00
Sandy Valley Association	50.00
John Wheeler Association	50.00
Southwest Virginia Association	50.00
Church Offerings	15.00

Total to Account For \$ 227.51

Expenditures:

Moderator	\$ 15.00
Treasurer	15.00
Clerk	15.00

National Association	30.00
Printing of Minutes	80.00

Total Expenditures	155.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 72.51
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E. H. Overman, Treasurer
1826 Broadfield Road,
Norfolk, Virginia

SUPERANNUATION FUND REPORT

Brought Forward	\$ 819.81
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Receipts:

Southwest Virginia Auxiliary Convention	\$ 26.96
Tidewater Quarterly Conference	10.00
Midway Quarterly Conference	25.00
Home Missions	12.18
Fairmount Park Church	149.75
Dungannon Church	25.00
Wilson's Chapel	14.00
Mead's Chapel	2.00
Russell Fork Church	1.00
E. J. Kilgore	50.00
Dan Sturgill, Esserville, Virginia	6.00

Total to Account For	\$1,141.88
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Disbursements:

Rev. Earl James	\$ 170.00
Rev. Ray Gardnes	130.00
Rev. J. W. Addington	100.00
Stationery and Stamps	5.00

Total Disbursements	405.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 736.88
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EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We, your executive board, wish to make the following report:

The next session will convene with Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, three miles north of Bristol on the Benhams Road, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1957. We have appointed

Rev. Wythe White to preach the introductory sermon Friday morning at eleven o'clock, and Rev. Flannery to bring the evening message at 7:30. Rev. E. H. Overman will bring the closing message Saturday morning at eleven.

We recommend Rev. James A. Boatright for moderator for the 1957 conference session.

We recommend that the foreign missions secretary be allowed \$20.00 a year for office expense, and five cents per mile for travel expense.

We recommend that the terms of office for the executive board members expire as follows: Rev. H. V. Johnston, 1957; Rev. S. M. McFall, 1958; Rev. Errett T. Darnell, 1959.

The following delegates were appointed to go to the National Association: Mrs. Katherine Morris, Mr. Edward Wimpy, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Culbertson, Mrs. E. H. Overman, Mrs. Omaha Jackson, Mrs. Elizabeth Worley, Mrs. Fred Rivenbark, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Foran and Mr. W. H. Fentress.

A motion was made and carried that the clerk have seven hundred minutes printed instead of the usual six hundred.

A motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn for one year.

At the close of the conference the association, in appreciation, offered its sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of Mary's

Chapel and community for their kind hospitality shown the association during this session. May God's blessings be with you all.

Rev. James A. Boatright, Moderator
Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Sandy Valley Association—Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Virginia, June 15 and 16, 1956.

We send as delegates: Sisters Monnie Gilly, Hazel Walker, Lily Sykes, Lizzie Gates, Bertha Helton, Elizabeth Whitt, Brothers Arthur Beenger and Orle Compton.

Our standing is as follows: Number quarterly meetings, 3; number churches, 17; membership, 923; ordained ministers, 48; licentiates, 4; valuation of church property, \$31,000.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association while in regular session with Valley View Church, Putnam, Virginia, August 26, 1955.

Moderator, Rev. Kyle Hubbard, Honaker, Virginia

Clerk, Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia

John Wheeler Association—Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Mary's Chapel Church, Coe-

burn, Virginia, June 15 and 16, 1956.

We send as delegates: Brother and Sister J. C. Holbrook, Sister Oma Jackson and Sister Elizabeth Worley.

Our standing is as follows: Number of churches, 14; membership, 980; number Sunday schools, 12; number on roll in Sunday school, 821; number auxiliaries, 2; membership of auxiliaries, 20; number of leagues, 2; league membership, 40; deceased members, 4; ordained ministers, 38; licentiates, 2; dismissed, 4; deceased 1; paid pastors, \$6,746.96; paid evangelists, \$934.37; home missions or charity, \$215.39; value of church property, \$101,000.00; enclosed for state fund, \$50.00.

Done by order of the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with Pine Hill Church, September 2, 3, 1955.

Rev. E. F. Mitchell, Moderator
Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

MINISTERS OF THE JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Ordained

E. F. Mitchell, Route 1, Holston, Virginia

H. M. Whittaker, Route 2, Bristol, Virginia

H. R. Rouse, Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tennessee

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

L. F. Henley, Box 128, Abingdon, Virginia

Dewey Foran

A. L. Praton, 660½ 6th Street, Bristol, Tennessee

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

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

Charlie Roark, Box 102, Abingdon, Virginia

C. C. Norris, Route 1, Abingdon, Virginia

W. A. Howington

Joe E. Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee

A. L. Pope, Route 1, Bristol, Tennessee

Preston Roark, Route 1, Abingdon, Virginia

Jennings Wilson, Route 1, Abingdon, Virginia

Thelma Combs, 1616 Shelby Street, Bristol, Tennessee

Virginia Brannon, 1128 Texas Avenue, Bristol, Virginia

W. S. Broyhill, Meadowview, Virginia

Andy Rutherford

Louise Gilreath

John Vannoy, Glade Springs, Virginia

C. A. Hawks

Dan Jackson

David A. Martin Jr.

Douglas Offield, Route 1, Bristol, Tennessee

W. A. Skeens, 111 Lily Street, Bristol, Tennessee

Cecil Clifton, Meadowview, Virginia

Edd Pendergrass, Route 1, Box 479, Bristol, Tennessee

David N. Warren, Box 886, Bristol, Virginia

Lawrence Chapman, Texas Avenue, Bristol, Virginia

Wilma Baumgardner, Route 1, Alvarado, Virginia

W. B. Colley, Saltville, Virginia

Clifford Roark, Abingdon, Virginia

Mack Galliher, Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Licentitates

Herbert Adams

Hilliard Pickle

Sylvester Shaver, Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Hassie Saltz

Deceased

Frank Maidon, Saltville, Virginia

Dismissed

Roby Roark, Abingdon, Virginia

Winston Sweeney, Crockett Street, Bristol, Virginia

Charlie Howington, Willow Street, Bristol, Tennessee

Everett Dollar, 20 Morning Street, Bristol, Tennessee

The John Wheeler Association requests

that the next conference convene with Shiloh Church, Route 2, Bristol, Virginia. The church is located three miles out of Bristol on the Burhams Road. It is a new block building on the left of the road coming from Bristol.

Clinch Valley Association—Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, June 15 and 16, 1956.

We send as delegates: Jim Pierson, Willie Hartsock, Robert Ring, Jim Hensley and Sister Sallie Hartsock.

Our standing is as follows: Number of quarterly meetings, 4; number of churches, 26; membership, 1,082; number of Sunday schools, 25; average attendance in Sunday school, 1,260; paid pastors, \$2,915.57; paid evangelists, \$1,375.50; paid home missions and orphanage, \$880.46; value of church property, \$16,000.00; enclosed for state fund, \$50.00.

The next session of Clinch Valley Association will convene with Sabras Chapel Church, Scott County, Virginia, Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1956.

This done by order of the Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist Association.

James A. Boatright, Moderator
Early Hobbs, Clerk

MINISTERS OF THE CLINCH VALLEY
ASSOCIATION

James A. Boatright, Route 1, Box 125,
Clinchport, Virginia

Wayland Owens, Mabe, Virginia

Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tennessee

Walter Glovier, Dante, Virginia

Emory Cook, Dante, Virginia

J. T. Hartsock, Dante, Virginia

Jeff Salyers, Nickelsville, Virginia

Lonnie Brown, Nickelsville, Virginia

Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tennessee

Bill Gardner, Falls Branch, Tennessee

Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elmer Barker, Natural Tunnel, Virginia

Earl Hammonds, Kingsport, Tennessee

R. C. Hammonds, Kingsport, Tennessee

Kelse Hammonds, Kingsport, Tennessee

Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tennessee

Carson Bishop, Gate City, Virginia

Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Virginia

Talmage Wallen, Natural Tunnel, Vir-
ginia

Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tennessee

Pat Bishop, Sunbright, Virginia

James Cassell, Dungannon, Virginia

Eritt Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Roy Jenkins, Clinchport, Virginia

James A. Barnett, Kingsport, Tennessee

Charles A. Darnell

C. E. Spencer, Clinchport, Virginia

Eritt T. Darnell, Lagro, Indiana

Oscar Calhoun, Gate City, Virginia

Edward Ray, Kingsport, Tennessee

George Willis, Gate City, Virginia

C. J. Flanary

Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tennessee

W. H. Frazier, Duffield, Virginia

George Osborne, Dungannon, Virginia

A. F. Puckett, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Luther Lane

Leonard Cross, Kingsport, Tennessee

Southwest Virginia Association—Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, June 15 and 16, 1956.

We have chosen as delegates from our yearly association to sit with you in your godly work: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owens, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hill and Mrs. W. H. Dail.

Our standing is as follows: Number of quarterly meetings, 3; number of churches, 48; membership, 3,514; number of Sunday schools, 48; number of youth leagues, 26; number of ordained ministers, 71; licentiates, 13; enclosed for state fund, \$50.00.

Done by the order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, May 19, 1956.

Elder E. H. Overman, Moderator
Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

MINISTERS OF THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
ASSOCIATION

Ordained

C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Virginia

S. H. Jackson, Route 1, Norton, Virginia
Ethel Robbins, Route 1, Norton, Virginia

W. B. Galloway, Route 1, Box 168, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Della Salyers, Route 1, Norton, Virginia

Robert Dixon, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

J. L. Meade, Herald, Virginia

Ray Gardner, Esserville, Virginia

J. W. Addington

L. J. Fields, Norton, Virginia

P. H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Carson Dotson, Route 1, Wise, Virginia

Cova Robinette, Route 1, Wise, Virginia

Roy Kilgore, Nickelsville, Virginia

B. R. Powers, Wise, Virginia

Wade Powers, Route 1, Wise, Virginia

Mack Fisher, Pound, Virginia

V. B. Thacker, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Virginia

Jake Welch, Route 1, Wise, Virginia

Charlie Mullins, Route 2, Wise, Virginia

Andrew Stidham, Norton, Virginia

Beecher N. Powers, Kingsport, Tennessee

J. T. Sturgill, Pound, Virginia

Wythe White, Herald, Virginia

Gale Scott, Route 1, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Curtiss Wynn, 817 Cherry Street, Wyandotte, Michigan.

Curtiss Porter, 3955 Palmerston Street,
Dayton 7, Ohio

James Ramey, Norton, Virginia

J. W. Brannon, Route 2, Pennington
Gap, Virginia

L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Virginia

Edgar Baltimore, Calvin, Virginia

Elmer Parsons, Jonesville, Virginia

Silas Gibson, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Allen Mays, Toms Creek, Virginia

H. V. Johnston, Route 1, Norton, Vir-
ginia

Hobert Addington, Esserville, Virginia

James Rose, Route 1, Box 193, Coeburn,
Virginia

Jesse Cowden, Toms Creek, Virginia

Lacy Powers, Route 1, Norton, Virginia

J. T. Grear

Gillis Francis, Pound, Virginia

Earnest Ramey, Kingsport, Tennessee

Hansford Mullins, Pound, Virginia

Willie E. Adams, Derby, Virginia

Monroe Bolling, Esserville, Virginia

Jim West, Flat Gap, Virginia

J. B. Maggard, Blair, Kentucky

S. R. Ball, St. Charles, Virginia

Otis Keith, 1207 Reedy Street, Kings-
port, Tennessee

David Powers, Norton, Virginia

George Collins, Norton, Virginia

Homer Richardson, Sanduska, Ohio

Earl Miller, Route 2, Wise, Virginia

Jonah Shupe, Derby, Virginia

C. W. Noles, Route 1, Pound, Virginia

H. E. Bevins, Bondtown, Virginia
Willie Kelly, Cumberland, Kentucky
John H. Creech, Cumberland, Kentucky
Emitt Begley, Cumberland, Kentucky
Jack Richmond, Route 1, Wise, Virginia
Ralph Flannery, Dungannon, Virginia
Robert Lee Stanley, Wise, Virginia
S. B. Culberston, Woodway, Virginia
Arnold J. Bowman, Wise, Virginia
J. M. Collier
C. H. Denton, Kecoughtan, Virginia
Echol Edens
Leroy Forlines, Nashville, Tennessee
Sam Sluss, Route 2, Coeburn, Virginia
L. H. Moulton, Richmond, Virginia
E. H. Overman, Norfolk, Virginia
M. C. Roscholar, Norfolk, Virginia
Eddie H. Corn, Norfolk, Virginia
Ronald Creech, Norfolk, Virginia
C. B. Addison, Wise, Virginia
Paul E. Dixon, Cumberland, Kentucky
Billie A. Melvin, Richmond, Virginia
F. A. Rivenbark, Norfolk, Virginia
Lewis M. Cole
Ray Robinette, Route 1, Norton, Virginia

J. B. Chism, Richmond, Virginia

Licentiates

Tommy Peakes, Norton, Virginia

Hershel E. Ramey, 196 Poplar Street,
Norton, Virginia

Howard Ashworth, Route 2, Kingsport,
Tennessee

Eugene Kegly
Melvin Moore
Elmer Haga

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the state of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher decree of cooperation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and Bylaws 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 quar-

terly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meeting.

Article IV

Discipline: The state association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or useage 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 any body 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 de-

partment 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 (2) years, the third member named shall serve three (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 session 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, 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.

BYLAWS

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 the 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 read-

ing 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 anyone 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 bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this state association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

