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MINUTES

of the

VIRGINIA STATE

ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Twenty-Fifth Session Held with the
Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Vir-
ginia, June 14 and 15, 1963

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Held with the
GLAMORGAN CHAPEL CHURCH
Wise, Virginia
June 14 and 15, 1963

The next session will be held with the
Doran Addition Free Will Baptist Church,
Kingsport, Tennessee, Friday and Saturday
before the third Sunday in June, 1964. The
opening time, 10:00 a. m., Eastern Standard
Time.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.

Assistant Moderator—Elder E. T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Treasurer—Elder J. B. Chism, 618 Lafayette Terrace, Newport News, Va.

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. H. Dail, Chairman, 3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Ralph Flannary, Box 206, Dungan-
non, Va.

HOME MISSIONS

W. H. Dail, Treasurer-Chairman, 3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Elder Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.

Guy Culbertson, 1225 Holyoke Avenue, Kingsport, Tenn.

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

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

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

SUPERANNUATION

Elder L. M. Salyers, Chairman, Route 1, Box 695, Norton, Va.

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

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

Elder C. F. Sprinkle, Route 5, Bristol, Va.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists concened with the Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1963.

The session opened with a song, "I'll Fly Away." Scripture reading, 13th chapter of Romans, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Prayer was offered by Elder Wade Powers.

Elder Ben Powers, pastor of the church, gave the welcome address and introduced the moderator, Elder Earl Austin. Elder Austin then took charge of the business session, declaring the conference in order to transact any legal business that may come before the body.

The minutes of the last conference were read by the clerk, and was approved as read by vote of the body.

The executive board serving: W. H. Dail, Bill Vaughn, and Ralph Flannary. Elder John Smith served Friday in absence of one of the members.

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Elder Ben Powers, Wise, Va.

Elder Wade Powers, Pound, Va.

Elder J. R. Cowden, Norton, Va.

Elder Howard Ashworth, 203 Pinehurst Dr.,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Harold D. Hawkins, Route 10,
Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Bill Vaughn, 1225½ Lynn Garden,
Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.
Elder C. H. Denton, Kecoughtan, Va.
Elder J. B. Chism, Jr., Lafayette Terrace,
Newport News, Va.
Elder Harold Kilgore, Essersville, Va.
Elder J. V. Estep, Route 1, Box 71-A, Big
Stone Gap, Va.
Elder Kenneth E. Walker, 712 N. Barton
St., Arlington 1, Va.
Elder John Smith, Jr., 752 Clouds Rd.,
Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Ralph Staten, 3301 Verdun Ave.,
Norfolk, Va.
Elder W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Elder Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin St.,
Norfolk, Va.
Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.
Elder B. D. Profitt, Route 4, Blountville,
Tenn.
Elder Rufus Hood, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Lowman Umbarger, 1735½ Park Dr.,
Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder F. M. McCann, Route 2, Kingsport,
Tenn.
Elder H. V. Johnston, Route 1, Norton,
Va.
Elder S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.
Elder W. H. Fentress, Hyde Park, Norfolk,
Va.

Elder Andrew Stidham, Norton, Va.

Elder Rosa Lee Ramsey

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

Elder Della Salyers, Route 1, Norton, Va.

Elder Ralph Flannary, Box 206, Dungan-
non, Va.

Elder David Powers, Norton, Va.

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Dr.,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder C. J. Flannary, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder James Rose, Coeburn, Va.

Elder John C. Pierson

Elder Roy W. Kilgore, Nicholsville, Va.

Elder Hobart Addington, Wise, Va.

Elder Eritt T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore,
Va.

Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.

VISITING MINISTERS REGISTERED

Elder Charles Keith, Washington, N. C.

Elder Winston Sweeney, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Charlie Brown, Portsmouth, Va.

Elder Rosco Reed, Clyde, Ohio

Elder Arnold Woodruff, Florida

Elder Billy Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.

DEACONS REGISTERED

Lee Green, James Myers, Jr., E. J. Kil-
gore, W. H. Dail, Estil Evans, Pat Duncan,
Edd Jackson, M. C. Foran, R. F. Quillen,
Guy Culbertson, Paul Sanders, Roy Kenne-
dy, and Ray Booker.

DELEGATES REGISTERED

Southwest Virginia Association: Mrs. W. H. Dail, Mrs. Ralph Staten, Mrs. H. V. Johnston, Mrs. Gertrude Whitehurst, and Mrs. Mildred Pendergrass.

Clinch Valley Association: Mrs. Sophia Darnell, Mrs. J. B. Quillen, Mrs. James Myers, Jr., Mrs. John Smith, Jr., and Marvin Lane.

John Wheeler Association: Mrs. Blanche Blaylock, Mrs. Zella Chesnutt, Malcolm Foran, and Sarah Foran.

Sandy Valley Association: Orville O'-Quinn.

The executive board reported they have chosen Elder J. B. Quillen to bring the message at the eleven o'clock preaching service.

Motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn for preaching service. Closing prayer was made by Elder James A. Boatright.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service began by singing "I'm Bound for That City." Prayer was made by Elder Billy Melvin. Elder J. B. Quillen read from the 3rd chapter of Joel and brought the message. Subject was taken from verse 14: "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision, for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Closing song, "Amazing Grace."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The service opened with the group singing "In the Sweet Forever." Scripture reading, Matthew 5:14, by the clerk. Prayer was offered by Elder J. B. Chism. Elder Earl Auston, moderator, then took charge of the business session, declaring the conference in order.

The reports from the district associations were received and were approved as read by vote of the body. The delegates were then seated.

A report in the interest of the Children's Home was made by Elder Winston Sweeney. This report was received by vote.

A report of the National Association was made by Elder Billy Melvin. This report was received by vote.

The report on the national Sunday school literature was made by Elder Roger Read. This report was received as read.

The foreign missions report was made by Elder Raymond Riggs, secretary-treasurer. This report was received by vote.

Motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Saturday. Closed with prayer by Elder Ralph Staten.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session opened with the singing of "I Feel Like Traveling On." Scripture, 8th chapter of Ecclesiastes, was read by the

clerk. Prayer was offered by Elder Walter Glover. The moderator, Elder Earl Auston, then took charge of the business, declaring the conference in order.

The national home missions report was read and received as read by vote.

The woman's auxiliary report was read by Mrs. Octavia Jones and received as read.

The superannuation fund report was made by Mrs. Della Salyers, treasurer, and received as read by vote. An offering in the sum of \$46.14 was taken for the superannuation fund.

The report of the treasurer was made by Elder J. B. Chism. This report was approved as read by vote.

The report of the executive board was received as read, that Elder Raymond Riggs bring the message Saturday morning. The conference adjourned for eleven o'clock preaching service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service began by singing "Saved Through Jesus' Blood." Elder Raymond Riggs brought the message, reading the 2nd chapter of Revelations, taking as a subject, "A Perfect Church, Almost." Closing prayer was offered by Elder David Powers.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Session opened at 1:30 by singing "Heavenly Sunlight." Scripture, Psalm 1, was read by the clerk. Prayer was offered by

Elder S. M. McFall. The moderator then took charge of the business session.

Motion was carried that the article 3 in the bylaws which was business left from last year be left as it is in the bylaws.

An investigating committee on the bylaws was chosen by the moderator. They are as follows: Elder James A. Boatright, chairman, Elder Eugene Minton, Elder C. J. Flannary, Elder Harold Hawkins, and Elder Bill Vaughn. They are to make their report next session.

A recommendation from the executive board was received by vote as follows:

For moderator of the next session, Elder E. T. Darnell; assistant moderator, Elder John Smith; treasurer, Elder J. B. Chism; and clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran.

That the home missions board retain W. H. Dail, chairman-treasurer, Elder Cecil Pressley, Elder J. W. Chesnutt, Guy Culbertson, and Leslie Ketron.

That Elder Raymond Riggs be retained as foreign missions director.

That Elder C. F. Sprinkle be retained as league field worker.

The following to be retained as the superannuation committee: Mrs. Della Salyers, chairman, E. J. Kilgore, Elder S. M. McFall, and Elder H. V. Johnston.

Motion was made and carried that the treasurer, Elder J. B. Chism, be given authority to pay all indebtedness pertaining

to the Virginia State Association out of the association treasury.

Motion was made and carried that 1,000 minutes be printed.

An offering in the sum of \$39.26 was taken to help finance the State Association.

Delegates chosen to attend the National Association are as follows: Mrs. J. B. Chism, Mrs. Raymond Riggs, Mrs. Ralph Staten, Mrs. John Smith, and Mr. James Myers, Jr. Alternates are Mrs. James Myers, Jr., Mrs. Ken Walker, Robert Balentine, and Ray Booker.

Motion was made and carried that \$45 be taken out of the treasury and sent along with the report to the National Association.

The terms of the executive board expire as follows: Elder Bill Vaughn, 1964; Elder Ralph Flannary, 1965; W. H. Dail, 1966.

The conference stood in silent reverence in honor of Elder Wythe White who has passed away since our last session.

Motion was made and carried that the next session convene with Doran Addition Free Will Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June.

ASSOCIATION LETTERS

Clinch Valley: Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

Sandy Valley: Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

Southwest: Letter and delegates with \$75 for state fund.

John Wheeler: Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

Statistical Reports of the Association

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia, Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, 1963.

We send as delegates Bros. Dewey Worley, Garland Glovier, J. B. Quillen, Sisters Franie Belle Myers, and Jessie Smith. As alternates Sisters Doyle Collier, Sophie Darnell, Viola Bevins, Bros. Marvin Lane, and Guy Sproles, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

Our statistics are: Number of quarterly meetings, 5; number of quarterly meetings to report, 4; Orebank's report was sent back for correction. Number of churches, 29; church membership, 1,167; members received past year, 102; number dismissed, 35; number deceased, 10; number of Sunday schools, 26; Sunday school enrollment, 1,334; number of prayer meetings, 21; youth leagues, 5; woman's auxiliaries, 4; number of ordained ministers, 61; number licentiates, 4; paid pastors, \$10,595.10; evangelistic work, \$1,562.50; building and repairs, \$15,813.37; literature, \$1,048.01; charity, \$1,328.66; miscellaneous expenses, \$2,-

565.52; foreign missions, \$20.00; home for children, \$2,747.98; enclosed for state fund, \$50.00; from Clinch Valley Association, \$5.00; gifts, \$45.00.

Done by order of the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Dingus Memorial Church, Dante, Virginia, May 10 and 11, 1963.

Moderator, Elder James A. Boatright
Clinchport, Va.

Clerk, Harold Deskins
Route 2, Gravely Road
Kingsport, Tenn.

Elected Clerk, James Myers, Jr.
Route 2, Doran Addition
Kingsport, Tenn.

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association:

Elder Walter Glover, Dante, Va.
Elder Harry Whittaker, Nickelsville, Va.
Elder Jess Salyers, Nickelsville, Va.
Elder J. H. Patrick, Nickelsville, Va.
Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Eritt T. Darnell, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Walker Darnell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder A. F. Puckett, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va.
Elder John C. Pierson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Tom Hall, Fall Branch, Tenn.
Elder Bill Gardner, Fall Branch, Tenn.
Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder J. C. Barnett, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Harold Hawkins, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Kelley Estepp, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Frank Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder C. J. Ewing, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder John Smith, Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Clint Proffitt, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder F. M. McLann, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Lowman Umbarger, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Richard Castle, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Pat Bishop, Duffield, Va.
Elder Harold Free, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
Elder William Lane, Hiltons, Va.
Elder William Jones, Gate City, Va.
Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Carson Bishop, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Talmage Wallen, Gate City, Va.
Elder Oscar Calhoun, Gate City, Va.
Elder Carl France, Gate City, Va.
Elder George Rhoton, Gate City, Va.
Elder W. H. Frazier, Duffield, Va.
Elder Roy Jennings, Weber City, Va.
Elder Rufus Hood, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder M. D. Hayatt, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Luther Collier, Bing Stone Gap, Va.
Elder Hubert Hammonds, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Doyle Collier, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Joe Taylor, Grundy, Va.
Elder C. J. Flannary, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Fred Lane, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder B. D. Proffitt, Indian Springs, Tenn.
Elder Jonnie Hooker, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Mance Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Joe Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Sam Welch, Bristol, Tenn.
Elder Carter Proffitt, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Marvin Winkle, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Lee Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Garney Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1963.

We send as messengers Mrs. Wilton Dail, Mrs. Octavia Jones, Mrs. Gertrude Whitehurst, and Mrs. Elsie Staten. Power was given to clerk to write in other delegates from those present at the association.

Our standing is as follows: Quarterly meetings, 3; churches, 52; members received, 303; total membership, 4,055; Sunday schools, 52; youth leagues, 26; ordained ministers, 85; licentiates, 7; minute fund, \$75.00.

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association while in regular session with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, May 18, 1963.

Moderator, Elder J. C. Lynn
Clerks, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ketron
Box 52
Herald, Va.

Ministers belonging to the Southwest
Virginia Association:

L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Va.
S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.
Ray Gardner, Norton, Va.
J. V. Estepp, Norton, Va.
Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.
Kermit Moore, Pound, Va.
Jack Richmond, Wise, Va.
H. V. Johnston, Route 1, Norton, Va.
J. D. Kilgore, Box 1, Pound, Va.
V. B. Thacker, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Hansford Mullins, Wise, Va.
Howard W. Ashworth, Box 203, Kingsport,
Tenn.
Jesse Cowden, Norton, Va.
James Harold Kilgore, Esserville, Va.
Della Salyers, Route 1, Box 552, Norton,
Va.
G. T. Francis, Pound, Va.
Ethel Robbins, Box 231, Norton, Va.
James Lenord Hicks, St. Paul, Va.
Hobart Addington, Wise, Va.
C. B. Addison, Wise, Va.
Milam Hall, Cranest, Va.
Gale Scott, Route 1, Box 58, Big Stone Gap,
Va.
Eddie Sturgill, Box 705, Jenkins, Ky.
James E. Laney, Route 1, Wise, Va.

Robert Dixon, Route 1, Box 147, Big Stone Gap, Va.
J. T. Greear, Norton, Va.
W. H. Fentress, 1801 Bay View Bld., Norfolk 3, Va.
Ralph Staten, 3241 Argonne Ave., Norfolk 9, Va.
W. B. Galloway, Route 1, Box 186, Big Stone Gap, Va.
James Rose, Route 1, Box 193, Coeburn, Va.
Clarence Johnson, Box 28, Hiram, Ky.
Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin St., Norfolk 13, Va.
C. H. Denton, Section 52, Kecoughtan, Va.
Leonard Fields

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

The John Wheeler Association sends greetings to the Virginia State Association when it convenes with the Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1963. Any of our members present may be used for delegates.

Statistics: Number of districts, 1; number of churches, 13; membership, 761; number of Sunday schools, 12; enrollment, 956; woman's auxiliaries, 3; membership, 75; Master's men, 1; membership, 20; number of prayer meetings, 12; number of ordained ministers, 27; number of licensed ministers, 5; number of ordained deacons, 46; number of leagues, 3; membership, 95.

Finances: Paid pastors, \$6,002.21; paid evangelists, \$1,461.32; paid to home missions, \$511.86; paid to orphanage, \$807.24; financial purposes, \$183.00; education, \$155.20; for publication, \$231.66; building and repairs, \$8,619.74; literature, unknown; miscellaneous, \$607.00; foreign missions, none; state fee, \$50.00; total given in the churches, unknown; general offering, unknown; superannuation, none; value of church property, unknown; value of parsonage property, none.

Done by order of the John Wheeler Association as assembled in conference January 4 and 5, 1963, with the Rooty Branch Church, Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee.

Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association:

Elder Cecil Clifton, Route 2, Meadowview, Va.

Elder L. F. Henley, 264 Lowlands St., Abingdon, Va.

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

Elder Winton Blaylock, Route 4, Bristol, Va.

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

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

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

Elder T. A. Ingram, North Carolina.

Elder Jennings Wilson, Route 2, Saltville, Va.

- Elder Howard Shaver, Route 3, Bluff City,
Tenn.
- Elder Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, Va.
- Elder Homer Goodson, Route 4, Bristol,
Va.
- Elder Herbert Adams, Route 4, Bristol, Va.
- Elder Frazier Boothe, Route 2, Saltville,
Va.
- Elder Virginia Brannan, 1318 King Mill
Pike, Bristol, Va.
- Elder Edd Pendergrass, Route 3, Box 479,
Bristol, Tenn.
- Elder Keith Wilson, 10 Newport Ave.,
Bristol, Tenn.
- Elder C. C. Olinger, Box 274, Saltville, Va.
- Elder C. F. Sprinkle, Route 5, Bristol, Va.
- Elder Joe E. Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol,
Tenn.
- Elder Sheldon Norris, Route 2, Meadow-
view, Va.
- Elder Elmer Adkins, Route 4, Blountville,
Tenn.
- Elder Walter Statzer, Box 703, Lebanon,
Va.
- Licentiates belonging to the John Wheel-
er Association:
- Elder Walter Fender, Okinawa
- Elder Carita Rogers, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.
- Elder Millard Taylor, Route 4, Saltville,
Va.
- Elder Bronson Graham, Bristol, Tenn.
- Elder Orville Trivette, Route 4, Bristol,
Tenn.

Elder W. G. Henley, 264 Lowland St., Abingdon, Virginia, was listed as a deceased member.

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

The Sandy Valley Association sends greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1963.

We have chosen the following delegates: Mrs. Cecil Ramey and Mrs. Dobie Reedy.

Our standing is as follows: Quarterly meetings, 3; churches, 14; membership, 490; enclosed, \$50.00; valuation of church property, \$11,000.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association.

Moderator, Rev. Kyle Brown

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Orville O'Quinn

Clerk, Mrs. Gladys Compton

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association:

Rev. Earl James, Route 2, Honaker, Va.

Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.

Rev. Lester L. Gilley, Honaker, Va.

Rev. Arnold Simpkins, Richlands, Va.

Rev. W. M. Boyd, Route 1, Vansant, Va.

Rev. Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Va.

Rev. James H. Sargent, Jr., North Tazewell, Va.

Rev. Kenneth M. Skeens, Richlands, Va.

Rev. Henry Roberts, Richlands, Va.

Rev. Emory E. Edwards, Vancouver, Wash.
 Rev. Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.
 Rev. Cecil Ramey, Route 1, Cedar Bluff,
 Va.
 Rev. Earl Cole, Whitewood, Va.
 Rev. W. J. Booth, Sr., Bishop, Va.
 Rev. George Barrett, Newport News, Va.
 Rev. Warner Dye, Bluefield, Va.
 Rev. Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.
 Rev. B. B. Snead, Saltville, Va.
 Rev. G. C. Sizemore, Richlands, Va.
 Rev. A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Bert Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Kyle Brown, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Dewey Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Holland Miller, Route 4, Gate City,
 Va.
 Rev. R. E. Helton, 1108 Hartford Ave.,
 N. E., Canton, Ohio
 Rev. Hobart Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.
 Rev. H. D. Bess, Honaker, Va.
 Rev. Walker Taylor, Brentwood, Md.
 Rev. Ervin Penley, Drill, Va.
 Rev. Luther Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

REPORTS

SUPERANNUATION FUND

(June 30, 1962, to June 1, 1963)

Brought Forward \$ 449.09

Receipts

Addison's Chapel	\$ 11.50
Bond Town Church	6.00
Calvary Church	4.50
Dungannon Church	19.00
Dry Fork Church	6.50
Davis Chapel	5.00
Esserville Church	11.50
Gillenwater Church	6.00
Glamorgan Chapel	12.00
Hawkin's Chapel	18.00
Indian Creek Church	9.00
Inmann Church	1.50
E. J. Kilgore	40.00
Lone Pine Church	9.00
Mt. Olive Church	9.00
Mountain View Church	3.00
Mary's Chapel	9.00
Martha's Chapel	1.50
Marion Church	12.00
Oak Grove Church	43.00
Pippin's Chapel	2.00
Ramsey's Church	9.00
Stallard's Memorial	17.00
Steven's Chapel	1.50
Tacoma Church	25.00
Valley View Church	3.50
Venia's Chapel	12.00

Wilson's Chapel	20.00
West Norton Church	12.50
Fairmount Park Church	87.50
Auxiliary	10.90
X	.50

Total Received	438.40
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Total to Account For	\$ 887.49
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Disbursements

Elder Ben Powers	\$ 120.00
Elder Ray Gardner	110.00
Elder Aaron Justice	120.00
Elder Orville O'Quinn	120.00
Elder Andrew Stidham	60.00
Elder H. A. Hess	60.00
Elder L. J. Fields	10.00
Elder Della Salyers	10.00

Total Disbursements	610.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 277.49
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Mrs. L. M. Salyers, Clerk
Route 1, Box 552
Norton, Va.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

(January 1, 1963, to May 31, 1963)

First Church, Newport News	\$1,863.87
First Church, Bristol, Tenn.	600.00
Hyde Park Church, Norfolk	420.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk	336.76
Bethany Church, Norfolk	329.43

Cooperative Plan	319.42
W. N. A. C.	250.39
Bloss Memorial Church, Arlington	178.83
Dungannon Church	84.90
Calvary Church, Portsmouth	69.18
Tidewater Woman's Auxiliary	64.48
Southwest Virginia Association	50.00
First Church, Richmond	47.00
First Church, Portsmouth	41.25
Stallard Memorial Sunday School, Coeburn	38.49
Oak Grove Church, Big Stone Gap	30.00
Haywood Creech, Norfolk	25.00
Lake Park Church, Richlands	22.20
Opal Bentley, Pound	20.00
Charles DeBord	15.00
Rev. and Mrs. Ken Walker	15.00
Woman's Auxiliary, Richlands	12.46
Ruth's Circle, Portsmouth	11.00
First Church, Virginia Beach	17.44
Esserville Church, Norton	10.00
A. D. Dockery, Norfolk	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter McCroom	7.72
Stedfast Sunday School Class, Norton	5.00

Total	\$4,894.00
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Our suggested quota for 1963 is \$17,500. This means that we lack over \$12,000 to be given for foreign missions during the next seven months. This amounts to \$1,800 per month. As the report shows, there are only a few churches in our state that are sup-

porting our foreign missions' work with any degree of regularity. By far, the majority of Free Will Baptist churches in the state of Virginia are doing absolutely nothing for the cause of foreign missions. This means they are in open defiance against the clear teachings of the Word of God. Just because a church is small, or in debt, or on part time, does not excuse it from this responsibility. It is open sin to disobey the holy Scriptures in anyway, but especially in the last command of our Lord (Matthew 28:19; Mark 13:10; 16:15; Luke 24:47; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15).

The church that supports missions is **ALIVE!**

Listed below is what Virginia Free Will Baptists did for foreign missions in 1962:

First Church, Newport News	\$ 3,028.98
First Church, Bristol, Tenn.	1,572.35
Hyde Park Church, Norfolk	1,408.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk	1,141.36
First Church, Portsmouth	941.49
Bethany Church, Norfolk	933.78
Cooperative Plan	679.78
W. N. A. C.	622.50
Bloss Memorial Church, Arlington	240.89
Dungannon Church, Dungannon	192.18
Princess Anne Church, Virginia Beach	142.39
First Church, Richmond	77.48
Woman's Auxiliary, Richmond	44.71

Woman's Auxiliary, State of Virginia	200.00
Southwest Virginia Association	50.00
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting	100.00
Tidewater Sunday School Rally	150.00
Shut-In's Church (W. H. Fentress)	75.00
Virginia State Mission Board	50.00
Esther Franklin, Norton	73.00
Lake Park Auxiliary and League, Richlands	46.56
Parker's Chapel Church	32.15
Esserville Sunday School	20.00
Oak Grove Church, Big Stone Gap	60.00
Central Church, Norton	72.00
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker, Arlington	36.00
Haywood Creech, Norfolk	50.00
Mrs. F. O. Whitehurst, Portsmouth	20.00
George T. Wood, Jr., Norfolk	25.00
Rev. Mack Humbles, Hampton	15.00
Calvary Church, Portsmouth	25.00
Stallard Memorial Church, Coeburn	21.26
Wayne B. Temple, Norfolk	5.00
O. D. Dockery, Norfolk	11.00
Mrs. Paul Sams, Wise	22.00
Ray Price	1.00
Rev. Jeff Salyers	1.00
Crockett Harmon	1.00

Total \$12,287.83

CONGRATULATIONS to the First Church in Newport News and their pastor,

the Rev. J. B. Chism, who heads the list in giving to foreign missions. We are grateful to all for this report, but as of this date (March 28) we are away behind on our suggested quota for 1963, which is \$17,500. Let's remember Easter Sunday is Foreign Missions Sunday!

Do not send your foreign missions contributions to me; send them to: FREE WILL BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Raymond Riggs, *Director*
State Foreign Missions

HOME MISSIONS (1962—1963)

Brought Forward \$1,879.03

Receipts

Cardwell Town	\$ 44.89
Calvary Church	6.47
Pippin's Chapel	2.00
Communion Glasses	10.00
Southwest Association	100.00
C. F. Sprinkle	10.00
Sale of Bibles	24.00
M. C. Foran	5.00
Shiloh Church	25.00
J. H. Nash	5.00
Winton Blaylock	5.00
Tidewater Quarterly	75.00
Fairmount Park	100.00

Tacoma Church	20.00
Hyde Park	12.00
Princess Anne	8.00
Fairmount Park Auxiliary	42.74
Oak Grove	60.00
Miscellaneous	7.07

Total Received	\$ 673.15
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Expenditures

Wilson Chapel	\$300.00
Lebanon	55.00
Children's Home	100.00
Foreign Missions	50.00
Bible Press Literature	6.50
Films	38.35
Bloss Memorial	300.00
Greenwood Church	150.00
Bethany Church	400.00
Communion Glasses	9.55
Virginia State Association	46.09
Tidewater Audio Visual	7.05

Total Expenditures	1,462.54
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Balance on Hand	\$1,089.64
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W. H. Dail, *Chairman-Treasurer*
State Home Missions Board

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened June 13, 1963, at the Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia. The meeting opened with the singing of

"Jesus Calls Us." The theme for the day was "Watch Ye and Pray" (Mark 14:38). Sister Della Salyers brought the morning devotion with a wonderful message on how we should watch and pray lest we be overcome by Satan.

The president then took charge of the meeting and welcomed the visitors and appointed the committees for the day. Brother Steel then led us in a song, after which Sister Eunice Edwards from the National Association brought a most stirring message with her text being, "God's Measuring Rod."

The group then adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Brother Steel with his text taken from Proverbs 31:10. We were then favored with special music by Brother Raymond Riggs and Brother Ralph Staten.

The president took charge of the meeting and declared the convention opened for business. The nominating committee gave its report and the same officers were reelected for another year. The resolution committee gave its report and asked that there be a contestant from each of the districts next year and that each member give \$2.00 for missions.

Sister Eunice Edwards had a question and answer period.

The first vice-president reported that there were 310 members reporting. She

stated there were 82 members present, 10 delegates, 6 preachers, and 1 deacon.

The treasurer reported as follows:

W.N.A.C. Co-Laborer Fund	\$174.53
Children's Home	617.57
Foreign Missions	745.78
Bible College	133.60
Superannuation	14.38
National Home Missions	52.88
State Home Missions	42.78
State Project, "Wheels for Wades"	920.14
Sister Edwards' Traveling Expenses	50.00

Wise County refinished the Virginia Cottage and gave a piano to the Children's Home. The Shiloh Church of Bristol canned 250 gallons of fruit, 78 gallons of apple butter, gave 11 pairs of pillow slips, 43 sheets, blankets, silverware, glasses, dishes, 100 lbs. of beans, and kitchen utensils. The church also sent each child on his birthday a gift.

The convention closed with Sister Eunice Edwards bringing us a message on how to be a co-laborer with God.

Mrs. O. S. Jones, *President*

Mrs. J. L. Whitehurst, *Secretary-Treasurer*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand at the Beginning of the 1962 Session	\$102.36
Received from Sandy Valley, Clinch Valley, John Wheeler, and Southwest Virginia Associations	200.00

Received as Special Offering from State Association	40.02
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Total to Account For	<u>\$342.38</u>
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Expenses

Free Will Baptist Press, 1961 Minutes	\$142.51
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National Association for Dues	30.00
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Mrs. M. C. Foran's Service as Clerk	15.00
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Rev. Earl Austin's Service as Moderator	15.00
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Rev. J. B. Chism, Jr.'s Service as Treasurer	15.00
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Total Expenses	<u>217.51</u>
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Balance	<u>\$124.87</u>
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From State Home Missions Department to Supplement Funds for 1962 Minutes	46.09
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Balance in Treasury	\$170.96
Free Will Baptist Press, 1962 Minutes	<u>170.96</u>

Total on Hand at Beginning of 1963 Session	00
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Rev. J. B. Chism, Jr., *Treasurer*

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

June 14, 1963

Dear Brother Moderator:

With regard to this body, and in behalf of the entire missionary families is Alaska, Canada, Mexico, and throughout the continental United States, greetings.

The board of national home missions and our missionary families wish to express our gratitude for your continual support in prayers and gifts this past year.

Current advancement in this work has sent the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Johnson to Alaska and the Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Perry to Lincoln, Nebraska. The Perrys have already assembled a church and have rented a building in which to have services.

Your recent financial aid to the Arlington, Virginia, Church helped tremendously in the purchase of the property.

As the work enlarges we will need your faithful and continual support. Our quota for 1963 was set at \$4,000, and to date we have given \$882.45.

Please urge your churches to:

1. Write our national office for the free 36 page booklet with pictures and information about our home missions work.

2. Place national home missions in their budget or adopt some means of systematic giving.

3. Observe November as National Home Missions Month.

4. Send their vacation Bible school offerings to national home missions.

Sincerely and earnestly,
Kenneth M. Walker, *Director*
National Home Missions

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

Motion was made and carried that this conference stand adjourned until we meet in the next session in 1964.

Elder Earl Austin, *Moderator*
Mrs. M. C. Foran, *Clerk*

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
of the
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
of the
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

· CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME: This organization shall be called the Ministers' Conference of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Ministers' Conference shall consist of ordained ministers in good standing who hold their membership in a Free Will Baptist church within the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article III

FINANCE: This Ministers' Conference will be financed by freewill offerings which will be received at each session of the conference.

Article IV

PURPOSE: The purpose of this conference is to promote unity and brotherly love; to promote the gospel; to promote intellectual and spiritual improvement; and to promote exegetical, doctrinal, and homiletical study of the Scriptures.

Article V

OFFICERS: The officers of this conference shall be a president, vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. These officers to be elected annually.

Article VI

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Section 1

Executive Committee: The executive committee shall be composed of the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and two members elected from the floor.

Section 2

Special Committees: Any special committee may be elected or appointed as needed.

Section 3

A Committee on Ministerial Conduct and Improvement: This committee shall be composed of five (5) pastors elected by the body. Their term of office shall be 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years. One new member to be elected each year.

Article VII

MEETINGS: The time of meeting of this Ministers' Conference shall be 7:30 p. m. on Thursday evening, before the third Sunday in June.

Article VIII

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of the Ministers' Conference by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the ministers present,

provided the proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body at the last regular meeting.

BYLAWS

1. Each meeting shall be opened with Scripture and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. President: It shall be the duty of the president to call each meeting to order, preside over all meetings, maintain proper Christian order and discipline in each meeting, and to perform the various duties relating to his office.

B. Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform all the duties of the president in his absence.

C. Secretary-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to record minutes, maintain records, keep accurate account of all finances and to perform such other duties as pertaining to his office. It shall further be his duty to notify all ministers in this conference of the time and place of each meeting three (3) weeks in advance of the meeting.

3. It shall be the duty and responsibility of each minister to be present at each meeting if possible.

4. By a two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of all the

ministers present, a ruling of the president may be overruled.

5. Any person not a member of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussions by a majority of the body.

6. The president shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

7. On any question of procedure, "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be final.

8. No minister of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than ten (10) minutes, nor more than twice (2) on the same subject without permission from the president.

9. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Executive Committee: It shall have power to act in behalf of and for the Ministers' Conference from one regular session to another. Any action taken by the executive committee when the conference is not in session, shall be reported in writing to the next regular conference for its approval.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the state of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher decree of cooperation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and Bylaws for the government of the State Association of Virginia.

Article I

Name: The name of this association shall be known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

Article II

Purpose: The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local associations of this state and adjacent territory.

Article III

Section 1

Representation: All ministers in good standing in the denomination in the state shall, upon application, become members in full standing.

Section 2

Each association within the state shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local association and additional delegates for each quar-

terly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meeting.

Article IV

Discipline: The state association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or 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 ($2/3$) 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 it-

self 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.

