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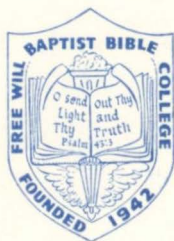
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Twentieth session held with the Valley
View Church, Putnam, Virginia,
June 13, 14, 1958.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. E. M. French

MINUTES
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VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
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held with
Valley View Church
Putnam, Virginia
June 13, 14, 1958

The next session will convene with the
Dungannon Free Will Baptist Church,
Dungannon, Virginia, Friday and Saturday
before the third Sunday in June, 1959. The
opening time, 10:00 a. m., E. S. T.

GENERAL OFFICERS

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

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Walter Glover, Dante, Va.

Treasurer—Rev. Joe Haas, 8501 Chesapeake Blvd., Norfolk, Va.

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

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

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

HOME MISSIONS

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

M. E. Howard, Norfolk, Va.

Cecil Pressley, Council, Va.

Leslie Ketron, Route 5, Herald, Va.

Guy Culbertson, Route 2, Gate City, Va.

Mack Crowell, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Billy A. Melvin, 1719 Dominion Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

SUPERANNUATION

Mrs. L. C. Salyers (chairman), Route 1, Box 659, Norton, Va.

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

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

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

LEAGUE FIELD WORKERS
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Ketron, Route 5,
Herald, Va.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twentieth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Valley View Church, Putnam, Virginia, June 13, 14, 1958.

The session opened with the singing of song, "Some Day." Scripture reading, first chapter of St. John, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Prayer was offered by Brother Erit T. Darnell.

Rev. James Boatright, moderator, presided during this session.

MINISTERS REGISTERED

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

Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.

Rev. James A. Boatright, Route 1, Box 125, Clinchport, Va.

Rev. Walter Glover, Dante, Va.

Rev. Erit T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Rev. E. H. Overman, Paintsville, Ky.

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

Rev. Della Salyers, Route 1, Norton, Va.

Rev. Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.

Rev. Alma Osgood, Wise, Va.

Rev. J. C. Osgood, Wise, Va.

Rev. Doyle Collins, Route 8, Kingsport, Tenn.

Rev. A. H. Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.
 Rev. Rhoda Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.
 Rev. Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Kyle Hubbard, Route 1, Bristol, Va.
 Rev. W. H. Fentress, Norfolk, Va.
 Rev. H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.
 Rev. Walter Reedy, North Tazewell, Va.
 Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, Norfolk, Va.
 Rev. Joe Haas, 8501 Chesapeake Blvd.,
 Norfolk, Va.
 Rev. Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Rev. C. H. Denton, Richmond, Va.
 Rev. Truel Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.
 Rev. Earl James, Venia, Va.
 Rev. Cecil Pressley, Council, Va.
 Rev. Jeff Salyers, Nicklesville, Va.
 Rev. James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.
 Rev. Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Rev. Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Rev. Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. W. E. Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Rev. Ethel Robbins, Route 1, Norton,
 Va.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. B. H. Miller
 Rev. Charles Sapp, Richmond, Va.
 Rev. William Burkette Raper, Mt. Olive,
 N. C.
 Rev. P. F. Herndon, Swords Creek, Va.

DEACONS REGISTERED

Floyd Starnes, Fort Blackmore, Va.

M. C. Foran, 321 Boone Street, Bristol,
Va.

E. P. Hess, Venia, Va.

J. N. Wallace, Honaker, Va.

E. G. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

Guy Culbertson, Route 2, Gate City,
Va.

Ralph McAmey, Kingsport, Tenn.

Wilton H. Dail, 3212 Brest Avenue, Nor-
folk, Va.

P. E. Pressley, R.A.B. 27, Council, Va.

John Rhea, Honaker, Va.

Roy Helton, Venia, Va.

DELEGATES ENROLLED

Clinch Valley Delegates:

Sophia Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Ralph McAmey, Kingsport, Tenn.

J. T. Stewart, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Luther Sluss

J. W. Pierson, Fort Blackmore, Va.

John Wheeler Delegates:

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Foran, 321 Boone
Street, Bristol, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Lowe, Route 4, Bris-
tol, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hopkins, Route 4,
Bristol, Tenn.

Sandy Valley Delegates:

Della Jones

Mrytle Rhine

Mr. and Mrs. Emory E. Edwards, Blount-
ville, Tenn.

Roy Helton, Venia, Va.
Southwest Virginia Delegates:

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kilgore, Coeburn,
Va.

Mrs. Leslie Ketron, Route 5, Herald, Va.

Mrs. Octavia Jones, Norfolk, Va.

VISITORS

Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, Swords Creek, Va.

Mrs. Perry Herndon, Swords Creek, Va.

Mrs. Charles Sapp, Richmond, Va.

Association letters were received and approved as read:

Sandy Valley Association: Letter and delegates with \$49.00 for state fund.

Clinch 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.

By vote of the conference the business session was adjourned for eleven o'clock preaching service, to convene back at one p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service was opened by singing "Going that Way." Prayer was offered by Brother Wilton H. Dail. Rev. Fred Rivenbark read from Mark fifth chapter beginning at the thirty-sixth verse, and Mark ninth

chapter, one through tenth verse, and fourteenth chapter of Mark, thirty-second through forty-first verses. Brother Rivenbark brought the introductory sermon, taking as a subject, "The Inner Circle." Closing prayer by Rev. Rivenbark.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

This service was opened by singing "Beautiful Gleamings Bring." Rev. W. Burkette Raper, president of the Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, was granted some time to speak. He spoke on the need of more colleges for Free Will Baptist students. He introduced the Mount Olive Junior College for the benefit of Free Will Baptist students if they so desire.

A freewill offering in the sum of \$32.42 was taken for the support of the college.

The woman's auxiliary report was read by Sister Octavia Jones. The next annual woman's auxiliary session will meet with the Dungannon Free Will Baptist Church, Dungannon, Virginia, Thursday before the third Sunday in June, 1959, starting time 10:00 a. m., E. S. T.

The superannuation report was read by Sister Della Salyers. Report received as read.

A motion was made and carried that Sister Salyer be paid \$25.00 out of the superannuation fund for her services.

The home mission report was read by Brother Wilton Dail. This report was received as read.

The foreign mission report was read by Brother Joe Haas. This report was received as read.

A request for a paper to be printed by the Virginia State Association was carried by vote of the body.

Motion was made and carried that two more members be added to the executive board to help select members to work on the paper. Brother Wilton Dail and Brother Fred Rivenbark were chosen to help.

Rev. Charles L. Sapp, was chosen to bring the evening message at 7:30 o'clock.

Motion made and carried that this conference adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Saturday.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened by singing, "I'll Live in Glory." Prayer was offered by Rev. Orville O'Quinn. Rev. Charles L. Sapp brought the message reading from the twenty-third chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the thirty-eighth verse.

Closing song, "I'll Be Ready."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with the singing of "Soul Winners for Jesus."

The clerk read from the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians, followed with prayer by Rev. E. H. Overman.

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

Motion was made and carried that the same amount of minutes be printed as of last year. 1,000 minutes were printed last year.

The report of the treasurer was read by Rev. E. H. Overman. Motion made and carried that this report be received as read.

ELECTIONS

Motion made and carried that Sister Della Salyers be retained as superannuation treasurer. By vote Brother E. J. Kilgore, Brother H. V. Johnston and Brother S. M. McFall were retained on the board to assist Sister Salyers.

Brother Wilton H. Dail was retained as home missions treasurer by vote of the conference.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. Joe Haas be elected Virginia State Association treasurer.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. Billy A. Melvin be retained as foreign missions treasurer.

Motion made and carried that Brother and Sister Leslie Ketron be retained as league field workers.

Motion was made and carried that one hundred dollars allowance be paid to Brother and Sister Ketron to finance their work.

Brother S. M. McFall was retained on the executive board by vote of the body.

Motion was made and carried that Brother Mack Crowell be retained to serve on the home missions board for a two-year term.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. James A. Boatright be re-elected moderator, the clerk taking the vote.

Motion was made and carried that Rev. Walter Glover be retained as assistant moderator.

Motion was made and carried that this conference appoint delegates to the National Association. The following delegates were appointed: Brother and Sister E. G. Kilgore, Brother and Sister Guy Culbertson, Brother and Sister Leslie Ketron, Brothers Arthur Hale, Lee Brown, Mack Crowell, T. J. Tingle and Brother and Sister H. V. Johnston.

The proposal of the change in the officers of the association which was proposed by the minister's conference was voted down by the body.

By vote of the body the treasurer was given authority to pay all expenses pertaining to the Virginia State Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

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

We recommend Brother Joe Haas to be editor of the paper which is to be printed and issued quarterly. We recommend Brother Billy Melvin as associate editor.

We recommend that the quarterly meeting clerks and district association clerks be the reporters for the said paper.

We request that Rev. E. H. Overman bring the closing message at eleven o'clock.

Words cannot express our regret on our losing Brother Overman from our State Association. May God's blessings be with him as he goes in other fields to work for the Master.

We wish to state that the next association will convene with the Dungannon Free Will Baptist Church, Dungannon, Virginia. We suggest that Rev. Bill Vaughn bring the introductory sermon, that Rev. E. T. Darnell bring the message Friday night, and Rev. Joe Haas bring the closing message Saturday morning.

TERMS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The terms of office for the executive board members expires as follows: Rev. E. T. Darnell, 1959; Rev. H. V. Johnston, 1960; Rev. S. M. McFall, 1961.

TERMS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Wilton H. Dail, secretary-treasurer; M. E. Howard, term expires 1959; Cecil Pressley, 1959; Leslie Ketron, 1960; Guy Culbertson, 1960; Mack Crowell, 1960.

Motion made and carried that Rev. Joe Haas be elected editor of the paper which is to be printed and issued quarterly.

Motion made and carried that Brother Billy Melvin be the associate editor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

Receipts

West Bristol Church, West Bristol, Tenn.	\$ 90.00
Cooper Creek Church, Gate City, Va.	8.55
Warwick Church, Warwick Va.:	
Home Missions	73.43
Promotional	45.00
E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va., Home Missions	110.00
Shiloh Church, Bristol, Va.:	
Home Missions	15.00
Promotional	5.00
Saltville Church, Saltville, Va.	40.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.:	
Home Missions	349.89
Promotional	400.00
Superannuation	69.81
Fairmount Park Auxiliary, Norfolk, Va.,	
Home Missions	38.70
Rev. Cecil Presley, Honaker, Va.,	
Home Missions	20.00
Little Creek Church, Little Creek, Va.:	
Home Missions	45.51
Home for Children	20.00
Cooper Creek, Gate City, Va.	20.10
Buchanan County Conference	11.00
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting	75.00
First Church, Portsmouth, Va.	20.00
Youth League, Tacoma Church, Tacoma, Va.	4.00
Receipts from Sale of Books	238.99
Otto Capps	20.00
Receipts from Films	177.07
 Total Receipts	 \$1,897.05

<i>expenditures</i>	
Superannuation	\$ 119.97
Purchasing of Books	347.90
Films for Promotional Purposes	453.90
<i>Disbursed to Churches as Follows:</i>	
Shiloh Church	300.00
Princess Anne Mission	150.00
Little Creek Church	50.00
Little Creek Church (Revival)	50.00
Hilton Church	200.00
Cecil Pressley (Promotional)	200.00
Wilton H. Dail (Promotional)	25.00
Bulletins	12.24
Travel	76.00
Office Supplies	67.60
Home for Children	10.00
Miscellaneous	27.51
Total Expenditures	\$2,090.12
Brought Forward Home Missions	\$1,571.50
Received Home Missions	1,427.95
Total	\$2,999.45
Expenditures Home Missions	1,411.22
Balance on Hand	\$1,588.23
Brought Forward Promotional Work	\$ 557.90
Received Promotional Work	450.00
Total	\$1,007.90
Expenditures Promotional Work	678.90
Balance on Hand	\$ 329.00
Balance Home Missions	\$1,588.23
Balance Promotional Work	329.00
Books on Hand	55.01
Grand Total	\$1,917.23

TREASURER'S REPORT

Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Valley View Free Will Baptist Church, Honaker, Virginia:

Balance Brought Forward	\$142.21
<i>Receipts 1957 Session:</i>	
Southwest Virginia Association	\$50.00
Sandy Valley Association	33.66
Clinch Valley Association	50.00
John Wheeler Association	50.00

Offering for Children's Home	42.00	
Total		<u>225.66</u>
Total to Account For		<u>\$367.87</u>
<i>Disbursements:</i>		
Moderator	\$15.00	
Clerk	15.00	
Treasurer	15.00	
National Association of Free Will		
Baptists	30.00	
Tennessee Home for Children	42.00	
Free Will Baptist Press,		
Printing Minutes	93.50	
Miscellaneous		
Postage, Paper, Money Order Fee	1.50	
Total		<u>212.00</u>
Balance on Hand as of June 13, 1958		<u>\$155.87</u>

June 11, 1958

Virginia State Association
Valley View Church, Virginia

Dear Brethren:

This has been a great year for us in our efforts for foreign missions. A record amount of money has passed through the hands of your state treasurer. To God be the glory! I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have been so faithful to send regular offerings to the cause of foreign missions. Through your giving, Christ has been preached around the world.

There is one thing, however, that becomes more and more obvious to your state treasurer as the months slip by—only a few of our many churches are consistent givers to missions. Could it be that some of our churches have no compassion for the thou-

sands of the world without Christ as Saviour? I am convinced that all of our churches are able to do something for missions. Why not the fifth Sunday offerings? Several of our churches are already doing this and it is surprising how it adds up at the end of the year. I want to challenge every pastor, deacon and layman to see to it that their church does something regularly for missions this year. New fields are being opened by our mission board and several missionary candidates are waiting to go. Additional funds are greatly needed. Will I receive a check from your church this year?

Enclosed is a financial statement which runs from June 1, 1957, through May 31, 1958. This is only a statement of funds handled by your state treasurer. Several of our churches send their mission offerings through the National Cooperative Program which money is not shown on this statement.

I would like for this report along with the letter from Brother Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary of the foreign mission board, to be included in the printed minutes.

Yours for souls around the world,
Billy A. Melvin
Foreign Mission Treasurer
State of Virginia

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOREIGN MISSIONS

June 1, 1957—May 31, 1958

First Church, Warwick, Virginia	\$ 785.62
First Church, Bristol, Virginia	375.70
E. J. Kilgore Sr., Coeburn, Virginia	110.00
Oak Grove Sunday School, Big Stone Gap, Virginia	90.00
Free Will Baptist Gospel Mission, Norfolk, Virginia	85.50
Wise County Quarterly Meeting, Wise County, Virginia	63.00
Hyde Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia	53.00
Virginia State Association	50.00
Little Creek Church, Norfolk, Virginia	43.03
Central Church, Norton, Virginia	28.75
Becknar's Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia	22.20
Stallard Memorial Sunday School, Coeburn, Virginia	22.16
Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia	20.00
Lone Pine Chapel Church, Pound, Virginia	8.00
First Church, Richmond, Virginia	6.00
Total Received	\$1,762.96
Treasurer's Expense	25.00
Amount Sent to Foreign Mission Board	\$1,737.96

June 5, 1958

Virginia State Association
Valley View Church, Virginia

Dear Brethren:

Greetings from your Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

May this session of the Virginia State Association be the greatest in your history. First, may it be great in Christian fellowship: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

Second, may it be great in prayer: "O

give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever" (Psalm 136:1).

Third, may it be great in spiritual power: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

We, your National Foreign Mission Board, consider your State Association, and each component an important factor in our efforts to take the gospel of Christ into regions beyond. We appreciate your prayerful and financial support!

We now have missionaries in six foreign countries. They are as follows:

Africa: We have four approved missionaries for our new field in Africa. In the Bondoukou Circle area of French West Africa there are almost 200,000 souls who are our responsibility. Work on our first station in Africa will begin early this fall. As of now we only have one church in the area. We hope to build four stations in this field as soon as possible. Also we expect to send at least twenty more missionaries to this area as the Lord provides.

Brazil: As of this date we have one Free Will Baptist Church in Campinas, Brazil. The church has thirty-eight members and the Brazilian pastor, Waldemar Dominelli, and our own Dave Franks expect it to grow and multiply. We hope to send at least

a dozen missionaries to this fast growing country just as soon as suitable personnel and finance will permit.

Cuba: The Free Will Baptist work in Cuba continues to grow in spite of political revolution. Even though some of the activities of the mission school have been curtailed the local churches are being strengthened and in each of our fields there are souls being saved. Also, many of the churches are becoming more self-supporting than ever before.

India: Actually, we have two different fields in India, separated by a distance of almost 2,000 miles. In our South India field, the church in Kotagiri is the center of our activities. We also have two Christian day schools in South India, and a number of out-station Sunday schools in various villages.

In North India we are responsible for an area that has approximately one and one-half million people. Our greatest need for North India is for additional workers. Please pray that visas may be granted that new workers might be admitted to this white harvest field.

Japan: With her 91,000,000 people still invites our missionaries with the message of salvation. We now have four churches in Japan with four American missionaries and another couple who are now rais-

ing their support to get out to Japan by September. They are Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid. A special offering and continued support for these new missionaries would certainly be appreciated at this time.

Spain: Just recently, the foreign mission board assumed the support of a national worker in Spain. His name is Mario Cignoni. He is now pastoring a church in Barcelona, Spain, of approximately 150 members. He also makes monthly visits to Mataro (25 miles distant), and to Cardedeu (50 miles distant), where there are groups under his spiritual care. Spain offers to us a great challenge, and we hope to send other workers there as the Lord provides and leads.

Actually, we could say that the constituency of our Free Will Baptist work in foreign lands could be summarized as follows:

Number of American Missionaries,	
Including Children	33
Number of National Workers on	
All Fields, Including Children	122
Number of Churches on All	
Foreign Fields	50
Number of Preaching Points.....	77
Total Membership of Churches in	
Foreign Fields	4,153

Even though all of us are grateful indeed for the progress we have made, there

still remains much to be done. The unfinished task is a tremendous one. More than one half of the population of the world has never heard the gospel of Christ. The supreme task of the church is to preach the gospel to every creature. Everything else we do is incidental to that one objective. We dare not retreat.

In addition to the missionaries already on the field, we have over forty applicants who are preparing and some are ready to go. Will we be able to send them? The answer to this question is largely up to you. Your foreign mission board can only expand and send out new missionaries as our people in the different states enable us to do so.

We hereby appeal to the pastors of our local churches to preach missions more and to teach your people to *life up their eyes and look on the fields that are white unto harvest.*

Yours for the gospel where Christ
is not known,

Raymond Riggs
Promotional Sec'y-Treas.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

FROM JUNE 12, 1957 TO JUNE 12, 1958
Carried Forward \$ 892.95

Receipts

Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.	\$172.44
Mount Olive Church, Wise, Va.	17.53
Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Va.	20.00

Wilson's Chapel, Norton, Va.	16.28
Russell Fork Church, Council, Va.	12.00
Beech Grove Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.	8.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Warwick, Va.	4.32
E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.	120.00
Total	<u>370.57</u>
To Account For	\$1,263.52

Expenditures

Rev. Earl James, Council, Va.	\$120.00
Rev. Rhea Gardner, Essersville, Va.	120.00
Rev. Wythe White, Herald, Va.	80.00
Rev. J. W. Addington, Coeburn, Va.	110.00
Rev. S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.	200.00
Rev. L. J. Fields, Norton, Va.	200.00
Rev. B. R. Powers, Wise, Va.	30.00
Morely Printing Company	7.00
Mailing Expenses	5.00
Total Expenditures	<u>872.00</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$ 391.52

Greetings from your State Field Worker
for Youth Leagues:

After four years as field workers for youth leagues, we have found no place to stop. The need for more men and women, who will devote their time and energy to the training of young people is greater today than it was four years ago. We thank God for the work that has been established in the past four years. We salute those who have devoted their time and energy to such a great work, and we pray to God to raise up more workers in this field. It has been a privilege to serve in helping to lead our youth to Christ. It's wonderful to see a soul dedicated to God and know it's a life of service because some boy or

girl remembered their creator in the days of their youth. We have organized one league at Tacoma Free Will Baptist Church. We visited two other churches to aid them in their youth work. Personal contacts have been too numerous to mention. Anywhere we met a deacon, minister or lay member, we put in a word for the youth league. We wish we could have done more but the calls have been few. We trust in the coming year each association belonging to this body will organize a youth program, that our denomination might not suffer for the want of trained leaders to take our place, while we are somewhere waiting to cross the Sunset Sea.

Yours in His service,
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ketron
Box 5, Herald, Va.

Motion made and carried that this conference stand adjourned for one year until we meet in the Dungannon Free Will Baptist Church, Dunganon, Virginia. Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Haas.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing, "I'm Bound for the Promised Land." Brother Bill Vaughn offered prayer. Brother Overman brought the closing message, reading from the tenth chapter of Hebrews, beginning at the twenty-second verse. He took as a subject, "A Regulated Life."

The closing prayer was offered by Brother E. J. Kilgore.

We, the delegates of the represented associations and visiting brothers and sisters, offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of the Valley View Church, Putnam, Virginia, and the community for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay in their locality.

Respectfully submitted,

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

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATION

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Valley View Church, Honaker, Virginia, Friday and Saturday, June 13, 14, 1958.

We send as delegates the following: Brother and Sister John Holbrook, Sister Irene Harless and Sister Mollie Blaylock, Brother and Sister M. C. Foran.

Our standing is as follows: Number churches, 15; membership, 829; number Sunday schools, 14; membership, 1,073; auxiliaries, 4; membership, 100; leagues, 2; membership, 40; ordained ministers, 43; licentiates, 2; deceased, 1; paid pastors, \$5,223.30; paid evangelists, \$1,437.71; home

missions, \$407.65; orphanage, \$109.05; valuation of church property, \$114,000; enclosed for state funds, \$50.00.

We recommend Brother Mack Crowell to the Virginia State Association for our member to be retained on the home mission board.

Done by the order of the John Wheeler Association while in regular session with the Macedonia Church, Saltville, Virginia.

MINISTERS OF THE JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

- Rev. L. E. Powers, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, Va.
Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, Route 1, Bristol, Va.
Rev. H. R. Rouse, Route 4, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tenn.
Rev. W. G. Henley, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. L. F. Henley, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Dewey Foran, Route 1, Bristol, Va.
Rev. H. M. Whittaker, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Rev. E. F. Mitchell, Route 1, Holston, Va.
Rev. E. A. Wagner, 146 Lee Highway,
Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page St., Bristol,
Va.
Rev. Charlie Roark, Box 102, Abingdon,
Va.
Rev. C. C. Norris, Route 1, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. W. A. Howington, Address Unknown
Rev. Joe Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. A. L. Pope, Route 1, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Preston Roark, Address Unknown
Rev. Jennings Wilson, Route 1, Abingdon,
Va.
Rev. Thelma Combs, Address Unknown
Rev. Virginia Brannan, 1813 King Mill
Pike, Bristol, Va.
Rev. W. S. Broyhill, Meadowview, Va.
Rev. Louise Gilreath, Route 1, Bristol,
Tenn.
Rev. John Vannoy, Glade Springs, Va.
Rev. C. A. Hawks, Address Unknown
Rev. Dan Jackson, Route 2, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Edward D. Swartz, Saltville, Va.
Rev. Douglas Offield, Route 3, Bristol,
Tenn.
Rev. W. A. Skeens, 111 Lily St., Bristol,
Tenn.
Rev. T. A. Ingram, Route 3, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Cecil Clifton, Meadowview, Va.
Rev. Edd Pendergrass, Box 479, Route 1,
Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. David N. Warren, P. O. Box 886,
Bristol, Va.
Rev. Lawrence Chapman, 1401 Texas
Avenue, Bristol, Va.
Rev. W. J. Colley, Saltville, Va.
Rev. Hassie Saltz, Route 1, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Mack Galliher, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. D. W. Jackson, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Herbert Adams, Route 2, Abingdon,
Va.
Rev. Homer Goodson, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Walter Statzer, Hansonville, Va.

Rev. Sylvester Shaffer, Route 4, Bristol,
Tenn.

Rev. John Sherfey, Route 2, Fordtown,
Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Rev. Hillard Pickle, Address Unknown

Rev. Clifford Roark, Route 1, Abingdon,
Va.

DECEASED

Rev. Albert L. Prator, Bristol, Tenn.

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Valley View Church, Putnam, Virginia, June 13, 14, 1958.

Wen send as delegates: Sister John Debusk, Sisters Emily Stevens, Belle Hubbard, Tavy Dye and Dillie James.

Our standing is as follows: Quarterly meetings, 3; number churches, 16; membership, 894; ordained ministers, 45; licentiates, 5; valuation of church property, \$30,890.

Done by order of the Sandy
Valley Association.

Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Moderator
Gladys Compton, Clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE
SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

- Rev. Earl James, Venia, Va.
Rev. Estil Sanders, Drill, Va.
Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Elmer Hess, Drill, Va.
Rev. Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. R. E. Helton, Canton, Ohio
Rev. Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.
Rev. H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.
Rev. A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Truel Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.
Rev. Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Dewey Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.
Rev. Kyle Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.
Rev. Bert Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.
Rev. James Blott, Jewel Ridge, Va.
Rev. Kyle Hubbard, Route 1, Bristol, Va.
Rev. W. M. Boyd, Prater, Va.
Rev. Mary Martin, Address Unknown
Rev. R. A. Ryder, 922 Shelby Street, Bristol,
Tenn.
Rev. Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Erwin Penley, Drill, Va.
Rev. E. E. Estep, Rowe, Va.
Rev. Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Paul Wingo, Dade City, Florida
Rev. H. A. Hess, 928 Shelby St., Bristol,
Tenn.
Rev. Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Martha Church, Bluefield, Va.
Rev. James H. Sargent, Amonate, Va.

Rev. Arnold Bostic, Amonate, Va.
Rev. Elmer Hankins, Route 1, North Tazewell, Va.
Rev. Ernest Lynn, Amonate, Va.
Rev. Walter Reedy, Route 1, North Tazewell, Va.
Rev. Arnold Simkins, Bruno, West Va.
Rev. Lawrence Smith, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Henry Roberts, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Allen Stevens, Jewel Ridge, Va.
Rev. B. B. Snead, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Charlie Glenn Quesenberry, Bluefield, Va.
Rev. Lester Gilley, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Hassell Boyd, Route 1, Bristol, Va.
Rev. LaFern Honaker, Putnam, Va.
Rev. B. S. Perkins, Honaker, Va.

LICENTIATES

Rev. Monnie Johnson, Dayton, Ohio
Rev. Cecil Mullins, Jewel Ridge, Va.
Rev. James Griffith, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Jimmie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Olen Cassell, Nebo, Va.

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Valley View Church, Putnam, Virginia, June 13, 14, 1958.

We send as delegates: Brothers John Stewart, Ralph McAmey, W. I. Gills, George Trussell and Sister Sophia Darnell.

Our standing is as follows: Quarterly meetings, 5; churches, 32; ordained ministers, 33; licentiates, 3; total membership, 1,163.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Walter Glover, Dante, Va.
Rev. Emory Cook, Dante, Va.
Rev. J. T. Hartsock, Dante, Va.
Rev. Jeff Salyer, Nickelsville, Va.
Rev. Lonnie Brown, Nickelsville, Va.
Rev. L. E. Sexton, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. James A. Boatright, Route 1, Clinch-
port, Va.
Rev. E. T. Darnell, Route 1, Fort Black-
more, Va.
Rev. Tom Hall, Route 5, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Willie Ashworth, Route 1, Clinchport,
Va.
Rev. A. F. Puckett, Route 1, Fort Black-
more, Va.
Rev. Luther Lane, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.
Rev. Walter Brickley, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Otis Darnell, Wabash, Indiana
Rev. James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.
Rev. George Osborne, Gate City, Va.
Rev. Ernest Carter, Gate City, Va.
Rev. Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. C. J. Flannary, Kingsport, Va.
Rev. Johnny Hooker, Blountville, Tenn.
Rev. Manse Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.
Rev. Sam Welsh, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Edward Rhea, Kingsport, Tenn.

Rev. Selman Bowen, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Doyle Collier, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Rufus Hood, Clinchport, Va.
Rev. Bill Gardner, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Leonard Cross, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. R. C. Hammond, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Ray Sharp, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. J. C. Barnette, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Elmer Ball, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Frank Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. G. C. Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Rev. Everette J. Carter, Fort Blackmore, Va.
Rev. J. H. Pattrick, Nickelsville, Va.
Rev. Harry Whittaker, Dante, Va.

Done by order of the Clinch Valley
Association, August 10, 1957.

Rev. Tom Hall, Moderator
Rev. Earl Austin, Assistant Moderator
Brother P. H. Duncan, Clerk

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Valley View Church, Russell County, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1958.

We send as delegates: Mrs. E. J. Kilgore,

Mrs. H. V. Johnston, Mrs. Octavia Jones,
Mrs. W. B. Powers.

Our standing is as follows: Number of quarterly meetings, 3; number of churches, 48; number of Sunday schools, 48; number of youth leagues, 21; ordained ministers, 86; church membership, 3,732; Sunday school membership of Wise and Lee County, 3,351; league membership of Wise and Lee County, 364; Licentiates, 12.

We also recommend the following delegates to the National Association: Mrs. J. B. Chism, Mrs. Fred Rivenbark, Mrs. Billie Melvin, Mrs. Joe R. Haas and Mrs. Charles Sapp.

Minute Fund enclosed, \$50.00.

Done by the order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists, while in regular session with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, May 17, 1958.

Elder Eugene Waddell, Moderator
Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS REPORTING

Hobert Addington, Esserville, Va.

B. Addison, RFD 1, Wise, Va.

H. W. Ashworth, 203 Pinehurst Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.

S. R. Ball, St. Charles, Va.

J. W. Brannon, RFD 11, Kingsport, Tenn.

I. J. Carter, 2700 McKann Avenue, Norfolk, Va.
J. B. Chism, 618 N. Hudson Terrace, Warwick, Va.
J. R. Cowden, Dunbar, Va.
C. H. Denton, Sec. 39, East Kecoughtan, Va.
S. M. McFall, Route 2, Box 169, Clintwood, Va.
Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.
W. H. Fentress, Norfolk, Va.
W. B. Galloway, Route 1, Box 168, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Ray Gardner, Box 54, Esserville, Va.
Perry W. Honycutt, Dungannon, Va.
Joe R. Haas, 8501 Chesapeake Blvd., Norfolk, Va.
H. V. Johnston, Route 1, Norton, Va.
J. B. Maggard, Tatz, Ky.
J. L. Meade, Herald, Va.
Billy A. Melvin, 1719 Dominion Ave., Norfolk, Va.
Hansford Mullins, Wise, Va.
P. H. Miller, 2306 4th Ave., Big Stone Gap, Va.
Wade Powers, Route 1, Wise, Va.
Ben Powers, Wise, Va.
James Ramey, Ramsey St., Box 3, Norton, Va.
Hershel Ramey, 310 Popular St., Norton, Va.
James Rose, Route 1, Box 193, Coeburn, Va.

Jack Richmond, Wise, Va.

Fred A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verdun Avenue,
Norfolk, Va.

Della Salyers, Route 1, Norton, Va.

Eugene Waddell, 1523 Des Moines Ave.,
Portsmouth, Va.

J. W. Welch, Route 1, Box 240, Wise, Va.

Wythe White, Herald, Va.

We, the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists, request this body to consider the following recommendations for a quarterly publication:

1. We recommend that a quarterly paper be published and mailed free of charge.

2. We recommend that the publishing of the paper be financed as follows: State Association, \$25.00; State Home Mission Board, \$25.00; State Auxiliary Convention, \$25.00; Wise County League Conference, \$12.50; The Tidewater League Rally, \$12.50. The amount to be expended for the first year, \$100.00.

3. We recommend that the State Association designate the editor, the associate editor and the reporters for this paper.

Done by the order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session May 17, 1958.

Elder Eugene Waddell, Moderator
Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

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 associa-

tion and additional delegates for each quarterly 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 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 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 department 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 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 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.

