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MINUTES

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VIRGINIA STATE
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**Thirty-first Session Held with the
First Free Will Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia
June 13-14, 1969**

The next session will be held with the Adwolfe Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Marion, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1970.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator - M. E. Howard,
P. O. Box 1433, Richmond, Virginia
Assistant Moderator - Rev. Eugene Canfield,
6071 Jefferson Avenue, Newport News, Virginia .
Treasurer - Rev. J. C. Barnett,
728 Howard Hill, Kingsport, Tennessee
Clerk- James Myers, Jr., 246-6970-615
Route 2, Doran Addition, Kingsport, Tennessee
Assistant Clerk - Mrs. James Myers, Jr.,
Route 2, Doran Addition, Kingsport, Tennessee

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Bill Vaughn
Box 117, Old Fort, N. C. - 1970
Rev. Richard Castle
Idle Hour Road, Kingsport, Tennessee 1971
W. H. Dail,
3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia - 1972

HOME MISSIONS

W. H. Dial
3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia
Rev. Ralph Flannary
Dungannon,, Virginia 1970
Rev. Walter Statzer
Bristol, Virginia 1971
Guy Culbertson
1225 Holyoke Avenue, Kingsport, Tennessee 1972
Rev. Charles Brown
Portsmouth, Virginia 1973

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Rev. Eugene Canfield,
Newport News, Virginia

SUPERANNUATION

Mrs. Della Salyer, Chairman,
Box 695, Norton, Virginia

E. J. Kilgore,
Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. Harold Kilgore,
Essersville, Virginia

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams,
Route 2, Box 190, Wise, Virginia

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Rev. John Smith, Jr.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Rev. John Smith, Jr.

PROCEEDINGS

The 31st annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the 1st Free Will Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, June 13, 14, 1969.

The session was opened by singing, "Face to Face", and "Love Lifted Me." The singing was led by Rev. Eugene Confield, accompanied at the piano by Sister Lottie Cardwell, and Sister Cathy Flannary at the organ.

The clerk read from the 17th chapter of 1st Samuel, verses 23 through 45, prayer led by Rev. J. C. Barrett. The host pastor, Rev. T. O. Terry gave the association a warm and sincere welcome to the Richmond Church. The assistant moderator, Rev. John Smith, Jr., gave the response.

The clerk introduced the officers of the association, concluding with the introduction of the moderator Rev. Ralph Flannary who called the session to order and proceeded with the business.

The program was officially adopted for use at this session, with alterations as needed.

Rev. Harold Harrison gave the report from the National Sunday School Department. This report was received as information.

Association letters were read as received, approved, and those having delegates were seated. The Sandy Valley Association did not report.

Clinch Valley: Letter and delegates, and \$150.00 for state fund.

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

Tidewater: Letter and \$75.00 for state fund.

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

The morning worship service was opened by singing "Standing on the Promises." Brother and Sister Myers sang, "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me." The moderator introduced Rev. Dale Burden for the morning message. He read from the 12th Chapter of St. Matthew, verses 25 through 30, taking his text from verse 25. He brought a

challenging and soul searching message enjoyed by all.

The host pastor welcomed everyone to eat. Prayer of thanks for the food was offered by Rev. Harold Harrison. The association was served a good meal by the ladies of the Richmond Church.

The Friday afternoon session was opened by singing, "Living for Jesus." The clerk read the 121st Psalm, prayer was offered by Rev. Charles Brown. The afternoon session was presided over by the associate moderator, Rev. John Smith, Jr. He introduced Rev. William D. Ellis, superintendent of the children's home who gave his report consisting of \$11,164.46 given to the home from state churches. He also showed slides of the home and some of their activities. The report was received as information.

Rev. Charles Brown was selected to serve on the Executive Board in the absence of Rev. Bill Vaughn. 1 2?

Brother W. H. Dail gave the report for the State Home Mission Board. The financial report is included in these minutes which were approved by the association.

The clerk read the report sent by the National Home Mission Board. The report was received as information.

Brother Robert Bryan gave the report of the National Foreign Mission Board. The report was received as information.

Mrs. Faye Sams, Ladies Auxiliary Vice-President gave the Auxiliary Report. They have 212 members. \$2,994.68 came through their treasure last year. They raised \$599.32 for a piano for the Merks in France. A total of \$2,174.11 was given to missions. This report was received as information.

Rev. Robert Brown gave the Ministers Conference report. The report was received as information.

The treasurer's report was given by Rev. J.C. Barnett. The report was approved, and is included in these minutes.

Rev. Tom Malone gave a report for the Bible College. The report was received as information.

The Superannuation report was read by the clerk, approved by the body and is included in these minutes.

James Myers, Jr., Fronie Belle Myers, Parthena Smith,

William Lester, and Joe Creech were elected delegates to the National Association.

The conference approved the printing of 1000 minutes.

Memorial prayer was led by Rev. Kin Riggs in memory of Rev. Bill Dykes and Rev. Coney Robinett.

* The Executive Board set the next session at the Adwolfo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Marion, Virginia on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in June 1970.

Rev. Eugene Confield was elected Foreign Mission Secretary for the state.

Mrs. Della Salyer, E. J. Kilgore, and Rev. Harold Kilgore was elected to the Superannuation board.

Rev. John Smith, Jr. was retained on the Children's Home board from the state of Virginia.

The Friday evening session was opened by singing "He Lives", prayer led by Jack Goodfellow. The second song was, "Count Your Blessings". Rev. Bryan and Rev. Riggs sang, "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me." Rev. Riggs introduced the various churches. The Bible Bowl team from the Richmond Church competed against four minister to show how the competition works. The Flannary sisters, sang, "New Jerusalem." The congregation sang, "He Keeps Me Singing." Miss Judy Bryan sang "I'm A Child of the King." Rev. Ralph Flannary, the State Moderator, introduced the speaker, Rev. Jim Cox, who read from the 12th Chapter of IEcclesiastes, verse 1, and brought a timely message on, "Youth Love God First", "Adults Be An Example." While singing, "I Surrender All", a call of dedication was extended to the young people. Brother Riggs, led in prayer.

Brother Flannary called for business.

Brother Dale Burden made a move that the association start its business with the Womens Auxiliary on Thursday and conclude the business on Friday evening, the move was seconded by Brother Robert Brown, this was tabled until the Saturday morning session.

The evening offering was \$23.71.

The Saturday morning session was opened by singing,

"The Lilly of the Valley," and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The clerk read from the 118 Psalm, verse 24, "This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." Prayer was led by Brother Guy Culbertson.

If the letter from the Sandy Valley Association is received, the body approved the recording of the information in the minutes.

Brother H. D. Dale made move, second to move by Rev. J. C. Barrett, to permanently table the change of meeting time as brought up on Friday Evening in lieu of Article VII of Constitution. The conference carried. 

Rev. Ken Riggs sang, "Is My Master Satisfied With Me."

Brother W. H. Dale made move to elect Rev. Dale Burden editor of the Virginia Link and Brother Buddy Gailey, assistant editor, Rev. Charles Brown seconded the motion, conference carried.

Brother James Myers, Jr. made motion that the Home Mission board underwrite the expense of the Virginia Link for one year, the 1st edition request subscriptions of \$1.00. Second to move made by H. D. Dale, conference carried.

Brother H. D. Dale made move that all subscriptions for the Virginia Link be made to the treasurer of the Home Mission Board, with correct names and addresses, the move was seconded by Rev. John Smith, Jr., the conference carried.

Election of officers include:

Moderator	Mr. M. E. Howard
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Eugene Canfield
Treasurer	J. C. Barnett
Executive Board	<u>W. H. Dail</u> - 1972
Home Mission Secretary and Treasurer	W. H. Dail
Member Home Mission Board	Charles Brown - 1973
Childrens' Training Services	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams
National Association Board	Rev. John Smith, Jr.

Rev. John Smith, Jr. was given authority to replace delegates at the National Association as needed.

These minutes were read and adopted.

The Saturday morning worship service was opened by singing, "He Hideth My Soul." Rev. Ken Riggs and Bro. Robert Bryan sang, "Follow Me."

Rev. Ralph Flannary introduced the speaker, Rev. Charles Brown who read from the 16th Chapter of 1st Corinthians, verse 13. He brought an inspiring message on, "Watch and Pray."

The session was adjourned by prayer by Rev. Ken Riggs.

The session was served a good meal by the Bryan Church of Richmond.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Ralph Flannary, John Smith, Jr., Eugene Canfield, Charles Brown, Walter L. Stazer, Dale Burden, Richard L. Castle, Cecil Ramey, Ken Riggs, Jack R. Shules.

VISITING MINISTERS

William D. Ellis, Tom Malone, H. D. Harrison.

DEACONS

James Myers, Jr., Paul D. Sams, Watson Mullins, Wilton Dail, Gerald M. Peak, Guy Culbertson, Marvin Waters, Gerald M. McPeak, M. E. Howard.

DELEGATES

Nova Mullins, Luttie Cardwell, Beulah Flannary, Fay Sams, Fronie Belle Myers, Parthena Smith, Helen Castle, Viola Bevins, Hattie Rogers, Lillie Barnett.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand at beginning of 1968 Session . . . \$	54.16
Received from:	
South West Virginia Association	50.00

Sandy Valley Association	50.00
Tide-Water Association	75.00
John Wheeler Association	50.00
Clinch Valley Association	150.00
Total to be Accounted for	\$ 429.16

Paid Out:

Rev. Robert Hill (Services as Moderator) . . \$	15.00
Rev. Robert Hill (For Virginia Link)	125.00
National Association Dues	50.00
Supreme Printing Co. for State Minutes	148.00
Amount Paid Out	\$ 338.00

Balance on hand at the beginning of 1969

Session	\$ 91.16
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Rev. J. C. Barnett, Treasurer

SUPERANNUATION ANNUAL REPORT

Carried forward from June 1968	\$ 370.69
Receipts: John Wheeler Association	32.31
Virginia Churches	358.87
Friends	5.00
Total Receipts	\$ 766.87

Disbursements: Rev. Ben Powers, Rev. Charlie Mullins, Rev. Orvill Ocquinn and Rev. C. A. Robinette . . \$	375.00
Postage and Expenses	10.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 385.00
Balance on hand June 1, 1969	\$ 381.87

Dungannon Chruch, Dungannon, Va.	\$ 30.00
Beckners Chapel, Wise, Va.	10.00
Marys Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	20.00
Ramsey Church, Norton, Va.	14.00
Mt. Olive Church, Wise, Va.	9.00
Wilson's Chapel, Norton, Va.	20.00

Mountain View Church, Wise, Va.	3.00
Indian Creek Church, Pound, Va.	12.00
Davis Chapel, Norton, Va.	12.00
Hopkins Chapel, Norton, Va.	12.00
Bull Run 1st Church, Coeburn, Va.	12.00
Stallard's Memorial, Coeburn, Va.	20.00
Bethel's Chapel, Wise, Va.	5.01
West End Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.	11.00
Valley View Church, Dungannon, Va.	13.00
Lonepine Chapel, Pound, Va..	14.00
Martha's Chapel, Pound, Va.	4.70
Fair Mount Park F.W.B. Church, Norfolk, Va. ...	60.00
Marion F.W.B. Church, Marion, Va.	12.00
John Wheeler Association, Bristol, Va.	32.31
Glamorgan Chapel, Wise, Va.	16.00
Dry Fork Church, Coeburn, Va.	20.00
Inman Church, Inman, Va.	1.50
West Norton Church, Norton, Va.	20.00
Esserville Church, Esserville, Va.	14.00
Bondtown Church, Coeburn, Va.	6.50
Gladys Fork Church, Coeburn, Va.	15.00
Durham's Chapel, Big Stone Gap, Va.	1.00
Addison's Chapel, Wise, Va.	2.00
Pippins Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	5.00
Tom's Creek Church, Coeburn, Va.	1.00
Rock Lick Church, Coeburn, Va.	16.00
Calvery Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.	6.00
Colechester Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.	13.00
Friends	5.00

VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

Report from June 1, 1968 to May 1, 1969

Sale of Books	\$ 36.00
Home Mission Rally	39.00
Adwolfe F.W.B. Church, Marion, Va.	30.00
Bethany F.W.B. Church, Norfolk, Va.	228.42

Bondtown F.W.B. Church, Coeburn, Va.	2.00
Bull Run F. W. B Church, Coeburn, Va.	34.00
Clinchport F.W.B. Church	70.00
Collinswood F.W.B. Church, Portsmouth, Va.. . .	728.68
Copper Creek F.W.B. Church, Gate City, Va. . .	50.71
Doran Addition F.W.B. Church	55.00
Fairmount Park F.W.B. Church, Norfolk, Va....	254.50
First Church of F.W.B., Newport News, Va. . . .	39.69
Greenwood F.W.B. Church, Abingdon, Va.	10.00
John Wheeler Association	38.00
Pippens Chapel F.W.B. Church	4.00
Stallard Memorial F.W.B. Church	2.00
Shiloh F.W.B. Church, Bristol, Va.	100.72
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting	125.00
Virginia Women's Auxiliary	335.52
Wilsons Chapel F.W.B. Church, Norton, Va. . . .	12.00

TOTAL \$2,195.24

EARMARKED FUND FOR RUDENE KENNEDY

Mrs. Ada Rice	\$ 18.00
Central Church, Norton, Va.	102.16
East Bristol Church, Bristol, Va.	35.00

TOTAL \$ 155.16

Received	\$ 155.16
Expenditures	\$ 155.16

EXPENDITURES

Promotional Work

W. H. Dail	\$ 40.00
Books	14.48

Balance Brought Forward 6/1/68	\$1,408.16
Total Receipts 5/1/69	\$2,195.24

Grand Total	\$3,603.40
Expenditures	54.48
Balance on Hand	\$3,548.92

REPORT OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Virginia State Ministers' Conference met June 12, 1969 at 7:30 o'clock at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia, where Bro. T. O. Terry is pastor, with Bro. Charles Brown presiding. The conference theme was "Having Done All—Stand." Ephesians 6-13. The conference was opened by singing "Love Lifted Me" led by Bro. James Myers, Jr.

Bro. Robert Bryan gave a brief report on Foreign Missions and challenged all ministers to help raise an additional \$300.00 per month for the Ivory Coast. Bro. Myers then led the congregation in singing "Have Thine Own Way." The message was brought by Bro. Eugene Canfield, pastor of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in Hampton, Va. Bro. Canfield read from 1st Corinthians, Chapter 1, verses 18 and 31. He used for a text, "The Preaching of the Cross." He brought a timely and very challenging message. After the Worship Service Bro. Dale Burden Bro. John Smith Jr. and Bro. Cecil Ramey were appointed as a Nominating Committee to submit a slate of officers for 1970. The Ways and Means to improve attendance at the Ministers' Conference were discussed. The responsibility rests upon the ministers to convey the message to each individual member to help finance travel to the State Ministers Conference. (It was decided to have a planned program and a nominating committee.)

A motion was made and passed that the past members of the standing committees be retained. Two members at large were elected to assist the executive committee. They were Bro. Dale Burden and Bro. Ralph Flanary. Officers for

the coming year were elected: Bro. John Smith, President; Bro. Eugene Canfield, Vice-President; and Bro. J. C. Barnett, Secretary-Treasurer. An offering of \$10.50 was received. Motion was made to adjourn until the Thursday night conference in 1970.

Bro. Charles Brown, President
Bro. Ralph Flanary, Sec.-Treas.

WOMENS' AUXILIARY OFFICERS – 1969-1970

President:

Mrs. Gertrude Whitehurst
Fairmont Church – Norfolk

Vice-President

Mrs. Faye Sams
Glamorgan Chapel – Wise

Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Gladys Findley
Bethany – Norfolk

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Agnes Miller
Fairmont – Norfolk

Corresponding Secretary

Mrs. Lottie Cardwell
Saltville – Saltville

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Southwest Virginia Association

Delegates Bro. and Sister Paul Sams, Bro. and Sister

Watson Mullins, Sister Ralph Flannery, and Sisters Kathy and Patty Flannery.

Statistics: Number of quarterly meetings—1; quarterly meetings reported—1; number of churches—37; church membership—1928; members received—153; members dismissed—63; members deceased—20; number of Sunday Schools—36; Sunday School enrollment—2,404; number of leagues—15; league enrollment—439; number of ordained ministers—63; number of licentiates—7; paid pastors—\$10,136.61; paid evangelists — \$5,056.61; literature—\$2,823.09; foreign missions—\$391.43; home missions—\$1,211.42; superannuation—\$363.87; building and repair—\$6,932.80; enclosed for association—\$50.00.

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist while in regular session with the Central Church May 17, 1969.

C. L. Kilgore, Moderator.
Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk

Names and addresses of ministers reporting, all addressed are Virginia unless stated otherwise.

Hovert Addington — Wise
C. B. Addison — Wise
Hattie Adkins — Manasses
Howard Ashworth — 203 Pinehurst Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
S. R. Ball — St. Charles
Edgar Baltimore — Dryden
Jeff Bevins — Wise
Robert Bevins — Wise
Palmer Blevins — Route 1, Coeburn
Bernard Beroskey — Box 165, Norton
Roger Craiger — Norton, Route 2
Jess R. Cowden — 616 Roberts Avenue, Norton
Billy Ray Crawfore — Coeburn
Denver Dean — Wise
Robert Dixon — Route 1, Big Stone Gap

Carson Dotson — Route 2, Wise
Ralph Flannery — Dungannon
G. T. Francis — Pound
U. L. Graham — Big Stone Gap
J. T. Greear — Norton
Ray L. Goode — Wise
Milam L. Hall — Route 1, Coeburn
J. Leonard Hicks — St. Paul, Route 2
Theodore Holmes — Keokee
Perry Honeycutt — Norton
S. H. Jackson — Route 1, Coeburn
Jessie Vestus — Norton
Roy Kennedy — Route 2, St. Paul
C. L. Kilgore — Coeburn
J. D. Kilgore — Pound
J. Harold Kilgore — Esserville
Roy Kilgore — Nickelsville
William Kilgore — Pound
Willard Kiser — Route 2, Coeburn
C. B. Lane — Route 2, Wise
J. E. Laney — Route 1, Wise
Paul Leonard — 400 Woodlawn Terrace, Norton
Richard McFarlin — Eolia, Ky.
William Maness — Route 1, Box 21, Big Stone Gap
Elmer Miner, Route 1, Box 166, Coeburn
Kermit Moore, 17075 Sterling Blvd., Sterling
Charlie Mullins, Route 2, Pound
Hansford Mullins, Wise
Thurman Mullins — Pound
Arnold Powers — Pound
B. R. Powers — Wise
David Powers — Norton
J. L. Ramey — 242 12th St. Se. Norton
Glenn Ritchie — Route, Box 184, Bristol, Tennessee
Ethel Robbins — Norton
James Rose — Route 1, Box 411, Coeburn
Della Salyer — Norton
Jeff Salyer — Nickelsville

I. T. Stallard — Pound
Eddie Sturgill — Jenkins, Kentucky
Fred Sturgill — Pound
Garland Summers — St. Paul
Tyler Tate — St. Paul

Resolution: To inform you that Reverend S. M. McFall, member of the Superannuation Board has moved his membership by letter from the bounds of this association and we recommend Reverend Elmer Miner of Coeburn, Virginia as a candidate for this board.

Done by order of Southwest Virginia Association while in regular session with the Central Church Norton, Virginia, May 17, 1969.

C. L. Kilgore, Moderator
L. G. Ketron, Clerk

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

No. Quarterly meetings - 1; No. Quarterly meetings reported - 1; No. churches - 10; Church membership - 2,321; Members received - 318; Members dismissed - 55; Members deceased - 7; No. of Sunday Schools - 10; Sunday School enrollment - 1,514; No. of Women's Auxiliaries - 10; Women's Auxiliary enrollment - 188; No. of C. T. S. - 10; C. T. S. enrollment - 500; No. of Master Men - 6; Master Men's enrollment - 87; No. of ordained Ministers - 12; No. of ordained Deacons - 35; Amount paid Pastors - \$52,300.00; Amount paid Evangelists - \$1,200.00; Literature - 6,000.00; Charity - \$2,300.00; Foreign Missions - \$12,056.52; Home Missions - \$3,908.93; Bible College - \$5,963.54; Superannuation - \$200.00; Paid to Children's Home \$2,105.57; Building and Repair - \$10,000.00; Miscellaneous Expenses - \$700.00; Total Expenditure - \$100,000.00; Value of Church Property - \$1,000,500.00; No of Parsonages - 8; Value of

Parsonages - \$100,000.00; Enclosed for Association - \$75.00.

Billy Morris, Moderator
Mildred Welton, Clerk
455 Maryland Avenue
Portsmouth, Virginia 23707

Ministers belonging to the Tidewater Association.

Rev. Billy Morris
Rev. W. H. Fentress
Rev. I. J. Carter
Rev. Charles Brown
Rev. Robert Hill
Rev. C. H. Denton
Rev. Joe Hurst
Rev. John Gibbs
Rev. Ken Riggs
Rev. Doug Robertson
Rev. Dale Burden
Rev. Cecil Ramey
Rev. Eugene Canfield

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

No. quarterly meetings - 2; No. quarterly meetings reported 2; No. of Churches - 15; Church Membership - 1,032; Members Received - 47; Members dismissed - 26; Members deceased - 10; No. of Sunday Schools - 14; Sunday School enrollment - 930; No. of Women's Auxiliaries - 2; No. of Leagues - 5; No. of Master Men's - 2; No. of ordained

Ministers - 32; No. of Licentiates - 5; Paid Pastors - \$9,982.53 ; Paid Evangelistics - \$2,960.48; Literature - \$634.48; Foreign Missions - \$233.66; Home Missions - \$625.71; Building and repair - \$6,169. 06; Total Expenditures - \$20,655.90 ; enclosed for Association - \$50.00.

Rev. Howard Shaver, Moderator
Route 5

Bristol, Tennessee

Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk
321 Boone Street
Bristol, Virginia

Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association.

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

Rev. Lula F. Henley - 264 Lowland St. Abingdon, Va.

Rev. Winton Blaylock - Route 4, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Shelton Norris

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

Rev. Kyle French — P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Va.

Rev. C. F. Sprinkle — Route 5, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Cecil Clifton — Route 1, Meadow View, Va.

Rev. Authur Rhymer — Route 5, Bristol, Tenn.

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

Rev. Samuel Johnson — P. O. Box 123, Gary, West Va.

Rev. Orville Trivette — Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. C. C. Olinger — P. O. Box 247, Saltville, Va.

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

Rev. Edd Pendergrass — Box 497, Route 3, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Howard Shaver — Route 5, Bristol, Va.

Rev. Douglas K. Offield — Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. Walter Statzer — Route 2, Marion, Va.

Rev. Robert F. Smith — Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

Rev. Jennings Wilson — 1602A Westover Dr., Danville, Va.

Rev. H. M. Whittaker

Rev. Elmer Adkins — Route 4, Blountville, Tenn.
Rev. John Taylor — Route 1, Saltville, Va.
Rev. A. L. Pope — Route 3, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Homer Goodson — Route 5, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Cecil Pressley — Box 337, Saltville, Va.
Rev. Orville O'Quinn — Box 228, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Sherrill A. Foran — 321 Boone St., Bristol, Va.
Rev. Harold Rouse — Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Ray Willis — Route 2, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Paul Price — Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Rev. James M. Wright — Saltville, Va.

Licentiates

Rev. Kenneth Smith — Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

No. quarterly meetings - 3; No. quarterly meetings reported — 3; No. of Churches — 13; Church Membership — 504; Members received — 18; Members dismissed — 7; Members deceased — 2; No. of Sunday Schools — 12; Sunday School enrollment — 695; No. of Ordained Ministers 27; No. of Licentiates — 1; No. of Ordained Deacons - 26 ; Paid Pastors — \$1,934.67; Paid Evangelistics — \$521.92; Literature — \$545.33; Home Missions — \$544.23; Paid to Children's Home — \$553.00; Building and Repair \$3,402.33; Value of Church Property — \$72,400.00; Enclosed for Association — \$50.00.

Rev. Arnold Simpkins, Mod.
Mrs. Gladys Compton, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association.

Rev. Earl James — Route 2, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Arnold Simpkins — Richlands, Va.
Rev. Perry Reynolds — Swords Creek, Va.

Rev. Manuel Colley — Grundy, Va.
 Rev. Lester L. Gilley — Fairfax, Va.
 Rev. Clarence Miller
 Rev. A. H. Dye — Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Dewey Dye — Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Luther Hubbard — Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. Elmer Hess — Honaker, Va.
 Rev. Perry Taylor — Honaker, Va.
 Rev. Hobert Bostic — Swords Creek, Va.
 Sister Rhonda Dye — Swords Creek, Va.
 Sister Jettie Dye — Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. George Barrett — Newport News, V
 Rev. Garnet Vance — Tazewell, Va.
 Rev. Earl Cole — Jewell Valley, Va.
 Rev. James Blott — Cedar Bluff, Va.
 Rev. Dallas W. Barber — Cooper, West, Va.
 Rev. James M. Sargent — Route 1, North Tazewell, Va.
 Rev. Ernest Lynn — Bandy, Va.
 Rev. Kenneth M. Skeens — Richlands, Va.
 Rev. Allen Stevens — Richlands, Va.
 Rev. Oliver Osborne — Richlands, Va.
 Rev. Ralph Bostic — Swords Creek, Va.
 Rev. G. C. Sizemore — Abingdon, Va.
 Sister Renia Hale — Richlands, Va.

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Delegates: Parthena Smith, Helen Castle, Hattie Rogers,
 Lillie Barnett, Viola Bevins

No quarterly meetings - 4; No. quarterly meetings reported - 4; No. of Churches - 29; Church Membership - 1411; Members received - 82; Members dismissed - 87; Members deceased - 12; No. of Sunday Schools - 27; Sunday School enrollment - 1900; No. of Women's Auxiliaries - 3; Women's Auxiliary enrollment - 48; No. of Leagues - 5; League enrollment - 161; No. of Master Men's - 1; Master Men enrollment - 18; No. of Ordained Ministers - 76; No. of Licentiates - 8; No. of Ordained Deacons - 74; Paid Pastors - \$20,986.86; Paid Evangelistics - \$3,081.62;

Literature - \$2,730.88; Charity - \$3,781.10; Foreign Missions \$820.00; Home Missions - \$755.53; Paid to Children's Home \$4,285.93; Building and Repair - \$22,781.08; Miscellaneous Expenses - \$1,991.02; Total Expenditures - \$65,670.95; Value of Church Property - \$326,000,000; Enclosed for Association - \$150.00.

John C. Pierson, Moderator
James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association.

Earl Austin, Marvin Winkle, Ellis Hammond, Elbert Wallen, Roy Sampson, Lee Smith, B. D. Proffitt, Joe Leonard, Lee Clark, Clint Proffitt, J. T. Regan, Jack Shuler Willie Vicars, J. V. Estep, Eugene Minton, Robert Parker, F. M. McCann, D. W. Jones, Lowman Umbarger, Bill Burchett, Richard Castle, Carl Bowser, Edward D. Rogers, John Smith, Jr., Marvin Lane, Ray Weatherly, Edgar Nelms, Kelly Estep, Jr., Milligan Herron, Harold Free, Carl Brooks, Carl France, Jimmy Combs, M. D. Hyatt, Harold Shaffer, Carson Bishop, William Jones.

William Lane, Lubert Hammonds, Roy Jennings, George Hubbard, Rufus Hood, Pat Bishop, Harley Vaughn, Virgil L. Winkle, Hermon Dickenson, Lonnie Townsend, Eugene Qualls, Willie Ashworth, Fred Gillenwater, Billy Tignor, Harold Hawkins, J. C. Barnett, C. J. Ewing, G. A. Minton, Bill Vaughn, Leonard Cross, Arthur Luster, B. N. Powers, James A. Boatright, John C. Pierson, Willie Jennings, Luther Lane, Eritt Darnell, Eckel Herron, Eckel Carter, Robert Mathis, Walker Darnell, Walter Brickey, J. B. Quillen, Emmitt Lane, Cline Massie, Joe Osborne, James Cassell, L. W. Salling.

**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 & 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 that proposed amendment or alter-

ation 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 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 degree 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 and deacons 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 asso-

ciation of the Free Will Baptist church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to said 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 herein-after 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 (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 specific notice has been given at the last previous day.

BYLAWS

Article 1

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 2

Any minister or deacon 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 3

It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Any local association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions will be considered dropped from this association.

Article 4

Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

Article 5

By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of a moderator can be overruled.

Article 6

This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

Article 7

This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

Article 8

Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.

Article 9

It shall be the duty of all the 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 10

No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

Article 11

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

Article 12

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 13

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 14

The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

Article 15

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 16

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 17

These by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this state association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

