

MINUTES
of the
VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Twenty-first session held with the
Dungannon Church, Dungannon,
Virginia, June 19, 20, 1959

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DUNGANNON CHURCH
Dungannon, Virginia

JUNE 19, 20, 1959

The next session will convene with Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1960. 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. H. V. Johnston, Route 2, Norton, Va.

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

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

HOME MISSIONS

Wilton H. Dale, 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. M. Salyers (Chairman), Route 1, Box 695, Norton, Va.

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

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

S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

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

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twenty-first annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Virginia, June 19, 20, 1959.

The session opened with the singing of song, "Joy Unspeakable." Scripture reading, thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ralph Flannary.

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

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Rev. James A. Boatright
Rev. Orville O'Quinn
Rev. S. M. McFall
Rev. H. V. Johnston
Rev. Ralph Flannary
Rev. Della Salyers
Rev. Rosa Ella Ramsey
Rev. Bill Gardner
Rev. W. H. Fentress
Rev. D. B. Thacker
Rev. Charles Sapp
Rev. Ernest Carter
Rev. James Cassell
Rev. E. T. Darnell
Rev. W. E. Vicars

Rev. Perry W. Honeycutt
Rev. Fred Rivenbark
Rev. Bill Vaughn
Rev. Tom Hall
Rev. Walter Glover
Rev. Billy Melvin
Rev. Joe Haas
Rev. Jeff Salyers
Rev. Walter Brickey
Rev. Melvin Moore
Rev. Earl Austin
Rev. Ben Powers
Rev. Wade Powers
Rev. Cecil Pressley
Rev. Hobart Addington

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Raymond Riggs
Rev. Robert Valentine
Rev. Wrightly Salling
Rev. Bob Picirilli
Rev. E. M. Rose
Rev. Harley Brown
Rev. Wright Moorelock

DEACONS REGISTERED

Guy Culbertson
M. C. Foran
E. H. Cox
C. O. Bowman
G. A. Forhan
Wilton H. Dale
E. J. Kilgore
Leslie Ketron
Joe Shepherd

James Myers
Frank James
P. H. Duncan
Ralph McCamey
Floyd Starnes

DELEGATES ENROLLED

Clinch Valley Association Delegates:

Mrs. Sophia Darnell, Mrs. Nellie Greear and Albert Hale.

Southwest Virginia Association Delegates:

Mrs. Rosa Lee Ramsey, Mrs. Leslie Ketron and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kilgore.

Sandy Valley Association Delegates:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank James.

John Wheeler Association Delegates:

Mrs. Bertha Helbert, Miss Mildred Helbert, Mrs. William Cross and Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Foran.

Association letters were received and approved as read:

Clinch Valley Association: Letter and delegates with \$100.00 for state funds.

John Wheeler Association: Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for state funds.

Southwest Virginia Association: Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for state funds.

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

Motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn to meet back in session at 1:00 p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK PREACHING SERVICE

Opened with the singing of songs, "Stand By Me" and "Ivory Palaces," by the young men's quartet from the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Prayer was offered by W. H. Dale.

Rev. Bill Vaughn brought the introductory message, reading from the twentieth chapter of Acts; taking as a subject, "Leadership." Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Wrightly Salling.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Began with the singing of song, "Are You Washed in the Blood." Prayer was made by Rev. McFall. Rev. J. A. Boatright, the moderator, took charge, introducing the quartet from the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, who entertained with gospel singing, and made a verbal report on the work at the college.

A freewill offering was taken for the college in the sum of \$16.91.

The women's auxiliary report was read by Mrs. Joe Haas. The next annual auxiliary meeting will meet with the Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, Thursday before the third Sunday in June, 1960.

The home mission report was read by Brother Wilton Dale. This report was received by vote of the body. It will be

found listed with the other reports elsewhere in this minute.

ELECTIONS

By vote of the conference, Rev. Eugene Waddell was elected moderator for the next conference.

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

By vote of the body, Sister Della Salyers was retained as superannuation treasurer. By vote Brother Rhea Gardener and Brother H. V. Johnston was elected to assist Sister Salyers on the superannuation board.

By vote, Brother W. H. Dale was retained as home missions treasurer.

By vote, two new members were elected to the home mission board.

By vote, Rev. Billy Melvin was retained as foreign mission treasurer.

By vote, Brother Leslie Ketron was retained as league field worker.

By vote, Mrs. M. C. Foran was retained as clerk of the Virginia State Association.

By vote, delegates were chosen to go to the National Association when it convenes in Asheville, North Carolina, July 14, 15, 16, 1959. Delegates are as follows: Mrs. Fred Rivenbark, Mrs. Billy Melvin, Mrs. Joe Haas, Brother Guy Culbertson, Brother D. V. Pittman, Mrs. Harold Critcher, Mr.

and Mrs. M. C. Foran and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kilgore.

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

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Rev. Raymond Riggs, general director-treasurer of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, brought the message at eight o'clock, reading from 2 Timothy fourth through sixth verses. His message took the form of an imaginary interview with the apostle, Paul, in which he asked the question, "What are the factors contributing to your success as a minister of Jesus Christ?" His answers "I am chief sinner; I am crucified with Christ; forgetting the past; I am content with what I have; I am made all things to all men that I might gain some to Christ."

An offering in the sum of \$36.00 was received for foreign missions at this service.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with the singing of "Victory in Jesus." The clerk read from the first chapter of James.

The moderator then took charge, introducing Rev. Raymond Riggs, the general director-treasurer of the National Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, who made an interesting talk on the work of foreign missions. His letter will be found elsewhere in this minute.

By vote the foreign mission report was received as read by Rev. Billy Melvin, foreign mission state treasurer.

Motion was made and carried that the foreign mission support be sent to the foreign mission treasurer, Rev. Billy Melvin.

A verbal report of the league field worker was made by Sister Leslie Ketron. Motion was carried that it be received.

A verbal report of the John Thomas Association was made by Rev. Enoch Rose. By vote it was received.

By vote of the conference, the meeting adjourned for the eleven o'clock service to convene back at 1:30 p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened with Brother and Sister Enoch Rose singing three selections. Brother Ben and Wade Powers also brought a message in song.

Rev. Joe Haas brought the closing message, reading from 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 2, Verses 1 through 13; subject, "Boldly Teach and Preach the Gospel." The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Haas.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with the singing of song, "I'll Fly Away." Scripture reading, second chapter of Colossians, was read by the clerk. Prayer was made by Rev. H. V. Johnston. The moderator then took

charge, introducing Brother H. C. Burgess, superintendent of the Home for Children. Brother Burgess gave a verbal report on the home, and expressed the need for financial help in the home. Five of the young ladies from the home entertained with song. A freewill offering in the sum of \$101.61 was taken for the home.

Brother and Sister Luther Sanders, Free Will Baptist missionaries to Hawaii, gave an interesting report on their work. Their daughter, Linda, rendered a beautiful recitation.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

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

Resolutions 1: Whereas, the board of foreign missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists is endeavoring to lead our denomination out in obeying the last command of Christ; and whereas, there is a great need of additional funds to maintain our present foreign mission staff and to extend into new fields; and whereas, as yet many of our churches have not caught the vision of supporting foreign missions;

Therefore, be it resolved that we recommend to the district associations composing the state association that the churches that have not been supporting the program inaugurated, some means of systematic and regular support such as one offering per

month to support our foreign mission program.

This resolution was passed.

Resolution 2: Whereas, the ordaining of women to the full gospel ministry is a question of a controversial nature in our ranks; and whereas, there is strong grounds to believe that the Bible does not authorize the ordaining of women; and whereas, there is sufficient places for the women to serve such as through auxiliaries, Sunday schools, missionary work and other places;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as opposing the ordaining of women to the full ministry.

This resolution was set aside for further consideration.

We recommend that the next association convene with Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia.

We recommend that the state association request the National Association to convene with us at Norfolk, Virginia, in 1961.

We suggest that Rev. Billy Gardner bring the introductory sermon on Friday at eleven a. m. at the next state association, and that speakers be chosen at the conference for the remaining preaching services.

We recommend Rev. E. T. Darnell to be elected as a board member for the Home

for Children, to succeed Brother E. J. Kilgore.

We request an extension until next year, for our investigation of the Mount Olive College.

We recommend Rev. Eugene Waddell to be elected as our moderator for the next conference.

By vote of the conference, these reports were received.

In the event that our request for the 1961 National Association is granted, Brother Wilton H. Dale has been chosen treasurer of the finance for the expense of the association.

Motion made and carried that Brother W. H. Dale be authorized to spend up to \$100.00 if necessary on advertising for the National Association.

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

By vote, the executive board was retained.

TERMS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. H. V. Johnston term expires 1960; Rev. S. M. McFall term expires 1961; Rev. E. T. Darnell term expires 1962.

Motion was made and carried that S. M. McFall and E. J. Kilgore be elected field workers for the Home for Children.

By vote the treasurer's report was read by the treasurer, Rev. Joe Haas, and received as read.

Motion made and carried that the treasurer be given authority to pay all indebtedness pertaining to the state association, out of the treasury.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount to Be Accounted For.....\$279.87

Expenditures

Free Will Baptist Press for Minutes.....\$123.60

Rev. James A. Boatright, Moderator..... 15.00

Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk..... 15.00

Rev. Joe R. Haas, Treasurer..... 15.00

Total Paid Out.....\$168.60

Balance on Hand as of June 18, 1959.....\$111.27

REV. JOE HAAS, *Treasurer*

8501 Chesapeake Blvd.

Norfolk, Va.

SUPERANNUATION FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 12, 1959, Amount to Be Accounted For \$229.48

Receipts

District Convention.....\$ 36.44

Wilson's Chapel..... 30.30

Beech Grove..... 18.00

Dungannon Church..... 25.00

Oak Grove..... 40.00

Esserville Church..... 12.00

Russell Fork..... 12.00

E. J. Kilgore..... 20.00

Indian Creek..... 5.00

Lone Pine Church..... 3.00

Meade's Chapel..... 5.22

Davis Chapel..... 2.00

Ramsey Church..... 5.00

Fairmount Park Church..... 175.00

Grand Total.....\$617.44

Disbursements

Rev. Ben Powers.....\$120.00

Rev. Wythe White..... 120.00

Rev. Rhea Gardner.....	120.00
Rev. Aaron Justice.....	110.00
Rev. Earl James.....	60.00
Rev. L. M. Salyer, Literature and Stamps for 4 Years.....	40.00
Total Disbursements.....	\$570.00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 47.44

MRS. L. M. SALYER, *Treasurer*
Box 659, Route 1
Norton, Va.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

Receipts

Meade's Chapel Sunday School.....	\$ 3.00
Tacoma F. W. B. League.....	4.00
First F. W. B., Bristol, Va.....	90.00
First F. W. B., Warwick, Va.....	75.16
Little Creek F. W. B., Norfolk, Va.....	63.25
E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.....	50.00
Diamond Springs F. W. B., Norfolk, Va.....	69.74
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Capps, Norfolk, Va.....	35.00
Receipts from Sale of Books.....	99.55
Receipts from Use of Film.....	4.05
Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.....	19.00
Beech Grove F. W. B., Norton, Va.....	8.00
Greenwood F. W. B., Abingdon, Va.....	10.00
Shiloh F. W. B., Bristol, Va.....	5.00
Copper City F. W. B., Gate City, Va.....	34.00
Caldwelltown F. W. B., Saltville, Va.....	30.00
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting.....	100.00
Hyde Park F. W. B., Norfolk, Va.....	8.00
Refund on Books.....	15.00
First F. W. B., Portsmouth, Va.....	56.00
Fairmount Park F. W. B., Norfolk, Va., (As Earmarked Promotional).....	400.00
Fairmount Park F. W. B., Norfolk, Va.....	33.42
Richmond Auxiliary, Richmond, Va.....	15.00
Warwick F. W. B. Auxiliary, Warwick, Va.....	7.50
First F. W. B., Northport, Alabama.....	4.50
Princess Anne Mission, Princess Anne, Va.....	135.00
Princess Anne Mission, Princess Anne, Va. (As Earmarked).....	10.00
Southwest Virginia Association (Earmarked Dungannon).....	100.00
Mr. Guy Culbertson (Earmarked Promotion- al).....	150.00

Bethany F. W. B., Norfolk, Va.....	106.70
Miscellaneous Receipts	31.41
Total Receipts	\$1,783.28
Short Last Year.....	\$ 113.77
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Cecil Pressley, Home Missions	\$ 200.00
Mack Crowell, Pine Hill Church	150.00
Valley View	50.00
Zion F. W. B.	150.00
Friendship No. 2	100.00
Travel	45.00
Books (Including Song Books).....	403.97
Bulletins	7.70
Screen Repairs	10.00
Books	15.11
Freight	5.63
Bethany F. W. B., Norfolk, Va.	165.00
Free Will Baptist Home for Children	200.00
Princess Anne Mission.....	100.00
Promotional Work	60.00
Mission Work	50.00
Little Creek F. W. B., Norfolk, Va. (Re- vival)	20.00
Earmarked Promotional	10.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,742.41
<i>Grand Totals</i>	
Amount Brought Forward.....	\$1,917.23
Total Receipts	1,783.28
Total	\$3,700.51
Expenditures	1,742.41
Balance in Bank.....	\$1,958.10
W. H. DALE, <i>Treasurer</i>	
3212 Brest Ave.	
Norfolk, Va.	

FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

Report to the state association of Free Will Baptists when meeting at Dungan-
non, Virginia, June 19, 20, 1959.

Dear Brethren:

There is room for a measure of rejoicing
this year when we consider our foreign mis-

sions report. Our total giving to the cause has exceeded all previous giving. For this we thank God and give Him glory. However, your state treasurer has observed again a situation that cannot be pleasing to God, our heavenly Father. Only a few churches, among many, are doing anything to support the cause of world-wide evangelism. How can this situation be remedied? I believe the answer or key is an enlarged vision. When people get a vision they will do something, and as the Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." It matters not who get the vision—the pastor, a deacon, a Sunday school teacher, or just a layman—when somebody gets a vision something will happen. Will you wait before the Lord until you get a vision that will lead you to action? God help you to do something for missions this year.

Financial Statement

June 1, 1958 Through May 31, 1959

(This does not include money sent direct to the national office or money given through the National Association Co-Operative Program.)

First Church, Newport News, Va.	\$1,056.48
First Church, Bristol, Va.	385.00
E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.	30.00
Stallard Memorial Church, Coeburn, Va. (Sunday School)	49.51
Meade's Chapel, Herald, Va.	10.64
Oak Grove Church, Big Stone Gap, Va. (Sunday School)	120.00
Tacoma Church, Tacoma, Va.	15.00
Little Creek Church, Norfolk, Va.	39.00

Esserville Church, Wise, Va.	4.00
Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	5.00
Central Church, Norton, Va. (Auxiliary) ..	43.54
Cardivell Town Church, Saltville, Va.	20.00
Bethany Church, Norfolk, Va.	49.96
Southwest Virginia Association	50.00

Total\$1,878.13

Billy A. Melvin, State Treasurer
1719 Dominion Ave.
Norfolk 3, Va.

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORT

June 15, 1959

Virginia State Association
of Free Will Baptists

Dear Brethren:

Please accept greetings from the department of foreign missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, whose home office is in Nashville, Tennessee. On behalf of our entire foreign mission family, we would like to extend greetings to ministers, delegates, visitors and friends of your state association.

All of us are keenly conscious that the task of evangelizing the world is a stupendous one. It is a task that cannot be accomplished by one church. Neither can it be accomplished by any group of churches. We can only carry out the command of Christ in reaching the lost in the regions beyond through a united effort.

With our different states working together in prayer, in support and in the providing of personnel, surely we will be bet-

ter equipped to carry out the last command of our Lord. We believe that your state association is an important link in this chain that encircles the globe. We are grateful indeed for the contributions that you have made to the cause of foreign missions. We are also grateful for the fellowship that we have enjoyed with the people in your state through correspondence and personal contact. This is also true with our missionaries on the field, and each of them are grateful for the letters that they have received from the different people in your state.

Through the co-operative effort of our people connected with the National Association of Free Will Baptists and some who are not even connected, we are able to report to you at this time that Free Will Baptists have the following on foreign fields:

Number of American Missionaries, Including Children	47
Number of National Workers on All Fields, Including Children	130
Number of Churches on All Foreign Fields	55
Number of Preaching Points	81
Total Membership of Churches on Foreign Fields	4,500

We have Free Will Baptist workers in six different foreign fields: Africa, Brazil, Cuba, India, Japan and Spain. We are also

hoping to open up a field in Korea in the not-too-distant future. We recognize the forces of Communism, Modernism, Materialism, and many other things today that are in conflict with the spread of the gospel. Yet we believe that it is imperative that we obey the last command of Christ when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This we are endeavoring to do, and we need your continued support in prayer and finance.

We are endeavoring to stay in touch with our constituency through our monthly Prayer and Praise Letter. We would be happy if you would double check the financial report that shows the amount that your state has given during the current year and the balance lacking to meet the suggested quota.

We are grateful indeed for the courtesy that you have shown to our itinerant workers and those who represent our particular phase of work.

May God bless you during this session as you convene together and may His precious Holy Spirit bless each of your hearts.

Very sincerely yours,
Raymond Riggs
General Director-Treasurer

TERMS OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Wilton H. Dail, secretary-treasurer; Bill Gardner, term expires 1961; Cecil Pressley, 1961; Leslie Ketron, 1960; Guy Culbertson, 1960; Mack Crowell, 1960.

Home mission board recommend Bill Gardner to be elected to serve on the home mission board for a period of two years, term expires 1961, to replace Brother Howard. Brother Cecil Pressley to be retained on board two years, term expires 1961.

VIRGINIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Dungannon Free Will Baptist Church
Dungannon, Virginia

June 18, 1959

Theme, "Thy Word Hath Quickeneth Me"
(Psalm 119:105)

Song Service Was Led by L. Sawyer

Theme Song, "Jesus Calls Us"

Morning Devotion, Sister Nola Jackson,
Theme, Matthew 28:19, "Go Ye Into
All the World and Teach the Gospel"

Welcome Address, Sister Kilgor

Response, Sister Nancy Crockett

Prayer, Rev. Sapp

President's Message, Sister Octavia Jones, 1
Corinthians 3:9, "Laborers Together
with God"

Special Music, Rev. Ben Powers

Ladies Trio of Norfolk

Message, Sister Eunice Edwards, Nashville,
Tenn.

Adjourn for Lunch

Evening Devotions, Rev. Sapp

Special Music, Rev. Ben Powers

Highlights from the African Mission Field,
Rev. Raymond Riggs

Workshop, Sister Eunice Edwards, Theme,
"How to Have a Better Auxiliary"

Reports from Committees
 Sister Edwards Showed Pictures of Her Trip
 to Alaska and Mexico.
 Closing Prayer, Lavelle Sawyer
 Closing Song, "God Be With You Till We
 Meet Again"

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Co-Labor to the W. N. A. C.	\$127.60
Foreign Missions	\$183.47
State Home Missions	\$30.42
National Home Missions	\$36.41
Home for Children	\$887.39
Value of Boxes to the Children's Home	\$140.00
Bible College	\$208.00
Japan Mission Station	\$337.75

Mrs. Octavia Jones, President

Mrs. Joe Haas, Secretary and Treasurer

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

We send Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Dungan-
 non Church, Dungannon, Virginia, June
 19, 20, 1959.

We send as delegates the following: Sis-
 ter Bertha Helbert, Sister Mildred Helbert,
 Sister W. R. Cross and Mr. and Mrs. M.
 C. Foran.

Our standing is as follows: Number of
 Churches, 16; membership, 794; Sunday
 schools, 14; membership, 998; auxiliaries,
 3; membership, 75; leagues, 6; membership,

145, ordained ministers, 35; licensed, none; deceased, 1; dismissed, 11; paid pastors, \$5,779.36; paid evangelists, \$996.67; paid home missions, \$574.33; paid to Home for Children, \$326.43; valuation of church property, \$122,000; enclosed for state fund, \$50.00.

Done by order of the John Wheeler Association while in regular session with Friendship Church No. 2, September 5, 6, 1958.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Walter Statzer, Hansonville, Va.

Rev. Dan Jackson, 112 Jacksons Lane, Bristol, Va.

Rev. D. K. Offield, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. Virginia Brannan, 1813 King Mill Pike, Bristol, Va.

Rev. E. F. Mitchell, Route 1, Holston, Va.

Rev. Louise Gilreath, Route 1, Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. Jennings Wilson, Route 3, Abingdon, Va.

Rev. Joe E. Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. H. R. Rouse, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. L. E. Powers, Route 2, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Edward D. Swartz, Route 2, Saltville, Va.

Rev. John Sherfey, Route 11, Kingsport, Tenn.

Rev. G. W. Slaughter, Route 11, Kingsport, Tenn.

Rev. Lula Henley, Lowland St., Abingdon, Va.

Rev. Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, Va.

Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page St., Bristol, Va.

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

Rev. W. A. Skeens

Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, Route 1, Bristol, Va.

Rev. W. G. Henley, Lowland St., Abingdon, Va.

Rev. E. A. Wagner, 148 Blountville Hwy., Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. W. A. Howington, Address Unknown

Rev. Thelma Combs, 8-12th St., Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. C. A. Hawks, Address Unknown

Rev. T. A. Ingram, Route 3, Abingdon, Va.

Rev. Cecil Clifton, Meadow View, Va.

Rev. Edd Pendergrass, Box 479, Route 1, Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. David N. Warren, P. O. Box 886, Bristol, Va.

Rev. L. S. Chapman, 1401 Texas Ave., Bristol, Va.

Rev. D. W. Jackson, Box 912, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Herbert Adams, Route 2, Abingdon, Va.

Rev. Homer Goodson, Route 4, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tenn.

Rev. H. M. Whittaker, Route 2, Bristol,
Va.

DECEASED

Rev. Charlie Roark, Box 102, Abingdon,
Va.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Dungannon Free Will Baptist Church, Dungannon, Virginia, June 19, 20, 1959.

We have chosen the following delegates to sit with you in your Godly work: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Sluss, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Bowman, W. J. Sweeney and Mr. and Mrs. Proctor Kennedy.

Our standing is as follows:

No. of quarterly meetings, 3; No. of churches, 47; membership, 3,958; No. of Sunday schools, 47; No. of youth leagues, 22; ordained ministers, 68; licentiates, 13; state fund enclosed, \$50.00.

Done by the order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Virginia, May 16, 1959.

We, the Southwest Virginia Association, do recommend the following request to this body:

1. To invite the National Association of Free Will Baptists to meet in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1961.

2. To assist in getting a free elementary correspondence Bible course. We also recommend Elder Billy Melvin to look into the possibility of such a course.

Elder Eugene Waddell, Moderator
Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

MINISTERS OF THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Elmer Parsons, Jonesville, Va.

Edgar Baltimore, Dryden, Va.

Silas B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.

Paul Pennington, Pennington Gap, Va.

L. H. Martain, Jonesville, Virginia

V. B. Thacker, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Melvin E. Moore, P. O. Box 426, Wise,
Va.

Kermit R. Moore, Box 413, Pound, Va.

Ray Gardner, Esserville, Va.

Hershel Ramey, Norton, Va.

Della Salyer, Route 1, Box 153-A, Norton,
Va.

David D. Powers, Norton, Va.

Palmer Blevins, Route 1, Box 153-A, Coe-
burn, Va.

Hobart Addington, Esserville, Va.

Jack Richmond, Wise, Va.

W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Hoy Tompkins, Pound, Va.

George N. Collins, Norton, Va.

Robert Dixon, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Perry W. Honeycutt, Dungannon, Va.

Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.

H. V. Johnston, Norton, Va.

P. H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.
J. W. Brannon, Route 11, Kingsport, Tenn.
Robert L. Ramey, 132 Pinehurst Drive,
Kingsport, Tenn.
S. M. McFalls, Coeburn, Va.
Wade H. Powers, Wise Va.
Bobby Laney, Coeburn, Va.
B. R. Powers, Wise, Va.
James Rose, Route 1, Box 193, Coeburn,
Va.
Billy A. Melvin, 1719 Dominion Avenue,
Norfolk 3, Va.
Joe R. Haas, 913 Burksdale Road, Norfolk,
Va.
W. H. Fentress, 1809 Bay View Boulevard,
Norfolk, Va.
Ivey J. Carter, 8702 Tidewater Drive, Nor-
folk, Va.
Fred A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verдум Avenue,
Norfolk, Va.
Eugene Waddell, 1616 Lansing Avenue,
Portsmouth, Va.
Charlie Sopp, 5210 Monument Avenue,
Richmond 26, Va.
J. B. Chism, Newport News, Va.

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of the
Free Will Baptists, when convened with
the Free Will Baptist Church at Dungan-
non, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday,
June 19, 20, 1959.

We send as delegates: Brother John Ste-
wart, Brother Albert Hall, Sister Viola Bev-

ins, Sister Sophia Darnell and Sister Della Greear, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you in your Godly deliberations.

The eighty-third annual session of the Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist Association met with the West View Free Will Baptist Church at Kingsport, Tennessee, May 8, 9, 1959, at 10:00 a. m. Letters were received from the following quarterly meetings. All letters were voted and passed:

Midway Quarterly Meeting, Clinch River Quarterly Meeting, Sunbright Quarterly Meeting, Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting, and the Ore Bank Quarterly Meeting.

Our standing is as follows: No. of quarterly meetings, 5; No. of churches, 32; No. of ministers, 49; No. of pastors, 27; membership, 1,237.

Report of treasurer: Balance in treasury from 1958 report, \$111.22; amount received from ministers, \$29.00; amount received from quarterly meetings, \$115.00; balance in treasury, \$255.22; amount sent for state association, \$50.00; balance in treasury, May 9, 1959; \$205.22.

A motion was made by Elder Tom Hall and seconded by Elder Bill Vaughn, that the association adjourn and stand adjourned until 1960. The motion carried.

The yearly association for 1960 will be held at the Dingus Memorial Church at

Dante, Virginia, May 8, 9, 1960, at 10:00 a. m.

The association was dismissed with prayer by Elder William Lane.

Done by Order of the Clinch Valley Free Will Baptist Association, this the ninth day of May, 1959.

Elder Walter Glover, Moderator

Elder Erritt T. Darnell, Assistant Mod.

Brother P. H. Duncan, Clerk

Sister Vonda Davis, Assistant Clerk

MINISTERS OF THE CLINCH VALLEY
ASSOCIATION

Elder W. H. Frazier, Duffield, Va.

Elder Wayland Owens, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.

Elder Willie Jennings, Route 4, Gate City,
Va.

Elder Pat Bishop, Duffield, Va.

Elder Roy Jenkins, Clinchport, Va.

Elder, W. E. Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Carson Bishop, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Elmer Barker, Dayton, Ohio

Elder William Lane, Hiltons, Va.

Elder Earnest Bowen, Duffield, Va.

Elder Oscar Ray Calhoun, Route 1, Gate
City, Va.

Elder Fred Lane, Route 1, Gate City, Va.

Elder George Rhoton, Route 4, Gate City,
Va.

Elder William Jones, Route 2, Gate City,
Va.

Elder Carl France, Route 1, Gate City, Va.
 Elder John Crawford, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Luther Collin, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Elder R. L. Anderson, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Elder J. C. Barnette, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder A. H. Dillard, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Frank Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Harold Hawkins, No Address Given
 Elder Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Lonnie Brown, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Bill Gardner, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Leonard Cross, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Lyons Smith, No Address Given
 Elder R. C. Hammonds, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Garland Hammonds, Kingsport,
 Tenn.
 Elder Virgil Lovegrove, No Address Given
 Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder James Castle, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Walter Glover, Dante, Va.
 Elder Harry Whitaker, Dante, Va.
 Elder J. T. Hartsock, Dante, Va.
 Elder Jeff Salyer, Route 1, Nickelsville, Va.
 Elder Emory Cook, Address Unknown
 Elder James A. Boatright, Route 1, Clinch-
 port, Va.
 Elder Eritt T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.

Elder A. F. Puckett, Fort Blackmore, Va.
Elder Walter Darnell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder Fred Lane, Gate City, Va.
Elder Luther Lane, Route 1, Clinchport,
Va.
Elder Lawnial Salling, Gate City, Va.
Elder Earnest Carter, Gate City, Va.
Elder Earl G. Austin, Route 3, Johnson
City, Tenn.
Elder Selman Bowen, Route 8, Kingsport,
Tenn.
Elder Doyle Collier, Route 8, Kingsport,
Tenn.
Elder Gordon Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder C. J. Flanary, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Roy E. Jennings, Gate City, Va.
Elder B. D. Proffitt, Indian Springs, Tenn.
Elder Edward Ray, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Roy Sampson, Route 8, Kingsport,
Tenn.
Elder George Willis, Weber City, Va.
Elder Manse Leonard, Route 1, Blountville,
Tenn.
Elder Johnnie Hooker, Route 1, Blount-
ville, Tenn.
Elder Charlie Jennings, Route 4, Gate City,
Va.
Elder Rufus Hood, Route 1, Duffield, Va.

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with the church at Dungannon, Virginia, June 19, 20, 1959.

We send as delegates the following: Sis-

ters Bertha Helton, Dillie James, Edith James, Bertha Ray, Hazel Dye, Maymie Howard and Brother and Sister Kinzer Compton.

Our standing is as follows: Conferences, 3; churches, 16; membership, 895; ordained ministers, 42; licentiates, 5; valuation of church property, \$30,895.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association.

Rev. Earl James, Moderator
Gladys Compton, Clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF SANDY VALLEY
ASSOCIATION

Earl James, Venia, Va.

Estil Sanders, Drill, Va.

Ervin Penley, Drill, Va.

Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.

W. M. Boyd, Prater, Va.

Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.

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

Mary Martin, Address Unknown

Elmer Hess, Drill, Va.

Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

R. E. Helton, 1108 Hartford Ave., Canton, Ohio

Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.

A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Dewey Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.

Bert Dye, Lynn Springs, Va.

Kyle Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.

Holland Miller, Gate City, Va.

Leferna Honaker, Putnam, Va.
Simpson Perkins, Honaker, Va.
Hassie Boyd, Bristol, Va.
Leo Taylor, Honaker, Va.
H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.
Aaron Justic, Honaker, Va.
Howard Bostic, Dye, Va.
Truell Brown, Lynn Springs, Va.
Kyle Hubbard, Honaker, Va.
Allen Stevens, Jewell Ridge, Va.
James Blott, Jewell Ridge, Va.
Lawrence Smith, Richlands, Va.
Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.
Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.
Earnest Lynn, Bandy, Va.
Harvey Sargent Jr., Amonate, Va.
Henry Roberts, Richlands, Va.
Martha Church, Bluefield, Va.
Arnold Simpkins, Bruno, W. Va.
Elmer Hankins, Route 1, N. Tazewell, Va.
Paul Wingo, Route 1, Dade City, Fla.
Walter Reedy, Route 1, N. Tazewell, Va.
H. V. Harman, Route 1, N. Tazewell, Va.
H. A. Hess, 138 Cherry St., Marion, Va.

LICENTIATES

Monnie Johnson, Dayton, Ohio
Cecil Mullins, Jewell Ridge, Va.
James Griffith, Richlands, Va.
Jimmie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Olen Cassell, Ceres, Va.

Motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn for one year until we

meet with the Fairmount Park Church,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Joe
Haas.

We, the delegates of the represented as-
sociations and visiting brothers and sisters,
offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to
the people of the Dungannon Church, 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

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 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 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.

