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MINUTES
of the
VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Twenty-third session held with the
Ore Bank Church, Kingsport, Ten-
nessee, June 16, 17, 1961

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ORE BANK CHURCH
Kingsport, Tennessee
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The next session will be held with the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bristol, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1962. The opening time 10:00 a. m., Eastern Standard Time.

GENERAL OFFICERS

- ✓ Moderator—Elder Earl Austin, Route 3,
Johnson City, Tenn.
- Assistant Moderator—Elder Tom Hall,
Kingsport, Tenn.
- Treasurer—Elder J. B. Chism, Newport
News, Va.
- ✓ Clerk—Mrs. M. C. Foran, 321 Boone St.,
Bristol, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Elder E. T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.
- ✓ W. H. Dail, 3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk,
Va.
- Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

HOME MISSIONS

- Wilton H. Dail, Treasurer and Chairman,
3322 Lens Ave., Norfolk, Va.
- ✓ Elder Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.
- ✓ Guy Culbertson, 1225 Holyoke St., Kings-
port, Tenn.
- Elder H. E. Ramey
- ✓ Elder Dan Jackson, 20 Jackson Lane, Bris-
tol, Va.

FOREIGN MISSION

- Elder Raymond Riggs, State Foreign Mis-
sion Director, 4624 Larkin St., Norfolk
13, Va.

SUPERANNUATION

- ✓ Elder L. M. Salyers, Route 1, Box 695,
Norton, Va., Chairman
- ✓ E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.
- ✓ Elder H. V. Johnston, Route 2, Norton,
Va.
- ✓ Elder S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

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

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twenty-third annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Ore Bank Free Will Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn., June 16, 17, 1961.

The session opened with the singing of the song, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus." Scripture reading, Psalm 39, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Prayer was offered by Elder J. W. Chesnutt.

Elder Ralph Flannary, moderator, presided during this session.

Elder Earl Austin, pastor of the church, gave the welcome address.

The minutes of last year's meeting were read by the clerk, and approved as read.

Executive board committee serving was Elder Bill Vaughn, Elder Eritt T. Darnell, and W. H. Dail.

Letters from the various associations were read by the clerk, and approved as read.

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Elder Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.
Elder Earl Austin, Route 3, Johnson City,
Tenn.

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

Elder Dan Jackson, 20 Jackson Lane, Bris-
tol, Va.

Elder James Casell, Dungannon, Va.

Elder Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin St.,
Norfolk, Va.

Elder J. B. Chism, 618 N. Hudson Terrace,
Newport News, Va.

Elder J. A. Branch, Norfolk, Va.

Elder Max Allbritten, 913 Burksdale Road,
Norfolk 3, Va.

Elder John Smith, Kingsport, Tenn. .

Elder Kenneth M. Skeens, 414 Fairfax
Avenue, Richlands, Va.

Elder W. C. Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Walter Glover, Dante, Va.

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

Elder Sam Welch, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder Eritt T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Elder W. H. Fentress, 1809 Bay View Ave-
nue, Norfolk, Va.

Elder Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tenn.

Elder Eugene Newman, Address Unknown

Elder Joe Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.

✓ Elder Henry Roberts, 303 Center Street,
Richlands, Va.

Elder F. C. Sizemore, Richlands, Va.

Elder Roy Sampson, Route 8, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder C. F. Sprinkle, Route 1, Bristol, Vt.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder E. B. McDonald, 3606 West End
Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Elder Ralph Staten, North Belmont, N. C.

✓ Elder Roy Rikard, Cramerton, N. C.

DEACONS REGISTERED

W. H. Dail, Fairmount Park Church, Nor-
folk, Va.

M. C. Foran, Shiloh Church, Bristol, Va.

Pat Duncan, Ore Bank Church, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Orban Lane, Fort Blackmore Church, Fort
Blackmore, Va.

E. H. Cox, Sabers Chapel

Ralph McCamey

Guy Culbertson

Floyd Starnes, Fort Blackmore, Va.

James Myers, Kingsport, Tenn.

Isaac Blaylock, Shiloh Church, Bristol, Va.

DELEGATES ENROLLED

John Wheeler Association: Mrs. Margie
Rhywer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hangar.

Clinch Valley Association: Jessie L. Rogers
and Sophia Darnell.

Southwest Virginia Association: Mrs. Mattie Richmond and John Stewart.

Motion was made and carried that a credentials committee be appointed by the moderator. Brother W. H. Dail, Brother Tom Hall, and Brother Earl Austin were appointed.

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

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Began by singing, "This Is ~~My Story~~"
Prayer was offered by Elder Walter Glover.

Two special numbers by the young people of the Ore Bank Church were sung and enjoyed by all.

Elder J. A. Branch brought the message, reading from Ephesians 1:1-12. Closing song, "Amazing Grace."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing the song, "He Lives." Scripture lesson, 16 verses from the eighth chapter of Romans, was read by the clerk. Prayer was made by Elder Raymond Riggs. The moderator, Elder Ralph Flannary, then took charge of business session.

REPORTS

Report of the Free Will Baptist Bible

College in Nashville, Tennessee, was given by Elder E. B. McDonald. This report was received by vote of the body.

The foreign mission report was read by Elder Raymond Riggs. This report was received by vote of the body. This report will be found elsewhere in the minute.

The home mission treasurer's report was read by the treasurer, Brother W. H. Dail, and received by vote of the body.

By vote, the treasurer's report was read by the treasurer, Brother J. B. Chism.

The report of the State Association treasurer was read by Elder J. B. Chism. This report was received by vote of the body.

A donation in the sum of \$25.00 was taken to help finance the National Association when it convenes at Norfolk, Va., July 11-13, 1961.

Closing song, "When We All Get to Heaven."

Motion carried that the business session adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Saturday morning.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened at 7:30 by singing "Heavenly Sunlight."

Prayer was made by Brother J. B. Chism.

Special singing by the Bibleaires was enjoyed by everyone.

Elder W. R. Dillon brought the message, reading 24 verses from the nineteenth chapter of St. John. Using Verse 17 as a subject, "And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha."

Closing song, "I've Just Begun to Live."
Closing prayer by Brother W. H. Fentress.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Began by singing the song, "Heaven's Jubilee."

Twenty-four verses from the fourteenth chapter of Proverbs was read by the clerk.

Prayer was offered by Brother James Boatright.

The moderator then took charge, declaring the conference in order to transact any legal business that may come before the body.

Delegates to the National Association chosen are as follows: Mrs. Mattie Richmond, Mrs. Eugene Minnick, Mrs. Earl Austin, Mrs. Ralph Flannary, and Mr. John Stewart.

The resolution brought up in the 1959 session against women being ordained to

preach, and was set aside for further consideration, was adopted at this session.

Mr. H. C. Burgess, superintendent of the Children's Home, gave a report of the home, and its financial need. This report was received. A donation in the sum of \$94.22 was taken for the home.

Motion made and carried that this conference adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing the song, "Have Thine Own Way Lord."

Prayer was offered by Brother Wilton Dail.

The ladies from the Children's Home entertained with special singing.

Scripture reading from the fourth chapter of Joshua, six verses, was read by Brother Earl Austin. Elder Walter Glovier brought the message taking as a subject, "The Twelve Stones."

Closing prayer by Elder Joe Tolliver.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Began by singing, "Just Over in the Glory Land."

Scripture reading, 2 Corinthians 5:1-17, was read by the clerk. Prayer by Elder James M. Cassell.

Moderator, Elder Flannary, then took charge, declaring the conference in order.

Motion made and carried that officers be elected for the next conference session.

By vote, Elder Earl Austin was elected moderator for the next session.

By vote, Elder Tom Hall was elected assistant moderator.

By vote, Elder J. B. Chism was retained as treasurer.

By vote, Elder Ralph Flannary was elected to serve on the executive board.

Terms of the executive board expires as follows:

Elder Erritt T. Darnell, 1962; Wilton Dail, 1963; Elder Bill Vaughn, 1964; Elder Ralph Flannary, 1965.

By vote, Elder Raymond Riggs was retained as foreign mission director-treasurer.

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

By vote, W. H. Dail was retained as treasurer-chairman of the home mission board.

By vote, Elder Dan Jackson was retained on the home mission board.

By vote Elder H. E. Ramey was elected to serve on the home mission board.

By vote, Sister L. M. Salyer was retained treasurer of the superannuation board.

By vote, E. J. Kilgore, Elder H. V. Johnston, and Elder S. M. McFall were retained on the superannuation board.

By vote, all officers of the ministers' conference were retained.

By vote the next session will convene with the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Bristol, Va., Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1962.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the people of the Ore Bank Church and surrounding communities for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay in their locality.

Motion made and carried that this conference stand adjourned for one year, until we meet in June, 1962.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand at Close of
1960 Session \$358.27

Paid Out Since 1960 Session

Minutes, 1960	\$145.91
Home Missions	20.00
Alaskan Missions	20.00
Executive Department	20.00
Foreign Missions	20.00

Bible College	20.00
State Dues to National Association	35.00
Orphanage	50.00
Total Paid Out	330.91
Balance on Hand	\$ 27.36

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT to

Virginia State Association
of

Free Will Baptists

June, 1961

Brethren:

The Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists wish to send greetings to your State Association and to express thanks for the support you have given to the cause of foreign missions.

We now have missionaries in each of the following countries: Africa, Brazil, Cuba, India, Japan, and Spain. We also have missionary appointees who are in language study expecting to enter Uruguay and Argentina. The Lord is blessing in each field in a wonderful way. Even in Cuba, where our missionaries have been forced to

leave, the entire church and pastors are moving forward for Christ.

Our American missionaries to Cuba are now working among the Cuban refugees in Miami, Florida. Also, they are working in missionary conferences and itinerate work.

During the calendar year of 1960, the contributions received for foreign missions from all of our states was \$191,846.90. Of this amount the state of Virginia gave \$9,136.24, which was \$1,455.73 short of our suggested quota. We are grateful indeed for this fine report, but it is somewhat embarrassing to fall short of our goal. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of our churches in Virginia are supporting foreign missions with any degree of regularity. The bulk of the support comes from a few churches.

The suggested quota for our state this year (1961) is \$12,000.00. Following is a list of contributions received during the first five months (January-May).

1st FWB Church, Richmond	\$ 118.73
Dungannon Church, Dungannon	128.26
Pinckney Anne FWB Church	51.12
Bethany FWB, Norfolk	419.31
1st Church, Portsmouth	36.38

1st FWB Church, Newport News	853.84
Ike Stapleford	20.00
W. A. and YPA, London Bridge	30.00
Hyde Park FWB Church, Norfolk	256.54
Fairmount Park FWB Church, Norfolk	1,319.97
1st FWB Church, Bristol	300.00
Bloss Memorial, Arlington	12.00
W. N. A. C.	61.61
Glamorgan Chapel League	25.00
Oakgrove, Big Stone Gap	30.00
Esserville Sunday School	10.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Richlands	11.60
Stallard Memorial S. S., Coeburn	10.28
Calvary FWB Church, Portsmouth	51.00
Wilson's Chapel, Norton	8.00
Alice B. Mukins, Norfolk	5.00
Mrs. Sarah Taylor, Portsmouth	50.00

Total	\$3,908.64
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Our suggested quota for the calendar year of 1961 is \$12,000.00. This means that we lack \$8,091.36 to be raised for foreign missions by December 30, 1961.

This amounts to more than \$1,000.00 per month, but, if every church in our state would co-operate this could be done with ease. It seems to me that we are in open rebellion, and sin when we fail to carry out the last command of our Saviour, when

He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Our foreign mission department is now printing a monthly magazine entitled, "Heartbeat." It will keep you informed by word and picture of the activities of our foreign missionaries. It is sent out free, so if you are not on the mailing list, please send your name and address to: Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, and ask for your "Heartbeat." Also, *please send all of your gifts direct to the foreign mission office in Nashville, to save postage and handling.* A report is sent to me each month and I will keep you informed.

"Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14).

"LET THE LOWER LIGHTS BE BURNING"

One evening Phillip Paul Bliss, the famous gospel singer and composer, had gone to hear the great evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, preach to a crowded hall.

The evangelist told about a shipwreck which had happened one very dark night.

Only the light was visible as a pilot strove against the tempest to guide the

vessel to a safe harbor. The captain asked the pilot, "Where are the lower lights?"

"Gone out, Sir."

"Can you make it?" asked the curious captain.

"We must or we shall be lost, Sir!"

The pilot did his best, but the storm was furious and without the guiding lower lights, they struck a rock, and quickly the ship broke up. Many passengers were drowned in the wild seas.

At this point in the story, Mr. Moody roused his audience with these ringing words, "Brothers, the Master will take care of the great lighthouse. Let us keep the lower lights burning."

Mr. Bliss could not forget this illustration. He soon scribbled down the words of this hymn, which seemed to come straight from his heart.

IS YOUR LIGHT BURNING FOR
MISSIONS?

Rev. Raymond Riggs

State Foreign Missions Director

REPORT OF THE VIRGINIA STATE
SUPERANNUATION FUND

June 14, 1960 to June 14, 1961

Carried Forward

\$433.54

Receipts

Dungannon Church	\$39.25
Beech Grove Church	4.50
Mary's Chapel	9.00
Tacoma Church	35.00
Ramsey's Church	12.00
Wilson's Chapel	17.00
Mt. View Church	2.00
Indian Creek Church	9.00
Davis Chapel	3.00
Stallard's Memorial	10.00
Meade's Chapel	12.00
Oak Grove Church	33.00
Hopkins Chapel	20.00
Valley View Church	10.00
Lone Pine Chapel	9.00
Martha's Chapel	20.00
Glamorgan Chapel	12.00
Inmann Church	16.00
West Norton Church	16.00
Bond Town Church	6.00
Esserville Church	12.00
Addison Chapel	18.00
Bethel Chapel	4.00
Mt. Olive Church	15.00
West End Church	3.00
Durms Chapel	2.00
Flat Woods Church	2.00
Pippin's Church	4.00
Steven's Chapel	6.50

Venie's Chapel	9.00
Russell's Fork Church	12.00
Marion Church	7.00
Spoon Gap Church	1.00
Dry Fork Church	4.00
Beckners Chapel	1.00
Russell's Chapel	3.00
Calvary Church	1.50
E. J. Kilgore	10.00
Total Receipts	409.29
Total to Account For	\$843.29

Expenditures

Elder Ben Powers	\$120.00
Elder Rhea Gardener	120.00
Elder Aaron Justice	120.00
Elder Orville O'Quinn	100.00
Stamps and Stationery	5.00
Auditor	10.00
Total Expenditures	475.00
Balance in Treasury	\$368.29

Association Letters

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

Southwest: Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for state fund.

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

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with the Ore Bank Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, June 16, 17, 1961.

We have chosen the following delegates: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rhymer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hanger, and H. G. Hogston.

Our standing is as follows: Number of churches, 16; church membership, 970; Sunday schools, 13; number pupils, 1,129; auxiliaries, 3; ordained ministers, 27; licentiates, 1; dismissed, 4; deceased, 2.

FINANCES

Paid home missions, \$814.62; paid orphanage, \$354.48; paid pastors, \$5,092.31; paid evangelists, \$1,132.06; enclosed for finance, \$50.00.

Done by order of the John Wheeler association while in regular session with the Greenwood Church, Alvarado, Va., assembled in conference September 2, 3, 1960.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THE ASSOCIATION

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

Elder Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tenn.

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

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

Elder E. A. Wagner, 148 Lee Highway, Bristol, Tenn.

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

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

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

Elder Jennings Wilson, Route 2, Saltville, Va.

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

Elder Louise Gilreath, Route 1, Bristol, Tenn.

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

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

Elder T. A. Ingram, Address Unknown
Elder Cecil Clifton, Glade Springs, Va.
Elder Edd Pendergrass, Route 1, Box 479,
Bristol, Tenn.
Elder David N. Warren, Box 886, Bristol,
Va.
Elder L. S. Chapman, 1401 Texas Avenue,
Bristol, Va.
Elder Kyle French, Box 87, Chillhowie, Va.
Elder L. E. Powers, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Elder Herbert Adams, Route 4, Bristol, Va.
Elder C. F. Sprinkle, Route 1, Bristol, Va.
Elder Homer Goodson, Route 4, Bristol,
Va.
Elder John C. Sherfey, 117 Dixie St., Bris-
tol, Va.
Elder Frazier Booth, Route 2, Saltville, Va.
Elder G. W. Slaughter, Route 11, Kings-
port, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Clayton C. Olinger, Route, Saltville, Va.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Associa-
tion when convened with the Ore Bank
Free Will Baptist Church, Kingsport, Ten-
nessee, June 16 and 17, 1961.

We have chosen the following delegates

to sit with you in your Godly work: Mrs. Earl Jones, Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. Ralph Flannary, Mrs. Mattie Richmond, George Salyers and Sylvia Robinette.

Our standing is as follows: No. of quarterly meetings, 3; No. of churches, 51; membership, 3,986; No. of Sunday schools, 51; No. of youth leagues, 24; ordained ministers, 79; licentiates, 10; minute fund enclosed, \$50.00.

Done by order of Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists, while in regular session with Mt. Hope Church, Lee County, Virginia, May 20, 1961.

Elder Ralph Flannary, Moderator

Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

REPORTING MINISTERS OF THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Hoy Tompkins, Pound, Va.

Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Willard Kiser, Route 2, Coeburn, Va.

James B. Maggard, Tatz, Ky.

James Ramey, Norton, Va.

Earl Miller, Dorchester, Va.

James Rose, Coeburn, Va.

Robert L. Ramey, Kingsport, Tenn.

J. D. Kilgore, Box 1, Pound, Va.

- Eddie Sturgill, Box 705, Jenkins, Ky.
 Theodore Holmes, Keokee, Va.
 B. Addison, Wise, Va.
 G. T. Francis, Pound, Va.
 Paul Butler, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
 V. B. Thacker, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
 ✓ W. A. Hales, 5218 Monument Ave., Richmond 26, Va.
 ✓ J. B. Chism Jr., 618 Lafayette Terrace, Newport News, Va.
 ✓ Henry J. Van Kluyve, 121 Shannon Rd., Portsmouth, Va.
 ✓ Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin St., Norfolk 13, Va.
 S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.
 Elmer Parsons, Jonesville, Va.
 ✓ ~~RALPH STATEN~~
 ✓ ~~Fred A. Rivenbark~~, 3301 Berdun Ave., Norfolk, Va.
 Ray Gardner, Route 1, Box 1146, Norton, Va.
 Paul Pennington, Pennington Gap, Va.
 L. H. Martin, Route 1, Jonesville, Va.
 Kermit Moore, Pound, Va.
 Harlie Greene, Route 2, Box 302, Wise, Va.
 Willard M. Bowman, Derby, Va.
 Tyler Tate, St. Paul, Va.
 J. L. Meade, Herald, Va.
 Wyth White, Herald, Va.
 B. R. Powers, Box 62, Wise, Va.

- S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.
H. V. Johnston, Route 1, Norton, Va.
✓ James M. Allbritten, 913 Burksdele Rd.,
Norfolk 3, Va.
Melvin E. Moore, Box 426, Wise, Va.
David D. Powers, 1003 Kentucky Ave.,
Norton, Va. ✓
Gale Scott, Route 5, Elizabethton, Tenn. ✓
Wade Powers, Wise, Va. ✓
Ralph Flannary, Box 206, Dungannon, Va. ✓
Harold Kilgore, Esserville, Va. ✓
✓ W. B. Galloway, Route 1, Box 168, Big
Stone Gap ✓
✓ Mrs. Della Salyer, Route 1, Box 552, Nor-
ton, Va. ✓
Robert Dixon, Route 1, Box 147, Big Stone
Gap, Va. ✓
Hobert Addington, Wise, Va.
S. H. Jackson, Dorchester, Va.
L. J. Fields, Norton, Va.
Andrew Stidam, Norton, Va.
Bobby Laney, Coeburn, Va.

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Conference of
Free Will Baptists when convened with the
Ore Bank Free Will Baptist Church, Kings-
port, Tenn., on Friday and Saturday before
the third Sunday in June, 1961.

We send as delegates our beloved broth-

ers: John Stewart, Ray Dingus, Jessie Rogers, Jim Pierson, and Sister Sophie Darnell. Alternates: Mrs. James Myers Jr., Mrs. Harold Deskins, Mrs. John Smith Jr., Mrs. Venice Sanders and Mrs. James Cassell, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliverations.

State of religion, good; number of churches, 32; church membership, 1,359; number of Sunday schools, 31; youth leagues, 6; prayer meetings, 27; woman's auxiliaries, 3; woman's auxiliary membership, 81; Sunday school enrollment, 1,786; number ordained ministers, 66; paid pastors, \$11,497.38; paid for evangelistic work, \$1,814.02; for building and repairs, \$11,260.08; number licensed ministers, 9; members received this year, 73; members dismissed this year, 31; members deceased, 7; youth league attendance, 217; literature, \$1,014.16; charity, \$833.74; miscellaneous expense, \$3,498.35; foreign missions, \$102.86; home for children, \$2,233.61; home missions, \$49.00; enclosed for minutes, \$50.00.

Done by order of Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptists, when convened with the Cassell's Chapel Church, Dungannon, Virginia, on Friday and Sat-

urday before the second Sunday in May,
1961.

Elder Earl Austin, Moderator
Kingsport, Tenn.

Harold Deskins, Clerk
Kingsport, Tenn.

*Ministers Belonging to Clinch Valley
Association*

Elder R. C. Hammonds, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Garland Hammonds, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder Lyons Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Bill Gardner, Fall Branch, Tenn.

Elder Leonard Cross, Ellicott City, Mary-
land

Elder Clifford Ford, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Lonnie Brown, Nickelsville, Va.

Elder J. C. Barnette, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Frank Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Kelly Estep Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Cransford Ewing Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Harold Hawkins, Kingsport, Tenn.

✓ Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder Erritt Darnell, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Ernest Carter, Gate City, Va.
Elder Walker Darnell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va.
Elder A. F. Puckett, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Lownial Salling, Gate City, Va.
Elder Walter Glovier, Dante, Virginia
Elder Harry Whitaker, Dante, Va.
Elder Jeff Salyer, Nickelsville, Va.
Elder Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder B. D. Proffitt, Indian Springs, Tenn.
Elder Doyle Collier, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Manse Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Sam Welch, Bristol, Tenn.
Elder Johnny Hooker, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Rufus Hood, Duffield, Va.
Elder C. J. Flannary, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Selman Bowen, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Goron Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder George Willis, Weber City, Va.
Elder Roy Jennings, Weber City, Va.
Elder Edward Ray, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Oscar Calhoun, Gate City, Va.
Elder Fred Lane, Gate City, Va.
Elder George Rhoten, Gate City, Va.
Elder Pat Bishop, Duffield, Va.
Elder Wayland Owens, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, 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, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Carson Bishop, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
Elder Elmer Barker, Dayton, Ohio
Elder W. H. Frazier, Duffield, Va.
Elder Luther Collier, Orton, Va.
Elder R. L. Anderson, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Elder Talmage Wallen
Elder Harold Free
Elder Joe Taylor
Elder Lowman H. Umbarger, Kingsport,
Tenn.
Elder William H. Lane

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the state of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher degree 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 two (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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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.

