

1970

# MINUTES

of the

VIRGINIA STATE

ASSOCIATION

of

Free Will Baptists

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**Thirty-second Session Held with the  
Adwolf Free Will Baptist Church  
Marion, Virginia  
June 19, 1970**

**The next session will be held with the Central Free Will Baptist Church, Norton, Virginia, Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1970.**

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator — Rev. John Smith, Jr.

1421 Tyler Street, Kingsport, Tennessee

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Walter L. Statzer

P. O. Box 873, Marion, Virginia

Treasurer — Rev. J. C. Barnett

728 Howard Hill, Kingsport, Tennessee

Clerk — James Myers, Jr.

Route 2, Doran Addition, Kingsport, Tennessee

Assistant Clerk — Mrs. James Myers, Jr.

Route 2, Doran Addition, Kingsport, Tennessee

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Richard Castle

Idle Hour Road, Kingsport, Tennessee — 1971

W. H. Dail

3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia — 1972

Rev. Walter L. Statzer

P. O. Box 873, Marion, Virginia — 1973

## HOME MISSIONS

W. H. Dail

3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia

Rev. Walter L. Statzer

P. O. Box 873, Marion, Virginia — 1971

Guy Culbertson

1225 Holyoke Avenue, Kingsport, Tennessee — 1972

Rev. Charles Brown

Portsmouth, Virginia — 1973

Rev. Ralph Flannary

Dungannon, Virginia — 1973

## **FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Rev. Billy Morris  
Norfolk, 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. Dale Burden

## 32ND SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 32nd session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Adwolf Free Will Baptist Church, Mation, Virginia, Friday, June 19, 1970.

The session was opened by singing "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In" and "Amazing Grace." The singing was led by Bro. James Myers, Jr., accompanied at the piano by Sister Carol Farmer.

The clerk read from the 7th chapter of II Chronicles, verse 14. Prayer was led by Rev. J. C. Barnette. The host pastor, Rev. Walter L. Statzer, gave the Association a warm welcome to the Adwolf Church. Rev. Harold Hawkins gave the response.

The clerk introduced the officers of the Association, concluding with the introduction of the moderator, Bro. M. E. Howard, 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.

In the absence of Rev. Bill Vaughn on the Executive Board, Arthur Luster was selected to serve in his place for this session. Rev. J. C. Barnett was appointed assistant moderator.

Association letters were read as received, approved, and those having delegates were seated.

Clinch Valley: letter and delegate and \$150.00  
for state fund.

Sandy Valley: letter and delegate and \$50.00  
for state fund.

Southwest Virginia: letter and delegate and  
\$50.00 for state fund.

John Wheeler: letter and delegates and \$60.00  
for state fund.

Rev. N. R. Smith gave the report from the National Sunday School Board. The report was received as information. Rev. Dan Murk, our missionary to France, gave the Foreign Mission report, a wonderful challenge was issued to the group. The report was received as information.

The morning worship service was opened by singing "Come Unto Me"; Bro. & Sister Myers, and Sister Malone sang "The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow." Rev. John Smith, Jr., read from Habakkuk, chapter 1, verses 1 thru 7, taking his text from verse 1. He brought a stirring message on "Return to God."

The host pastor welcomed everyone to eat. Rev. Cecil Presley offered thanks for the food. The conference was served a wonderful meal by the host church.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "I Have Somebody with Me." Bro. E. T. Darnell, Jr., sang "Follow Me." The clerk read from the 1st Psalm, prayer by Bro. Ray Turnage. Mrs. Gertraude Whitehurst gave the Women's Auxiliary report of 206 members. The receipts for the year were \$3,079.42. They raised \$542.78 for Robert & Judy Bryan. Two districts and one church reported. The auxiliary sent \$2,170.23 to the mission field.

Rev. J. C. Barnett gave the ministers conference report. The report was received as information and is included in these minutes. Mrs. Della Salyer gave the Superannuation report. This report was received by the body and is included in these minutes.

Bro. 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.

Rev. Cecil Presley made motion that the Virginia State Association underwrite the 20% of the expense of sending the missionaries to Roanoke, seconded by Rev. John Smith, conference carried.

Bro. Dail made motion that this association go on record supporting the Roanoke project by accepting Rev. Cox into their church to explain the project, seconded by Bro. Sams, conference carried.

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

Bro. Ray Turnage spoke on the Master's Men Program. The report was received as information.

Bro. Bobby Henson gave the report for the Church Training Service. The report was received as information.

Rev. Don Ellis gave the Childrens' Home Report. The report was received as information. The moderator gave the report for the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The report was received as information.

Bro. Dale made move that the moderator have power to appoint delegates to the National Association, seconded to move by Rev. J. C. Barnett, conference carried. Rev. Dale Burden was elected to the National Association Board.

The conference approved the printing of 800 minutes. Memorial Prayer offered by Rev. N. R. Smith. Rev. Ralph Flanary was retained on the Home Mission Board. Rev. Billy Morris was elected as the State Foreign Mission Director.

The Superannuation Board consisting of Mrs. Della Salyer, chairman, and Bro. E. J. Kilgore and Rev. Harold Kilgore were retained.

Bro. W. H. Dail was retained as executive secretary of the State Home Mission Board.

Bro. and Sister Paul Sams were retained for State Church Training Service Leaders.

Rev. John Smith, Jr., was retained as the State's representative for the Childrens' Home Board.

The afternoon session was recessed by prayer offered by Bro. W. H. Dail.

The evening session was opened by singing "At Calvary." The young people of the Adwolf Church sang "Jesus Is Coming Soon" and "I Shall Not Be Moved." Bro. W. H. Dail, executive secretary of State Home Missions, proceeded with the business and introduced Rev. Walter L. Statzer, a member of the Home Mission Board, who gave the charge to Bro. & Sister Cox. Bro. Statzer read from the 4th chapter of II Timothy, verses 1 and 2, and used these verses for the text of his charge. Prayer of consecration and the laying on of hands was led by Bro. Dail. The certificate of commission was presented by the moderator in behalf of the association. A testimony was given by both Bro. and Sister Cox. The service was then turned back to the moderator, who proceeded with the business.

The clerk read the National Home Mission Report; this information was accepted as information.

The executive committee sent the next session to the Central Free Will Baptist Church at Norton, Virginia in 1971.

The remaining officers were elected as follows:

Rev. Walter L. Statzer was elected to a three-year term on the executive board.

Rev. J. C. Barnett was retained as treasurer.

James Myers, Jr., was retained as clerk for a period of four years.

Mrs. James Myers, Jr., was retained as assistant clerk for four years.

John Smith, Jr., was elected moderator for the next association.

Rev. Walter L. Statzer was elected as assistant moderator for the next session.

The minutes were read and approved.

While singing "I Want to Know More About My Lord," an offering of \$52.62 was taken for Bro. & Sister Cox. Prayer of thanks was offered by the moderator.

The session was adjourned by prayer offered by Bro. Paul Sams.

## MINISTER REGISTRATION

Della Salyer  
Walter Statzer  
Hobart Addington  
Denver Dean  
Elmer Miner  
Harold Hawkins  
John Smith, Jr.  
Walter Brickey  
Richard L. Castle

E. T. Darnell, Jr.  
Orville O'Quinn  
J. C. Barnett  
Carl R. Bowser  
Arthur Luster  
William Steele  
B. D. Proffitt  
Cecil Presley

## VISITING MINISTERS

James G. Cox

Daniel J. Merkh

Lester Horton



## DEACONS

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Paul D. Sams      | Fred Wyatt       |
| Wilton H. Dail    | Glen Powers      |
| Guy D. Culbertson | M. C. Foran      |
| Tom Sivert        | M. E. Howard     |
| Billy Heck        | James Myers, Jr. |

## DELEGATES

|                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| Sophie Darnell    | Mrs. Emma Dail         |
| Mrs. M. C. Foran  | Mrs. Emma Fellows      |
| Lillie Barnett    | Mrs. Gertie Whitehurst |
| Minnie Bowser     | Mrs. Gladys Findley    |
| Fronie Bell Myers | Mrs. June Luster       |
| Mrs. Paul Sams    |                        |

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, beginning of 1969 session. . . . \$ 91.16

### Received from:

|                                          |           |
|------------------------------------------|-----------|
| South West Virginia Association. . . . . | 50.00     |
| Sandy Valley Association . . . . .       | 50.00     |
| Tidewater Association . . . . .          | 75.00     |
| John Wheeler Association . . . . .       | 50.00     |
| Clinch Valley Association . . . . .      | 150.00    |
| Addie Mullen . . . . .                   | 4.00      |
| Offering for Childrens' Home . . . . .   | 25.00     |
| Total to be accounted for. . . . .       | \$ 495.16 |

### Amount paid out:

|                                                    |       |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Rev. Ralph Flanary (Services as Moderator). . \$ , | 15.00 |
| Bro. James Myers, Jr. (Services as Clerk) . . .    | 15.00 |
| Rev. J. C. Barnett (Services as Treasurer) . . .   | 15.00 |
| National Association Dues. . . . .                 | 50.00 |
| Childrens' Home . . . . .                          | 25.00 |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Supreme Printing Co. for State Minutes<br>and State Program . . . . . | \$ 170.00 |
| Total amount paid out . . . . .                                       | \$ 290.00 |
| Balance on hand, beginning of 1970 session. . .                       | \$ 205.16 |

## SUPERANNUATION ANNUAL REPORT

|                                                |               |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Balance carried forward from June 30, 1969 . . | \$ 381.87     |
| Receipts for 1969 and 1970 . . . . .           | <u>664.75</u> |
| Total . . . . .                                | \$1,046.62    |
| Disbursements . . . . .                        | <u>970.00</u> |
| Balance . . . . .                              | \$ 76.62      |
| Rev. Ben Powers . . . . .                      | \$ 240.00     |
| Rev. Charlie Mullins . . . . .                 | 240.00        |
| Rev. Arville Aquinn . . . . .                  | 240.00        |
| Rev. James A. Ramey . . . . .                  | 240.00        |
| Supplies . . . . .                             | <u>10.00</u>  |
| Total . . . . .                                | \$ 970.00     |

## RECEIPTS

|                                              |          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Fair Mount Park Church, Norfolk, Va. . . . . | \$ 60.00 |
| Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Va. . . . .     | 25.00    |
| Marion Church, Marion, Va. . . . .           | 12.00    |
| Beckners Chapel, Wise, Va. . . . .           | 15.00    |
| Bethels Chapel, Wise, Va. . . . .            | 9.75     |
| Bondtown Church, Coeburn, Va. . . . .        | 2.50     |
| Calvary Church, Big Stone Gap, Va. . . . .   | 4.50     |
| Dry Fork Church, Coeburn, Va. . . . .        | 20.00    |
| Davis Chapel, Norton, Va. . . . .            | 14.00    |
| Esserville Church, Esserville, Va. . . . .   | 20.00    |
| Glamorgan Chapel, Wise, Va. . . . .          | 20.50    |
| Hopkins Chapel, Norton, Va. . . . .          | 20.00    |
| Indian Creek Church, Pound, Va. . . . .      | 12.00    |
| Lonepine Chapel, Pound, Va. . . . .          | 20.00    |

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Va. . . . .              | \$ 15.00 |
| Mount Olive Chapel, Wise, Va. . . . .            | 12.00    |
| Mountain View Church, Wise, Va. . . . .          | 12.00    |
| Martha's Chapel, Pound, Va. . . . .              | 10.00    |
| Pippins Chapel, Coeburn, Va. . . . .             | 7.00     |
| Ramsey Church, Norton, Va. . . . .               | 25.00    |
| Stallards Memorial, Coeburn, Va. . . . .         | 20.00    |
| Toms Creek, Coeburn, Va. . . . .                 | 1.50     |
| Valley View Church, Dungannon, Va. . . . .       | 20.00    |
| West Norton Church, Norton, Va. . . . .          | 20.00    |
| West End Church, Big Stone Gap, Va. . . . .      | 20.00    |
| Wilson Chapel, Norton, Va. . . . .               | 20.00    |
| Bullrun First F.W.B. Church, Coeburn, Va. . . .  | 18.50    |
| Gladys Fork Church, Coeburn, Va. . . . .         | 20.00    |
| Rocklick Church, Coeburn, Va. . . . .            | 20.00    |
| Colechester Church, Big Stone Gap, Va. . . . .   | 13.50    |
| Tidewater Association . . . . .                  | 10.00    |
| Southwest Virginia Ministers Conference . . . .  | 80.00    |
| E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va. . . . .              | 50.00    |
| Jim Collins, Esserville, Va. . . . .             | 10.00    |
| Shiloh Church Ladies Auxiliary, Bristol, Va. . . | 5.00     |

## VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Report from May 1, 1969, to April 30, 1970

|                                                 |          |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Sale of Books . . . . .                         | \$ 28.00 |
| State Youth Rally . . . . .                     | 25.00    |
| Adwolf F.W.B. Church, Marion, Va. . . . .       | 25.00    |
| Bethany F.W.B. Church, Norfolk, Va. . . . .     | 49.00    |
| Bull Run F.W.B. Church, Coeburn, Va. . . . .    | 20.00    |
| Central F.W.B. Church, Norton, Va. . . . .      | 60.00    |
| Clinchport F.W.B. Church, Clinchport, Va. . . . | 110.00   |
| Collinswood F.W.B. Church, Portsmouth, Va. . .  | 966.93   |
| Copper Creek F.W.B. Church, Gate City, Va. . .  | 57.14    |
| Dail, Mr. and Mrs. W. H., Norfolk, Va. . . . .  | 175.00   |
| Doran Addition F.W.B. Church, Kingsport, Tenn.  | 50.00    |
| Fairmount Park F.W.B. Church, Norfolk, Va. . .  | 110.50   |

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|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Glamorgan F.W.B. Church, Wise, Va. . . . .     | \$ 15.00          |
| John Wheeler Association . . . . .             | 10.00             |
| Kilgore, E. J., Coeburn, Va. . . . .           | 50.00             |
| Ketron, Lesslie, Coeburn, Va. . . . .          | 2.00              |
| Pippens F.W.B. Church . . . . .                | 4.00              |
| Shiloh F.W.B. Church, Bristol, Va. . . . .     | 65.85             |
| Tidewater Association of F.W.B. Churches . . . | 75.00             |
| Virginia Women's Auxiliary . . . . .           | 345.65            |
| Wilson Chapel F.W.B. Church, Norton, Va. . . . | 5.00              |
| Link . . . . .                                 | 27.00             |
| Total . . . . .                                | <u>\$2,276.57</u> |

#### PROJECT ROANOKE:

|                                           |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Fairmount Park F.W.B. Church . . . . .    | \$ 300.00        |
| Victory F.W.B. Church, Richmond . . . . . | 28.12            |
| Wilson F.W.B. Church, Norton, Va. . . . . | 5.00             |
| Total . . . . .                           | <u>\$ 333.12</u> |

#### EXPENDITURES:

|                                         |                   |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Books . . . . .                         | \$ 71.99          |
| Link . . . . .                          | 75.94             |
| Jim Cox — Travel . . . . .              | 135.00            |
| Promotional Work . . . . .              | 80.00             |
| Savings Deposit (Bank of Va.) . . . . . | <u>5,000.00</u>   |
| Total . . . . .                         | <u>\$5,362.93</u> |

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|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward, 5/1/69 . . . . . | \$3,548.92        |
| Total Receipts, 4/30/70 . . . . .         | 2,276.57          |
| Project Roanoke . . . . .                 | 333.12            |
| Total . . . . .                           | <u>\$6,158.61</u> |
| Expenditures . . . . .                    | <u>5,362.93</u>   |
| Balance . . . . .                         | <u>\$ 795.68</u>  |
| Savings Deposit . . . . .                 | 5,000.00          |
| Accumulated Interest . . . . .            | <u>35.51</u>      |
| Grand Total . . . . .                     | <u>\$5,831.19</u> |

## REPORT OF MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Rev. John Smith, Jr., president, called the session to order of business in absence of Secretary-Treasurer Rev. J. C. Barnett. Rev. Harold Hawkins was elected Clerk pro tem.

Enrollment of ministers were: Walter Statzer, Della Salyer, Elmer Minor, Hobart Addington, Denver Dean, Richard Castle, Walter Brickey, John Smith, Jr., and Harold Hawkins.

Bro. Wilton Dail made move to continue Ministers' Conference and give the President authority to appoint two ministers to speak at next session, second to move by Bro. Walter Brickey, conference carried.

Bro. Richard Castle made move that the Deacons have a voice in the Ministers' Conference. Second to move by Bro. Walter Brickey, conference carried.

Enrollment of Deacons were: Wilton Dail, Guy Culbertson, Billy Heck, Tom Sivert, Glen Powers, and Fred Wyatt.

Officers elected were:

John Smith, Jr. — President

Richard Castle — Vice-President

J. C. Barnett — Secretary-Treasurer

Bro. Dail made move to adjourn, second to move by Guy Culbertson, conference carried.

Prayer of dismissal by Wilton Dail.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY OFFICERS — 1970-1971

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

No. Quarterly Meetings — 1  
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 1  
No. of Churches — 37  
Church Membership — 1,935  
Members Received — 158  
Members Dismissed — 69  
Members Deceased — 30  
No. of Sunday Schools — 37  
S. S. Enrollment — 2,469  
No. of Leagues — 19  
League Enrollment — 516  
No. of Ordained Ministers — 66  
No. of Licentiates — 3  
Paid Pastors — \$14,827.81  
Paid Evangelists — \$6,346.48  
Literature — \$3,211.79  
Foreign Missions — \$931.42  
Home Missions — \$1,532.25  
Superannuation — \$433.76  
Building & Repairs — \$12,247.21  
Value of Church Property — \$567,500.00  
Enclosed for Association — \$50.00

Rev. J. D. Kilgore, Moderator

Anson Evans, Clerk

Rev. Elmer Miner, Clerk

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to the South-west Virginia Association; all addressed are Virginia unless stated otherwise.

Hobert Addington — Wise  
C. B. Addison — Wise  
Hattie Atkins — 318 June St., Manasses  
Howard Ashworth — Rt. 12, Greeneville, Tenn.  
S. R. Ball — St. Charles  
Edgar Baltimore — Dryden  
Jeff Bevins — Wise  
Robert Bevins — Wise  
Palmer Blevins — Rt. 1, Coeburn  
Bernard Beroskey — Box 165, Norton  
Berlie Berry — Forrest St., Manasses Park  
Roger Craiger — Rt. 2, Wise  
Jess Cowden — 616 Roberts Ave., Norton  
Billy Ray Crawford — St. Paul  
James Cox — 306-A Lloyd, Greenville, S. C.  
Denver Dean — Wise  
Robert Dixon — Rt. 1, Big Stone Gap  
Carson Dotson — Rt. 2, Wise  
J. V. Estep — Big Stone Gap  
Ralph Flanary — Dungannon  
G. T. Francis — Pound  
Roger Freeman — U. S. Air Force  
U. L. Graham — Big Stone Gap  
J. T. Greear — Norton  
Ray L. Goode — Wise  
Milam L. Hall — Rt. 1, Coeburn  
J. Leonard Hicks — St. Paul  
Theodore Holmes — Rt. 1, Keokee  
Perry Honeycutt — Dungannon  
Vestus Jessee — Norton  
Roy Kennedy — Rt. 1, St. Paul  
C. L. Kilgore — Coeburn  
J. D. Kilgore — Pound  
J. Harold Kilgore — Jenkins, Ky.  
Roy Kilgore — Nickelsville

William Kilgore — Wise  
 Willard Kiser — Rt. 2, Coeburn  
 C. B. Lane — Rt. 2, Wise  
 J. E. Laney — Rt. 1, Wise  
 Paul Leonard — 400 Woodlawn Terrace, Norton  
 Richard McFarlin — Eolia, Ky.  
 William Maness — Rt. 1, Box 21, Big Stone Gap  
 Elmer Miner — Rt. 1, Box 166, Coeburn  
 Kermit Moore — 1707 N. Sterling Blvd., Sterling Park  
 Melvin Moore — Wise  
 Charlie Mullins — Rt. 2, Pound  
 Danny Mullins — Pound  
 Hansford Mullins — Wise  
 Thurman Mullins — Pound  
 Leroy Mullins —  
 Arnold Powers — Pound  
 B. R. Powers — Wise  
 David Powers — Norton  
 James Ramey — 242 12th St. SE, Norton  
 Glenn Ritchie — Rt. 2, Box 184, Bristol, Tenn.  
 Ethel Robbins — Norton  
 James Rose — Rt. 1, Box 411, Coeburn  
 Della Salyers — Rt. 1, Norton  
 Jeff Salyer — Nickelsville  
 Joel Slemph — 105 Polk Dr., Manasses  
 I. T. Stallard — Pound  
 Eddie Sturgill — Jenkins, Ky.  
 Fred Sturgill — Pound  
 Garland Summers — Rt. 1, St. Paul  
 Tyler Tate — St. Paul  
 C. G. Turner — Rt. 1, Box 39-B, Wise

#### Sandy Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 3  
 No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 3  
 No. of Churches — 13  
 Church Membership — 543  
 Members Received — 19



Members Dismissed — 3  
 Members Deceased — 2  
 No. of Sunday Schools — 12  
 Sunday School Enrollment — 480  
 No. of Ordained Ministers — 28  
 No. of Licentiates — 3  
 No. of Ordained Deacons — 25  
 Paid Pastors — \$3,453.45  
 Paid Evangelists — \$942.88  
 Home Missions — \$366.42  
 Paid to Children's Home — \$153.40  
 Building and Repair — \$2,973.24  
 Value of Church Property — \$122,300.00  
 Enclosed for Association — \$50.00

Rev. Perry Reynolds, Moderator  
 Mrs. Gladys Compton, Clerk

#### Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association.

Rev. Earl James — Rt. 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. A. H. Dye — Swords Creek, Va.  
 Rev. Clarence Miller — 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 Rhoda Dye — Swords Creek, Va.  
 Sister Jettie Dye — Swords Creek, Va.  
 Rev. George Barrett — Newport News, Va.  
 Rev. Garnet Vance — Tazewell, Va.  
 Rev. Earl Cole — Jewell Valley, Va.  
 Rev. James Blott — Cedar Bluff, Va.  
 Rev. Dallas W. Barber — Cooper, W. Va.

Rev. James M. Sargent — Rt. 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.

### Clinch Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 4  
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 4  
No. of Churches — 29  
Church Membership — 1,489  
Members Received — 142  
Members Dismissed — 83  
Members Deceased — 9  
No. of Sunday Schools — 27  
Sunday School Enrollment — 1,950  
No. of Women's Auxiliaries — 3  
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment — 50  
Nb. of Leagues — 5  
League Enrollment — 155  
No. of Master Men's — 1  
Master Men Enrollment — 18  
No. of Ordained Ministers — 76  
No. of Licentiates — 12  
No. of Ordained Deacons — 75  
Paid Pastors — \$23,333.70  
Paid Evangelists - \$4,114.00  
Literature — \$2,570.67  
Charity — \$4,025.45  
Foreign Missions — \$1,031.78  
Home Missions — \$964.64  
Bible College — \$50.00  
Superannuation — \$46.31  
Paid to Children's Home — \$3,596.55  
Building and Repair — \$31,530.45  
Miscellaneous Expenses — \$4,001.80

Total Expenditures — \$75,262.35  
Value of Church Property — \$337,000.00  
Enclosed for Association — \$150.00

Elder Eckel Herron, Moderator  
James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association.

James A. Boatright — Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va.  
John Clifford Pierson — 853 Pase St., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Luther Lane — Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va. n.  
Eritt. T. Darnell — Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Va.  
Eckel Carter — Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Va.  
Robert Mathis — Rt. 1, Dungannon, Va.  
Walker Darnell — Rt. 1, Dungannon, Va.  
Walter Brickey — 113 Beason Well Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
J. B. Quillen — Gravely Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Emmit Lane — Rt. 3, Gate City, Va.  
Cline Massie — Coeburn, Va.  
Joe Osborne — Rt. 1, Dungannon, Va.  
L. W. Salling — Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Va.  
Otis Darnell — Nickelsville, Va.  
Richard Harris — Kingsport, Tenn.  
Eckel Herron — Rt. 4, Gate City, Va.  
Willie Vicars — Kingsport, Tenn.  
Harold Free — Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.  
Milligan Herron — Rt. 1, Box 36, Gate City, Va.  
George Hubbard — Cranshaw Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Willie Ashworth — Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va.  
Carson Bishop — 124 Cloud App., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Jimmie Williams — Rt. 5, Kingsport, Tenn.  
William Jones — Rt. 2, Gate City, Va.  
Lubert Hammonds — Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va.  
Roy Jennings — Rt. 7, Kingsport, Tenn.  
Jimmie Combs — Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.  
Carl France — Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.  
M. D. Hyatt — Jonesboro, Tenn.  
Harold Shaffer — 231 Park St., Westville, Indiana

Carl Brooks — 1316 Allgood Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Fred Gillenwater — Gate City, Va.  
Billy Tignor — Rt. 1, Gate City, Va.  
Rufus Hood — Rt. 3, Clinchport, Va.  
Pat Bishop — Rt. 1, Duffield, Va.  
Harley Vaughn — Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va.  
Herman Dickenson — East Stone Gap, Va.  
Edgar Baltimore — Dryden, Va.  
Lonnie Townsend — Rt. 1, Clinchport, Va.  
Eugene Qualls — Gate City, Va.  
Willie Jennings — Rt. 4, Gate City, Va.  
John Smith, Jr. — 1421 Tyler St., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Marvin Lane — 2040 Patton St., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Arthur Luster — 1049 Rosetree Lane, Kingsport, Tenn.  
Blaine Morgan — Gate City, Va.  
B. N. Powers — 977½ Lynn Garden Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Harold Hawkins — 1608 Seaver Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
J. C. Barnett — 728 Howard St., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Carl R. Bowser — Idle Hour Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Lowman Umbarger — Princeton Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
G. A. Minton — Rt. 11, Kingsport, Tenn.  
C. J. Ewing — Rt. 6, Kingsport, Tenn.  
Leonard Cross — Ellicott City, Maryland  
Richard L. Castle — 2272 Idle Hour Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Frank McCann — 205 W. Charlemont, Kingsport, Tenn.  
D. W. Jones — Rt. 10, Kingsport, Tenn.  
Dorman Derrick — 21 Cloud App., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Ray Weatherly — 1842 McGhee St., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Kelley Estep — 1621 Lake St., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Edgar Nelms — 730 Clouds Ford Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Robert Parker — 740 Clouds Ford Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Eugene Minton — 1621 Clouds Ford Rd., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Bill Burchett — 28 Clouds Apt., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Orville Rogers — Kodak Heights, Kingsport, Tenn.  
Larry Winkle — 1221 Holyoke, Kingsport, Tenn.  
Earl Austin — 238 Hamilton Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.  
Marvin Winkle — Rt. 3, Church Hill, Tenn.  
Ellis Hammond — 1819 W. Sullivan, Kingsport, Tenn.  
Roy Sampson — Rt. 1, Hiltons, Va.

Lee Smith — Rt. 4, Gate City, Va.  
Jack Shuler — Dale St., Kingsport, Tenn.  
B. D. Proffitt — Rt. 4, Blountville, Tenn.  
J. T. Ragan — Blountville, Tenn.  
Joe Leonard — Rt. 2, Blountville, Tenn.  
Lee Clark — Rt. 2, Bristol, Tenn.  
Clint Proffitt — Kingsport, Tenn.

### John Wheeler Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 2  
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 2  
No. of Churches — 15  
Church Membership — 834  
Members Received — 45  
Members Dismissed — 27  
Members Deceased — 10  
No. of Sunday Schools — 15  
Sunday School Enrollment — 935  
No. of Women's Auxiliaries — 4  
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment —  
No. of Leagues — 4  
No. of Ordained Ministers — 37  
No. of Licentiates — 1  
Paid Pastors — \$10,910.22  
Paid Evangelists — \$3,529.93  
Literature — \$493.64  
Foreign Missions — \$88.59  
Home Missions — \$371.84  
Superannuation — \$5.00  
Paid to Children's Home — \$590.66  
Building and Repair — \$5,064.18  
Miscellaneous Expenses — \$1,973.18  
Total Expenditures — \$10,934.76  
Enclosed for Association — \$160.00

Rev. Walter Statzer, Moderator  
Rev. Sherrill A. Foran, Assistant Moderator  
Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

## Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association.

- Rev. Lula F. Henley — 264 Lowland St., Abingdon, Va.
- Rev. Virginia Brannan — 1813 King Mill Pike, Bristol, Va.
- Rev. Winton Blaylock — Rt. 4, Bristol, Va.
- Rev. Shelton Norris — P. O. Box 3078, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. J. W. Chesnutt — 520 Page St., Bristol, Va.
- Rev. Kyle French — P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Va.
- Rev. C. F. Sprinkle — Rt. 5, Bristol, Va.
- Rev. Cecil Clifton — Rt. 1, Meadowview, Va.
- Rev. Arthur Rhymer — Rt. 4, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Joe Tolliver — Rt. 2, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Samuel Johnson — P. O. Box 123, Gary, W. Va.
- Rev. Orville Trivett — Rt. 4, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Herbert Adams — Rt. 4, Bristol, Va.
- Rev. C. C. Olinger — P. O. Box 247, Saltville, Va.
- Rev. Edd Pendergrass — Box 497, Rt. 3, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Howard Shaver — Rt. 5, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Douglas K. Offield — Rt. 4, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Walter Statzer — Rt. 2, Marion, Va.
- Rev. Robert F. Smith — Rt. 3, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Jennings Wilson — 1602a Westover Dr., Danville, Va.
- Rev. H. M. Whittaker — 3554 Chainbridge Rd., Fairfax, Va.
- Rev. Elmer Adkins — Rt. 4, Blountville, Tenn.
- Rev. John Taylor — Rt. 1, Saltville, Va.
- Rev. Homer Goodson — Rt. 5, Bristol, Va.
- Rev. Cecil Pressley — P. O. Box 337, Saltville, Va.
- Rev. Orville O'Quinn — 228 Crockett St., Bristol, Va.
- Rev. Sherrill A. Foran — Bris-Vue Trailor Ct., Bristol, Va.
- Rev. Harold Rouse — 5 Birch St., Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Dewey Foran — Rt. 5, Bristol, Va.
- Rev. Johnny Hooker — Rt. 1, Blountville, Tenn.
- Rev. Kenneth Smith — Rt. 3, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Rhea Willis — Rt. 2, Bristol, Tenn.
- Rev. Paul Price — Rt. 2, Abingdon, Va.
- Rev. James M. Wright — Saltville, Va.
- Rev. Alford Arnold — Rt. 9, Jonesboro, Tenn.
- Rev. Millard Taylor — Erwin, Tenn.
- Rev. Robert Prater — Marion, Va.

Rev. Robert Prater, Jr. — Saltville, Va.  
Rev. Beryl Broyles — Meadowview, Va.

Deceased:

Rev. Amos L. Pope — Rt. 3, Bristol, Tenn.

### Tidewater Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 1  
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 1  
No. of Churches — 10  
Church Membership — 2,325  
Members Received — 285  
Members Dismissed — 23  
Members Deceased — 5  
No. of Sunday Schools — 10  
Sunday School Enrollment — 1,892  
No. of Women's Auxiliaries — 10  
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment — 18  
No. of Leagues — 9  
League Enrollment — 533  
No. of Master Men's — 4  
Master Men Enrollment — 58  
No. of Ordained Ministers — 12  
No. of Ordained Deacons — 40  
Paid Pastors — \$53,000.00  
Paid Evangelists — \$1,000.00  
Literature — \$6,000.00  
Charity — \$2,975.00  
Foreign Missions — \$12,400.05  
Home Missions — \$2,500.49  
Bible College — \$5,420.90  
Superannuation — \$127.75  
Paid to Children's Home — \$1,385.05  
Building and Repair — \$125,000.00  
Miscellaneous Expenses — \$1,000.00  
Total Expenditures — \$210,000.00  
Value of Church Property — \$1,000,500.00  
Value of Parsonages — \$95,000.00

**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 and deacons 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 members 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 member to be present at each meeting if possible.

4. By a two-thirds vote of all the members 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 member 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, *all officers & committees* ~~or, 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.

