

MINUTES
of the
VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Twenty-second session held with the
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk,
Virginia, June 17, 18, 1960

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The next session will convene with the Ore Bank Free Will Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1961. The opening time 10:00 a. m., E.S.T.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. Ralph Flannary, Dungan-
non, Va.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Earl Austin,
Route 3, Johnson City, Tenn.

Treasurer—Rev. J. B. Chism, Newport
News, Va.

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

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

Rev. H. E. Creech, Norfolk, Va.

HOME MISSIONS

Wilton H. Dale, 3322 Lens Avenue, Nor-
folk, Va.

Rev. Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.

Guy Culbertson, Route 2, Gate City, Va.

Billy Walker

Rev. Dan Jackson, 20 Jackson Lane, Bristol,
Va.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin St., Nor-
folk 13, Va.

SUPERANNUATION

Rev. L. M. Salyers, Route 1, Box 695, Nor-
ton, Va.

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

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

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

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

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

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twenty-second annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, June 17, 18, 1960.

The session opened with the singing of the song, "What a Fellowship." Scripture reading, 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Prayer was offered by Rev. Earl Austin.

Rev. Eugene Waddell, moderator, presided during this session.

Rev. Fred Rivenbark, pastor of the Fairmount Park Church, gave the welcome address.

Executive board committees, pro tem, were elected in the absence of the regular committee.

Rev. Earl Austin, Rev. Ralph Flannery and Brother W. H. Dale served on this committee, pro tem.

The last minute was read, and approved as read, by vote of the body.

Letters from the various associations were read and approved as read.

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Rev. Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.

Rev. Ralph Flannery, Dungannon, Va.

Rev. Earl Austin, Route 3, Johnson City,
Tenn.

Rev. J. B. Chism, Newport News, Va.

Rev. W. H. Fentress, 1809 Bay View Boule-
vard, Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin St.,
Norfolk 13, Va.

Rev. Joe Haas, Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Billy Melvin, 3801 Richland Avenue,
Nashville 5, Tenn.

Rev. Earl Cole, Jewel Valley, Va.

Rev. Kenneth M. Skeens, Richlands, Va.

Rev. Lawrence Smith, Richlands, Va.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Richmond, Va.

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

Rev. Billy Walker

Rev. Eugene Waddell

Rev. Dean Belvin Boyd, 905 Mason Creek
Road, Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verdum
Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Herman Hersey, Raleigh, N. C.

Rev. Henry Van Kluyve, Davis, N. C.

Rev. Leroy Forlines, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. D. H. Whaley, Anchorage, Alaska.

DEACONS REGISTERED

Frank Parrisher, Newport News, Va.

Henry Eubanks, Newport News, Va.

H. A. Filyau, Norfolk, Va.

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

W. H. Dale, 3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk,
Va.

Ralph Lineberry, Norfolk, Va.

Guy Culbertson, Route 2, Gate City, Va.

Eugene Wampler

DELEGATES

Mrs. Earl Austin, Route 3, Johnson City,
Tenn.

Mrs. Guy Culbertson, Route 2, Gate City,
Va.

Lester Whitmore, Fort Blackmore, Va.

M. C. Foran, Bristol, Va.

Sherrill Foran, 321 Boone St., Bristol, Va.

Mrs. Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.

Inez Smith

Mrs. Octavia Jones

Dora Lee Alicia

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

Motion was made and carried that this
conference adjourn for eleven o'clock preach-
ing service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK PREACHING SERVICE

Opened by singing, "O How Sweet to
Trust in Jesus." Rev. Bill Gardner brought
the message, reading from the 6th chapter
of First Corinthians. Closing song, "Must
Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Closing pray-
er by Rev. Gardner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with the singing of the song, "More About Jesus." Prayer by Rev. Billy Melvin. Scripture reading, 4th chapter of Ephesians, was read by the clerk. The moderator, Rev. Eugene Waddell, then took charge of the business session.

Report on the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. Leroy Forlines. This report was received by vote of the body.

Report from the foreign mission board and executive department was given by Rev. Billy Melvin. This report was received by vote.

The home missions treasurer's report was made by W. H. Dale. This report was received as read by vote of the body.

The report of the national home mission board was read by Rev. F. A. Rivenbark. Motion was carried that this report be received as read.

The reports of the executive board were made by Rev. Earl Austin.

All these reports will be found elsewhere in the minute.

Association letters were received and approved as read:

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.

Tazewell County Conference: Letter and delegates with \$10.00 for state fund.

Yost's Chapel: Letter and delegate with \$5.00 for state fund.

The clerk was authorized by the conference to send Rev. H. L. Moulton a convalescence card, as he is indisposed by a heart ailment.

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

Closing prayer by Rev. D. H. Whaley.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened by singing the song, "Blessed Assurance." Rev. Ralph Flannary brought the message, reading Matthew 28:18-20. Closing prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Began by singing the song, "Jesus, Jesus." For Scripture reading, Psalm 1 was read by the clerk. Prayer was made by Rev. W. H. Fentress.

The moderator, Rev. Eugene Waddell, then took charge of the business session,

introducing Sister Octavia Jones, who read the report of the ladies' auxiliary. The report was received as read by the body.

The treasurer's report was read by the treasurer, Rev. Joe Haas. This report was also received as read.

Report from the Children's Home was read by the clerk. This report was received as read.

A letter written by the moderator to Brother H. G. Burgess, superintendent of the Children's Home, was read before the body and approved as read.

The superannuation treasurer's report was read by Sister Della Salyer. This report was received as read.

It was agreed that each association be informed of the amount of their quota they are to give to finance the National Association when it convenes at Norfolk in 1961. This was agreed and passed on.

Motion was made and carried that five persons be chosen for the steering committee for the National Association to be held in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1961.

It was agreed and passed on that the moderator be empowered to recruit any of our state members for delegates to the National that are privileged to be there.

Prayer was offered on the behalf of the

Powers family and their son, who is a pilot and prisoner behind the iron curtain.

A collection in the sum of \$53.00 was taken for the Children's Home.

Finance reports the sum of \$215.00 at this session.

Motion was made and carried that the following be paid out:

\$20.00 to the mission work in Alaska.

\$20.00 to the Bible College.

\$20.00 to the home missions.

\$20.00 to the executive department.

\$20.00 to foreign missions.

TERMS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. S. M. McFall's term expires 1961;

Rev. E. T. Darnell's term expires 1962;

Rev. H. C. Creech's term expires 1963.

ELECTIONS

Moderator, Rev. Ralph Flannary, Dugannon, Va.

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Earl Austin, Route 3, Johnson City, Tenn.

Treasurer, Rev. J. B. Chism, Newport News, Va.

League Field Worker, Leslie G. Ketron, Route 5, Herald, Va.

Superannuation Treasurer, Rev. L. M. Salyer, Route 1, Norton, Va.

Foreign Mission Treasurer, Rev. Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin St., Norfolk, Va.

Home Mission Board, W. H. Dale (chairman), 3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.; Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.; Guy Culbertson, Route 2, Gate City, Va.; Rev. Billy Walker; Rev. Dan Jackson, 20 Jackson Lane, Bristol, Va.

Executive Board, Rev. H. E. Creech, Norfolk, Va.

A rising vote of thanks was made in honor of the moderator and the passing officers.

Also a rising vote of thanks was extended to the people of Fairmount Park Church.

Reports are as follows:

SUPERANNUATION TREASURER

June, 1959, to June, 1960

Cash on Hand	\$229.48	
Received	619.06	
Total to Account For		\$848.54
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Rev. Ben Powers	\$120.00	
Rev. Rhea Gardner	120.00	
Rev. Aaron Justice	120.00	
Rev. Wythe White	30.00	
Clerk and Auditor	25.00	
Total Paid Out		415.00
Balance		\$433.54

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. L. M. Salyer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward for 1959 \$111.27

Receipts

Clinch Valley	100.00
John Wheeler	50.00

Southwest	50.00	
Amount to Be Accounted For		\$311.27
<i>Paid Out</i>		
Mrs. M. C. Foram	\$ 15.00	
Rev. R. Eugene Waddell	15.00	
Rev. Joe R. Haas	15.00	
Free Will Baptist Press for Minutes ...	143.00	
Total Paid Out		188.00
Balance on Hand June 19, 1960		\$123.27

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS TREASURER

This has been a year of transition for your foreign missions treasurer. In November of last year, I moved from the state to assume the position of executive secretary of the National Association. Since that time, I have continued to serve in this capacity, but some churches chose to send their money direct, while others perhaps chose to do nothing.

Once again, this year, I would like to make the observation that we must enlist more of our churches in regular systematic giving if we are to increase our missionary giving. If each person present for this state association would help in this effort, I believe that some progress could be made.

In this last report, I would like to express my appreciation to all who have co-operated to increase our missionary giving. Several of our churches, especially in southwest Virginia, have become regular supporters in

the last five years. I pray that there will be many more.

I give below an account of the money which was handled by your state treasurer. This does not include the money sent direct to the foreign missions office in Nashville, or the money which was sent through the co-operative program.

First Church, Bristol, Va.	\$ 745.00
First Church, Newport News, Va.	530.96
Oak Grove S. S.	90.00
Esserville S. S.	15.00
Little Creek, Norfolk, Va.	78.00
Calvary Church, Big Stone Gap	10.00
Indian Creek, Pound, Va.	16.00
Stallard Memorial S. S., Coeburn	13.33
Total	\$1,498.29

Billy A. Melvin

VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

3322 Lens Avenue

Norfolk, Virginia

Wilton H. Dale, Secretary-Treasurer

Annual Report

Brought Forward \$1,958.10

Receipts

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Capps	\$ 35.00
Meades Chapel, Herald, Va.	10.00
West Bristol	15.00
Fairmount Park Church	4.95
Warwick	43.54
Warwick Auxiliary	6.56
Fairmount Park (Promotional)	300.00
Little Creek	15.00
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting	100.00
Fairmount Park (Superannuation) ..	87.00
Mr. Guy Culbertson	20.00
Calvary	2.50

Sale of Books	85.00
Tacoma	10.00
Rev. Cecil Pressley	20.00
Richmond Auxiliary	8.00
First, Portsmouth, Va.	7.00
Hyde Park	9.00
Pippins Chapel	2.00
Beech Grove	3.00
Addison Chapel	3.00
Bethany, Norfolk, Va.	28.30

Total Receipts	815.35
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Total to Account For	\$2,773.45
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Expenditures

Princess Anne (Earmarked)	\$ 10.00
Dungannon	300.00
Travel	15.00
Books	114.37
Film	24.55
Beech Grove	100.00
Little Creek	77.71
Stallard Memorial	150.00
Davis Chapel	150.00
Chorus Books	25.00
Little Creek (Promotional)	30.00
Promotional Work	150.00
Rev. Billy Walker (Mission Work)	75.00

Total Expenditures	1,221.63
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Balance on Hand	\$1,551.82
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BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS REPORT

June 4, 1960

Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark
3301 Verdun Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Brother Rivenbark:

I notice that for the first five months of this year our offerings are off about 10%, and this in the light of the fact that more

missionaries are on our fields than ever before, and more are waiting to go than ever before.

Please speak on our behalf at every opportunity and represent us at all the meetings you possibly can. Talk national home missions wherever you go. We are the only agency in the denomination with the responsibility of beginning new churches in the areas where there are no Free Will Baptist churches, and we are the only agency sending missionaries into Alaska, Hawaii, Old Mexico, Canada, New England, and the other fields such as Washington, D. C., and among the foreign speaking people of the United States.

You may have funds on hand which you could send for national home missions now. If so please send what you can this month so it can be reported at the national meeting in California. I trust to see you at the National—be sure to visit our booth. We will have something different this year!

I think one of the best ways to promote missions is through a missionary conference. Why not plan such a meeting in your state this year? I shall be happy to furnish you materials and speakers. I find this to be one of the best ways to get missionary support.

Notice the enclosed report to see how your state is doing this year. I would like

to see every state meet their quota in 1960. This can be done. We are asking for so little, only about 17% of the national budget.

Brother, we must do more for national home missions, and get more churches started in this country, or the rest of our work will soon be at a standstill. We must have more local churches to support the other causes. In all the new fields where we have started work, you will notice the churches support the entire program.

You, as our state director, have helped us so much and we are still depending on you to help the local preacher in your state to see the need of getting his church to send regular offerings for National Home Missions. The local pastor is the key.

Cordially,
Homer E. Willis,
Director

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Roman Catholic church officially promotes the union of church and state;

And whereas the countries in which the Roman Catholic church is predominant have great political strife;

And whereas religious liberty is and has always been opposed by the Roman Catholic church;

And whereas the Roman Catholic church does not recognize the freedom of the individual's conscience;

Therefore, be it resolved that we strongly oppose the election of any Roman Catholic for president;

Furthermore be it resolved that we request the National Association of Free Will Baptists to adopt a resolution expressing our united opposition to the election of a Roman Catholic as president.

We further recommend and strongly urge all our people who are qualified to prepare themselves and to vote in the forth coming presidential election.

(This resolution was unanimously passed.)

STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

The Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened on Thursday, June 16, 1960, with six state officers, 10 delegates, 10 ministers and 62 visitors present. The theme for the convention was, "One World, One Message, One Saviour." Our hearts were challenged deeply by the timely missionary message by Mrs. Eunice Edwards from Nashville, Tennessee.

Reports from the Southwest and Tidewater area throughout the past year proved that the ladies were attempting to do much

work in the name of the Lord. Over \$600 was given for foreign missions from the Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary. That was not including the missionary giving from the youth which included over \$300 for missions.

New state officers were elected for the coming year and they truly need our prayers as they strive to lead women of the state of Virginia into a deeper walk with Christ.

In Christ,

Mrs. Joe Haas

Secretary of the State Woman's Auxiliary

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We recommend that the next Virginia State Conference of Free Will Baptists convene with the Ore Bank Church, Kingsport, Tennessee.

By vote of the conference the next Association will convene with the Ore Bank Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1961.

Motion was carried that this conference stand adjourned for one year.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The message was brought by Rev. W. H. Whaley, a missionary to Alaska. He expressed many interesting facts about their

work in Anchorage, Alaska. Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Whaley.

Moderator, Rev. Eugene Waddell

Clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran

Statistical Reports of the Associations

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, June 17, 18, 1960.

We have chosen the following delegates to sit with you in your Godly work: Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. Octavia Jones, Mrs. Jackie Culbertson.

Our standing is as follows: Number of quarterly meetings, 3; number of churches, 48; membership, 3,985; members received, 370; number of missions, 3; membership, 106; number of Sunday schools, 48; number of Sunday schools, 48; number of youth leagues, 26; ordained ministers, 86; licentiates, 9; minute fun enclosed, \$50.00.

Done by the order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Beech Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, May 14, 1960.

Elder Ralph Flannary, Moderator
Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

REPORTING MINISTERS OF THE SOUTHWEST
VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Hobart Addington, Wise, Virginia

C. B. Addison, Route 1, Wise, Virginia

H. W. Ashworth, 203 Pinehurst Drive,
Kingsport, Tennessee

Burlie Berry, Route 2, Pound, Virginia

Palmer Blevins, Route 1, Coeburn, Virginia

J. W. Brannon, Route 11, Kingsport, Tennessee

Paul Butler, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia

J. B. Chism Jr., Newport News, Virginia

George Collins, Norton, Virginia

Jesse R. Cowan, Dunbar, Virginia

S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Virginia

Ribert Dixon, Route 1, Box 147, Big Stone
Gap, Virginia

Ralph Flannary, Box 206, Dungannon,
Virginia

W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Ray Gardener, Esserville, Virginia

Harley Greene, Route 2, Box 91, Wise,
Virginia

W. A. Hales, 5218 Monument Avenue,
Richmond 26, Virginia

Clarence Johnson, Dione, Kentucky

H. V. Johnston, Norton, Virginia

J. D. Kilgore, Tacoma, Virginia

James Harold Kilgore, Esserville, Virginia

Bobby Laney, Bondtown, Virginia

L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Virginia

S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Virginia

Melvin E. Moore, P. O. Box 426, Wise,
Virginia
Paul Pennington, Pennington Gap, Virginia
B. R. Powers, Wise, Virginia
David D. Powers, 1003 Kentucky Avenue,
Norton, Virginia
Wade H. Powers, Wise, Virginia
H. E. Ramey, 310 Popular Street, Norton,
Virginia
Jim Ramey, 242 12th Street, Norton,
Virginia
Robert L. Ramey, 1412 Osland Drive,
Kingsport, Tennessee
Fred A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verdun Avenue,
Norfolk, Virginia
James Rose, Coeburn, Virginia
Della Salyer, Route 1, Box 659, Norton,
Virginia
Gale Scott, Route 1, Big Stone Gap, Vir-
ginia
Eddie Sturgill, Box 705, Indian Creek,
Jenkins, Kentucky
W. B. Thacker, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
Hoy Tompkins, Pound, Virginia
Eugene Waddell, 603 Garner Road, Gar-
ner, North Carolina
Billy B. Walker, Princess Anne Co., Oceana,
Virginia
Wythe White, Herald, Virginia

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Associa-
tion of Free Will Baptists when convened

with Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, June 17, 18, 1960.

We send as delegates: Brother and Sister M. C. Foran and Brother Sherrill Foran.

Our standing is as follows: Number of churches, 15; church membership, 833; Sunday schools, 15; number Sunday school pupils, 977; auxiliaries, 3; ordained ministers, 29; licentiates, 1; deceased, 4; dismissed, 14; paid to home missions, \$502.17; paid to orphanage, \$402.50; paid pastors, \$4,788.51; paid evangelists, \$1,177.76; enclosed for finance, \$50.00.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION
Rev. H. M. Whittaker, Route 2, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tenn.

Rev. W. G. Henley, 264 Lowland Street, Abingdon, Va.

Rev. L. F. Henley, 264 Lowland Street, Abingdon, Va.

Rev. E. A. Wagner, 146 Lee Highway, Bristol, Tenn.

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

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

Rev. A. L. Pope, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. Jennings Wilson, Route 2, Saltville, Va.

Rev. Virginia Brannan, 1318 King Mill Pike, Bristol, Va.

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

Rev. Dan Jackson, 20 Jackson Lane, Bristol, Va.

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

Rev. W. A. Skeens, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn.

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

Rev. Cecil Clifton, Glade Springs, Va.

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

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

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

Rev. D. W. Jackson, 215 Spurgeon Lane, Bristol, Va.

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

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

Rev. Herbert Adams, Route 4, Bristol, Va.

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

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

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

Rev. Walter Statzer, Hansonville, Va.

Rev. John Sherfey, Dixie Street, Bristol, Va.

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

LICENTIATES

Rev. Frazier Boothe, Route 2, Saltville, Va.

DECEASED

Rev. Albert Prator, Rev. Charlie Roark,

Rev. Herbert Rouse and Rev. Elbert F. Mitchell.

Done by order of the John Wheeler Association of Free Will Baptists this September 4, 5, 1959, while assembled in regular session with the Rooty Branch Church, Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee.

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Fairmont Park Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1960.

We send as delegates our beloved sisters: Mrs. Maxie Culbertson, Mrs. Sophie Darnell, Mrs. John Smith Jr., Mrs. Bill Vaughn and Brother Lester Whitmore.

Alternates: Mrs. Harley Brown, Mrs. Earl Austin, Mrs. Walter Glover, Mrs. Jack Churchwell and Mrs. Tom Meade, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, good; number of churches, 32; church membership, 1,342; number of Sunday schools, 24; youth leagues, 5; prayer meetings, 13; women auxiliaries, 3; membership, 57; Sunday school enrollment, 1,077; number of ordained ministers, 66; paid pastors, \$10,855.29; for evangelistic work, \$1,357.40; for building and repairs, \$21,620.94; literature, \$679.25;

charity, \$1,092.88; miscellaneous expenditures, \$3,267.28; foreign missions, \$68.08; home for children, \$1,895.99; home missions, \$45.25; enclosed for minutes, \$50.00.

Done by order of the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Dingus Memorial Church, Dante, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1960.

Elder Bill Vaughan, *Moderator*
Floyd Storms, *Clerk (pro tem)*

MINISTERS BELONGING TO ASSOCIATION

Elder Walter H. Glover, Dante, Va. .

Elder Harry Whittaker, Dante, Va.

Elder Emory Cooke, Dante, Va.

Elder J. T. Hartsock, Dante, Va.

Elder Jeff Salyers, Nicklesville, Va.

Elder Earl G. Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Selman Bowen, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Gordon Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder C. J. Flannary, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder B. D. Proffitt, Indian Springs, Tenn.

Elder Roy E. Jennings, Weber City, Va.

Elder Edward Ray, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder George Willis, Weber City, Va.

Elder Manse Leanord, Blountville, Tenn.

Elder Johnny Hooker, Blountville, Tenn.

Elder Rufus Hood, Clinchsport, Va.

Elder James Welch, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder Sam Welch, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder Doyle, Collier, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Oscar Calhoun, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Fred Lane, Gate City, Va.
 Elder George Rhoton, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Pat Bishop, Duffield, Va.
 Elder Wayland 'Owens, Clinchsport, Va.
 Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchsport, Va.
 Elder W. E. Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Robert Ramey, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder William Jones, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Willie Jennings, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Carl France, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Roy Jenkins, Clinchsport, Va.
 Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Elmer Barker, 133 High St., Dayton,
 Ohio
 Elder W. H. Fraysier, Duffield, Va.
 Elder Luther Collier, Orton, Va.
 Elder Ernest Bowen, Duffield, Va.
 Elder R. L. Anderson, Orton, Va.
 Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchsport, Va.
 Elder Walter Brickey, Clinchsport, Va.
 Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.
 Elder Walker Darnell, Dungannon, Va.
 Elder Luther Lane, Clinchsport, Va.
 Elder Erritt T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 Elder Ernest Carter, Gate City, Va.
 Elder A. F. Puckett, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 Elder Lawnial Salling, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Bill Gardner, Fall Branch, Tenn.
 Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder F. M. McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder J. C. Barnett, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Frank Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Virgil Lovegrove, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Garland Hammonds, Churchill, Tenn.
Elder Leanord Cross, Ellicott City, Md.
Elder R. C. Hammonds, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Ed Harless, Richmond, Va.
Elder Lonnie Brown, Nicklesville, Va.
Elder Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Lyons Smith, Churchill, Tenn.
Elder Harley Brown, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Clifford Ford, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Harold Hawkins, Kingsport, Tenn.

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, June 17, 18, 1960.

We have chosen as delegates: Sister Cecil Pressley, Sister Bertha Helton, Sister Georgia Skeens, Sister P. E. Pressley, Sister Dillie James and Brother and Sister Junior Ball. These we pray may sit with you in your Godly work.

Our standing is as follows: Number of quarterly meetings, 4; number of churches, 18; membership, 478.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION

Earl James, Route 2, Honaker, Virginia
Estil Sanders, Drill, Virginia

Ervin Penley, Drill, Virginia

Orville O'Quinn, Box 286, Honaker, Virginia

W. M. Boyd, Prater, Virginia

Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Virginia

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

Aaron Justice, Honaker, Virginia

H. D. Hess, Honaker, Virginia

Leo Taylor, Honaker, Virginia

Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia

A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia

Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia

Kyle Brown, Swords Creek, Virginia

Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Virginia

Dewey Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia

Holland Miller, Gate City, Virginia

Lafem Honaker, Council, Virginia

Lawrence Smith, Richlands, Virginia

Henry Roberts, Richlands, Virginia

Kenneth Skeens, Richlands, Virginia

Renia Hale, Richlands, Virginia

Emory E. Edwards, Richlands, Virginia

J. H. Sargent, Amonate, Virginia

Paul Wingo, Richlands, Virginia

Oliver Osborn, Richlands, Virginia

James Griffith, Richlands, Virginia

B. B. Snead, Saltville, Virginia

Martha Church, Route 2, Bluefield, Virginia

Olen M. Cassell, Ceres, Virginia

Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Virginia

Walter L. Reedy, Route 1, North Tazewell,
Virginia

Allen Stevens, 139 Cheery St., Marion, Vir-
ginia

James Blott, Cedar Bluff, Virginia

H. A. Hess, 139 Cheery St., Marion, Vir-
ginia

Hassell Boyd, Route 1, Bristol, Tennessee

James A. Broskie, 434 Pearl Ave., Marion,
Virginia

Dewey Moser, Sugar Grove, Virginia

J. W. Defrice, Route 1, Marion, Virginia

James Moore, Anderson St., Bristol, Virginia

Palmer Greybeal, Abingdon, Virginia

LICENTIATES

Raymond Hess Jr., Carter St., Bristol, Vir-
ginia

Edward Dye, Jewell Valley, Virginia

Kyle Denton Honaker, Honaker, Virginia

Earl Cole, Whitewood, Virginia

George Barrett, Route 1, North Tazewell,
Virginia

Cecil Mullins, Whitewood, Virginia

James Dye, Jewell Ridge, Virginia

Valuation of church property, \$52,000.00;
enclosed for state minutes fund, \$50.00.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley As-
sociation of Free Will Baptists while in
regular session with the Russell Fork
Church, August 21, 1959.

Rev. Cecil Pressley, Moderator

Rev. Earl James, Assistant Moderator
Sister Rutha Hess, Assistant Clerk

TAZEWELL COUNTY CONFERENCE

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with the Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, June 17, 18, 1960.

We send as delegates the following sisters: Inez Smith and Dora Lee Alicia.

State of religion, good; enclosed, \$10.00; number of churches, 7; members, 241.

Done by order of the Tazewell County Conference.

Rev. Lawrence Smith, Moderator
Crockett Harmon, Clerk

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS CONFERENCE

Kenneth M. Skeens, Richlands, Virginia
Lawrence Smith, Richlands, Virginia
Earl Cole, Whitewood, Virginia
George Barrett, North Tazewell, Virginia
Cecil Ramey, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
J. H. Sargent, Amonate, Virginia
Mrs. Martha Church, Route 2, Bluefield,
Virginia
Olen M. Cassell, Ceres, Virginia
B. B. Sincad, Saltville, Virginia
Paul Wingo, Richlands, Virginia
Henry Roberts, Richlands, Virginia
Warner Dye, Bluefield, Virginia

W. L. Reedy, North Tazewell, Virginia
Earnest Lynn, Bandy, Virginia
Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Virginia
W. J. Boothe Sr., North Tazewell, Virginia

CLERKS

Zelma Brewster, Bandy, Virginia
Dossie Reedy, Richlands, Virginia
Betty Dye, Bluefield, Virginia
Mrs. Olen Cassell, Ceres, Virginia
June Duty, Amonate, Virginia
Mary Ellen Hankins, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Mrs. Kenneth Skeens, Richlands, Virginia

DEACONS

Robert Brewster, Bandy, Virginia
W. H. Tabor, Cedar Bluff, Va.
Hugh Hankins, Honaker, Virginia
Sidney Skeens, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Bill Duty, Amonate, Virginia
Arthur Earls, Amonate, Virginia
Thomas Olinger, Amonate, Virginia
Landon Sayers, Tazewell, Virginia
Thomas Ratcliffe, Tazewell, Virginia
Tommy Church, Tazewell, Virginia
Mathias Wingo, Richlands, Virginia
Harmon Gilbert, Richlands, Virginia
J. O. Shell, Bozo, West Virginia
Woodrow Grindstaff, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Edd Hankins, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Crockett Harman, Cedar Bluff, Virginia

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 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 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 pre-

sent 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.

