

MINUTES

OF THE

**VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION**

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Association
of
Free Will Baptists

Twenty-Seventh Session Held with the
Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk,
Virginia, June 18, 19, 1965

Held with the
Bethany Free Will Baptist Church
Norfolk, Virginia
June 18, 19, 1965

The next session will be held with the
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bristol, Vir-
ginia, Friday and Saturday before the third
Sunday in June, 1966. The opening time, 10:00
a. m., Eastern Standard Time.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Rev. Arthur Luster, Kingsport, Tenn.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

Treasurer—Rev. J. B. Chism, 6148 Jefferson Drive, Newport News, Va.

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

Recording Secretary—James Myers Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

Rev. Billy Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

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

HOME MISSIONS

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

Rev. J. C. Lynn, 913 Burksdale Road, Norfolk, Va.

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

Guy Culbertson, 1225 Holyoke Avenue, Kingsport, Tenn.

Leslie Kentron, Route 4, Box 92, Coeburn, Va.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

SUPERANNUATION

Mrs. Della Salyer, Chairman, Route 1, Box 695 Norton, Va.

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

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

Rev. Harold Kilgore, Esserville, Va.

CHURCH TRAINING SYSTEM

Miss Rudene Kennedy, Dungannon, Va.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Bethany church, Norfolk, Virginia, June 18, 19, 1965.

The session opened with a song, "Send the Light." The devotional was conducted by Rev. Billy Bond, reading for his Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 10:3 and John 14:33. Rev. Raymond Riggs offered the opening prayer and gave the welcome address. The response was given by Rev. Arthur Luster.

The moderator, Rev. Ralph Staten, took charge of the association and read the Rules of Decorum.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran.

Delegates were seated and the district association letters were received by a vote of the body.

Motion was made and carried to accept the adoption of the program.

Serving on the executive board at this session were Rev. Ralph Flannary, W. H. Dail, and Rev. Kenneth Walker.

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Elder Kenneth Walker, 712 N. Barton Avenue,
Arlington, Va. 22201

Elder J. B. Chism Jr., 6148 Jefferson Drive,
Newport News, Va.

Elder Bob Lane, Gate City, Va.

Elder Charles Brown, Portsmouth, Va.

Elder Ivey J. Carter, Norfolk, Va.

Elder John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Arthur Luster, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Eritt T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.
Elder Ralph Staten, Norfolk, Va.
Elder Billy A. Melvin, Nashville, Tenn.
Elder Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin Street,
Norfolk, Va.
Elder Della Salyer, Route 1, Box 552, Norton,
Va.
Elder J. C. Lynn, 913 Burksdale Road, Nor-
folk, Va.
Elder Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.
Elder W. H. Fentress, 1801 Bayview Boule-
vard, Norfolk, Va.
Elder J. C. Barnett, 728 Howard Hill, Kings-
port, Tenn.
Elder J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street, Bristol,
Va.
Elder Robert C. Hill, 5218 Monument Avenue,
Richmond, Va.
Elder Billy Baugham, 37 Independence Street,
Portsmouth, Va.
Elder E. D. Webb, Portsmouth, Va.
Elder Jerry L. Norris, 618 Lafayette Terrace,
Newport News, Va.

DELEGATES REGISTERED

Clinch Valley Association: Fronie Belle Myers, Sophie Darnell, Betty Lane, Jessie Smith, and June Luster.

John Wheeler Association: M. C. Foran, Mrs. Lottie Cardwell, and Mrs. J. W. Chesnutt.

Tidewater Association: Mrs. Shirley Brown, Mrs. J. C. Lynn, and Mrs. Winona Riggs.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn for the eleven o'clock preaching service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The preaching service opened with the congregation singing "At Calvary." Miss Rudene Kennedy, youth worker for the association, was in charge of the service. She brought some interesting views on her works and discussed plans for a vacation Bible school camp this summer.

Rev. Billy Melvin read Matthew 9:35, and reported on the work at the Bible College. He also gave a report on the National Association.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Bob Lane.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "He Lives Today." The devotional was conducted by Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, reading from John 12:32, 33, his text being "The Hour of Optimism."

At this time the national officers were recognized.

The home missions report was given by Brother W. H. Dail and received by vote of the body.

The foreign missions report was given by Rev. Raymond Riggs and received by vote of the body.

The Ministers' Conference's report was received by vote of the body.

The woman's auxiliary's report was received by vote of the body.

The treasurer's report was given by Rev. J. B. Chism.

Rev. J. C. Lynn gave a report on the Bible

College. This report was received by vote of the association.

Article 3 of the bylaws, Page 47 of last year's minute, which had been tabled, was brought before the association. It was agreed to accept fees and letters from district associations with or without delegates.

Rev. Kenenth Walker was elected to serve on the executive board in the absence of one of the members.

Motion made and carried that this association adjourn until 9 a. m. Saturday. Closed with prayer by Rev. Kenneth Walker.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The evening service opened with a mesage by Rev. R. C. Hill. His topic was "An Hour of Operation" (Acts 1:8). The second mesage was by Rev. John Smith Jr. His topic was "An Hour of Obligation" (John 12:27; 1 Corinthians 4:2). Both mesages were very inspiring.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday session of the association opened with the congregation singing "The Wonderful Story," followed with prayer by Brother Leroy Hall.

Rev. Ray Turnage gave the devotional, reading from the Psalms. Brother Turnage also gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Home for Children of which he is superintendent.

The superannuation report was made by Sister Della Salyer and was received as read.

Delegates were elected to the National Association when it convenes in Raleigh, North Carolina, July 13, 14, 15, 1965, as follows: Mrs. Lottie Cardwell, Mrs. John Smith Jr., Mr.

and Mrs. James Myers Jr., and Leroy Hall Sr. An alternate delegate was W. H. Dail. The moderator was authorized by the association to fill the vacancy at the National Association if some delegate could not attend.

Motion was made and carried to authorize the clerk to have 1,000 minutes printed.

A memorial prayer was offered in reverence of the deceased members who have passed away since the last association meeting. The members were: Rev. Volney Thacker, Rev. Leonard Fields, Rev. James Miller, and Brother L. M. Salyer.

The board members' terms expire as follows: W. H. Dail, 1966; Rev. Bill Vaughn, 1967; and Rev. E. T. Darnell, 1968.

The officers of the association were elected as follows:

Moderator: Rev. Arthur Luster

Assistant Moderator: Rev. John Smith Jr.

Treasurer: Rev. J. B. Chism was retained.

Recording Secretary: James Myers Jr.

Home Missions Board: W. H. Dail, Chairman-Treasurer, Leslie Ketron, Guy Culbertson,

Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, and Rev. J. C. Lynn.

Foreign Mission Board: Rev. Raymond Riggs

Executive Board: W. H. Dail, Rev. Billy Vaughn was retained, and Rev. Eritt Darnell. Rev. Ralph Flannary's term expired at this session.

Superannuation Board: Mrs. Della Salyer, E. J. Kilgore, Rev. S. M. McFall, and Rev. Harold Kilgore.

Church Training System: Miss Rudene Kennedy.

Motion was made and carried for the next

association to be held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Bristol, Virginia.

Business to be brought before the executive board at the next meeting is that all ministers and deacons in good standing belonging to the Virginia State Association upon registration become members in full standing and constitute the standing delegation of the association.

Association letters were read as follows:

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

Southwest Virginia: Letter and \$50 for the state fund.

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

Tidewater: Letter and delegates with \$50 for the state fund.

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

A total of \$250 was received for the state finances.

An offering was received in the amount of \$32 for the Free Will Baptist Home for Children.

The association letters and various reports will be found in the back of the minute.

A standing vote of thanks was extended the people of the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church and the surrounding communities for their fine hospitality shown the association during its stay in their locality.

By vote the association adjourned for one year.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

A very interesting message was delivered by

Rev. William Steele on the topic, "The Challenge to Watch" (Luke 22:53; Matthew 26:40). Brother Steele offered the closing prayer.

Rev. Ralph Staten, *Moderator*

Rev. E. T. Darnell, *Assistant Moderator*

Mrs. M. C. Foran, *Clerk*

Statistical Reports of the Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand at the Beginning of the 1964 Session \$ 11.76

Received in 1964 Session:

Sandy Valley Association 50.00

Southwest Virginia Association 50.00

Tidewater Association 50.00

John Wheeler Association 50.00

Clinch Valley Association 50.00

Total to Be Accounted For \$261.76

Paid Out as Follows:

Check No. 16, National Association of Free Will Baptists \$ 50.00

Check No. 17, Mrs. M. C. Foran, Service as Clerk 15.00

Check No. 18, Rev. E. T. Darnell, Services as Moderator 15.00

Check No. 19, Free Will Baptist Press, 1,000 Minutes 168.00

Total paid Out 248.00

Balance on Hand at the Beginning of 1965 Session \$ 13.76

SUPERANNUATION FUND REPORT

Cash on Hand \$246.39

Receipts

Addison's Chapel	\$ 4.00
Beech Grove Church	1.50
Beckner's Chapel	1.50
Bethel Chapel	1.50
Bondtown Church	4.50
Collinswood Chapel	93.80
Dungannon Church	24.00
Dry Fork Church	3.00
Davis Chapel	11.00
Durham's Chapel	2.50
Esserville Church	11.00
Fairmount Park Church	118.75
Flatwood's Church	1.00
Gillenwater Church	3.00
Glamorgan Chapel	12.00
Hopkin's Chapel	20.00
Huff Cloverlick Church	8.00
Inman Church	4.50
Indian Creek Church	9.00
Kelly View Church	3.00
Lone Pine Chapel	12.00
Mary's Chapel	18.00
Mt. Olive Church	7.50
Marion Church	12.00
Mountain View Church	1.00
Martha's Chapel	1.50
Oak Grove Church	40.00
Pippin's Chapel	3.00
Hamilton Hill Church	12.00
Ramsey Church	9.00
Steven's Chapel	6.50
Stallard Memorial	15.00
Tom's Creek Church	2.00
Tacoma Church	10.00

Valley View Church	1.00
West Norton Church	11.50
West End Church	2.00
Wilson Chapel	20.00
Venia Church	12.00
Woman's Auxiliary	24.04

Total Receipts	557.59
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Total to Account For	\$803.98
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Disbursements

Rev. Ben Powers	\$120.00
Rev. Aaron Justice	120.00
Rev. Orville O'Quinn	120.00
Rev. H. A. Hess	120.00
Mrs. L. M. Salyers (supplies	10.00

Total Disbursements	490.00
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E. J. Kilgore Sr.	25.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$338.98
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Mrs. L. M. Salyers, *Treasurer*

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Report of Receipts for Year Ending

May 30, 1965

Brought Forward	\$1,245.97
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General Receipts

Ray Brooks	\$ 1.00
Sale of Books	26.95
Bethany, Norfolk, Va.	51.97
Cardwell Town, Saltville, Va.	58.16
Collinswood, Portsmouth, Va.	226.00
Copper Creek, Gates City, Va.	66.21
Rev. E. T. Darnell,	
Fort Blackmore, Va.	10.00
W. H. Dail, Norfolk, Va.	10.00

J. V. Estee, Big Stone Gap, Va.	6.00
Guy Culbertson, Kingsport, Tenn.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Foran, Bristol, Va.	2.00
Fairmont Park, Norfolk, Va.	225.00
Oak Grove, Big Stone Gap, Va.	45.00
Rev. John Smith, Kings- port, Tenn.	10.00
Stallard Memorial, Coeburn, Va.	73.77
Shiloh Bristol, Va.	73.54
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting	75.00
Mrs. L. M. Salyers, Norton, Va.	10.00
Mrs. and Mrs. C. R. West, Norfolk, Va.	10.00
Total Receipts	990.60

*Receipts for Rudene Kennedy—
Travel and Car Expense*

Bloss Memorial, Arlington, Va.	\$ 67.75
Bethany, Norfolk, Va.	29.27
Cardwell Town, Saltville, Va.	10.75
Collinswood, Portsmouth, Va.	23.81
Calvary, Portsmouth, Va.	16.45
Central, Norton, Va.	50.00
Fairmont Park, Norfolk, Va.	42.48
St. John's S. S. Class, Fairmont Park	70.05
Steadfast S. S. Class, Fairmont Park	10.00

Hyde Park, Norfolk, Va.	50.00
Newport News Church	90.40
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rice, Greenville, Tenn.	95.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rhodes, N. C.	25.00
Total Kennedy Fund	580.96
Total to Account For	\$2,817.53

Expenditures

Miss Rudene Kennedy's Salary	\$550.00
Miss Rudene Kennedy as Earmarked in Receipts with \$63.41 for Joy Rice's Clothes	580.96
Books Bought	25.53
Valley View Church Build- ing Fund	150.00
Postage	2.00
Office Supplies	2.45
Films and Projector Repairs	31.01
Home for Children, Col- linswood, Portsmouth	52.20
Promotional Work, W. H. Dail and Travel	114.52
Total Paid Out	1,508.67
Balance in Home Missions Fund	\$1,308.86

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

The last command of our Lord can only be obeyed through a cooperative effort of the Lord's people. The "Go ye into all the world" is as much our responsibility today

as it was to the apostles in the long ago. Our denomination, through its Foreign Mission Department, is endeavoring to carry out this command as our people respond in personnel and gifts.

At this time we have sixty-five (65) adult missionaries working in the following countries: Africa, Brazil, Cuba, India, Japan, Panama, and Uruguay. Plans are also underway to send missionaries to Ecuador, Formosa, and Europe. Actually, the sun never sets on Free Will Baptists' work. For this we are grateful. However, there remains much to be done. Many doors are still open to the gospel. The need and the cry of the hungry, perishing multitudes are staggering! The Macedonian cry is ringing out. Who will answer? Who will go? Who will send?

To maintain our present missionary staff, to keep them encouraged and supplied and to promote this work at home in challenging others to volunteer for foreign missions work, is a tremendous task and involves thousands of dollars. The overall quota for foreign missions for the year of 1964 was \$306,573.10. Total amount of receipts for 1964 was \$343,783.60. In other words, we exceeded the overall states quota by \$37,210.50. For this, we say, "Praise the Lord!" However, our own state, Virginia, failed to reach her suggested quota.

The suggested quota for Virginia for 1964 was \$18,000. We actually gave in all, for foreign missions during the year of 1964, \$14,181.14, which was \$3,818.86 short our quota.

What we do in 1965 remains to be seen.

The following report shows what our various churches gave to foreign missions during 1964; also the first four months of 1965. Thanks to each one who helped to make this good report possible. We need, however, more churches to support foreign mission regularly.

First Church, Hampton	\$ 3,497.75
Fairmount Park, Norfolk	2,072.78
Hyde Park, Norfolk	2,031.50
Bethany, Norfolk	1,919.15
Collinswood, Portsmouth	1,153.48
Calvary, Portsmouth	175.85
Cooperative Program	852.70
Central, Norton	107.42
Tidewater District Auxiliary	60.00
Ken Walker, Arlington	33.00
Emma Edwards	70.00
Ercell Maglicia	2.00
Antonio Graveran	1.25
Charlotte Nickels	66.40
Esserville Church	13.83
Virginia Beach Church	18.00
Bristol	43.00
Willie Justis	55.00
Wood, Sr.	202.00
WNAC	870.73
Cooper Chapel	23.00
Coper Chapel	23.00
Fairview	5.97
Richmond, First Church	265.83
Jimmy Bowman Jr.	86.00
Oak Grove	74.00
Lake Park	29.15
Joy Rice	28.00
Dungannon	181.29
East Lebanon	3.00
Meads Chapel	16.60

West Norton	13.00
Haywood Creech, Norfolk	25.00
Grace Chapel	40.00
People's Church, Norfolk	25.81
Ida Tucker	3.00
Doran's Addition, Kingsport	10.00
Cardwell	44.16

Total Receipts for 1964	\$14,181.14
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January—April, 1965

WNAC	\$ 174.52
Carwell Church	46.03
Greenwood Church	14.23
Henry Eubanks	100.00
Jimmy Bowman Jr.	16.00
Central Church	147.75
Stallard Church	39.50
Ramsey League	10.00
Charlotte Nickels	38.00
Oak Grove	30.00
Newport News	727.21
Flatwoods	11.62
Meads Chapel	11.47
Cooperative Program	315.52
First Church, Bristol	22.00
E. V. Welton, Norfolk	10.00
Bloss Memorial, Arlington	385.16
Fairmount Park, Norfolk	610.50
Bethany, Norfolk	151.44
Cooper Creek	46.00
Ken Walker, Arlington	9.00
Dungannon	83.54
Lake Park	31.10
Stallard Church	35.17
Tidewater Sunday School Rally	70.76
Haywood Creech, Norfolk	25.00
Pinehill	8.77

Shiloh	24.61
Feamster	11.03
Collinswood, Portsmouth	375.00
Esserville	35.20
Temple	75.00
Bryan Park, Richmond	44.00
First	35.81
Wilson	30.86
Pendelton Chapel	12.00
East Bristol	3.20
Parker's Chapel	7.03
Heavenly	14.00
West Norton	3.58
Davis Chapel	7.18

Total Receipts \$3,948.79

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Raymond Riggs, *State Director*

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME FOR CHILDREN

Route 9, Greenville, Tennessee

John Thomas Association

Castlewood Com-	
munity	\$ 80.00
Charlie's Chapel	2.00
Clinchco	181.83
Davis Chapel	9.50
Dyer's Chapel	120.00
Fergie Chapel	66.92
Flemingtown	10.00
Fremont	38.00
George's Fork	33.75
Hill Ridge Chapel	20.00
Lick Fork	91.00
Martin's Chapel	32.00
Meads Chapel	130.00

McCoy's Chapel	5.00
Middle Branch	157.38
Mill Creek	100.00
Mills Chapel	170.79
Peuther's Chapel	127.00
Phillip's Chapel	40.00
Pine Creek	57.00
Pine Grove	40.00
Pyles Memorial	80.00
Rachel's Chapel	43.00
Rugsby Chapel	46.15
Splashdam	22.77
Straight Hollow	31.00
Tarpon	14.32
Valley View	120.00
Yates Chapel	5.04
Dickenson County Con- ference	279.16
Dunham, Kentucky	226.00
Happy, Kentucky	33.00
Letcher County Conference	419.95

Total

\$2,832.56

John Wheeler Association

East Bristol	\$ 22.71
Greenwood	88.75
Pine Hill	27.58
Clay Hill	30.00
Shiloh	438.00
Rooty Branch	168.18
Macadoni	44.00
Cardwell Town	160.38

Total

\$ 979.60

Lee County

Mt. Hope	\$45.00
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Ocoonita	82.03	
Total		\$ 127.03

Sandy Valley Association

Venia's Chapel	\$ 15.44	
Yost Chapel	53.38	
Lake Park	5.00	
Youth Rallies	15.00	
Russell Fork	50.58	
Good Will	14.00	
Amonate	35.00	
Total		\$ 188.40

Tidewater Quarterly Meeting

Bloss Memorial	\$103.78	
Hyde Park	207.40	
Newport News	471.18	
Collinswood	199.33	
Bethany	142.81	
Fairmount Park	896.21	
Richmond	30.00	
Princess Anne	147.70	
Total		\$2,198.41

Wise County Conference

Dungannon	\$ 340.60	
Gillenwater	15.00	
Mary's Chapel	50.00	
Ramsey	52.62	
Wilson's Chapel	107.00	
Stallard Memorial	330.86	
Hopkin's Chapel	9.00	
Lone Pine	50.00	
Dry Fork	80.00	
Beech Grove	45.00	
Beckner's Chapel	40.00	

Tacoma	75.00
Mt. Olive	40.00
Indian Creek	103.64
Oak Grove	360.00
West End	245.66
Glamorgan	105.00
Central	260.00
Calvary	15.28
West Norton	53.17
Esserville	188.08
Flatwoods	30.00
Kelly View	11.65
Inman	45.00
Bond Town	5.00
Durham's Chapel	40.00
Pippin's Chapel	42.47
Wise County Conference	435.03

Total

\$3,175.06

Clinch Valley Association

Doran Addition	\$ 303.00
Dry Hollow	184.01
Macedonia	93.80
Clinchport	20.00
Sabra Chapel	35.00
Durham's Chapel	25.00
Hill's Chapel	70.00
Red Hill	55.50
Copper Creek	167.62
Pendleton Chapel	221.20
Howard Hill	88.70
Tri-City League	69.00
Midway Quarterly Meeting	10.00
West View	335.32
Jones Chapel	72.00
Orebank	260.50
Hilton	260.00

Bear Wallow	50.00
Mabes Chapel	248.13
Tipton's Chapel	34.00
Zion	198.10
Pine Grove	76.61
Cassel's Chapel	40.00
Sunbright Quarterly Meeting	31.00
Tri-City Quarterly Meeting	119.36

Total	\$3,067.85
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Miscellaneous Churches and Associations

Southwest Virginia Association	\$ 55.00
Tunnel Hill	30.00
Virginia State Association	40.00
Adams Chapel	10.00
East Lebanon	28.71
Heavenly Rest	30.00
Linkous Chapel	323.31
Marion	52.00
People's Church	109.12
Stanleytown Community	130.00
Valley View	115.38
Woodway	95.88
Cherry Grove	36.00
Flemington-Clintwood	45.02
Liberty	28.32
Maple Springs	322.80
Parker's Chapel	42.89

Total	\$1,494.43
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Personal Donations

Miss Mattie Richmond	\$ 5.15
Mrs. J. C. Vickers	10.00
Mr. Rayford Stewart	1.00
Mrs. Sallie E. Terpatra	10.00

Miss Lois Long	2.00
Mrs. Paul Sawyer	10.00
Mrs. Everette Lee Mullins	5.00
Rev. Kyle French	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Howard	25.00
Ernest Holmes	30.00
Mrs. D. L. Beverly	1.00
C. C. Lambert	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Sturgill	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Lambert	10.00
Palmyra Bolling	2.00
Mrs. Rena Hale	10.00
Paul Abrams	2.00
Mrs. J. D. Meeks	2.00
Guy R. Sproles	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Vanover	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wright	5.00
E. H. Mukins	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Garner	10.00
Rev. Robert Salyer	53.00
Thurman H. Honaker	10.00
J. B. Atwood	7.00
Hayewood E. Creech	25.00
Kilgore Grocery Company	120.00
H. W. Pearce	150.00
Lewis Dingus	188.00
Ivan Reedy	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kilgore	36.88
Mrs. M. Sauls	15.00
James E. Bowman Jr.	2.00
Mrs. O. S. Jones	5.00
Lt. and Mrs. E. L. Sawyer	100.00
Rev. Daniel W. Jackson	5.00
Mrs. A. M. Culbertson	5.00
Mrs. Arthur M. Salyer	30.00

Mrs. W. P. Britt	4.00
Belvin Boyd	1.00
Walton E. Beverly	15.00
J. H. Brewer	10.00
Allan E. Chapman	10.00
E. D. Quillen	1.00
Mrs. George Holmes	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Sams	5.00
Addie Barrus	5.00
E. R. Davis	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pierson	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Val-	
entine and Primary Class	2.00
Mrs. Elbert Keener	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker	1,200.00
Ellis Lane	5.00
Linda Connell Hall	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey	
Tarlton	100.00
C. M. Johnson	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mc-	
Decroom	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Leggett	10.00
Lambert's Pharmacy	100.00
Rev. W. H. Fentress	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Holbrook	5.00
Mrs. L. M. Salyer	18.00
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin	
G. Waters	80.00
George T. Wood Jr.	32.00
E. J. Kilgore	225.00
Mont Fletcher	2.00
Mrs. J. L. Whitehurst	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jewell	100.00
Rev. Walter L. Statzer	20.00
Miss Brenda C. Hill	33.35

Mr. and Mrs. Burley G. Spivey	52.00
Mrs. Sonya Lozaw	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Olen Terry	20.00
Orville O'Quinn	6.70
Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Pittman	20.00
W. C. Pearce	13.05
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Overman	5.00
J. E. Brickle	10.00
Mrs. Claude King	6.00
Mrs. Carter Phillips	55.00
Mack Humble	50.00
Mrs. Ella R. Bradham	2.00
Friends	288.50
Luther Sluss	2.05
Mrs. Pauline Montgomery	5.00
Total	\$3,663.68
Total Contributions from the State of Virginia	\$17,727.02

Statistical Reports of the Association

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday, June 18, 19, 1965.

We send as delegates Fronie Belle Myers, Sophie Darnell, Betty Ruth Lane, Jessie Smith, and June Luster.

Our statsitics are: Number of quarterly meetings, 4; number of quarterly meetings reported, 4; number of churches, 26; church membership, 1,206; members received, 142; members dismissed, 57; members deceased, 7;

number of Sunday schools, 24; Sunday school enrollment, 1,438; number of woman's auxiliaries, 4; woman's auxiliary enrollment, 46; number of leagues, 5; league enrollment, 151; number of ordained ministers, 64; number of licentiates, 5; number of ordained deacons, 52; paid pastors, \$10,807.28; paid evangelists, \$1,639.72; literature, \$1,847.38; charity, \$1,266.19; foreign missions, \$412.36; home missions, \$182.78; Bible College, \$16.00; Children's Home, \$2,174.44; buildings and repairs, \$20,072.82; miscellaneous expenditures, \$1,762.45; total expenditures, \$40,181.42; value of church property, \$242,000.00; enclosed for association, \$50.00

Eritt T. Darnell, *Moderator*

James Myers Jr., *Clerk*

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association:

James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.

Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va.

A. F. Puckett, Ft. Blackmore, Va.

Eritt T. Darnell, Ft. Blackmore, Va.

John Clifford Pierson, Kingsport, Tenn.

Walker Darnell, Dungannon, Va.

James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.

Joe Osborne, Dungannon, Va.

Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.

J. B. Quillen, Kingsport, Tenn.

John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

Robert Parker, Kingsport, Tenn.

Ray Weatherly, Kingsport, Tenn.

Kelly Estepp, Kingsport, Tenn.

C. J. Ewing, Kingsport, Tenn.

J. C. Barnett, Kingsport, Tenn.

Arthur Luster, Kingsport, Tenn.

Blaine Morgan, Kingsport, Tenn.
F. M. McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
Reece Bowser, Kingsport, Tenn.
Richard Castle, Kingsport, Tenn.
Lawman Umbarger, Kingsport, Tenn.
Bill Burchett, Kingsport, Tenn.
Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.
G. A. Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.
Harold Hawkins, Kingsport, Tenn.
William Vaughn, Old Fort, N. C.
Leonard Cross, Ellicott City, Md.
Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
Harold Free, Clinchport, Va.
William Lane, Hilton, Va.
Pat Bishop, Duffield, Va.
William Jones, Gate City, Va.
Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.
Rufus Hood, Clinchport, Va.
Carson Bishop, Kingsport, Tenn.
Talmage Walling, Gate City, Va.
Oscar Calhoun, Gate City, Va.
Carl France, Gate City, Va.
George Rhoton, Weber City, Va.
Roy Jenkins, Clinchport, Va.
Willie Jennings, Weber City, Va.
Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.
Lubert Hammonds, Clinchport, Va.
Fred Lane, Clinchport, Va.
W. J. Frazier, Duffield, Va.
Joe Taylor, Grundy, Va.
Wrightly Lane, Gate City, Va.
M. D. Hyatt, Church Hill, Tenn.
Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.
Gordon Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.
Lee Clark, Blountville, Tenn.
C. J. Flannary, Kingsport, Tenn.
Eckel Herron, Gate City, Va.

Johnny Hooker, Blountville, Tenn.
Bob R. Lane, Gate City, Va.
Joe Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.
B. D. Proffitt, Blountville, Tenn.
Carter Proffitt Jr., Blountville, Tenn.
Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Lee Smith, Hilton, Va.
Sam Welch, Bristol, Tenn.
Marvin Winkle, Church Hill, Tenn.

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday, June 18, 19, 1965.

We send as delegates Mrs. Young, Rev. Jerry Norris, Donald Wade, Ed Vinsant, Ed Windley, and Lenny Ewell.

Our statistics are: Number of quarterly meetings, 1; number of quarterly meetings reported, 1; number of churches, 9; church membership, 2,157; members received, 338; members dismissed 77; members deceased, 2; number of Sunday schools, 9; Sunday school enrollment, 1,666; number of woman's auxiliaries, 8; woman's auxiliary enrollment, 160; number of leagues, 9; league enrollment, 475; number Master's men; 5; Master's men enrollment, 73; number of ordained ministers, 11; number of licentiates, 2; number of ordained deacons, 34; paid pastor, 11; literature, \$6,857.64; charity, \$1,654.98; foreign missions, \$11,462.29; home missions, \$2,950.76; Bible College, \$2,240.47; superannuation, \$197.09; Children's Home, \$1,577.09; building and repairs, \$76,301.12; total expenditures, \$103,185.44; value of church property, \$541,000.00;

number of parsonages, 7 and 1 house; value of parsonages, \$106,500.00; enclosed for association, \$50.00.

Rev. Charles Brown, *Moderator*
Mrs. E. V. Welton, *Clerk*

Ministers belonging to the Tidewater Association:

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

Rev. Rev. Kenneth Walker, 716 N. Barton Avenue, Arlington, Va.

Rev. Charles Brown, 4817 Portsmouth Boulevard, Portsmouth, Va.

Rev. Ralph Staten, 3301, Verdun Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Robert Hill, 5218 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va.

Rev. J. B. Chism, 618 Lafayette Terrace, Newport News, Va.

Rev. J. C. Lynn, 913 Burksdale Road, Norfolk, Va.

Rev. Arthur Taylor, 2403 Dickens Road, Richmond, Va.

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday, June 18, 19, 1965.

We send as delegates M. C. Foran, Mrs. Lottie Cardwell, Mrs. J. W. Chesnutt, and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ashbrook.

Our statistics are: Number of quarterly meetings, 2; number of quarterly meetings reported, 2; number of churches, 12; church membership, 843; members received, 90 mem-

bers dismissed, 28; members deceased, 4; number of Sunday schools, 11; Sunday school enrollment, 920; number of woman's auxiliaries, 3; woman's auxiliary enrollment, 95; number of leagues, 4; league enrollment, 150; number of ordained ministers, 26; number of licentiates, 4; paid pastors, \$4,559.02; paid evangelists, \$1,562.17; literature, \$560.19; foreign missions, \$47.85; home missions, \$392.53; Children's Home, \$284.34; buildings and repairs, \$9,047.54; miscellaneous expenses, \$3,745.00; enclosed for association, \$50.00.

Rev. Winton Blaylock, *Moderator*

Mrs. M. C. Foran, *Clerk*

Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association:

Elder Joe Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder Edd Pendergrass, Route 3, Box 479, Bristol, Tenn.

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

Elder Cecil Clifton, Route 1, Meadow View, Va.

Elder Winton Blaylock, Route 4, Bristol, Va.

Elder Frazier Boothe, Route 2, Saltville, Va.

Elder Jennings Wilson, Route 2, Saltville, Va.

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

Elder Virginia Brannan, 212 Keys Street, Bristol, Va.

Elder L. E. Powers, Route 4, Bristol, Va.

Elder Howard Shaver, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder Millard C. Taylor, Route 2, Saltville, Va.

Elder Sheldon Norris, Route 1, Meadow View, Va.

Elder Walter Statzer, P. O. Box 703, Lebanon, Va.

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

Elder Kyle French, P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Va.

Elder Orville Trivette, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder Homer Goodson, Route 4, Bristol, Va.

Elder Herbert Adams, Route 5, Bristol, Va.

Elder C. C. Olinger, P. O. Box 247, Saltville, Va.

Elder H. M. Whittaker, Route 1, Bristol, Va.

Elder Elmer Adkins, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder A. L. Pope, Route 1, Box 151, Abingdon, Va.

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

LICENTIATES

Elder Walter Fender, Okinawa

Elder Sammy Johnson, Route 2, Glade Springs, Va.

Elder Johnny Taylor, Route 1, Saltville, Va.

Elder Arthur Rhymer, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday, June 18, 19, 1965.

We send as delegates Mrs. Cecil Ramey, Mrs. Earl James, Mrs. Roy Helton, and Mrs. Dewey Taylor.

Our statistics are: Number of quarterly meetings, 3; number of churches, 15; church membership, 575; number of ordained min-

isters, 35; value of church property, \$66,900; enclosed for association, \$50.00.

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

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association:

Rev. Earl James, Route 2, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Arnold Simpkins, Richlands, Va.
Rev. W. M. Boyd, Vansant, Va.
Rev. Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Va.
Rev. James H. Sargent Jr., North Tazewell, Va.
Rev. Kenneth Skeens, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Henry Roberts, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Emory E. Edwards, Vancouver, Washington, D. C.
Rev. Cecil Ramey, Route 1, Cedar Bluff, Va.
Rev. Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Earl Cole, White Wood, Va.
Rev. W. B. Boothe Sr., Bishop, Va.
Rev. George Barrett, Newport News, Va.
Rev. Warren 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. Rhoda 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. Hylton, 110 Hartford Avenue, N. E., Canton, Ohio
Rev. Hobert Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.

Rev. H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Walker Taylor, Brentwood, Va.
Rev. Ervin Penley, Drill, Va.
Rev. Luther Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Perry Reynolds, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Junior Colley, Jewel Valley, Va.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday, June 18, 19, 1965.

We send as delegates Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shepard, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dailey.

Our statistics are: Number of quarterly meetings, 2; number of quarterly meetings reported, 2; number of churches, 43; church membership 2,278; number of Sunday schools, 43; Sunday school enrollment, 3,190; number of leagues, 20; league enrollment, 647; number of ordained ministers, 74; number of licentiates, 1; paid pastors, \$10,439.90; paid evangelists, \$4,449.91; literature \$2,425.78; charity, \$6,395.01; foreign missions, \$449.04; home missions, \$978.58; Bible College, \$378.-95; superannuation, \$251.03; Children's Home, \$2,345.08; building and repairs, \$9,991.00; value of church property, \$49,000.00; number of parsonages, 1; value of parsonage, \$3,000.00; enclosed for association, \$50.00.

G. T. Francis, *Moderator*
L. G. Ketron, *Clerk*

Ministers reporting to the Southwest Virginia Association:

Hobert Addington, Wise, Va.

C. B. Addison, Wise, Va.
Howard Ashworth, Kingsport, Tenn.
Edgar Baltimore, Route 1, Dryden, Va.
James Bolling, Esserville, Va.
S. B. Culbertson, Pennington Gap, Va.
John Craft, 704 Kentucky Avenue, Norton,
Va.
J. R. Cowden, 616 Roberts Avenue, Norton,
Va.
Robert Dixon, Route 1, Box 147, Big Stone
Gap, Va.
Carson Dotson, Route 2, Wise, Va.
J. V. Estepp, Route 1, Box 71A Big Stone Gap,
Va.
G. T. Francis, Pound, Va.
Ralph Flannary, Dunganon, Va.
W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.
J. T. Greear, Norton, Va.
U. L. Graham, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Therdore Holmes, Keokee, Va.
P. W. Honeycutt, 130 Twelfth Street, Norton,
Va.
J. Leonard Hicks, St. Paul, Va.
Milam Hall, Cranes Nest, Va.
W. E. Harrison, Norton, Va.
Vestus Jessie, Norton, Va.
Williard Kiser, Route 2, Box 114, Coeburn, Va.
J. Harold Kilgore, Esserville, Va.
Roy W. Kilgore, Dunganon, Va.
J. D. Kilgore, Pound, Va.
C. B. Lane, Route 2, Box B-96, Wise, Va.
James Laney, Wise, Va.
Paul Leonard, 400 Woodlawn Terrace, Nor-
ton, Va.
Richard McFarland, Eolia, Ky.
J. B. Maggard, Route 2, Box 28, Big Stone Gap,
Va.

L. H. Martin, Jonsville, Va.
W. C. Maness, Appalachia, Va.
Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Earl Miller, 516 Page Street, Bristol, Va.
Kermit Moore, 215 N. Garden Street, Alexandria, Va.
Melvin Moore, Wise, Va.
George Mullins, Eolia, Ky.
Hansford Mullins, Wise, Va.
Paul Pennington, Route 1, Keokee, Va.
Ben Powers, Wise Va.
David Powers, Kentucky Avenue, Norton, Va.
Wade Powers, Pound, Va.
James Rose, Route 1, Box 193, Coeburn, Va.
Della Salyer, Route 1, Box 552 Norton, Va.
Jeff Salyer, Nickelsville, Va.
Eddie Sturgill, Jenkins, Ky.
Jim West, Eolia, Ky.
Robert H. Vanover, Box 254, Wise, Va.

REPORT OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Virginia State Ministers' Conference met June 17, 1865, with the Bethany Church, Norfolk, Virginia, with Elder Raymond Riggs as host pastor.

The conference theme was, "The Challenge to Earnestly Contend for the Faith."

Singspiration period was conducted by Billy Baugham. Accompanists were Mrs. C. R. Riggs at the organ and Romona Riggs at the piano.

Elder J. B. Chism, president, presided over the meeting.

Devotional was conducted by Elder E. T. Darnell who used as his theme, "Following the Old Paths."

Welcome was given by Bro. Henderson.

Response was given by Elder John Smith.

Special number was rendered by the Myers Trio which sang, "The Lord Will Make a Way Some How." The Myers Duet sang, "I'll Be Free."

Registrar Elder Kenneth Walker gave a partial report. He reported to that time there were 15 ministers present and 31 visitors.

Bro. Fentress led in prayer.

Elder Ralph Flannary brought a message on "The Faith Once Delivered to the Saints."

Bro. Billy Baugham led the congregation in singing "More Love to Thee."

Bro. W. H. Dail led in prayer.

Elder Billy Melvin, executive secretary of the National Association, brought a timely message on "Christian Involved" (Matthew 5:13; Luke 10:30-37).

Minutes of last session were read and approved.

Treasurer gave his report. Report was approved. See report.

Registrar reports again that 16 ministers were present and 55 visitors present.

Motion was sustained that the present slate of officers be retained for the ensuing year. They are as follows: president, J. B. Chism, vice-president, Earl Austin; secretary-treasurer, Ralph Staten.

Bros. John Smith and Robert Hill were elected as members to the executive committee.

Bro. E. T. Darnell was elected as director of Ministerial Conduct and Improvement.

Bro. Ralph Flannary reported on the work of Ministers' Conference in his or the western part of the state.

An offering of \$17.18 was received.

Motion by Bro. Walker was sustained that all monies above \$10.00 in treasury be allocated for the National Headquarters Building Fund. Congregation was led by Bro. Billy Baugham in singing "Bless Be the Tie that Binds."

Benediction was given by Bro. C. R. Riggs.

J. B. Chism, *President*

Ralph Staten, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

I, Ralph Staten, do hereby submit the following report as treasurer of the Virginia State Ministers' Conference.

1. Bro. Jack Springle, a former secretary-treasurer, reported to me last year that he did not receive any records from the ministers' meeting for 1961. For 1962 he received \$10.42 during the ministers' conference. For the 1963 conference he spent \$8.00 for cards in publicity of the meeting. This left a balance on hand of \$2.42.

2. As treasurer I received the \$2.42 from Bro. Sprinkle through the mail.

3. At the 1964 session of the ministers' conference an offering of \$23.85 was received. At the close of the 1964 session there was a balance of \$26.27.

4. For correspondence, printing and distribution of programs, etc., there is the total expense of \$10.00; which leaves a balance at the beginning of the 1965 session of \$16.27 in the treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Staten, *Treasurer*

VIRGINIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

The Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, June 17, 1965. The session opened with the singing of "Blessed Be the Name."

Mrs. Ramond Riggs presided over the business session in the absence of the president. Mrs. Jean Chism was acting secretary in the absence of the secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

Program Committee: Mrs. Elsie Staten, Mrs. Nell Edwards, and Miss Blanche Pearce.

Digest Committee: Mrs. Mary Poole, Mrs. Venell West, and Mrs. Shirley Brown

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Gladys Findley, Mrs. Irene Pittman, and Mrs. Sophia Darnell

The theme for the convention was "The Challenge to Radiate the Power of Example in Christian Living." The Scripture lesson, Acts 9:36-43, was read by Mrs. Emma Lynn.

During the morning session the Rev. Raymond Riggs spoke of "The Power of Example in Good Works"; and Mrs. James Myers Jr. spoke of "The Power of Godliness in Christian Living."

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "When I See the Blood," followed with prayer by Mrs. Mary E. Poole.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read by vote of the convention.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

1. That the women of the Virginia State

Woman's Auxiliary put forth an effort to make our state work a success.

2. That delegates for the local auxiliaries be sent to the State Auxiliary Convention.

3. That Rudene Kennedy's salary be raised, and that the Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary be responsible for \$25.00 per month of the increase with each local auxiliary taking a part in it. Funds are to be sent to the Virginia State Auxiliary treasurer.

The following officers were elected:

President: Mrs. Della Salyer, Route 1, Box 552, Norton, Va.

Vice-President: Mrs. Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin Street, Norfolk, Va.

Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. Gertrude Whitehurst, 6237 Tappahannock Drive, Norfolk, Va.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Shirley Brown, Portsmouth, Va.

Study Course Chairman: Mrs. Georgie Hill, 5218 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va.

Stewardship Chairman: Mrs. Gladys Findley, 8017 Redmon Road, Norfolk, Va.

Personal Worker: Mrs. Margaret Stump, 3123 Morne Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Field Worker: Mrs. Irene Pittman, 3222 Argonna Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

The convention closed with prayer by Sister Rudene Kennedy.

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 ($3/4$) 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 discussion 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 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 (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 belong-

ing 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.

