

1974

MINUTES

of the

VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION

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Free Will Baptists

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Thirty-sixth Session Held with the
Lake Park Free Will Baptist Church
Richlands, Virginia
June 13-14, 1974

The next session will be held with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia, Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1975, 9:00 A.M.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator — Rev. Jim Cox
Roanoke, Virginia

Assistant Moderator — Rev. Cecil Presley
Box 337, Saltville, Virginia 24370

Clerk — James Myers, Jr. — 1975
Route 2, Doran Addition, Kingsport, Tennessee

Assistant Clerk — Mrs. James Myers, Jr. — 1975
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. Ray Goode — 1977
Box 1304, Wise, Virginia

HOME MISSIONS

W. H. Dail
3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia

Rev. Walter L. Statzer
P. O. Box 873, Marion, Virginia — 1977

Guy Culbertson
1225 Holyoke Avenue, Kingsport, Tennessee — 1975

Rev. Charles Brown
Portsmouth, Virginia — 1976

Rev. Ralph Flanary
Dungannon, Virginia — 1976

SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Billy Stover, Chairman

Rev. Denver Dean

Rev. Billy Crawford

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams — Western Section

Route 2, Box 190, Wise, Virginia

Mr. Blain Hughes — Eastern Section

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Mr. Paul Sams

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Rev. Fred Greene

Rev. Charles Brown — 1975

36TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 36th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist convened with the Lake Park Church, Richlands, Virginia, June 13 and 14, 1974. The session was opened by singing, "Joy Unspeakable and Full of Glory," and "Where the Soul Never Dies."

Rev. Bill Crawford read from the 24th chapter of Matthew, verses 32 and 33, prayer was led by Rev. Presley Fletcher. The host pastor Rev. Kenneth Skeens gave the association a warm and sincere welcome to the Lake Park Church. The clerk gave the response. The clerk introduced the officers of the association, concluding with the moderator, Rev. Ray Berry who called the association to order and proceeded with the business. The program was presented and adopted with modifications as needed.

The Association Letters were called for. The letters were read as received and those having delegates were seated. All letters were approved by the association.

Clinch Valley letter and \$150.00 for state work.

Sandy Valley letter and \$30.00 for state work.

Southwest Virginia letter and \$50.00 for state work.

John Wheeler letter and \$50.00 for state work.

Lee County letter and \$50.00 for state work.

Tidewater letter was not received.

Rev. Dan Merkh gave the Foreign Mission report.

Rev. Roger Reed gave the Sunday School Report.

Rev. Leroy Foreline gave the Bible College report.

Wilmer E. Tripp gave the Childrens Home report.

Rev. Jonothin Thigpin gave the Church Training Service report.

The Executive Office report was passed out.

All of these reports were received as information.

The morning worship service was opened by singing, "Victory in Jesus", and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings". The Bethany Youth Choir Sang, "The Happy Side of

Life", and "Save Me". Sister Yvonne Thigpin sang, "The Love of God". Rev. Dan Merkh our missionary to France read from St. John, chapter 15, verses 1 through 8, and brought an inspiring and challenging message on, "The Branch Beareth the Fruit". A prayer of dedication on the altar was made by those who came forward. A offering of \$93.12 was taken.

The conference was served a good meal by the host church.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions given by Rev. Earnest Harrison. He read from the 12th chapter of Hebrews, verse 2, his thought, "Looking Unto Jesus."

The Executive Committee met with the delegates from the Southwest Virginia and Lee County Associations to discuss the problem in the Lee County Association. A mutual agreement was reached to request the Lee County Association to right their error of pastors practicing eternal security. The Executive Committee then informed the delegates that they must correct this error before next year or their letter will not be accepted by the association.

Additional recommendations were read from the executive committee. The body approved paying the expense of \$184.00 for the moderator and promotional secretary for their trip to Nashville, Tennessee. Motion passed that the representatives on the National Boards be active at the state level and that National furnish the state information about vacancies on all boards.

Motion approved that a plan be started to work on Co-Operative giving. A committee to work on a five year plan was approved. Each association will submit a name to the moderator for this committee.

Motion passed to investigate putting a full time promotional man on the field in 1974-1975.

The Womans Auxiliary report was given by Sister Gertrude Whitehurst and was received as information.

Ministers conference report was read and is included as

information.

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

Bro. W. H. Dail gave the state home mission report, this report is included as information.

Treasurer's report of \$350.71 was given by state treasure Rev. Ralph Flanary, this report was approved by the body.

Move made that Rev. Charles Brown be empowered to appoint delegates to the National Association.

The association approved the printing of 500 minutes.

The tabled motion was removed from the table and passed as presented, and is printed in these minutes, article 5 of the Constitution.

The committee on the Central youth camp consisting of Charles Brown, Rudene Kennedy, and Edd Hill was retained.

A rising vote of appreciation was giving the host church for their hospitality.

Rev. Charles Brown was selected to serve on the National Board from this body in place of Rev. Fred Greene who moved from the state.

Brother Paul Sams was elected to the Childrens Home board.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sams were re-elected to the Church Training Service for the Western Section, and Brother Blain Hughes was elected for the Eastern section.

The Superannuation Board was elected. Rev. Billy Stover, Chairman, Rev. Denver Dean, and Rev. Billy Crawford.

Rev. Walter L. Statzer was elected for a three year term on the state Home Mission Board.

W. H. Dail was re-elected chairman of the State Home Mission Board.

Rev. Ray Goode was elected a three year member of the Executive Board.

Rev. Ralph Flanary was elected State Treasurer.

Rev. Cecil Presley was elected assistant moderator for the next session.

Rev. Jim Cox was elected moderator of the next session which was sent to Roanoke, Virginia, on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1975. Session to begin at 9:00 A.M.

These minutes were read and approved prior to dismissal by prayer.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

John Clifford Pierson	Ralph Flanary	C. G. Turner
Denver Dean	Ray Berry	Daniel J. Merkh
I. T. Stallard	Jim Cox	Walter L. Statzer
Palmer Blevins	John D. Tilson	C. F. Sprinkle
Willie Jennings	Cecil Presley	Della Salyer
Charles Brown	G. C. Sizemore	Earl James
Ray L. Goode	Ralph Bostic	Perry Reynolds
J. V. Estep	Billy R. Crawford	Roger C. Reed
Emory E. Edwards		

DEACONS REGISTERED

James Myers, Jr.	M. A. Stepp	Omer Fields
Paul D. Sams	William A. Hall	John Fields
Guy Culbertson	James M. Baker, Jr.	Jack W. Ketron
Crockett (Unkown)		Paul Davis

DELEGATES REGISTERED

Faye Sams	Flora B. Robinette	Ethel Fields
Betty Dean	Gladys Flanary	Dellio James
Gwendolyn Pierson	Clarence Ramey	Lewis B. Bowden, Jr.
Mrs. I. T. Stallard	Lawrence Honeycutt	Hazel Hickman

Corrie Lane	Raymond Baird	Mrs. Ida Carter
Jack Lane	Alice Baker	Madge Statzer
Kenneth M. Skeens	Margie Ketron	Freda Shuler
	Mrs. Billie R. Crawford	

MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The ministers conference was opened by singing, "Living By Faith," prayer by Rev. J. D. Estep. Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Kenneth Skeens. The conference was procided over by the president, Rev. Jim Cox.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS ENROLLED

VISITING MINISTERS

Rev. Dan Merkh

Rev. Bob Huffmar

MINISTERS OF THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

John Tilson	Della Salyer	Jim Cox
Billy Crawford	Roy Smith	Walter Statzer
J. D. Estep	James H. Sargent	Charles Brown
Bobby Laney	J. C. Sizemore	Earnest Harrison
Emory Edwards	Earl Cole	Ralph Flanary
Cecil Presley	Kenneth Skeens	

DEACON

Wilton Dail
Melvin Sparks

William Hall
Paul Davidson

Wilton Dail gave a talk about employing a full time promotional secretary for state work.

A very timely message was given by Rev. Bobby Laney, pastor of Essenville Church, Norton, Virginia.

Rev. Laney used scripture from Acts 26, 13 through 18.

Offering of \$44.24 was received.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President —

Rev. Jim Cox

326 Maddock Avenue

Roanoke, Virginia

Vice-President —

Rev. Kenneth Skeens

414 Fairfax Avenue

Richlands, Virginia

Secretary-Treasurer —

Rev. Walter Statzer

238 Meadowcrest Drive

Bristol, Virginia

The session was adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Billy Crawford.

WOMENS AUXILIARY REPORT

14 Auxiliaries in the state

38 present for state meeting

246 members listed in state, increase of 33 over last year.

Project goal in 1973-74 \$800.00. Total received and spent —\$1,178.94

1974-75 goal, \$1,200. \$400.00 for Bible College, for Robert & Judy Bryan.

Change meeting date to last Saturday in April.

VIRGINIA STATE SUPERANNUATION FUND REPORT

From June 30, 1973 to June 30, 1974

Carried Forward \$ 37.21

RECEIPTS:

Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church 95.25

Southwest Virginia Ministers Conference	80.00
Lone Pine Chapel Church	35.00
Dungannon Church	
Davis Chapel Church	40.00
Glamorgan Chapel Church	35.00
Ramsey Church	36.25
Rock Lick Church	33.00
Indian Creek Church	42.50
Stevens Chapel Church	25.00
West Norton Church	20.00
Wilson Chapel Church	20.00
Bull Run First F. W. B. Church	20.00
Dry Fork Church	20.00
Flat Wood Church	20.00
Mary's Chapel	20.00
Pippins Chapel Church	1.00
Valley View	10.00
Mountain View	25.00
Hugh Mt. F. W. B. Church	12.00
Offering By Friends	13.00
Virginia State Womens Auxiliary	5.00
Beckners Chapel Church	20.00
Bethel's Chapel Church	14.56
Esserville Church	30.00
Gladly Fork Church	20.00
Hopkin's Chapel Church	20.00
Kelly View Church	20.00
Mt. Olive Church	20.00
Mountain View Church	20.00
Rev. Elmer Miner	11.00
Rev. Billy Stover	10.00
Oscar Sheppard	34.00

\$884.77

DISBURSEMENTS:

Rev. Ben Powers **\$180.00**

Rev. Orville Q'Quinn	180.00
Rev. William Kilgore	180.00
Rev. James A. Ramey	105.00
Supplies	<u>15.00</u>
	\$660.00
Balance In Treasure	\$224.77

VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Financial Report May 1, 1973 to May 1, 1974

HOME MISSION:

Cardwell Town, Saltville	\$ 295.89
Doran Addition, Kings Port	100.00
Burgess, Rev. John	25.00
Kilgore, E. J.	100.00
Martha's Chapel, Ponds	17.26
Mr. and Mrs. William Shirley	5.00
Emanuel F. W. B. Church	40.00
Copper Creek F. W. B. Church	64.84
Morris, Mr. and Mrs. D. E.	10.00
Virginia Woman's Auxiliary	166.25
Tidewater Association	100.00
Shiloh Christian Workers	59.00
East Wise County	39.00
Youth Rally at Bristol	46.00
Fairmount Park F. W. B. Church	25.00
Wilfong, Mr. and Mrs. Gene	5.00
Windley, Mr. Ed	3.15
Byrum, Mrs. C. M.	2.50
Gaskins, Mr. and Mrs. Horace	20.00
Harris, Mr. R. D.	<u>10.00</u>

Home Mission Subtotal \$1,133.89

Contributions for "LINK"	324.00
Sale of Bibles	31.52
Sale of Fruit Cakes	1,893.39
Bethel F. W. B. Church (Ed Green's Account)	13.00
Virginia Woman's Auxiliary (Retired Ministers)	<u>5.00</u>
Total of Above Receipts	\$2,266.91
Subtotal of Combined Receipts	\$3,400.80

PROJECT ROANOKE

Central F. W. B. Church	360.00
Bryan, Robert & Judy	45.00
Bethel F. W. B. Church	39.00
Wilson Chapel F. W. B. Church	50.00
Shiloh F. W. B. Church	60.00
Overman, Mr. & Mrs. J. S.	20.00
Virginia Woman's Auxiliary (Building Fund)	349.93
Glaymorgan Chapel	<u>105.00</u>
Project Roanoke Subtotal	\$1,028.93
Subtotal of Combined Receipts	\$4,429.73

PROMOTIONAL WORK

Central F. W. B. Church	17.05
Cardwell Town F. W. B. Church	30.50
East Bristol F. W. B. Church	17.95
Wise County Youth Meeting	19.30
Estee, J. V.	5.00
Shiloh F. W. B. Church	19.55
Roodie Branch F. W. B. Church	48.50
Pugh Mountain F. W. B. Church	10.00
Sandy Valley Yearly Meeting	30.00
Southwest Quarterly Meeting (John Wheeler)	10.00

West Wise County	<u>62.15</u>
Promotion Work Subtotal	\$ 270.00
Total Receipts	\$4,699.73
Total Receipts May 1, 1973 to May 1, 1974 . .	\$ 4,699.73
Balance Brought Forward	1,303.30
Withdrew From Savings	<u>4,070.00</u>
Total	\$10,073.03
Less Expenditures	<u>9,148.41</u>
Bank Balance As of May 1, 1974	\$ 924.62

EXPENDITURES

Jim Cox, Salary—Project Roanoke	\$2,200.00
Jim Cox, Social Security—Project Roanoke . .	890.00
Jim Cox, Rent—Project Roanoke	700.00
9/24/73 Loan for Lot Payment—Project Roanoke	2,500.00
Building Fund —Project Roanoke	430.68
"LINK"	841.95
Promotional Work	274.80
Retired Ministers	5.00
Don Lamb speaking at Youth Rally	35.00
Office Supplies	14.38
Ed Green's Account	13.00
Fruit Cakes	1,197.36
Bibles	42.24
Returned Check	<u>4.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$9,148.41
Amount in Savings Account as of May, 1973 .	\$5,770.00
Withdrew for Checking Account 7/2/73 . . .	770.00
Withdrew for Checking Account 9/19/73 . . .	800.00
Withdrew for Loan for Land 9/21/73	<u>2,500.00</u>

Total Withdrawals	\$4,070.00
Balance In Savings Less Withdrawals	\$1,700.00
Interest	<u>167.14</u>
Savings Account Balance As of May, 1974	\$1,867.14

We would like to take time to thank the following for the wonderful way you have rallied to the printing and mailing of the "LINK". Had it not been for your efforts, we could not have had the State News.

Mrs. Margret Bryum	\$ 1.50
Mrs. Ethel Futrell	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. W. King	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Little	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Pool	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. R. West	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Dail	2.00
Mrs. Martha A. Ramey	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. D. V. Pittman	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Tingle	12.00
Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Aydlett	2.00
Mr. Edd Windley	2.00
Mr. Manford Gibbs	5.00
Rev. Elmer Miner	2.00
Rev. J. V. Estep	2.00
Rev. Lewis McCurrey	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. James E. Bowman	2.00
Mrs. Ida Grandy	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Overman	3.00
Mr. Roy Crisp	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. William Shirley	2.00
Mr. Frank James	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis B. Bowden	3.00
Virginia Beach F. W. B. Church	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Gaskins	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. J. K. Bryan	2.00

Mr. E. R. Lane	2.00
Rev. G. C. Sizemore	5.00
Mrs. G. C. Barnes	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Smith	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Kilgore	80.00
Mrs. James Rose	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Willard E. Edwards	2.00
Mrs. C. W. Roughton	2.00
Mrs. Kathryn Young	2.00
Rev. E. T. Darnell	24.00
Mrs. Josephine S. Adams	2.00
Rev. John Smith Jr.	2.00
Mr. Frank Vann	2.00
Mrs. Edna Betharum	2.00
Rev. C. H. Denton	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. P. E. Foster	2.00
Rev. Robert Smith	2.00
Mr. Eddie Holland	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Greer	10.00
Mr. Guy D. & Maxie Culbertson	20.00
Mrs. J. T. Sullivan	2.00
Yost Chapel Church	20.00
Mrs. Nancy Clark	10.00
Rev. Walter Statzer & Wife	2.00
E. C. Darnell	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. George Porter	2.00
Mr. & Mrs. John C. Calhoun	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Rawls	4.00
Mr. & Mrs. G. C. Wilfong	2.00
Rev. John R. Burgess	2.00

Total Receipts \$324.50

Due to the rising cost of printing and mailing of the "LINK", the cost will be \$3.00. If you notice we operated in the RED this last year \$517.45. The contributors have increased one third over last year for which we say "Thank the Lord".

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Southwest Virginia Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—2
No. of Churches—34
Church Membership—1,819
Members Received—104
Members Dismissed—31
Members Deceased—23
No. of Sunday Schools—34
Sunday School Enrollment—2,010
No. of Leagues—16
Enrollment—511
No. of Ordained Deacons—135
No. of Ordained Ministers—49
No. of Licentiates—3
Paid Pastors—\$24,036.82
Paid Evangelist—\$7,718.46
Literature—\$3,681.43
Foreign Missions—\$1,834.26
Home Missions—\$1,666.51
Supperannuation—\$639.85
Home for Children—\$4,559.99
Building and Repairs—\$27,016.27
Value of Church Property—\$470,000.00
Enclosed for Association—\$50.00
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Enclosed for Association—\$50.00

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association
of Free Will Baptist while in regular session with the
Glamorgan Chapel Church, Wise, Virginia, May 18, 1974.

Rev. Billy Crawford, Moderator
Rev. Bobby Laney, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Denver Dean, Assistant Moderator
Rev. William C. Maness, Clerk
Sharon Manes, Assistant Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Southwest Virginia Association:

Rev. Hobart Addington
P. O. Box 414, Wise, Virginia

Rev. C. B. Addison
Route 1, Wise, Virginia

Rev. Jeff Bevins
Route 1, Box 108, Wise, Virginia

Rev. Palmer Blevins
Route 1, Box 245, Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. Edison Boggs
Pound, Virginia

Rev. Billy Ray Crawford
Banner, Virginia

Rev. Denver Dean
Wise, Virginia

Rev. J. V. Estep
Route 1, Box 71-A, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Rev. Ralph Flanary
Dungannon, Virginia

Rev. G. T. Francis
Route 2, Box 524, Pound, Virginia

Rev. Roger Freeman
Route 2, Box 318, Pound, Virginia

Rev. Ray L. Goode
General Delivery, Wise, Virginia

Rev. Monroe Hale
Box 232, Wise, Virginia

Rev. Milam Hall
Route 1, Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. Lester Hampton
Route 1, Box 33, Pound, Virginia

Rev. Theodore Holmes
Route 1, Keokee, Virginia

Rev. Perry W. Honeycutt
Dungannon, Virginia

Rev. Vestus Jessee
P. O. Box 662, Wise, Virginia

Rev. C. L. Kilgore
P. O. Box 666, Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. J. D. Kilgore
P. O. Box 1, Pound, Virginia

Rev. J. Harold Kilgore
P. O. Box 785, Wise, Virginia

Rev. Roy W. Kilgore
Nicklesville, Virginia

Rev. Tommy Kilgore
Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. William Kilgore
Route 2, Box 219-A Wise, Virginia

Rev. James E. Laney
Route 1 Box 212, Wise, Virginia

Rev. J. E. Leonard
Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Rev. William C. Maness
Route 1, Box 21, Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Rev. Richard McFarland
Eolia, Kentucky

Rev. Elmer Miner
Route 1, Coeburn, Virginia

Rev. Kermit R. Moore
Pound, Virginia

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

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

Rev. Emmitt Mullins
Pound, Virginia

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

Rev. Leroy Mullins
Route 1, Box 236-C, Wise, Virginia

Rev. David D. Powers
326 Kentucky Avenue, Norton, Virginia

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

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

Rev. Donnie Rutherford
Route 1 Box 119-A, Pound, Virginia

Rev. Della Salyers
621 Kentucky Auenue, Norton, Virginia

Rev. Jeff Salyer
Route 1, Nicklesville, Virginia

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

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

Rev. Billy Ray Stover
Norton, Virginia

Rev. Eddie Sturgill
P. O. Box 705, Jenkins, Kentucky

Rev. Ulis Sturgill
Route 1, Box 104, Pound, Virginia

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

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

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

Lee County Association

Number of Churches—6
Church Membership—339
Members Received This Year—53
Number Baptized This Year—37
Value of Church Property—\$179,500.00
Paid Pastors—\$13,745.60
Paid Evangelists—\$1,954.66
Home Missions—\$956.90
Foreign Missions—\$455.00
Literature—\$1,189.28

Orphanage—\$630.00
Ordained Ministers—8

Ministers belonging to the Lee County Association:

Rev. S. B. Culbertson
Woodway, Virginia

Rev. Billy Powers
Hiltons, Virginia

Rev. E. R. Davis
Pennington Gap, Virginia

Rev. Shannon Powers
1929 Granby Rd., Kingsport, Tennessee

Rev. Richard Hines
Jonesville, Virginia

Rev. Jack Carver
1375 Ridgecrest Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee

Rev. L. H. Martin
Jonesville, Virginia

Rev. Paul Pennington
Pennington Gap, Virginia

Done by order of the Lee County Association in Session
April 6, 1974.

Rev. Shannon Powers, Moderator
Arthur M. Poteet, Clerk

Sandy Valley Association

No. Churches—13
Church Membership—512
Members Received—40
Members Dismissed—12

Members Deceased—8
No. Sunday Schools—10
Sunday School Enrollment—600
No. Ordained Ministers—33
No. Ordained Deacons—30
Paid Pastors—\$3,581.66
Paid Evangelists—\$811.57
Literature—\$174.77
Charity—\$536.13
Home Mission—\$550.39
Childrens Home—\$4,250.00
Treasures—\$1,743.45
Building and Repairs—\$4,836.78
Value of Church Property—\$103,910.00
Enclosed With Letter—\$30.00

Bro. Earl James, Moderator
Bro. Kenneth Skeens, Assistant Moderator
Sister Gladys Compton, Clerk
Sister Rutha Hess, Assistant Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association:

Bro. Earl Jones
Route 2, Honaker, Virginia

Bro. Perry Reynolds

Bro. Lester Gilley
Honaker, Virginia

Bro. Manuel Colley
Jewell Valley, Virginia

Bro. A. H. Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia

Bro. Dewey Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia

Bro. Luther Hubbard
Swords Creek, Virginia

Bro. Worley Harris
Swords Creek, Virginia

Bro. Kelley McCoy
Richlands, Virginia

Bro. Elmer Hess
Honaker, Virginia

Bro. Marion Harris
Honaker, Virginia

Bro. Perry Taylor
Honaker, Virginia

Bro. Leo Taylor
Honaker, Virginia

Bro. Herman Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia

Bro. Holland Miller
Gate City, Virginia

Bro. Berk Hess
Honaker, Virginia

Sister Rhoda Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia

Sister Jettie Dye
Swords Creek, Virginia

Bro. Ralph Bostic
Swords Creek, Virginia

Bro. Bill Shook
Route 1, Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Bro. Samuel Altizer
Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Bro. J. H. Sargent, Jr.
Route 1 North Tazewell, Virginia

Bro. Ernest Lynn
Bandy, Virginia

Bro. Oliver Osborne
Richlands, Virginia

Bro. Emory E. Edwards
Blountville, Tennessee

Bro. J. C. Johnson
Cedar Bluff, Virginia

Bro. G. C. Sizemore
Abingdon, Virginia

Bro. Kenneth M. Skeens
Richlands, Virginia

Bro. Garnett Vance
Richlands, Virginia

Bro. Earl Cole
Jewell Valley, Virginia

Bro. James Blott
Arlington, Virginia

Bro. Dallas W. Barber
Cooper, West Virginia

Bro. Roy Lee Smith
Bluefield, Virginia

John Wheeler Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—2

No. Churches—16

Church Membership—1091

No. Parsonages—1

No. Ordained Ministers—34

No. Licensed Ministers—4
No. Ordained Deacons—64
Average Attendance Sunday Schools—962
Enrolment of Woman's Auxiliaries—89
Average Attendance of Woman's Auxiliaries—77
Paid Pastors—\$24,684.37
Paid Evangelists—\$4,232.83
Building and Repair—\$32,218.14
Literature—\$2,656.61
Total Local Expenditures—\$63,791.95
Foreign Missions—\$524.63
Home Missions—\$823.90
Orphanage—\$902.61
Total Outside Expenditures—\$2,251.14
Total Expenditures—\$66,043.09
Enclosed for Association—\$50.00

Rev. Walter Statzer, Moderator
Raymond J. Freeman, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association:

Rev. Joe Tolliver
Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Harold Rouse
Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Edd Pendergrass
Route 3, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Howard Campbell
Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. J. W. Chesnutt
520 Page St., Bristol, Virginia

Rev. Paul Rouse
2161 Bradley St., Bristol, Virginia

Rev. Orville Trivett
 Route 4, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Kenneth Shaffer
 1208 Virginia Ave., Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Herbert Adams
 Route 5, Bristol, Virginia

Rev. Walter Statzer
 238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Virginia

Rev. Arthur Rhymer
 Route 3; Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Avery Sheets
 Route 3, Marion, Virginia

Rev. C. F. Sprinkle
 Route 1, Bristol, Virginia

Rev. Kyle French
 Box 87, Chilhowie, Virginia

Rev. Elmer Adkins
 Route 4, Blountville, Tennessee

Rev. John E. Floyd
 Route 3, Marion, Virginia

Rev. Orville O'Quinn
 228 Crockett St., Bristol, Virginia

Rev. C. C. Olinger
 Box 274, Saltville, Virginia

Rev. Johnny Hooker
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Rev. Sheldon Norris
 Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Robert Smith
 Route 3, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Samuel Johnson
Glade Spring, Virginia

Rev. Ray Willis
Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. John Tilson
Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Douglas Offield
Route 3, Bristol, Tennessee

Rev. Cecil Pressley
First Ave., Saltville, Virginia

Rev. Jennings Wilson
Chilhowie, Virginia

Rev. Ralph Graham
Route 4, Marion, Virginia

Rev. John Taylor
Route 1, Saltville, Virginia

Rev. Glen Powers
Route 3, Marion, Virginia

Rev. Robert Spears
Abingdon, Virginia

Rev. Herman W. Cress
Route 1, Marion, Virginia

Rev. Calvin Baumgarner
Abingdon, Virginia

Rev. Ralph Carty
Abingdon, Virginia

Rev. Lula Henley
Abingdon, Virginia

Clinch Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—4
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—4
No. Churches—23
Church Membership—1041
Members Received—41
Members Dismissed—14
Members Deceased—8
No. Sunday Schools—21
Sunday School Enrollment—1325
No. Women's Auxiliaries—1
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment—20
No. Ordained Ministers—51
No. Licentiates—1
No. Ordained Deacons—57
Paid Pastors—\$16,402.22
Paid Evangelistics—\$3,187.28
Literature—\$2,096.20
Charity—\$2,444.49
Foreign Missions—\$720.00
Home Missions—\$1,134.61
Paid to Children's Home—\$2,326.04
Building and Repair—\$13,465.58
Miscellaneous Expenses—\$2,739.42
Total Expenditures—\$96,116.68
Value of Church Property—\$565,000.00
No. Of Parsonages—1
Value of Parsonages—\$20,000.00
Enclosed for Association—\$150.00

Elder Jimmie Combs, Moderator
James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Members belonging to the Clinch Valley Association

- Elder John Smith, Jr.
1421 Tyler St., Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Jack Shuler
2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Warren Meade
Hiltons, Virginia
- Elder Ryland Doran
Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Earl Austin
238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Marvin Winkle
2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder C. J. Flanary
319 Kincaid St., Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Joe Leonard
Route 2, Blountville, Tennessee
- Elder Lee Clark
Route 2, Bristol, Tennessee
- Elder B. D. Proffitt
Route 5, Box 66, Blountville, Tennessee
- Elder George Hubbard
Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Carson Bishop
126 Cloud Apt., Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Lonnie Townsend
Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
- Elder Ray Frazier
Clinchport, Virginia
- Elder Edgar Baltimore
Dryden, Virginia

Elder Robert Ramey
Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Harold Free
Route 3, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Rufus Hood
Route 3, Clinchport, Virginia

Elder Jimmie Williams
332 Lynn St., Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Gene Qualls
Route 1, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Charles Grills
313 Rogan St., Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Carl France
Route 1, Gate City, Virginia

Elder M. D. Hyatt
Jonesboro, Tennessee

Elder Willie Jennings
Route 4, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Billy Tignor
Route 1, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Willie Vicars
Kingsport, Tennessee

Thurman Holcomb
Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Elder Hugh Arrington
Church Hill, Tennessee

Elder Lubert Hammonds
Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia

Elder Milligan Herron
Box 36, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Echol Herron
Hilton, Virginia

Elder Fred Gillenwater
Gate City, Virginia

Elder Lee Smith
Route 4, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Willie Ashworth
Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia

Elder Harold Gilley
Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Elder Luther Lane
Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia

Elder John Clifford Pierson
853 Pace St., Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Eritt T. Darnell, Sr.
Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Eckle Carter
Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Robert Mathis
Route 1, Dungannon, Virginia

Elder Walter Brickey
113 Beason Wells Road, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder J. B. Quillen
Route 2 Independence Dr., Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Joe Osborne
Route 1, Dungannon, Virginia

Elder L. W. Salling
Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Kyle Akers
Gate City, Virginia

Elder Leonard Begley
Route 1, Dungannon, Virginia

Elder William Bise
Route 1, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Jerry Davenport
Route 8, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Billy Dingus
Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder James Vernon McDavid
Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia

Elder Jimmie Combs
Route 1, Gate City, Virginia

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

STATISTICS:

No. District Associations—6
No. Churches—102
Church Membership—8220
No. Parsonages—6
No. Ordained Ministers—186
No. Licensed Ministers—11
No. Ordained Deacons—296
Enrollment Sunday Schools 9,119
Enrolment of CTS—867
Enrolment of Women's Auxiliaries—293
Enrolment of Master's Men—25

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Pastor's salaries—\$125,963.67
Evangelistic Work—\$23,556.14
Building and Repair—\$191,410.67
Literature—\$11,609.01
Total Spent for Local Causes—\$335,278.51
Cooperative Plan—\$11,437.12

Foreign Missions—\$23,271.47
Home Missions—\$8,013.92
Education—\$5,651.60
Orphanage—\$18,453.18
Superannuation—\$639.65
Associational, State & National Projects—\$1,570.00
Total Spent for Outside Causes—\$69,041.94
Total Expenditures—\$424,320.45
Value of Church Property—\$3,400,110.00
Value of Parsonage Property—\$171,000.00
Amount Enclosed for fees—\$55.00

The Association requests the appointment of Rev. Charles Brown to the General Board in place of Rev. Fred Green, who moved from the state. This is to fill Rev. Green's unexpired term.

Rev. Ray Berry, Moderator
1049 Stanley Road
Portsmouth, Virginia 23701

JAMES MYERS, JR., Clerk
Route 2 Independence Drive
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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 (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.

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. 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 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.

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 ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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.

