

1971

MINUTES

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VIRGINIA STATE

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**Thirty-third Session Held with the
Central Free Will Baptist Church
Norton, Virginia
June 18, 1971**

The next session will be held with the Fairmont Park Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1972.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator — Rev. John Smith, Jr.

1421 Tyler Street, Kingsport, Tennessee

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Ray Berry

Norfolk, Virginia

Clerk — James Myers, Jr.

Route 2, Doran Addition, Kingsport, Tennessee

Assistant Clerk — Mrs. James Myers, Jr.

Route 2, Doran Addition, Kingsport, Tennessee

Treasurer — Rev. Elmer Miner

Route 1, Box 166, Coeburn, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. H. Dail

3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia — 1972

Rev. Walter L. Statzer

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

Rev. Richard Castle

Idle Hour Road, Kingsport, Tennessee — 1974

HOME MISSIONS

W. H. Dail

3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia

Rev. Walter L. Statzer

P. O. Box 873, Marion, Virginia — 1974

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

Rev. Elmer Miner
Route 1, Box 166, 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. Fred Greene

33RD SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 33rd session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Central Free Will Baptist Church at Norton, Virginia, Friday, June 18, 1971.

The session was opened by singing, "Draw Me Nearer", and "At The Cross". The singing was led by Brother George Lee, accompanied at the piano by Sister Wilma Sturgill.

The clerk read from the 1st Chapter of St. John, verses 1 through 14. Prayer was led by Rev. B. D. Profitt. The host pastor, Rev. Fred Greene gave the association a warm welcome to the Central Church. Rev. Walter Statzer, the assistant Moderator, gave the response.

The clerk introduced the officers of the association, concluding with the moderator, Rev. John Smith, Jr., 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. J. C. Barnett the Treasurer, Rev. Elmer Miner was elected Treasurer for this session and the next year.

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

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

Sandy Valley: Letter and \$30.00 for state fund.

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

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

Tidewater: Letter and \$75.00 for state fund.

Brother Harold Critcher gave the report for the National Foreign Mission Board. This was received as information. Rev. Don Sexton, our appointed Missionary to France, spoke briefly about his work and itinerary.

Rev. Paul Kettelman gave the report for the Bible College. This report was received as information.

Rev. George Lee gave the report for the National Sunday School Department. This report was received as information.

The morning worship service was opened by singing, "Victory in Jesus", and "I Would Not Be Denied". Patric Sturgill sang, "Take Your Cross and Follow Me". Rev. Harold Hawkins read from St. John, Chapter 1, verse 1 through 5, and brought an inspiring message on, "In the Beginning was the Word".

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "Calvary". The clerk read from the 5th Chapter of II Corinthians, verse 1 through 9, prayer was led by Guy Culbertson.

The Womens Auxiliary report was given by Sister Gertrude Whitehurst. This report was received as information.

The Ministers Conference report was given by Rev. Ray Berry. This report was received as information.

The Superannuation report was given by Rev. Della Salyer. This report was received as information.

The State Home Mission report was given by Brother W. H. Dail. Rev. Jim Cox gave a status report on the Roanoke Project. This report was received and adopted by the association.

The Treasurer's report was given by Rev. Elmer Miner and approved by the association.

Delegates elected to the National Association were: James Myers, Jr., Fronie Belle Myers, Rudene Kennedy, Gertrude Whitehurst, and Beulah Flanary.

The conference approved the printing of 500 minutes.

Rev. Flanary made move that all officers elected would take office at the close of the session, second to move by Jess Calton and approved by the association.

Officers elected were:

Executive Board - Rev. Richard Castle - 1974

Home Mission Board - Rev. Walter L. Statzer - 1974
Foreign Mission Director - Rev. Billy Morris
Superannuation - Rev. Della Salyer, Rev. Harold
Kilgore, Rev. Elmer Miner.
Church Training Service - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sams
Children's Home Board - Rev. John Smith, Jr.
National Association Board - Rev. Fred Greene
Home Mission Board - Promotional Secretary-Treasurer - W. H. Dail

The Friday evening session was opened by singing, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Prayer was led by the host pastor, Rev. Fred Greene. The church youth choir sang, "Calling Today" and "Jesus, My Lord". The Flanary Sisters sang, "New Jerusalem", and the Myers Boys sang, "He's Everything to Me". The church youth choir then sang, "Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart" and "John 3-16". Pat and Jeff sang, "The Upper Room". Rev. Ray Berry, who was in charge of the evening service then offered prayer, prior to introducing Rev. Jim Cox who brought the evening message. Rev. Kettelman spoke to the youth about attending the Bible College. Rev. Cox read from the 5th Chapter of Luke, verses 1 through 11, and brought a challenging message on, "Follow Jesus".

The moderator then proceeded with the remaining business. The Executive Board sent the next session to the Fairmont Park Church in Norfolk, Virginia. They also urged those that wish to have the association at their church to so notify them at each session.

Brother Dail made move that the Association endorse the "Virginia Link" for one year, and that Rev. Ray Berry be the Editor, the move was seconded by Jim Cox and approved by the association.

Rev. John Smith, Jr., was reelected Moderator, and Rev. Ray Berry as Assistant Moderator.

These minutes were read by the clerk and approved by the association.

Prayer of dismissal by Rev. Ralph Flanary.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Hobart Addington	Richard McFarland	George Lee
Denver Dean	Hansford Mullins	Richard H. Harris
G. T. Francis	Richard Castle	Emmet Lane
Billy Ray Stover	B. D. Proffitt	Jess Cowden
J. V. Estep	Winston Sweeney	Harold Hawkins
Jim Cox	William Maness	Ralph Flanary
John Smith, Jr.	Walter Statzer	Ray Berry
Emmitt Mullins	Jeff Bevins	Paul Kettelman
Elmer Miner	Monroe Hale	Della Salyer
Ray Goode	Don Sexton	

DEACONS

W. H. Dail	M. A. Stepp	Willard Brickey
Paul D. Sams	Guy Culbertson	James Myers, Jr.

DELEGATES

Jessie Smith	Faye Sams	Lillie Kerns
Lola Proffitt	Don Sturgill	Edith Forehand
Helen Castle	Carrie Sturgill	Lovie Jenkins
Fronie Belle Myers	Gertrude Whitehurst	
Mrs. W. H. Dail	Ruth France	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, beginning 1970 session \$ 205.16

Received from:

South West Virginia Association 50.00

Sandy Valley Association	50.00
John Wheeler Association	60.00
Tidewater Association	75.00
Clinch Valley Association	150.00
Total to be accounted for	\$ 590.16

Amount paid out:

Bro. M. E. Howard (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
Supreme Printing Company for State Minutes and State Programs	157.00
Total amount paid out	\$ 252.00

Interest 8.00

Balance on hand, beginning of 1971 session ... \$ 346.16

J. C. Barnett, Treasurer

VIRGINIA STATE SUPERANNUATION FUND ANNUAL REPORT 1970 - 1971

Balance carried forward from June 30, 1970 ...	\$ 76.62
Receipts for 1970 and 1971	829.51
Total	\$ 906.13
Disbursements	798.10
Balance	\$ 108.03

Rev. Ben Powers, Wise Virginia	\$ 240.00
Rev. Arville Oquinn, Bristol, Virginia	240.00
Rev. James A. Ramey, Norton, Virginia	240.00
Rev. Charlie Mullins, Wise, Virginia	60.00

Supplies	10.00
Personalized Checks	8.10
Total	\$ 798.10

RECEIPTS

Pippins Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	\$ 3.00
Ramsey Church, Norton, Va.	40.00
Stevens Chapel, Wise, Va.	20.00
Stallard's Memorial, Coeburn, Va.	40.00
Toms Creek Church, Coeburn, Va.	2.50
Valley View Church, Dungannon, Va.	21.50
West Norton Church, Norton, Va.	20.00
West End Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.	24.21
Wilson Chapel, Norton, Va.	20.00
Bullrun First F. W. B. Church, Coeburn, Va. ..	18.30
Glady's Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	20.00
Rocklick Church, Coeburn, Va.	10.00
Colechester Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.	18.76
Reed's Valley Church	2.00
Shiola Church Ladies Auxiliary, Bristol, Va. ...	30.00
Donation By Friends.....	5.50
Oscar Shepperd, Pound, Va.	10.00
Jim Collins, Esserville, Va.	10.00
Miscellaneous	1.50
Southwest Virginia Minister's Conference	80.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.	60.00
Mountain View Church, Wise, Va.	58.79
Indian Creek Church, Pound, Va.	32.00
Davis Chapel, Norton, Va.	40.00
Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Va.	20.00
Beckner's Chapel, Wise, Va.	20.00
Bethel's Chapel, Wise, Va.	13.00
Marion Church, Marion, Va.	12.00

Bondtown Church, Coeburn, Va.	11.00
Dry Fork Church, Coeburn, Va.	20.00
Calvery Chapel, Big Stone Gap, Va.	3.00
Esserville Church, Esserville	26.00
Flatwood Church, Coeburn, Va.	5.00
Glamorgan Chapel, Wise, Va.	24.00
Hopkin's Chapel, Norton, Va.	21.00
Lone Pine Chapel, Pound, Va.	20.00
Mary's Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	15.00
Mt. Olive Chapel, Wise, Va.	11.45
Martha's Chapel, Pound, Va.	20.00

Total \$ 829.51

VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

Virginia State Women's Auxiliary	\$ 330.40
Sale of Bibles	128.00
The Tidewater Association.	100.00
Fairmount Park Steadfast Sunday School Class .	25.00
E. J. Kilgore	20.00
Collinswood Free Will Baptist Church	231.82
Bethany Free Will Baptist Church	43.00
Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church	27.61
Victory Free Will Baptist Church.	100.95

Total \$1,006.78

Link 1.00

ROANOKE PROJECT:

(Checks earmarked for Tidewater sent to treasurer).

Mrs. Welton. \$ 481.03

Shilow Free Will Baptist Church	286.07
John Wheeler Association	5.00
Pippins Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	2.00
Dorens Addition Free Will Baptist Church	105.00
Copper Creek Free Will Baptist Church	73.14
Clinchport Free Will Baptist Church	90.00
Bull Run Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Ashby	160.00
Mrs. Louise McPherson	5.00
Conley Yearly	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Yearly	10.00
Glaxmore Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	45.00
Meads Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	104.61
Wilson Chapel Free Will Baptist Church	10.00
Cardwell Town Free Will Baptist Church	5.00
Robert and Judy Bryant	60.00
Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair	95.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Estep	125.00
E. J. Kilgore	190.00
Adwolfe Free Will Baptist Church	117.12
Central Free Will Baptist Church	190.00
First Dayton Free Will Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio	120.00
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lewray	22.00
Tidewater Association	\$4,825.00
	<u>\$7,240.97</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Jim Cox - Promotional Work	\$ 90.00
W. H. Dail - Promotional Work	50.00
News Letters for Roanoke Program Printing ...	285.50
Postage	46.00
Rev. Jim Cox - Salary Paid	4,275.00

Rev. Jim Cox - Moving Expense to Roanoke . .	90.00
Cicero Bible Press.	73.52
Tidewater Assc. for Collinswood	
Earmarked Ron :.....	481.03
Check Returned	10.00
Check Book	6.47
W. H. Dail-Travel Expenses	35.20
Total	\$5,442.72

Receipts	\$8,248.75
Balance brought forward	795.68
Grand total	9,044.43
Less expenditures	5,442.72
Bank balance	\$3,601.71
Savings Account	5,000.00
Accrued Interest	255.83
Total in savings account	\$5,255.83

Minutes of the Virginia State Minister's Conference of Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist

The Minister's Conference convined with the Central Free Will Baptist Church in Norton, Virginia, June 17, 1971.

The service was opened at 7:30 p.m. with singing led by Brother Ray Berry. We sang "Power In The Blood" and then had a time of prayer led by Brother Jack Greene, the host pastor.

We then sang "Amazing Grace" and "There Is a Name I Love to Hear" The service was then turned over to Brother

John Smith, President of the conference. Brother Smith introduced Brother Winston Sweeney of Kingsport, Tennessee, who brought the message of the hour. The sermon was taken from II Kings 4:32. The title was "God's Man".

The business session was opened after the singing of "Showers of Blessings," and "How Great Thou Art". Brother Smith presided. Brother Ray Berry of Norfolk, Virginia, was elected as Secretary-Treasurer pro-tem.

The following members of the conference were present:

Rev. Jack Greene	Rev. J. V. Estep
Rev. Denver Dean	Rev. Hansford Mullins
Rev. Jim Cox	Rev. Ralph Flanary
Rev. Emmitt Mullins	Rev. Ray Goode
Rev. Walter Stance	Rev. Richard McFarland
Rev. Jeff Bevins	Rev. Monroe Hail
Rev. Arnold Powers	Rev. Edgar Baltimore
Rev. G. T. Panges	Rev. William Maintz
Rev. Richard Castle	Rev. Della Salyer
Rev. O. B. Addington	Rev. Billy Ray Stover
Rev. B. D. Proffitt	Rev. Elmer Miner
Rev. John Smith	Rev. Ray Berry

Visiting ministers present were:

Bro. Doug Crowder	Bro. Sherman Grace
Bro. Winston Sweeney	
(All of Kingsport, Tennessee)	

Deacons present were as follows:

Bill Thompson	James Meyers
Danny Sturgill	Willard Brickly
M. A. Step	W. A. Hall

Brother Smith then called upon Brother Greene, Brother Flanary, and Brother Proffitt to serve on a panel group to deal with various questions such as:

1. How to deal with the problem of people absent due to camping?
2. How to get all church members to tithe?
3. How to overcome excuses?
4. How to start on time?
5. How to relate to young people?

The following slate of officers was elected to 1971 – 1972 terms:

President — Rev. Jack Greene

Vice-President — Rev. Ralph Flanary

Secretary-Treasurer — Rev. Ray Berry

All minds being clear, we were dismissed by Rev. Doug Crowder in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Ray Berry
Secretary-Treasurer

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Clinch Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 4

No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 4

No. Of Churches — 25

Church Membership — 1,237

Members Received — 42

Members Dismissed — 38

Members Deceased — 7

No. Of Sunday Schools — 24

Sunday School Enrollment — 1,612

No. Of Women's Auxiliaries — 1

Women's Auxiliary Enrollment — 30

No. Of Leagues — 3

League Enrollment — 182

No. Of Ordained Ministers — 53
 No. Of Licentiates — 11
 No. Of Ordained Deacons 56
 Paid Pastors — \$19,255.00
 Paid Evangelistics — \$3,252.00
 Literature — \$1,846.00
 Charity — \$2,175.00
 Foreign Missions — \$631.00
 Home Missions — \$598.00
 Superannuation — \$26.00
 Paid to Children's Home — \$2,447.00
 Building and Repair — \$7,696.00
 Miscellaneous Expenses — \$1,893.00
 Total Expenditures — \$39,819.00
 Value of Church Property — \$421,000.00
 Enclosed For Association — \$150.00

Rev. Harold Hawkins, Moderator
 James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association:

Elders:

Willie Vicars
 Milligan Herron
 Carson Bishop
 Lubert Hammonds
 Carl France
 Harold Shaffer
 Billy Tignor
 Pat Bishop
 Willie Ashworth
 Lonnie Townsend
 Willie Jennings
 Echol Herron

Harold Free
 George Hubbard
 Jimmie Williams
 Roy Jennings
 M. D. Hyatt
 Fred Gillenwater
 Rufus Hood
 Roy Frazier
 Edgar Baltimore
 Eugene Qualls
 Robert Ramey
 Joe Leonard

Lee Clark
J. T. Ragan
Earl Austin
Ellis Hammond
Lee Smith
John Smith, Jr.
Richard Castle
Luther Lane
Eritt T. Darnell
Robert Mathis
Walter Brickey
Emmit Lane
Joe Osborne
Otis Darnell
Kyle Akers

Clint Proffitt
B. D. Proffitt
Marvin Winkle
Roy Sampson
Jack Shuler
Harold Hawkins
James A. Boatright
John C. Pierson
Eckle Carter
Walker Darnell
J. B. Quillen
Cline Massie
L. W. Salling
Richard Harris
Leonard Begley

Southwest Virginia Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 1
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 1
No. Of Churches — 37
Church Membership — 1,945
Members Received — 168
Members Dismissed — 75
Members Deceased — 40
No. Of Sunday Schools — 37
Sunday School Enrollment — 2,345
No. Of Leagues — 18
League Enrollment — 533
No. Of Ordained Deacons — 115
No. Of Ordained Ministers — 59
No. Of Licentiates — 2
Paid Pastors — \$17,422.23
Paid Evangelists — \$7,327.98
Literature — \$4,769.13

Foreign Mission — \$813.95
Home Missions — \$1,548.52
Superannuation — \$609.99
Building and Repairs — \$16,634.86
Value of Church Property — \$567,510.00
Enclosed for Association — \$50.00

Hobert Addington, Moderator
Anson Evans, Clerk
Elmer Miner, Clerk

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to the Southwest Virginia Association; all addresses are Virginia unless stated otherwise:

Hobert Addington — Box, 414, Wise
C. B. Addison — Rt. 1, Wise
Hattie Atkins — 8920 June St., Manassas
Howard Ashworth — Rt. 12, Greenville, Tenn.
Jeff Bevins — Rt. 1 Box 108, Wise
Robert Bevins — Box 728, Wise
Palmer Blevins — Rt. 1 Box 245, Coeburn
Bernard Broskey — Box 165, Norton
Jesse Cowden — Norton
Jim Cox — 1816 Colgate N. E., Roanoke
Denver Dean — Wise
Robert Dixon — Rt. 1 Box 147, Big Stone Gap
J. V. Estep — Rt. 1 Box 71A, Big Stone Gap
Ralph Flanary — Dungannon
G. T. Francis — Pound
U. L. Graham — Big Stone Gap
Fred Greene — Norton
Ray L. Goode — Rt. 2 Box 193, Wise
Milan Hall — Rt. 1, Coeburn
Leonard Hicks — St. Paul
Thurman E. Holcomb — Rt. 1, Big Stone Gap

Theodore Holmes — Rt. 1 Box 88, Keokee
Perry W. Honeycutt — Dungannon
Vestus Jessee — Rt. 1, Norton
Roy Kennedy — Rt. 1, St. Paul
C. L. Kilgore — Coeburn
J. D. Kilgore — Pound
J. Harold Kilgore — Box 254, Jenkins, Ky.
Roy W. Kilgore — Nicklesville
William Kilgore — Wise
Willard Kiser — Rt. 2 Box 219, Coeburn
James Laney — Rt. 1, Wise
Richard McFarland — Eolia, Ky.
William Maness — Rt. 1 Box 21, Big Stone Gap
Elmer Miner — Rt. 1, Coeburn
Kermit Moore — 1707 N. Sterling Blvd., Sterling Park
Melvin Moore — Wise
Danny Mullins — Box 284, Pound
Emmitt Mullins — Pound
Hansford Mullins — Wise
Thurman Mullins — 4441 S. 34th St., Arlington
Leroy Mullins, — Wise
Arnold Powers — Pound
Ben R. Powers — Wise
David Powers — Norton
James A. Ramey — 242 12th St. S. E., Norton
Glenn Ritchie — Rt. 1 Box 493A, Coeburn
Ethel Robins — 10th St., Norton
James Rose — Rt. 1 Box 411, Coeburn
Della Salyers — Rt. 1 Box 552, Norton
Jeff Salyer — Rt. 1, Nicklesville
Joel Slemp — 105 Polk Dr., Manassas
I. T. Stallard — Rt. 1 Box 23, Pound
Bill Stover — Norton
Eddie Sturgill — Box 705, Jenkins, Ky.

Garland Summers — Rt. 1 Box 122, St. Paul

Claude Sloce — Norton

Tyler Tate — St. Paul

C. G. Turner — Rt. 1 Box 39B, Wise

SUPERANNUATION:

Letter from Southwest Virginia Association to Virginia State Association, when convened with Central Church at Norton, Virginia.

We recommend that each Association that is in the Virginia State be asked if they desire to have a part in the Superannuation plan. If the answer is yes, we beg the support of each one. If the answer is no, let us know also, so we will know who is due the benefits thereof.

We recommend a type of questioner be made covering all source of income, to be filled out by the minister who applies for Superannuation.

We recommend 8 ¢ per member per quarter.

Southwest Virginia Association

Hubert Addington, Moderator

Anson Evans, Clerk

Elmer Miner, Clerk

John Wheeler Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 2

No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 2

No. Of Churches — 15

Church Membership — 878

Members Received — 52

Members Dismissed — 32

Members Deceased — 7

No. Of Sunday Schools — 15

Sunday School Enrollment — 899

No. Of Women's Auxiliaries — 3
No. Of Ordained Ministers — 30
No. Of Licentiates — 4
Pastors — \$18,327.91
Paid Evangelistics — \$2,900.00
Literature — \$932.96
Charity — \$140.00
Foreign Missions — \$201.04
Home Missions — \$518.93
Superannuation — \$15.00
Paid to Children's Home — \$939.94
Building and Repair — \$5,703.17
Miscellaneous Expenses — \$73.82
Total Expenditures — \$71,854.37
Enclosed for Association — \$50.00

Rev. Arthur Rhymer, Moderator
Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association:

Rev. Jennings Wilson, 1602A Westover Dr., Danville, Va.
Rev. Robert Smith, Rt. 3, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Walter Statzer, P. O. Box 873, Marion, Va.
Rev. Douglas Offield, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Howard Shaver, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Edd Pendergrass, Box 497, Rt. 3, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Herbert Adams, Rt. 4, Bristol, Va.
Rev. C. C. Olinger, Box 247, Saltville, Va.
Rev. Orville Trivette, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Samuel Johnson, P. O. Box 123, Gary, W. Va.
Rev. Joe E. Tolliver, Rt. 2, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Arthur Rhymer, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. C. F. Sprinkler, Rt. 5, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, Va.

Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page St., Bristol, Va.
Rev. Shelton Norris, Box 3078, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Winston Blaylock, Rt. 4, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Lula F. Kenley, 264 Lowland St., Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Virginia Brannon, 1813, Bristol, Va.
Rev. K. 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 Presley, Box 337, Saltville, Va.
Rev. Orville O'Quinn, 228 Crockett St., Bristol, Va.
Rev. Sherrill A. Foran, Bris-Vu Trailer Court, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Harold Rouse, No. 5 Birch St., Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Dewey Foran, Rt. 5, Bristol, Va.
Rev. John Hooker, Rt. 1, Blountville, Tenn.
Rev. Rhea Willis, Rt. 2, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. Paul Price
Rev. James M. Wright, Saltville, Va.
Rev. Robert Prater, Jr., Box 197, Saltville, Va.

Sandy Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 3
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 3
No. Of Churches — 13
Church Membership — 512
Members Received — 27
Members Dismissed — 5
Members Deceased — 5
No. Of Sunday Schools — 12
Sunday School Enrollment — 571
No. Of Ordained Ministers — 23
No. Of Licentiates — 2
No. Of Ordained Deacons — 33
Paid Pastor — \$5,446.36

Paid Evangelistics — \$932.91
Literature — \$1,066.61
Charity — \$823.00
Foreign Missions — \$163.96
Home Missions — \$999.44
Paid to Children's Home — \$966.10
Building and Repair — \$7,418.04
Value of Church Property — \$91,200.00
Enclosed for Association — \$30.00

Mrs. Gladys Compton, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association:

Rev. Earl James, Rt. 2, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Arnold Simpson, Richland, Va.
Rev. Perry Reynolds, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Manuel Colley, Grundy, Va.
Rev. Lester Gilley, Fairfax, Va.
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. Hobart Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Worley Harris, Swords Creek, Va.
Sister Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Sister Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Garnet Vance, Tazwell, Va.
Rev. Earl Cole, Jewell Valley, Va.
Rev. James Blott, Cedar Bluff, Va.
Rev. Dallas Barber, Cooper, W. Va.
Rev. James M. Sargent, Rt. 1, North Tazwell, Va.
Rev. Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Va.
Rev. Kenneth M. Skeens, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Oliver Osborne, Richland, Va.

Rev. Ralph Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. G. C. Sizemore, Abingdon, Va.

Tidewater Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 1
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 1
No. Of Churches — 11
Church Membership — 2,509
Members Received — 371
No. Of Sunday Schools — 11
Sunday School Enrollment — 1,663
No. Of Women's Auxiliaries — 10
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment — 179
No. Of Leagues — 11
League Enrollment — 504
No. Of Master Men's — 5
Master Men Enrollment — 49
No. Of Ordained Ministers — 11
CO-OP Program — \$125.82
Executive Department — \$251.67
C. T. S. Department — \$850.84
No. Of Ordained Deacons — 60
Foreign Missions — \$29,426.32
Bible College — \$6,496.49
Paid to Children's Home — \$1,907.69
No. Of Parsonages — 8
Value of Parsonages — \$95,000.00
Enclosed for Association — \$75.00
Promotional Work — \$965.00
Tidewater Missions — \$2,596.79

Mrs. E. V. Welton, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Tidewater Association:

Rev. Charles Brown

Rev. Billy Morris

Rev. I. J. Carter

Rev. Joe Hurst

Rev. T. O. Terry

Rev. James Amick

Rev. Dale Burden

Rev. Winford Morris

Rev. Dough Robertson

Rev. Gene Parishner

Rev. Oscar Gray

**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 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.

