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**Thirty-fifth Session Held with the
Shiloah Free Will Baptist Church
Bristol, Virginia
June 14-15, 1973**

The next session will be held with the Oak Grove Church, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1974.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator — Rev. Ray Berry
Norfolk, Virginia

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Jim Cox
Roanoke, 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 - 1976

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 - 1976

Rev. Ralph Flanary

Dungannon, Virginia - 1976

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

35TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 35th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Shiloah Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 14 and 15, 1973.

The session was opened by singing, "Leaning On Jesus". The clerk read verse 18 of Psalms 118, prayer was led by Rev. Richard Castle. The host pastor Rev. Walter Statzer, gave the association a warm and sincere welcome to the Shiloah Church. Rev. Charles Brown gave the response. The clerk introduced the officials of the association, concluding with the moderator Rev. Ray Berry who called the session to order and proceeded with the business. The program was adopted by the body.

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.

A digest committee consisting of Lewis Browder, Jim Cox, and Kathryn Greene was appointed to compile the statistics from the associations during the noon hour and report their findings in the afternoon session.

The treasurers report was given by Rev. Ralph Flanary with a balance of \$280.33. The report was approved by the body, and is included as information.

The body approved the payment by the treasure of \$57.83 and authorized the payment of \$99.00 for expenses of the elected committee from the last association.

A partial report was given by the Executive board and accepted. The executive board proposed the acceptance of the change in Article 3, Section 2 of the Constitution. This was approved by the body and will be changed in next years minutes. (These minutes)

The conference approved a recommendation that the State Association go on record as being opposed to the legalized abortion laws of the state, and the pending

gambling legislation, and letters be sent to the proper authorities stating our stand.

The proposed ammendment of article 5 was read and tabled. The revised article is: OFFICERS—The officers of the state association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and an Executive Board, each of which shall be elected as follows: the Moderator shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session. They shall select a nominee for each office that is vacant and present the list to the Moderator. The Moderator shall read the name that is nominated for each office, and declare the floor open for additional nominations. Each office shall be filled by a standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session, except the clerk and assistant clerk which shall be for a period of four (4) years or during good behavior, and the executive board which shall be elected asherein after provided.

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

The Executive Board presented the request from the Lee County Association for admission into this body. The body unanimously voted them admission and the Moderator extended to them the right hand of fellowship. The meeting was then dismissed for the morning worship service.

The worship service was opened by the Bethany Young People singing "The Happy Side of Life" and "Discovery." Brother Blaine Hughes sang "He Touched Me". Rev. John Craft read from the 10th chapter of Romans, verses 1, 2, and 9 through 15. His inspiring text was, "The University of the Gospel". While singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," the invitation to receive Christ was given. An offering of \$33.38 was received.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "There is Power in the Blood."

The Women's Auxiliary report was given by Sister

Gertrude Whitehurst, and was received as information.

The Minister's Conference report was read by the State Clerk. The report is included as information.

Sister Della Salyers read the Superannuation report; this report is included as information.

Rev. Eugene Workman gave the report for the National Executive Office and it was received as information.

Rev. James E. Roper gave the report for the Childrens Home and it was received as information.

Rev. J. D. O'Donnel gave the report for the Sunday School Department and it was received as information.

Rev. Jerry Banks gave the Foreign Mission report and it was received as information.

Milton Crowson gave the Bible College report and it was received as information.

Rev. Jonathin Thigpen gave the Church Training Service report and it was received as information.

Rudene Kennedy gave a report on the Anchor Book Shop and it was received as information.

Delegates elected to the National Association were: Nada Maness, Magaline Statzer, Kathryn Greene, Bulah Flanary, and Betty Dean. The moderator was granted power to appoint alternates as needed.

The association approved the printing of 500 minutes.

The report of an impossible task was given by the Digest Committee. At the conclusion of the report a motion was made and approved that the clerk be empowered to purchase report forms to be sent to each church clerk.

The Executive Board sent the next session to the Oak Grove Church, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, on Friday before the third (3rd) Sunday in June, 1974.

A committee consisting of Charles Brown, Rudene Kennedy, Fred Greene, and Edd Hill, was appointed to investigate the formation of a central youth camp.

Brother W. H. Dail was elected as the state Promotional Secretary for the Virginia State Association.

Rev. John Smith, Jr. was reelected to the Childrens Home Board.

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

Mrs. Della Salyer, Rev. Elmer Minor, Rev. Harold Kilgore were reelected as the Superannuation Board.

W. H. Dail was elected promotational Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. Charles Brown and Rev. Ralph Flanary were elected to three year terms on the Home Mission Board.

Rev. Walter Statzer was elected to a three year term on the Executive Board.

Rev. Ray Thomas gave the National Home Mission report and it was received as information.

The session was recessed until the Friday evening Youth Meeting.

The Friday evening session, under the direction of the State Home Mission Board, was opened by singing, "How Great Thou Art." The host pastor of the Temple Church of Bristol gave the conference a warm welcome. The Bethany Youth Choir sang, "Save Me", "Sing Praises to the Lord", and "Christ is Reveleant Today." The Attoinment Quartet sang "What a Lovely Day", and "Sheltered in the Arms of God." The North Eastern Ambassador Choir sang "I Need Jesus", "Without Jesus You Won't Make Heaven," and "Jesus Christ is King." The Teen Trio sang "So Many Reasons". The Attoinments sang "I'll Meet You in the Morning"; and while singing "Lord I'm Coming Home", an invitation was given. A large number of young people came forth. Brother Garrison sang "Just a Rose Will Do." Philip Myers sand "Reach Out to Jesus" and "The Lord's Prayer." Rev. Don Lamb read from II Samuel, chapter 13, verses 1 through 6, and brought a challenging message on "Total Committment to the Lord Jesus Christ." A call to the alter was given for commitment to Purity.

The moderator concluded the business by electing the remaining officers:

Treasurer—Rev. Ralph Flanary
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Jim Cox

Moderator—Rev. Ray Berry
 These minutes were read and approved as read.
 Prayer of dismissal was by Brother Maness.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Ralph Flanary	Jerry Banks	Otis Smith
Darrell Pickle	Milton Crawson	Della Salyer
John Tilson	Jim Cox	Cecil Pressley
S. B. Culbertson	Charles Brown	John J. Craft
Rev. O'Quinn	H. Ray Berry	Winford R. Floyd
R. L. Goode	Jack Sprinkle	John R. Burgess
Shannon Powers	Fred Greene	John Smith, Jr.
G. C. Sizemore	Ray Thomas	Kenneth M. Skeens
Richard L. Castle		

DEACONS REGISTERED

James Myers, Jr.	Wilton Dail	Paul D. Sams
John C. Calhoun	J. A. Fields	

DELEGATES REGISTERED

L. B. Bowden	Helen Castle	Raymond Baird
Evelyn Elswick	Faye Sams	Glenda Cox
Sophia Fields	Mary Roughton	Kathryn Greene

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 446.16
Sandy Valley	30.00
Tidewater	75.00
John Wheeler	50.00
Southwest Association	125.00
Clinch Valley	75.00
	\$ 801.16
Less Total Expenses	520.83
	\$ 280.33

DISBURSMENTS

National Association of Free Will Baptist	50.00
Rev. John Smith, Jr. — Moderator	25.00
James Myers, Jr. — Clerk	25.00
Rev. Ralph Flanary — Treasurer	25.00
Supreme Printing Company — Minutes	138.00

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EXPENSES:

Rev. Ed Hill	\$ 34.80
Rev. Fred Greene	36.40
Rev. Ray Berry	15.60
Rev. Ray Berry	38.28
James Myers, Jr.	38.00
Rev. Roy Goode	43.00
Wilton Dail	51.75

\$257.83

257.83

\$ 520.83

VIRGINIA STATE SUPERANNUATION REPORT

From June 1972 to June 1973

RECIEPTS:

Fairmount Park F.W.B. Church, Norfolk, Va.	\$ 67.00
Glamorgan Chapel, Wise, Virginia	28.00
Davis Chapel, Norton, Virginia	20.00
Dungannon Church, Dungannon, Virginia	30.00
Marion F.W.B. Church, Marion, Virginia	2.00
Beckners Chapel, Wise, Virginia	20.00
Bethels Chapel, Wise, Virginia	14.64
Dry Fork Church, Coeburn, Virginia	20.00
Esserville Church, Esserville, Virginia	20.00
Flatwoods Church, Coeburn, Virginia	20.00
Hopkins Chapel, Norton, Virginia	20.00
Indian Creek Church, Pound, Virginia	8.05
Kelly View Church, Appalachia, Virginia	10.00

Lonepine Chapel, Pound, Virginia	15.00
Marys Chapel, Coeburn, Virginia	25.00
Marthas Chapel, Pound, Virginia	15.00
Mt. Olive Chapel, Wise, Virginia	14.56
Pippins Chapel, Coeburn, Virginia	4.00
Mountain View Church, Wise, Virginia	8.00
Ramsey Church, Norton, Virginia	33.62
Stephens Chapel, Glamorgan, Virginia	10.00
Stallards Memorial, Coeburn, Virginia	10.00
Valley View Church, Dungannon, Virginia.	20.00
West Norton Church, Norton, Virginia	20.00
West End Church, Big Stone Gap, Virginia	8.80
Wilsons Chapel, Norton, Virginia.	20.00
Gladys Fork Church, Pound, Virginia	20.00
Bull Run First F.W.B. Church.	10.00
Rock Lick Church	30.00
Reeds Valley Church.	2.00
John Wheeler Association	7.50
Southwest Virginia Ministers Conference	120.00
Total Reciepts for 1972 & 1973	\$ 673.17
Balance Brought Forward From Last Year	86.53
Total	\$ 759.70
Total Disbursements	730.00
Balance	\$ 29.70

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Bob Powers, Wise, Virginia	\$ 180.00
Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Bristol, Virginia	180.00
Rev. James A. Ramey, Norton, Virginia	180.00
Rev. William Kilgore, Wise, Virginia	180.00
Supplies	10.00
	\$ 730.00

VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Financial Report May 1, 1972 to May 3, 1973

Culbertson, Guy D. & Maxie	\$ 53.26
Harris, R. D.	11.00
Virginia State Womens Auxiliary.	248.96
Virginia State Youth Rally.	45.00
Sale of Books	30.00
Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church	15.00
Calvery F.W.B. Church	1,000.00
Ramey, Martha A. Link.	5.00
	\$ 1,408.22

ROANOKE PROJECT AND LAND FUND

Bryant, Robert & Judy.	\$ 65.00
Central F.W.B. Church	270.00
Doran Addition F.W.B. Church	120.00
Fairmount F.W.B. Church	77.70
Glaysmorgan Chapel F.W.B. Church	60.00
John Wheeler Association Southern Quarterly Meeting	10.00
Meads Chapel F.W.B. Church	54.59
Pippens Chapel F.W.B.	5.00
Rocklick F.W.B. Church	37.00
Shiloah F.W.B. Church	118.00
Stedham, Bill & Anette	110.00
Tidewater Association of F.W.B.. . . .	2,620.00
Tidewater Association of F.W.B. — Land Fund	395.04
Wilson Chapel F.W.B. Church	10.00
	\$ 3,845.28
Subtotal.	1,408.22
Receipts Total.	5,253.50

Balance Brought Forward	<u>3,261.93</u>
Grand Total	8,515.43
Less Expenditure	<u>7,212.13</u>
Bank Balance	\$ 1,303.30

EXPENDITURES

Rev. Jim Cox - Salary	\$ 6,500.00
Link Printing & Postage.	646.73
Printing for Roanoke Project	24.67
Cicero Bible Press.	20.73
Don Pegram - Speaking at Youth Rally.	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 7,212.13
Amount in Savings Account	\$ 5,482.21
Interest on Savings Account	<u>.287.79</u>
Total in Savings Account	\$ 5,770.00

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE Held With The Shiloah Free Will Baptist Church Bristol, Virginia June 14, 1973

The Ministers Conference was opened by singing hymns "Amazing Grace", "Blessed Assurance" and "Just a Little Talk with Jesus," led by Rev. Ray Berry. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Estep and welcome was given by Host Pastor, Rev. Walter L. Statzer.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS ENROLLED

Visiting Ministers

Rev. Otis Smith
Rev. George Higgins

Rev. John Craft
Rev. Roy Thomas

Rev. Jerry Banks
Rev. Jonathon Thigpin

Rev. Jack Ward

MINISTERS OF THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Fred Greene
Rev. Ray Berry
Rev. Charles Brown
Rev. J. D. Estep
Rev. Darrell Pickle
Rev. Herman Cress
Rev. John Tilson
Rev. Ralph Flannary
Rev. Orville O'Quinn
Rev. Della Salyer

Rev. Hobart Addington
Rev. John Smith, Jr.
Rev. Jack Sprinkle
Rev. Howard Campbell
Rev. J. C. Sizemore
Rev. Kenneth Skeens
Rev. Richard Castle
Rev. Virgil Maness
Rev. Walter Statzer

DEACONS

John Calhoun
Wilton Dail

William Hall
James Myers, Jr.

A Ministers and Deacons quartet was chosen including Rev. John Craft, James Myers, Jr., Rev. Otis Smith and Rev. Kenneth Skeens. They were assisted by Sisters Madge Statzer, Mildred Helbert and Norma Malcolm.

Rev. George Higgins, Pastor of the Central Free Will Baptist Church of Johnson City, Tennessee brought a great message using scripture from Numbers 11:1-5, 23, 31-32. His subject was "Is Anything Too Hard For The Lord?"

BUSINESS

Recommendation was made to the Virginia State Association that we go on record as being opposed to legalized abortion laws of this state, and pending gambling legislation. This passed by a voice vote.

OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR

President—

Rev. Jim Cox

326 Maddock Avenue N.E.

Roanoke, Virginia 24012

Vice-President—

Rev. Kenneth Skeens

414 Fairfax Avenue

Richlands, Virginia

Secretary-Treasurer—

Rev. Walter Statzer

238 Meadowcrest Drive

Bristol, Virginia 24201

An offering was taken in the amount of \$65.00.

DISBURSEMENTS:

To reimburse Ray Berry for personal check given to minister at last years Ministers Conference, 1972.	\$ 15.00
Rev. George Higgins at this years Ministers Conference	50.00
Cash on hand	<u>65.00</u>
In Treasury,	\$ 00.00

Closed with prayer by Rev. John Smith, Jr.

Rev. Walter L. Statzer, Clerk

Jim Cox, Moderator

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Southwest Virginia Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—2

No. of Churches—32

Church Membership—1,656

Members Received—121

Members Dismissed—33

Members Deceased—36

No. of Sunday Schools—32

Sunday School Enrollment—1,926
No. Of Leagues—19
League Enrollment—582
No. of Ordained Deacons—129
No. of Ordained Ministers—47
No. of Licentiates—3
Paid Pastors—\$22,385.14
Paid Evangelists—\$5,204.91
Literature—\$4,231.49
Foreign Mission—\$1,350.58
Home Mission—\$986.71
Supperannuation—\$492.79
Home for Children—\$3,397.32
Building and Repair—\$15,479.41
Value of Church Property—\$458,200.00
Enclosed for Association—\$50.00

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association of
Free Will Baptists while in regular session with Dungannon
Church, Dungannon, Virginia, May 19, 1973.

Rev. Ralph Flanary, Moderator
Rev. William Maness, Clerk
Sharon Maness, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Southwest Virginia Association:

Rev. Hobert Addington
Box 414, Wise, Virginia
Rev. C. B. Addison
Rt. 1, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Jeff Bevins
Rt. 1, Box 108, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Robert Bevins
Rt. 1, Box 109-B, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Palmer Blevins
Rt. 1, Box 245, Coeburn, Virginia
Rev. Bernard Broskey
P. O. Box 371, Norton, Virginia
Rev. Jim Cox

326 Maddock Avenue, N.E., Roanoke, Virginia
Rev. Billy Ray Crawford
Banner, Virginia
Rev. Denver Dean
Wise, Virginia
Rev. J. V. Estep
Rt. 1, Box 71-A, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Rev. Ralph Flanary
Dungannon, Virginia
Rev. G. T. Francis
Pound, Virginia
Rev. Roger Freeman
Rt. 2, Box 318, Pound, Virginia
Rev. Fred Greene
713 Kentucky Avenue, Norton, Virginia
Rev. Milam Hall
Rt. 1, Coeburn, Virginia
Rev. Lester Hampton
Rt. 1, Box 33, Pound, Virginia
Rev. Perry W. Honeycutt
Dungannon, Virginia
Rev. Vestus Jessee
Box 662, Wise, Virginia
Rev. C. L. Kilgore
Box 666, Coeburn, Virginia
Rev. J. D. Kilgore
Pound, Virginia
Rev. James Harold Kilgore
P. O. Box 785, Wise, Virginia
Rev. Roy W. Kilgore
Nicklesville, Virginia
Rev. William Kilgore
Rt. 2, Box 219, Wise, Virginia
Rev. James E. Laney
Wise, Virginia
Rev. J. E. Leonard
Coeburn, Virginia
Rev. William C. Maness
Rt. 1 Box 21, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Rev. Elmer Miner
Rt. 1, Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. Kermit Moore
1707 N. Sterling Blvd., Sterling Park, Virginia

Rev. Melvin E. Moore,
P. O. Box 426, Wise, Virginia

Rev. Danny C. Mullins
Box 284, Pound, Virginia

Rev. Hansford Mullins
Rt. 2 Box 259, Wise, Virginia

Rev. Arnold Powers
Pound, Virginia

Rev. David Powers
326 Ky. Ave., Norton, Virginia

Rev. Oscar Powers
Box 43, Esserville, Virginia

Rev. James A. Ramey
242 12th St. S. E., Norton, Virginia

Rev. Glen Ritchie
Rt. 1, Box 493-R, Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. Ethel Robbins
234 Tenth St., Norton, Virginia

Rev. James Rose
Rt. 1, Box 411, Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. Della Salyers
737 Ky. Ave., Norton, Virginia

Rev. Jeff Salyer
Rt. 1, Nicklesville, Virginia

Rev. Claude Sloce, 508 Beech St., Norton, Virginia

Rev. I. T. Stallard
Rt. 1, Box 23, Pound, Virginia

Rev. Billy Ray Stover
Norton, Virginia

Rev. Eddie Sturgill
Box 705, Jenkins, Kentucky

Rev. Garland H. Summers
Rt. 1, Box 122, St. Paul, Virginia

Rev. Tyler Tate
Box 705, St. Paul, Virginia

Rev. C. G. Turner
Rt. 1, Box 39, Wise, Virginia

Sandy Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—3
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—3
No. of Churches—13
Church Membership—540
Members Received—20
Members Dismissed—63
Members Deceased—12
No. of Sunday Schools—11
Sunday School Enrollment—580
No. of Ordained Ministers—33
No. of Ordained Deacons—26
Paid Pastors—\$6,426.08
Paid Evangelistics—\$2,726.20
Literature—\$997.80
Charity—\$159.00
Home Missions—\$70.00
Paid to Children's Home—\$1,256.03
Building and Repair—\$8,869.21
Value of Church Property—\$113,700.00
Enclosed for Association—\$30.00

Brother Perry Reynolds, Moderator
Brother Berk Hess, Assistant Moderator
Sister Gladys Compton, Clerk
Sister Ruthe Hess, Assistant Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association:

Rev. Earl James
Rt. 2, Honaker, Virginia
Rev. Perry Reynolds
Vansant, Virginia
Rev. Lester L. Gilley
Honaker, Virginia
Rev. Manuel Colley

Jewell Valley, Virginia
Brother A. H. Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia
Brother Dewey Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia
Brother Luther Hubbard
Swords Creek, Virginia
Brother Worley Harris
Swords Creek, Virginia
Brother Kelley McCoy
Richlands, Virginia
Brother Elmer Hess
Honaker, Virginia
Brother Marion Harris
Honaker, Virginia
Brother Perry Taylor
Honaker, Virginia
Brother Leo Taylor
Honaker, Virginia
Brother Herman Dye
Honaker, Virginia
Brother Holand Miller
Gate City, Virginia
Brother Berk Hess
Honaker, Virginia
Sister Rhoda Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia
Sister Jettie Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia
Brother Oliver Osborne
Richlands, Virginia
Brother Ernest Lynn
Bandy, Virginia
Brother J. H. Sargent, Jr.
Rt. 1, N., Tazewell, Virginia
Brother Samuel N. Altizer
Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Brother Bill Shook
Rt. 1, Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Brother G. C. Sizemore
Abingdon, Virginia
Brother E. E. Edwards
Blountville, Tennessee
Brother Kenneth M. Skeens
Richlands, Virginia
Brother Roy Lee Smith
Bluefield, Virginia
Brother Dallas Barber
Coopers, West Virginia
Brother Jay C. Johnson
Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Brother Ralph Bostic
Swords Creek, Virginia
Brother Earl Cole
Jewell Valley, Virginia
Brother James Blott
Cedar Bluff, Virginia
Brother Garnet Vance
Richlands, Virginia

Tidewater Association

Members Received—323
Present Membership—3,875
Sunday School Attendance—3,334
C.T.S. Attendance—817
Woman's Auxiliary Membership—202
Master's Men Membership—32
Value Church and Parsonage Property—\$2,692,100.00
Total Receipts—\$28,854.95

DENOMINATIONAL GIVING: NATIONAL WORK:

Co-op Program—\$2,042.53
Foreign Missions—\$20,987.60
Home Missions—\$1,784.05
Executive Department—\$422.34

Bible College—\$5,413.38
C.T.S.—\$177.87

STATE WORK:

Promotional Work—\$25.00
State Missions—\$2,455.00
Children's Home—\$1,378.39

Rev. Gene Parisher, Moderator
Mrs. E. V. Welton, Clerk
Mrs. E. V. Welton, Treasurer

Ministers belonging to the Tidewater Association:

Rev. Gene Parisher
Rev. Winford Floyd
Rev. Billie Morris
Rev. Ray Berry
Rev. J. C. H. Carter
Rev. Claude Richardson
Rev. Virgil Manness
Rev. Murray Southwell
Rev. John Burgess
Rev. Ernest Harrison
Rev. Dudley Green

Rev. I. J. Carter
Rev. Dale Burden
Rev. Charles Brown
Rev. C. H. Denton
Rev. Ed Hill
Rev. Don Pegram
Rev. Robert Smith
Rev. Don Ellis
Rev. Jim Cox
Rev. Lewis McCurry

Clinch Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—4
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—4
No. of Churches—23
Church Membership—1,056
Members Received—76
Members Dismissed—73
Members Deceased—7
No. of Sunday Schools—21
Sunday School Enrollment—1,170
No. of Women's Auxiliaries—1
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment—30
No. of Leagues—3
League Enrollment—120
No. of Ordained Ministers—52
No. of Licentiates—5

No. of Ordained Deacons—54
Paid Pastors—\$15,401.93
Paid Evangelistics—\$2,615.54
Literature—\$1,000.86
Charity—\$1,793.07
Foreign Missions—\$630.00
Home Missions—\$989.67
Paid to Children's Home—\$2,196.39
Building and Repair—\$19,874.92
Miscellaneous Expenses—\$2,769.51
Total Expenditures—\$52,272.89
Value of Church Property—\$286,000.00
No. of Parsonages—1
Value of Parsonages—\$20,000.00
Enclosed for Association—\$150.00

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

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association:

Elder John Smith, Jr.

Rt. 2, Independence Dr., Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder L. W. Salling

Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Luther Lane

Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia

Elder John Clifford Pierson

853 Pace Street, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Errett T. Darnell

Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Eckle Carter

Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Robert Mathis

Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia

Elder Walter Brickey

113 Beason Wells Road, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder J. B. Quillen

Rt. 2, Independence Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Cline Massey

Coeburn, Virginia
Elder Joe Osborne
Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia
Elder Kyle Akers
Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
Elder William Bise
Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
Elder Richard Castle
Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Leonard Begley
Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
Elder Walker Darnell
Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
Elder B. D. Proffitt
214 Solar Street, Bristol, Virginia
Elder Joe Leonard
Rt. 2, Blountville, Tennessee
Elder Clint Proffitt
Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Earl Austin
238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder C. J. Flanary
319 Kincaid Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Marvin Winkle
Todds Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Roy Sampson, Hilton, Virginia
Elder Jack Shuler
2316 Amy Avenue, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Warren Meade
Hilton, Virginia
Elder Ryland Doran
Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder George Hubbard
2305 Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Jimmie Combs
Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
Elder Harold Free
Rt. 3, Gate City, Virginia
Elder Rufus Hood

Rt. 3, Clinchport, Virginia
 Elder Edgar Baltimore
 Dryden, Virginia
 Elder Robert Ramey
 Kingsport, Tennessee
 Elder Pat Bishop
 Rt. 1, Duffield, Virginia
 Elder Gene Qualls
 Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
 Elder Carl France
 Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
 Elder Harold Shaffer
 Hilton, Virginia
 Elder M. D. Hyatt
 Jonesboro, Virginia
 Elder Willie Jennings
 Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
 Elder Billy Tignor
 Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
 Elder Willie Vicars
 Kingsport, Tennessee
 Elder Thurman Holcomb
 Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Elder Hugh Arrington
 Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Elder Lubert Hammonds
 Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Elder Milligan Herron
 Box 36, Gate City, Virginia
 Elder Echol Herron
 Hilton, Virginia
 Elder Fred Gillenwater
 Gate City, Virginia
 Elder Richard Harris
 Gate City, Virginia
 Elder Lee Smith
 Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
 Elder Willie Ashworth
 Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Harold Giley
Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Elder Carson Bishop
1122 Windsor Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Lonnie Townsend
Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Elder Ray Frazier
Clinchport, Virginia

John Wheeler Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—2
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—2
No. of Churches—15
Church Membership—1,050
Members Received—76
Members Dismissed—33
Members Deceased—7
No. of Sunday Schools—15
Sunday School Enrollment—1,008
No. of Ordained Ministers—29
No. of Licentiates—5
Paid Pastors—\$18,105.38
Paid Evangelists—\$2,785.71
Foreign Missions—\$285.88
Home Missions—\$1,147.13
Paid to Childrens' Home—\$673.75
Building and Repair—\$11,215.30
Miscellaneous Expenses—\$2,231.89
Total Expenditures—\$36,188.63
Enclosed for Association—\$50.00

Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association:

Rev. Jennings Wilson
Chilhowie, Virginia
Rev. Robert Smith
Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Walter Statzer

238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. Douglas Offield
Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Edward Pendergrass
Route 3, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Herbert Adams
Route 4, Bristol, Virginia
Rev. C. C. Olinger
Saltville, Virginia
Rev. Orville Trivette
Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Samuel Johnson -
Glade Springs, Virginia
Rev. Joe E. Tolliver
Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. Arthur Rhymer
Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee
Rev. C. F. Sprinkle
Route 5, Bristol, Virginia
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. 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
 Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee
 Rev. Robert Prater, Jr.
 Box 197, Saltville, Virginia
 Rev. Howard Campbell
 Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee
 Rev. Paul Rouse
 Bristol, Virginia
 Rev. Kenneth Shaffer
 1208 Virginia Avenue, Bristol, Tennessee
 Rev. Darrell Pickle
 Marion Virginia
 Rev. Avery Sheets
 Marion, Virginia
 Rev. Robert Speers
 Abingdon, Virginia
 Rev. Glenn Powers
 Marion, Virginia

Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, Moderator
 Rev. Walter L. Statzer, Clerk

Lee County Association

No. of Churches—7
 Church Membership—441
 Members Received—10
 No. Baptized—12
 Value of Church Property--
 \$184,000.00
 Ordained Ministers—6

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pastors—\$8,446.00
 Evangelistic Work—\$2,022.09
 Home Missions—\$993.00
 Foreign Missions—\$835.50
 Literature—\$803.49
 Orphanage—\$733.08

Rev. S. B. Culbertson, Moderator
 Arthur M. Poteet, Clerk

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 are 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 alteration be presented in writing to the body at the last regular meeting.

BYLAWS

1. Each meeting shall be opened with Scripture and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:
 - A. President: It shall be the duty of the president to call each meeting to order, preside over all meetings, maintain proper Christian order and discipline in each meeting, and to perform the various duties relating to his office.
 - B. Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform all the duties of the president in his absence.
 - C. Secretary-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to record minutes, maintain records, keep accurate account of all finances, and to perform such other duties as pertaining to his office. It shall further be his duty to notify all ministers in this conference of the time and place of each meeting three (3) weeks in advance of the meeting.
3. It shall be the duty and responsibility of each 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 over ruled.
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.

C O N S T I T U T I O N

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. Also, each local church be allowed three (3) delegates to the state meeting.

ARTICLE IV

Discipline: The state association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from any association, quarterly meeting or church composing said state association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to said 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 mission, 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 Enterprised: 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.

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I

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 II

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 III

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 IV

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

ARTICLE V

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

ARTICLE VI

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

ARTICLE VII

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

ARTICLE VIII

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

ARTICLE IX

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 X

No member shall absent himself from the association

during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

ARTICLE XI

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

ARTICLE XII

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 XIII

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 XIV

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

ARTICLE XV

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 XVI

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 XVII

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

