

1972

MINUTES

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**Thirty-fourth Session Held with the
Fairmont Park Free Will Baptist Church
Norfolk, Virginia
June 16, 1972**

The next session will be held with the Shiloah Church,
Bristol, Virginia, Friday before the third Sunday in June,
1973.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator — Rev. Ray Berry

Norfolk, Virginia

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Ray Goode

Clintwood, 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. Ralph Flanary

Dungannon, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. H. Dail

3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia — 1975

Rev. Walter L. Statzer

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

Rev. Fred Greene

713 Kentucky Ave., Norton, Virginia — 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 — 1975

Rev. Charles Brown

Portsmouth, Virginia — 1973

Rev. Ralph Flanary

Dungannon, Virginia — 1973

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 — 1974

34TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 34th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Fairmont Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, June 15 and 16, 1972.

The session was opened by singing, "To God Be The Glory." Singing was led by Rev. Ken Riggs, accompanied at the piano by Sister Jane Burden.

The clerk read from the 24th chapter of Psalms, verses 1 through 6. Prayer was led by Rev. Charles Brown. The host pastor, Rev. Dale Burden, gave the association a warm and sincere welcome to the Fairmont Church. Rev. Fred Greene gave the response. The clerk introduced the officials 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 adopted by the body. Rev. Ralph Flanary was elected treasurer pro-term.

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.

Tidewater: Letter and \$75.00 for state fund.

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

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

National officer, Rev. Harold Critcher, gave the report for the Foreign Mission Board. This report was received as information.

Rev. Joe Hurst gave the report for the Sunday School Department. This report was received as information.

Rev. Ken Riggs gave the report for the Bible College. This report was received as information.

Mrs. Don Ellis gave the report from the National Home Mission Board. This report was received as information.

The morning worship was opened by singing, "When I See The Blood." Rev. Ken Riggs was introduced as the morning messenger. Rev. Riggs read from the 2nd Chapter of St. Luke, verses 41-52, and brought an inspiring and challenging message about young people, and "Four Things

Christ Did in His Youth." The service was concluded by singing, "I'll Live For Him." Prayer of thanks was offered by Rev. Flanary.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "The Lily of the Valley." The clerk read from the 1st Chapter of Acts, verses 6 through 11, and led in prayer. Rev. Fred Greene was selected to serve on the Executive Board.

Women's Auxiliary report was given by Sister Gertrude Whitehurst, and received as information.

Ministers' conference report was given by Rev. Ray Berry, this report is included as information.

Clerk read the Superannuation report for Mrs. Della Salyers, this report is included as information.

Delegates to the National Association: Mrs. Kathryn Green, Betty Hill, Marvin Little, Mildred Little, J. T. Hammond. The moderator was given power to appoint delegates as needed to the National Association.

The association approved the printing of 500 minutes.

W. H. Dail was retained as Promotional Secretary of the Home Mission Board.

Guy Culbertson was retained on the Home Mission Board for three years.

Sister Della Salyer was elected as Chairman of the Superannuation Board.

Rev. Elmer Miner and Rev. Harold Kilgore were elected on the Superannuation Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams were elected as Church Training Service Directors.

Rev. John Smith, Jr. was elected to the Children' Home Board.

Rev. Fred Greene was elected to be recommended to serve on the General Board of the National Association.

The clerk read a letter from the Lee County Conference for petition for membership in the State Association. The Executive Board requested the deferral of this petition for one year, and a committee consisting of Ralph Flanary, Fred Greene, and Walter Statzer be appointed to work with this conference, and report back at our next meeting, the

conference approved.

The Executive Board recommended the conference approval of The Book Store operation by Rudine Kennedy for sale of Sunday School literature, the conference approved.

The State Home Mission Board report was presented by Brother Dail. This was approved, and is included as information.

The treasurer report was given by the treasurer pro-term Ralph Flanary. Balance of \$446.16. The report was approved.

The conference approved raising the expense of the moderator, clerk, and treasurer from \$15.00 to \$25.00.

The conference approved the appointment of a committee of five members to study and recommend a plan to increase attendance at our state meeting.

Committee: Rev. Ray Berry, Rev. Edwin Hill, Rev. Jim Cox, Rev. Fred Greene, and James Myers, Jr.; they were approved by the conference.

The committee was granted the expenditure of up to two hundred dollars for this project.

W. H. Dail was elected for three years on the Executive Committee.

The conference tabled for one year the revision of Article 3, Section 2, of the Constitution by adding the following statement, "Each local church within the state association be allowed three (3) delegates to the state association."

The conference was recessed until the evening service.

The Home Mission Youth Rally was opened by singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Prayer was led by Brother Blain Hughes. Rev. Jim Cox presided over the session and carried out the program. The Johnson Trio sang "If That Isn't Love." The Flanary Sisters sang "I Cannot Find The Way Alone." Fairmont Park Youth Ensemble sang "Shepherd of Love." Tim McLaughlin gave an inspiring reading. The Bethany Trio sang "Songs In The Day Time." Brother Junior Johnson sang "That's For Me." An

offering of \$45.25 was received for the State Home Mission work. Phillip Myers sang "He's Everything To Me." Miss Jo Ratka gave her testimony to the Youth Rally, she concluded with a poem, "The World is Mine." Brother Joe Creech sang, "I Will Give You Rest."

Rev. Don Pegram read from Revelation, Chapter 3, verse 8, and brought an inspiring message on "I Have Set Before Thee An Open Door." He also used I Corinthians, Chapter 16, verse 9, and II Corinthians, Chapter 2, verse 12, While singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," the invitation was given to those present. Rev. Jim Cox dismissed in prayer.

The moderator called the session back into order for the conclusion of the business. Brother Ray Turnage gave a report of the Childrens' Home.

Rev. Ralph Flanary was elected treasurer.

The Executive Board sends the next session to the Shiloah Church at Bristol, Virginia in the John Wheeler Association.

Rev. Ray Goode was elected Assistant Moderator of the next session.

Rev. Ray Berry was elected Moderator of the next session.

These minutes were approved as read with corrections.

Rev. Edwin Hill dismissed the association in prayer.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Ralph Flanary	Fred Greene	Charles Brown
John Smith, Jr.	Shannon Powers	C. H. Denton
Vergel A. Maness	Ray Goode	Ray Berry
Cecil Presley	Jim Cox	Don R. Pegram
Walter L. Statzer	Edwin L. Hill	Lonnie Palmer
T. O. Terry	Dale Burden	Ken Riggs

DEACONS REGISTERED

Paul D. Sams
James Myers, Jr.

W. D. Stump
W. H. Dail

Willie M. McCoy

DELEGATES REGISTERED

Amanda Sams
Patty Flanary
Mrs. Beulah Flanary

Mrs. Kathryn Greene
Faye Sams
Mrs. Cecil Presley

Kathy Flanary

1971-1972 VIRGINIA STATE SUPERANNUATION ANNUAL REPORT

Balance Carried Forward	\$	108.03
Receipts		708.50
Total	\$	816.53

Disbursements	\$	200.00
Rev. Ben Powers		200.00
Rev. Orville Oquin		200.00
Rev. James A. Ramey		
Rev. William Kilgore		120.00
Supplies		10.00
Total	\$	730.00

Balance in treasury June 1, 1972	\$	86.53
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RECEIPTS

Glamorgan Chapel, Wise, Va.	\$	20.00
Davis Chapel, Norton, Va.		30.00

Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Va.	30.00
Marion Church, Marion, Va.	12.00
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.	60.00
Beckners Chapel, Wise, Va.	20.00
Bethel Chapel, Wise, Va.	13.60
Bondtown Church, Coeburn, Va.	6.00
Calvary Church, Dryden, Va.	4.50
Dry Fork Church, Coeburn, Va.	20.00
Esserville Church, Esserville, Va.	20.00
Flatwood Church, Coeburn, Va.	20.00
Hopkins Chapel, Norton, Va.	20.00
Indian Creek Church, Wise, Va.	26.40
Lone Pine Chapel, Pound, Va.	15.00
Marys Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	20.00
Mt. Olive Chapel, Wise, Va.	8.40
Martha's Chapel, Pound, Va.	20.00
Pippins Chapel, Coeburn, Va.	4.00
Mountain View Church, Wise, Va.	10.00

\$ 379.90
328.60

\$ 708.50

Ministers' Conference	\$ 80.00
Ramsey Church, Norton, Va.	31.54
Stallards Memorial, Coeburn, Va.	40.00
Stevens Chapel, Wise, Va.	11.00
Valley View Church, Dungannon, Va.	15.00
West Norton Church, Norton, Va.	5.00
West End Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.	31.36
Wilson Chapel, Norton, Va.	20.00
Galdy Fork Church, Pound, Va.	20.00

Bull Run 1st Church, Coeburn, Va.	15.00
Rocklick Church, Big Stone Gap, Va.	25.00
Colechester Church	21.70
Reeds Valley	4.00
Offering from building fund	4.00
Shiloah Church—Ladies Auxiliary, Bristol, Va.	5.00

\$ 328.60

VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

May 1, 1971 to May 1, 1972

Virginia State Women's Auxiliary	\$ 183.36
Sale of Books	194.63
Tidewater Association	100.00
Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church	24.00
E. J. Kilgore	120.00
Youth Rally	52.00
Bethany F. W. B. Church	20.00

\$ 693.99

Link 53.00

ROANOKE PROJECT AND LAND FUND:

Ashby, Betty & Hobert	\$ 80.00
Bryan, Robert & Judy	60.00
Central F. W. B. Church	180.00
Copper Creek F. W. B. Church	101.16
Doran Addition F. W. B. Church	130.00
Adwolfe Gospel Extension Organization	47.64
Gray, Nathan W. Mr. & Mrs.	14.56
Glaymorgan Chapel F. W. B.	60.00

Pippins Chapel F. W. B.	3.00
Rock Lick F. W. B. Church	25.00
Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church	715.49
Kilgore, C. L.	10.00
Meads Chapel F. W. B. Church	146.79
Shiloh F. W. B. Church	345.99
Wilson Chapel F. W. B. Church	30.00
Tidewater Association of F. W. B.	5,300.00
Frow, Fannie	20.00

\$ 7,269.63

Receipts	\$ 8,016.62
Balance Brought Forward	3,601.71
Grand Total.	\$11,618.33
Less Expenditures	8,356.40
Bank Balance	\$ 3,261.93

EXPENDITURES:

Rev. Jim Cox - Salary	\$ 6,725.00
Jim Cox Promotional Work	30.00
Link Printing and Postage	130.53
Roanoke Land Fund	545.79
Printing for Project for Roanoke	83.05
Cicero Bible Press.	342.03
Calvary F. W. B. Church for Mission Work. .	500.00

\$ 8,356.40

Amount in Savings Account	\$ 5,255.83
Interest Accrued	226.38
Total in Savings Account	\$ 5,482.21

ROANOKE LAND FUND:

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn	\$ 400.00
Lee County Conference.....	150.00
MacMcMillen, Norfolk	50.00
Charles M. Miller, Arlington	20.00
Nora Latham, Hampton.....	10.00
Virginia Women's Auxiliary	596.18
St. Johns Bible Class, Fairmount Park Church	475.00
Lula Kennedy, Coeburn.....	10.00
Marvin Little, Newport News	100.00
Mt. Olive F. W. B. Church, Wise	55.00
Henry Hunter, Roanoke	50.00
Yorkshire F. W. B. Church, Manassas	50.00
Colchester F. W. B. Church (V. B. S.)	58.00
Bethel F. W. B. Church, Hampton	75.00
Tidewater Association	100.00
Colchester F. W. B. Church (Ladies Aid) ...	10.00
Fannie Frow	20.00
C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn	10.00
Clarence Parks, Abingdon	5.00
9 Year Old Class, Fairmount Park Church...	13.63
Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church, Norfolk...	445.15
Mattie Richmond, Dungannon	15.00
Chestnut Hill F. W. B. Church, Big Island ...	40.00
Adwolfe F. W. B. Church, Marion	66.64
Pine Grove F. W. B. Church, Fort Blackmore	30.00
N. E. Quarterly Meeting, John Wheeler Assn.	100.00
James Farson, Ashland, Ky.	10.00
Kathleen Barrett, Arlington	15.00
Josephine Adams, Manassas	5.00
Wilton Dail, Norfolk.....	100.00
Glamorgan F. W. B. Church, Wise	100.00
Thomas Harris, Salem	6.00
Junior Class, Roanoke Mission	50.00

Mr. & Mrs. Wirt Eanes, Arlington.	100.00
East Lebanon F. W. B. Church, Lebanon	10.00
	\$ 3,350.60

MINUTES OF VIRGINIA STATE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The annual session of the Ministers' Conference convened at the Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Virginia, on Thursday, June 15, 1972. The meeting was opened with Joe Creech leading the congregation in singing, "Joy Unspeakable; Rev. Jim Cox led in prayer. Greetings was extended by the host pastor, Rev. Dale Burden. The congregation then sang "When I See The Blood" and "Until Then". Rev. Fred Greene was introduced as president of the Ministers' Conference. Rev. Greene welcomed each one to the conference. Special music was rendered by a ladies sextette from the host church who sang, "The Man on the Middle Cross."

The host pastor introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Ronald Creech who reported on various items of interest prior to bringing the message. Rev. Creech read from the 33rd Chapter of Jeremiah, verse 3, and brought an inspiring message on "This Is Free Will Baptist's Greatest Hour."

Rev. Greene appointed Rev. Edwin Hill secretary pro-term in the absence of Rev. Ray Berry.

Missionary Lonnie Palmer was recognized by the president. Ministers and deacons were then recognized. The officers were then elected for the next year. President—Rev. Jim Cox, Vice-President—Rev. Edwin Hill, Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. Walter Statzer.

Motion was made by Rev. Dale Burden that the State Ministers' Conference relinquish all rights to the deed of the Camp Fentress Property, and the deed be corrected to be made out to the Tidewater Association as was intended by Rev. Fentress, the motion was seconded, and carried.

An offering was then taken for the expenses of the meeting prior to adjournment.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Clinch Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 4
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 4
No. Of Churches — 23
Church Membership — 1085
Members Received — 52
Members Dismissed — 35
Members Deceased — 5
No. Of Sunday Schools — 23
Sunday School Enrollment — 1,355
No. Of Women's Auxiliaries — 1
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment — 30
No. Of Leagues — 1
League Enrollment — 60
No. Of Ordained Ministers — 59
No. Of Licentiates — 4
No. Of Ordained Deacons — 35
Paid Pastors — \$14,644.36
Paid Evangelistics — \$2,932.54
Literature — \$1,525.52
Charity — \$1,110.69
Foreign Missions — \$690.00
Home Missions — \$1,063.60
Bible College — \$75.00
Paid To Children's Home — \$2,047.89
Building and Repair — \$16,009.82
Miscellaneous Expenses — \$1,959.69
Total Expenditures — \$43,893.44
Value of Church Property — \$401,500.00
Enclosed for Association — \$150.00

James A. Boatright, Moderator
James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association:

Rev. John Smith, Jr., 1421 Tyler Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Avenue, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Warren Meade, Hilton, Virginia
Rev. Ryland Doran, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Ave., Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. C. J. Flanary, 319 Kincaid Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Joe Leonard, Rt. 2, Blountville, Tennessee
Rev. Lee Clark, Rt. 2, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Clint Proffitt, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. B. D. Proffitt, 214 Solar Street, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. George Hubbard, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Carson Bishop, 126 Cloud Apt., Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Lonnie Townsend, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Rev. Roy Frazier, Clinchport, Virginia
Rev. Edgar Baltimore, Dryden, Virginia
Rev. Robert Ramey, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Harold Free, Rt. 3, Gate City, Virginia
Rev. Rufus Hood, Rt. 3, Clinchport, Virginia
Rev. Pat Bishop, Rt. 1, Duffield, Virginia
Rev. Jimmie Williams, 332 Lynn Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Gene Qualls, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
Rev. Charles Grills, 313 Rogan Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Carl France, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
Rev. Harold Shaffer, Hilton, Virginia
Rev. M. D. Hyatt, Jonesboro, Tennessee
Rev. Willie Jennings, Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
Rev. Billy Tignor, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
Rev. Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Thurman Holcomb, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Rev. Hugh Arrington, Church Hill, Tennessee
Rev. Lubert Hammonds, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Rev. Roy Jennings, Rt. 7, Kingsport, Tennessee
Rev. Milligan Herron, Box 36, Gate City, Virginia
Rev. Echol Herron, Hilton Virginia

Rev. Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, Virginia
 Rev. Richard Harris, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Rev. Lee Smith, Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
 Rev. Willie Ashworth, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Rev. Harold Gilley, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Rev. James A. Boatright, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Rev. Luther Lane, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Rev. John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Rev. Erritt T. Darnell, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Rev. Eckle Carter, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Rev. Robert Mathis, Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia
 Rev. Walker Darnell, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Rev. Walter Brickey, 113 Beason Wells Road, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Rev. J. B. Quillen, Rt. 2, Independence Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.
 Rev. Emmit Lane, Rt. 3, Gate City, Virginia
 Rev. Cline Massie, Coeburn, Virginia
 Rev. Joe Osborne, Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia
 Rev. L. W. Salling, Rt. 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Rev. Kyle Akers, Gate City, Virginia
 Rev. Leonard Begley, Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia
 Rev. William Bise, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia

Sandy Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 3
 No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 3
 No. Of Churches — 14
 Church Membership — 540
 Members Received — 30
 Members Dismissed — 46
 Members Deceased — 5
 Deacons — 25
 No. Of Sunday Schools — 12
 Sunday School Enrollment — 439
 No. Ordained Ministers — 32
 No. Licentiates — 3
 Paid Pastors — \$5,824.60
 Paid Evangelists — \$1,315.42

Home Mission — \$60.00
Paid to Children Home — \$1,120.58
Building and Repair — \$14,459.52
Church Property — \$89,100.00
Enclosed for Association — \$30.00
Literature — \$792.04

Rev. Earl James, Moderator
Mrs. Gladys Compton, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association:

Rev. Earl James, Rt. 2, Honaker, Virginia
Rev. Perry Reynolds, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rev. Arnold Simpkins, Richlands, Virginia
Rev. Manuel Colley, Grundy, Virginia
Rev. Lester Gilley, Honaker, Virginia
Rev. Elmer Hess, Honaker, Virginia
Rev. A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rev. Dewey Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rev. Luther Hubbard, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rev. Worley Harris, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rev. Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rev. Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rev. Marion Harris, Honaker, Virginia
Rev. Berk Hess, Honaker, Virginia
Rev. Perry Taylor, Honaker, Virginia
Rev. Leo Taylor, Honaker, Virginia
Rev. Holland Miller, Gate City, Virginia
Rev. Kelly McCoy, Richlands, Virginia
Rev. Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Virginia
Rev. James H. Sargent, Jr., Rt. 1, North Tazewell, Virginia
Rev. Kenneth M. Skeens, Richlands, Virginia
Rev. Billie Shook, Rt. 1, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Rev. George C. Sizemore, Abingdon, Virginia
Rev. Emory E. Edwards, Blountville, Tennessee
Rev. Ralph Bostic, Swords Creek, Virginia
Rev. Jay C. Johnson, Rt. 1, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Rev. Garnet Vance, Richlands, Virginia
Rev. Earl Cole, Jewell Valley, Virginia

Rev. Dallas Barber, Coopers, West Virginia
Rev. James Blott, Rt. 1, Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Rev. Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Virginia
Rev. Samuel Altizer, Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Tidewater Association

No. Quarterly Meetings Attended — 4
Church Membership — 2,847
Members Received — 222
Members Dismissed — 123
Members Deceased — 7
Sunday School Enrollment — 2,596
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment — 167
C. T. S. Enrollment — 764
Master's Men Enrollment — 36
No. Of Ordained Ministers — 16
No. Of Licentiates — 1
No. Of Ordained Deacons — 60
Paid Pastors — \$57,661.42
Paid Evangelists — \$4,155.28
Literature — \$8,289.19
Charity — \$856.09
Foreign Missions — \$12,772.04
Home Missions — \$4,684.12
Bible College — \$4,907.29
Superannuation — \$182.44
Paid to Children's Home — \$1,523.09
Building and Repair — \$180,888.79
Miscellaneous Expenses — \$61,485.17
Total Expenditures — \$355,708.59
Value of Church Property — \$1,748,777.81
No. of Parsonages — 9
Value of Parsonages — \$175,000.00
Enclosed for Association — \$75.00

Rev. Gene Parishner, Moderator
Mrs. E. U. Welton, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Tidewater Association:

Rev. Charles Brown
Rev. Dale Burden
Rev. Ray Berry
Rev. Ed Hill
Rev. Billy Morris
Rev. Winford Floyd
Rev. Gene Parishner

Rev. Don Pegram
Rev. T. O. Terry
Rev. Mannis
Rev. Don Ellis
Rev. I. J. Carter
Rev. J. C. Carter
Rev. Gene Phillips

Southwest Virginia Association

No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 1
No. of Churches — 36
Church Membership — 1,923
Members Received — 211
Members Dismissed — 66
Members Deceased — 16
No. of Sunday Schools — 36
Sunday School Enrollment — 2,384
No. of Leagues — 20
League Enrollment — 588
No. of Ordained Deacons — 125
No. of Ordained Ministers — 62
No. of Licentiates — 8
Paid Pastors — \$23,681.05
Paid Evangelists — \$6,157.16
Literature — \$4,135.28
Foreign Mission — \$1,337.16
Home Missions — \$855.03
Superannuation — \$511.90
Home for Children — \$3,487.04
Building and Repair — \$30,976.54
Value of Church Property — \$597,510.00
Enclosed for Association — \$50.00

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association of

Free Will Baptists while in regular session with Indian Creek Church, Pound, Virginia, May 20, 1972.

Rev. Ray Goode, Moderator
Anson Evans, Clerk
Buena Evans, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Southwest Virginia Association:

Rev. Hobert Addington, Box 414, Wise, Virginia
Rev. C. B. Addison, Rt. 1, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Howard Ashworth, Rt. 12, Box 219, Greeneville, Tenn.
Rev. Jeff Bevins, Rt. 1, Box 108, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Robert Bevins, Rt. 1, Box 109B, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Palmer Blevins, Rt. 1, Box 245, Coeburn, Virginia
Rev. Bernard Broskey, Box 165, Norton, Virginia
Rev. Jesse R. Cowden, 616 Roberts Ave., Norton, Virginia
Rev. James Cox, 326 Maddock Ave., N. E. Roanoke, Virginia
Rev. Denver Dean, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Robert Dixon, Rt. 1, Box 147, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Rev. J. V. Estep, Rt. 1, Box 71A, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Rev. Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, Virginia
Rev. Ray L. Goode, Rt. 1, Clintwood, Virginia
Rev. G. T. Francis, Pound, Virginia
Rev. Roger Freeman, Rt. 1, Box 284D, Wise, Virginia
Rev. U. L. Graham, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Rev. Fred Greene, 713 Ky. Ave., Norton, Virginia
Rev. Monroe Hale, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Early Hall, Coeburn, Virginia
Rev. Milam Hall, Rt. 1, Coeburn, Virginia
Rev. Lester Hampton, Rt. 1, Box 33, Pound, Virginia
Rev. James L. Hicks, Box 487, St. Paul, Virginia
Rev. Theodore Holmes, Box 88, Keokee, Virginia
Rev. Perry W. Honeycutt, Dungannon, Virginia
Rev. Vestus Jessee, Box 662, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Roy Kennedy, Rt. 1, St. Paul, Virginia
Rev. C. L. Kilgore, Box 666, Coeburn, Virginia
Rev. J. D. Kilgore, Pound, Virginia

Rev. James Harold Kilgore, Box 254, Jenkins, Kentucky
 Rev. Roy W. Kilgore, Nicklesville, Virginia
 Rev. William Kilgore, Rt. 2, Box 219A, Wise, Virginia
 Rev. Willard Kiser, Rt. 2, Box 219, Coeburn, Virginia
 Rev. James E. Laney, Rt. 1, Wise, Virginia
 Rev. William Maness, Rt. 1, Box 31, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Rev. Richard McFarland, Eolia, Kentucky
 Rev. Elmer Miner, Rt. 1, Coeburn, Virginia
 Rev. Kermit Moore, 1707 N. Sterling Blvd., Sterling Park, Va.
 Rev. Danny Mullins, Box 284, Pound, Virginia
 Rev. Emmitt Mullins, Pound, Virginia
 Rev. Hansford Mullins, Wise, Virginia
 Rev. LeRoy Mullins, Rt. 1, Wise, Virginia
 Rev. Thurman Mullins, Manassas, Virginia
 Rev. Arnold Powers, Pound, Virginia
 Rev. Ben R. Powers, Box 62, Wise, Virginia
 Rev. David Powers, 326 Ky. Ave., Norton, Virginia
 Rev. Harlis Powers, Norton, Virginia
 Rev. Oscar Powers, Box 43, Esserville, Virginia
 Rev. James A. Ramey, 242 12th St. S. E., Norton, Virginia
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 Rev. Ethel Robbins, 234 Tenth St., Norton, Virginia
 Rev. James Rose, Rt. 1, Box 411, Coeburn, Virginia
 Rev. Donnie Rutherford, Rt. 1, Box 236A, Pound, Virginia
 Rev. Della Salyer, 222 13th St., Apt. 1, Colony House, Norton
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 Rev. Joel Slemp, 105 Polk Dr., Manassas, Virginia
 Rev. Claude Sloce, Norton, Virginia
 Rev. I. T. Stallard, Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, Virginia
 Rev. Eddie Sturgill, Box 705, Jenkins, Kentucky
 Rev. Garland Summers, Rt. 1, Box 122, St. Paul, Virginia
 Rev. Tylor Tate, Box 705, St. Paul, Virginia
 Rev. C. G. Turner, Rt. 1, Box 39, Wise, Virginia

The Southwest Virginia Association unanimously approved that Sister Rudine Kennedy be give the franchise to sell Free Will Baptist Literature in the Bible Book Store she is to open in Norton, Virginia.

John Wheeler Association

No. Quarterly Meetings — 2
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported — 2
No. of Churches — 15
Church Membership — 1,012
Members Received — 58
Members Dismissed — 13
Members Deceased — 10
No. of Sunday Schools — 14
Sunday School Enrollment — 835
No. of Ordained Ministers — 33
No. of Licentiates — 2
Paid Pastors — \$14,272.47
Paid Evangelists — \$3,876.54
Foreign Missions — \$330.68
Home Missions — \$830.61
Paid to Childrens' Home — \$717.20
Building and Repair — \$4,797.74
Miscellaneous Expenses — \$3,539.00
Total Expenditures — \$28,362.24
Enclosed for Association — \$50.00

Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, Moderator
Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association:

Rev. Jenning Wilson, 1602A Westover Drive, Danville, Virginia
Rev. Robert Smith, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Walter Statzer, Box 873, Marion, Virginia
Rev. Douglas Offield, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Kenneth Smith, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Robert Teaster, 204 Delaney St., Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Howard Shaver, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Edward Pendergrass, Rt. 3, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Herbert Adams, Rt. 4, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. C. C. Olinger, Saltville, Virginia

Rev. Orville Trivette, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Samuel Johnson, Glade Springs, Virginia
Rev. Joe E. Tolliver, Rt. 2, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Arthur Rhymer, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
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Rev. Kyle Freneb, P. O. Box 87, Chilhowie, Virginia
Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. Shelton Norris, Box 3078, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Winton Blaylock, Rt. 4, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. Lula Henley, 264 Loevlard Street, Abingdon, Virginia
Rev. Virginia Brannan, 1813 King Mill Pike, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. Elmer Adkins, Rt. 4, Blountville, Tennessee
Rev. John Taylor, Rt. 1, Saltville, Virginia
Rev. Homer Goodson, Rt. 5, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. Cecil Pressley, Box 337, Saltville, Virginia
Rev. Orville O'Quinn, 228 Crockett Street, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. Howard Rouse, 5 Birch Street, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Dewey Foran, Rt. 5, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. John Hooker, Rt. 1, Blountville, Tennessee
Rev. Rhea Willis, Rt. 2, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Paul Price, 704 Moshy Street, Abingdon, Virginia
Rev. James W. Wright, Saltville, Virginia
Rev. Robert Prater, Jr., Box 197, Saltville, Virginia
Rev. Howard Campbelle, Rt. 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Paul Rouse

**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.

