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Thirty-Eighth Session Held with the
First Free Will Baptist Church
Roanoke, Virginia
June, 1976

The next session will be held with the Bull Run Free Will Baptist Church, Coeburn, Virginia, on the Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1977.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Moderator—Rev. Don Hanna
712 North Barton, Arlington, Va. 23701
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Kenneth Skeens
414 Fairfax Ave., Richlands, Va.
Clerk—Mrs. Lottie Cardwell—1979
Route 2, Box 88, Saltville, Va. 24370
Assistant Clerk—Rev. G. C. Sizemore
Box 521, Abingdon, Virginia 24210
Treasurer—Rev. Ralph Flanary
Dungannon, Virginia

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Ray Goode—1977
Box 1304, Wise, Virginia
W. H. Dail—1978
3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.
Rev. Billy Morris—1979
913 Burksdale Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia

HOME MISSIONS

Rev. Walter Statzer—1977
238 Meadowcrest Drive, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Galen Dunbar—1978
4624 Larkin St., Norfolk, Va.
Rev. Charles Brown—1979
Portsmouth, Va.
W. H. Dail—1979
3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.
Treasurer of Home Missions—Rev. Jim Cox

SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Billy Stover
Rev. Denver Dean
Rev. Billy Crawford

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Sams—Western Section
Route 2, Box 190, Wise, Virginia
Mr. Blaine Hughes—Eastern Section

CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD

Mr. Paul Sams

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

Rev. Galen Dunbar—1977

STATE ASSOCIATION BIBLE CONFERENCE

Thursday morning, June 17, 1976

Free Will Baptists from every area of state gathered in Roanoke to hear some of the best Bible preaching in America today. On Thursday, Rev. Dale Burden, Rev. Bob Shockey, Rev. Ken Riggs and Rev. Raymond Riggs proclaimed the Word of God.

Rev. Burden preached from Psalm 42 that we need a thirst for God. Bro. Shockey proclaimed the Difficulties of Discipleship and the Devotion of Discipleship in his two messages. Psalm 11:3 was the text for Rev. Ken Riggs message on spiritual foundations. Rev. Raymond Riggs presented two timely messages on (1) How to lose friends and influence history and (2) A band of men whose heart God had touched. These Spirit empowered messages blessed everyone who attended.

The 1977 Virginia State Association will meet with Bull Run FWB Church, Coeburn, Va. on the Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in June.

Cassette tapes of the messages preached at the State Association may be purchased by sending \$5.00 to Rev. Jim Cox, 1019 Vinton Rd., N.E., Roanoke, Virginia 24012. Proceeds will go to the support of the LINK.

38TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 38th Session of the Virginia State Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Roanoke, Virginia on Friday, June 18, 1976. The session was opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Singing was led by Blaine Hughes with Joanna Davis at the piano.

Alvin Hook read from 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 10 for devotions and prayer was offered by Kevin Walker. The welcome was given by Kevin Walker. The clerk gave the response and introduced the officers of the Association concluding with the Moderator, Rev. Jim Cox, who called the Association to order and proceeded with the business. The program was presented and adopted.

The moderator appointed Galen Dunbar, John Burgess, and Jack Sprinkle as the nominating committee.

The Association letters were called for, read and approved:

Southwest Virginia letter and \$150.00 for state work

Clinch Valley letter and \$150.00 for state work

Tidewater letter and \$150.00 for state work

John Wheeler letter and \$150.00 for state work

Sandy Valley letter and \$30.00 for state work

The moderator called for the reports from the National Association offices. Rev. Cox gave the reports from the National Layman's Board, National Association of Free Will Baptists, and Home Mission's Board. The Sunday school report was given by Delbert Wood, Rev. Ken Riggs gave the report from the Bible College, Rolla Smith gave the report from the Board of Foreign Missions, James Earl Raper gave the report from the Children's Home, and Dale Burden gave a report on the Gateway Bible College.

The session was then declared in recess for the morning worship service. The morning worship service was opened with the hymn "At The Cross." Prayer was offered by Billy Morris. The congregation sang "The Old Account," an

offering was received and Dale Burden prayed the offertory prayer. Barbara Dunbar and Doris Raper sang "Take Up Thy Cross." Bro. Raymond Riggs brought the message using Scripture from 1 Samuel 10:17-26 and for a text "A band of men whose heart God had touched." The conference was recessed until 2:00 o'clock.

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Rescue The Perishing." Prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Skeens. Devotions were given by Rev. Don Hanna using Scripture from Romans 1:13.

The treasurer's report was given by Ralph Flanary. The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Faye Sams. These reports were received as information.

Elected delegates to the National Association are: Barbara Dunbar, Virginia Sprinkle, Belinda Hanna, and Blaine Hughes. A motion was made and carried that the moderator appoint people who are present at the National Association to fill any vacancy.

A motion was made and carried that the Sunday School Department be asked to bid on the printing of the minutes and that 1,000 copies be printed.

A motion was made and carried to take the motion concerning Article 5 Section 1 off the table. A motion was made and carried that the moderator cannot succeed himself for more than one year.

Bro. Wilton Dale gave a report on the Home Missions. This was received by the body.

A motion was made and carried that the State Association pay the fee for the youth contestants to participate in the National competition. This motion carried.

Bro. Jack Sprinkle resigned as the assistant clerk. This was received by the body.

The following people were recommended by the Nomination Committee and were received by the body. Don Hanna was elected moderator. Kenneth Skeens was elected assistant moderator, G. C. Sizemore was elected

assistant clerk, Ralph Flanary was elected treasurer, Billy Morris was elected to the Executive Board, Jim Cox was elected treasurer of the Home Missions Board, Charles Brown and Wilton Dale were elected to serve on the Home Missions Board for three year terms, Billy Stover, Denver Dean, and Billy Crawford were elected to the Supperannuation Board, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Sams were elected to the CTS Board in the west and Blaine Hughes will serve the CTS Board in the eastern part of Virginia, Paul Sams was elected to the Children's Home Board, and Galen Dunbar was elected to the National Association Board.

The Executive Board recommended that the next session of the Association be held at the Bull Run Gap Church in Coeburn. This was received by the body.

The Executive Board recommended that the offering be received today to cover the expense of the Bible Conference. This was received by the body.

Resolutions of the Virginia State Association were: (1) In view of the confusion caused among our people by many modern day versions of the Bible, and in view of the fact that many of these versions are not reliable and trustworthy; Be it resolved that we urge our people to use and exalt the King James Version of the Bible as the Word of God and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Association Resolution Committee.

(2) That the State of Virginia recognize and help the Gate Way Bible College.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. Prayer of dismissal was given by Rev. Walter Statzer.

MINISTER REGISTRATION

Hobert Addington	Rolla D. Smith	Raymond Riggs
Roy Gardener	Walter Statzer	Ken Riggs
J. V. Estep	Galen Dunbar	G. C. Sizemore
Daniel J. Merkh	Jack Shuler	Ralph Flanary
Paul J. Moore	James Earl Raper	Billy R. Crawford
Kenneth M. Skeens	Ray L. Goode	Don Hanna
C. F. Sprinkle	Bob Lewis	I. Benny Turner
John Burgess	Billy Morris	Dale Burden

DEACONS REGISTERED

W. A. Hall	Wilton Dale	Lawrence Honeycutt
Lee Green	Charles R. Sturgill	R. W. McLu lar
A. J. Thomas		

DELEGATES REGISTERED

R. S. Poole	Elizabeth A. Burgess	Bara Dunbar
Freda Shuler	Brenda Lewis	Raymond Baird
Donald Bolling	Faye Sams	Mildred Skeens
Clara Lee Nash	Mary Alice Thomas	

REPORT OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

Walter Statzer, president, presided over the business session. Officers were elected for the coming year as follow: Ralph Flanary, president, John Burgess, vice-president, Dan Merkh, secretary-treasurer. These were elected by acclamation.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

June 1, 1975—April 30, 1976

No. Auxiliaries Reporting—18

Active Membership—266

No. of New Members—10

Amount contributed to missions—\$4,556.43

Total of all giving for the year—\$9,385.23

Attendance at the Woman's Retreat—267

President, Margaret Ryan

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward \$361.55

RECEIPTS

John Wheeler Association \$100.00

Sandy Valley Association 30.00

Southwest Association 50.00

Midway Conference Association 75.00

Clinch Valley Association 75.00

Tidewater Association 150.00

Offering 70.22

550.22

\$911.77

EXPENSES

Promotional Work \$134.40

Printing 157.00

Moderator 25.00

Clerk 25.00

Treasurer 25.00

\$366.40

Balance \$545.37

FINANCIAL REPORT
VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
May 1, 1975 to May 1, 1976

HOME MISSION RECEIPTS:

Cardwell Town	\$33.40
Doran Addition	130.00
Copper Creek	64.00
Fairmount Park Church	465.41
Fairmount Park (St. John's Bible Class)	108.25
Fairmount Park (Stead Fast Sunday School Class) ..	30.00
First FWB Church of Richmond	51.40
Kilgore, E. J.	50.00
Heritage Free Will Baptist Church	50.00
Hurricane Bethel	15.00
Hyde Park Free Will Baptist Church	75.00
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church	284.00
Shiloh (Young Adult League)	80.00
Shiloh (Ladies Auxiliary)	30.00
Tidewater Association	100.00
Youth Rally at Roanoke	65.00
Sale of Bibles	9.00
Wilson Chapel	10.00
Fairmount Park for Virginia Beach	25.00
Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary	<u>170.75</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,846.21

PROJECT ROANOKE RECEIPTS:

Central Free Will Baptist Church	440.00
Bryant, Robert & Judy	65.00
Fairmount Park Church	417.99
Fairmount Park (Stead Fast Class)	20.00
Fairmount Park Church (Building Fund-Roanoke) ..	375.00
Glasmorgan Chapel	120.00

Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary	51.00
Wilson Chapel	20.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS—ROANOKE PROJECT: \$1,508.99	

LINK RECEIPTS	10.00
TOTAL COMBINED RECEIPTS: \$3,365.20	

EXPENDITURES:

Jim Cox-Rent-Project Roanoke	\$1,200.00
Jim Cox-Social Security-Project Roanoke	500.00
Building Fund-Project Roanoke	1,135.00
Promotional Work	173.44
Rev. Richard Adams (speaking at youth rally)	40.00
Promotional Work (winners of Tic-tac-toe)	68.78
LINK	262.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$3,379.70	

Total Receipts May 1, 1975 to May 1, 1976:	\$3,365.20
Balance Brought Forward May 1, 1975:	1,144.18
TOTAL: \$4,509.38	
LESS EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$3,379.70</u>
BANK STATEMENT MAY 1, 1976:	<u><u>\$1,129.68</u></u>

SAVINGS

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD MAY 1, 1975: \$987.72	
Addington, Hobart & Evelyn	\$5.00
Carrollton	40.00
Bethany	568.17
Cardwell Town	50.07
Emanuel	480.00
Mrs. Brantley	10.00
Fairmount Park Church	80.00
Fairmount Park Ch. (St. John's Bible Class)	417.75
Fairmount Park Ch. (St. Paul's S. S. class)	10.00
Shiloh Church	560.00

Shiloh (Christian Worker's Class)	136.00
Shiloh (Young Adult League)	25.50
Estep, J. V.	5.00
Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary	31.00
Wilson Chapel	10.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$2,428.50
INTEREST:	<u>120.38</u>
TOTAL AS OF MAY 1, 1976:	<u>\$3,536.60</u>

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

Southwest Virginia Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—2
 No. Churches—35
 Church Membership—1,817
 Members Received—210
 Members Dismissed—52
 Members Deceased—33
 No. Sunday School—35
 Sunday School Enrollment—2,166
 No. CTS—13
 CTS Enrollment—442
 No. Ordained Ministers—40
 No. Ordained Deacons—115
 No. Licentiates—13
 Paid pastors—\$43,854.22
 Paid evangelists—\$15,019.01
 Literature—\$6,429.12
 Foreign Mission—\$2,370.80
 Home Mission—\$5,352.36
 Superannuation—\$894.27

Home for Children—\$5,110.57
Building and Repairs—\$83,154.52
Value of church property—\$725,000.00
Enclosed for fees—\$50.00

Moderator: Hobart Addington
Clerk: William C. Maness

Southwest Virginia Association Ministers

Hobart Addington, Box 414, Wise, Va. 24293
C. B. Addison, Route 1, Wise, Va. 24293
Bernard Berosky, P. O. Box 371, Norton, Va. 24273
Jeff Bevins, Route 1, Box 109B, Wise, Va. 24293
Palmer Blevins, Route 1, Box 245, Coeburn, Va. 24230
J. R. Cowden, 101 8th St. S.W., Norton, Va. 24273
Billy R. Crawford, Box 17, Banner, Va.
E. R. Davis, Pennington Gap, Va.
Denver Dean, Box 565, Wise, Va. 24293
J. V. Estep, Route 1, Box 71A, Big Stone Gap, Va. 24219
Ralph Flanary, Dungannon, Va.
Ronnie Floyd, 318 Kentucky Ave., Norton, Va. 24273
G. T. Francis, Route 2, Box 524, Pound, Va. 24279
Roger Freeman, Route 2, Box 318, Pound, Va. 24279
Ray L. Goode, Box 1304, Wise, Va. 24293
Monroe Hale, Wise, Va. 24293
Milam L. Hall, Coeburn, Va. 24230
Theodore Holmes, Route 1, Box 197A3, Keokee, Va.
Perry W. Honeycutt, Dungannon, Va.
Vestus Jessie, P. O. Box 662, Wise, Va. 24293
C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va. 24230
J D. Kilgore, Box 1, Pound, Va. 24279
J. Harold Kilgore, Box 785, Wise, Va. 24293
Roy W. Kilgore, Route 1, Box 202, Nickelsville, Va. 24271
William Kilgore, Route 2, Box 211, Wise, Va. 24293

J. E. Laney, Wise, Va. 24293
J. E. Leonard, Route 1, Box 164, Big Stone Gap, Va. 24219
Richard McFarland, Eolia, Kentucky
William C. Maness, Route 1, Box 21, Big Stone Gap, Va. 24219
Hobert Martin, Jonesville, Va.
Elmer Miner, Sr., Route 1, Coeburn, Va. 24230
Danny C. Mullins, P. O. Box 284, Pound, Va. 24279
Everett J. Mullins, Wise, Va. 24293
Hansford Mullins, Route 2, Box 259, Wise, Va. 24293
Leroy Mullins, Route 1, Box 236C, Wise, Va. 24293
B. R. Powers, Wise, Va. 24293
David D. Powers, 326 Kentucky Ave., Norton, Va. 24273
James J. Ramey, Norton, Va. 24273
Donnie R. Rutherford, Route 1, Box 179A, Pound, Va. 24279
Jeff Salyers, Nickelsville, Va. 24271
I. T. Stallard, Route 1, Box 23, Pound, Va. 24279
Billy R. Stover, 915 Kentucky Ave. S. E., Norton Va.
Eddie Sturgill, Box 705, Jenkins, Ky. 41537
Garland H. Summers, Route 1, Box 122, St. Paul, Va. 24283
Tyler Tate, P. O. Box 705, St. Paul, Va. 24283
C. G. Turner, Wise, Va. 24293

Tidewater Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—4
No. of Churches—12
Church Membership—3,498
Members Received—459
Members Dismissed—232
No. Sunday School—12
No. Woman's Auxiliares—11
Woman's Aux. Enrollment—196
No. Master's Men—1
Master's Men Enrollment—25
No. Ordained Ministers—22
Paid Pastor's—\$31,326,800.00

Foreign Mission—\$31,326.61
Home Mission—\$5,684.00
Bible College—\$7,834.49
Children's Home—\$4,025.05
Total Expenditures—\$155,670.15
Value of church property—\$3,000,000.00
No. Parsonages—6
Value of parsonages—\$240,000.00
Enclosed for State—\$150.00

Ministers belonging to Tidewater Association

Charles Brown, 1048 City Park Ave., Portsmouth, Va. 23701
A. B. Brown, 3241 Argonne Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23509
John Burgess, 9810 Luscombe Lane, Richmond, Va.
I. J. Carter
C. H. Denton, Kecoughtan Va. Hospital, Dom. 52,
Hampton, Va. 23368
Galen Dunbar, 4624 Larkin Street, Norfolk, Va. 23513
Dale Burden, 2718 Chesapeake Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23509
Gene Parish, 133 Raymond Drive, Hampton, Va. 23666
Don Hanna, 712 North Barton, Arlington, Va.
Don Pegram, 692 Lucas Creek Road,
Newport News, Va. 23602
Billy Morris, 913 Burksdale Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23503
Ed Hill, 8501 Chesapeake Ave., Norfolk, Va. 23503
Robert Smith, P. O. Box 615, Williamsburg, Va. 23185
Dave Nobles, 107 Friendly Drive, Hampton, Va. 23601
Louis McCurry
T. O. Terry
Tim Young, 725 Antrim Drive Apt. F-1,
Newport News, Va. 23601
Bob Lewis, P. O. Box 1696 Warwick Sta.,
Newport News, Va. 23601
Edd Green, 1030 City Park Ave., Portsmouth, Va. 23701
Dan Merkh, 2401 Arrington Road, Richmond, Va. 23229

Jim Cox, 326 Madduck Ave., Roanoke, Va. 24012

Don Pegram, moderator

Edward Curtis, clerk

1529 Briarfield Road, Hampton, Va. 23666

John Wheeler Association

No. of Quarterly Meetings—2
No. of Quarterly Meetings reporting—2
No. of Churches—17
Church Membership—1,199
No. of Parsonages—1
No. of Ordained Ministers—39
No. Licensed Ministers—8
No. Ordained Deacons—57
Enrollment of Sunday School—1,214
Average Attendance—1,005
Average Attendance of CTS—143
Average Attendance of Woman's Auxiliaries—77
Enrollment of Master's Men—19
Mid-week service average attendance—390
Pastor's salaries—\$39,098.33
Evangelistic work—\$5,240.85
Building and repair—\$11,367.00
Literature—\$3,839.34
Other—\$3,729.33
\$530.75
Total Spent for outside causes—\$63,805.60
Cooperative Plan—\$380.46
Foreign Mission—\$942.63
Home Mission—\$2,479.61
Education—\$103.85
Superannuation—\$20.00
Bible College—\$612.85
State & National Projects—\$100.00
Total spent for outside causes—\$6,398.40

Total Expenditures—\$70,204.00
Value of parsonage—\$30,000.00
Enclosed for fee—\$100.00

Rev. Jack Sprinkle, moderator
Jack Freeman, clerk

Ministers belonging to John Wheeler Association

Rev. Junior Gobble, Route 5, Abingdon, Va. 24210
Rev. Elmer Cardwell, Route 2, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. Harold Rouse, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Ralph Carty, Route 5, Abingdon, Va. 24201
Rev. Cecil Pressley, Box 337, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. E. E. Edwards, Route 3, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
Rev. Homer Goodson, Route 5, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Kenneth Skeens, 414 Fairfax Ave., Richlands, Va. 24641
Rev. Herman Cress, Route 1, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Ralph Graham, Route 4, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Kenneth Shaffer, 1208 Va. Ave., Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Orville Trivett, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. C. C. Olinger, Box 274, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. John Taylor, Cleveland, Va.
Rev. Herbert Adams, Route 6, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Robert Spears, Route 3, Abingdon, Va. 24210
Rev. Jennings Wilson, Chilhowie, Va. 24319
Rev. Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, Va. 24319
Rev. Avery Sheets, Route 3, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. David Neitch, Route 3, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Joe Powers, Route 2, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Shelton Norris, Box 3078, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. John Tilson, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Edd Pendergrass, Route 1, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Bob Surber, Route 2, Meadow View, Va. 24361
Rev. Bobby Collins, Route 2, Saltville, Va. 24370
Rev. Howard Campbell, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn. 37620

Rev. Walter Statzer, 238 Meadow Crest Drive,
Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. John E. Floyd, Route 2, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. George Sizemore, Box 521, Abingdon, Va. 24210
Rev. Johnny Hooker, Route 1, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, Route 1, Bristol, Va. 24210
Rev. Orville O'Quinn, 228 Crocket Street, Bristol, Va. 24210
Rev. Glen Powers, Route 2, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Elmer Adkins, Route 4, Blountville, Tenn. 37617
Rev. Arthur Rhymer, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Otis Barker, Route 1, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Clyde Gamble, 2975 Lee Highway, Bristol, Va. 24201
Rev. Levi Arnold, Route 9, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Rev. Clifton Vanover, 103 Nita Street., Bristol, Tenn. 37620
Rev. Lula Henley, 264 Lowland Street, Abingdon, Va. 24210
Rev. J. W. Chestnut, 520 Page Street, Bristol, Va. 24210
Rev. Calvin Baumgardener, Route 1, Damascus, Va.
Rev. Eddie Foster, Marion, Va. 24354
Rev. Paul Rouse, Jr, 2161 Bradley St., Bristol, Va. 24201

Sandy Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—3
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported—3
No. of Churches—10
Church Membership—310
Members Received—35
Members Dismissed—11
Members Deceased—4
No. of Sunday Schools—9
Sunday School Enrollment—253
No. of Ordained Ministers—27
No. of Ordained Deacons—27
Paid Pastors—\$2,599.99
Paid Evangelists—\$3,093.39
Literature—\$181.77

Home Missions—\$1,329.83
Children's Home—\$999.72
Building and Repair—\$7,312.34
Miscellaneous Expense—\$1,643.67
Value of church property—\$109,000.00
Enclosed for Association—\$30.00

Lester L. Gilley, moderator
Gladys Compton, clerk

Ministers belonging to Sandy Valley Association

Earl James, Route 2, Honaker, Va.
Perry Reynolds, Rowe, Va.
Lester L. Gilley, Honaker, Va.
Luther Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.
Elmer Hess, Honaker, Va.
A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Dewey Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Worley Harris, Swords, Creek, Va.
Marion Harris, Honaker, Va.
Herman Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Ralph Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Kelley McCoy, Richlands, Va.
Holland Miller, Gate City, Va.
Bill Shook, Route 1, Cedar Bluff, Va.
Samuel Altizer, Cedar Bluff, Va.
J. H. Sargent, Route 1, North Tazewell, Va.
Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Va.
Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.
J. C. Johnson, Cedar Bluff, Va.
Roy Lee Smith, Bluefield, Va.
Burke Hess, Honaker, Va.

Clinch Valley Association

No. Quarterly Meetings—4
No. Quarterly Meetings reporting—4
No. of Churches—20
Church Membership—1,008
Members Received—40
Members Dismissed—17
Members Deceased—8
No. of Sunday School—19
Sunday School Enrollment—1,450
No. of Woman's Auxiliaries—1
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment—25
No. of Master's Men—1
Master's Men Enrollment—12
No. of Ordained Ministers—49
No. of Licentiates—4
No. of Ordained Deacons—54
Paid Pastors—\$18,622.68
Paid Evangelists—\$2,100.88
Literature—\$12,468.00
Charity—\$4,693.94
Foreign Mission—\$695.00
Home Mission—\$1,009.07
Children's Home—\$2,321.93
Building and Repair—\$34,423.95
Total Expenditures—\$76,326.85
Value of church property—\$500,000.00
No. Parsonages—1
Enclosed for fee—\$150.00

Ministers belonging to the Clinch Valley Association

Elders:

Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.
Warren Meade, Route 6, Kingsport, Tenn.

B. D. Proffitt, Box 271, Blountville, Tenn.
Jack Owens, Blountville, Tenn.
Jerry Davenport, Route 8, Kingsport, Tenn.
Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Stanley J. Sims, Kingsport, Tenn.
David Luster, 4303 Harber Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
John Smith, Jr., 1421 Tyler Street, Kingsport, Tenn.
Carson Bishop, Kingsport, Tenn.
Carl France, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia
Eckel Herron, Route 4, Gate City, Virginia
Edgar Baltimore, Dryden, Virginia
George Hubbard, Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Jimmy Combs, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia
Kyle Akers, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
James Vernon McDavid, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Oscar Qualls, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Lubert Hammonds, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Willie Ashworth, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Milligan Herron, Gate City, Virginia
Kenny Hammonds, Route 4, Gate City, Virginia
M. D. Hyatt, Jonesboro, Tenn.
Robert Ramey, Fall Branch, Tenn.
Harold Gilley, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
George Coomer, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Billy Tignor, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia
Thurman Holcomb, Route 1, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
Rufus Hood, Route 3, Clinchport, Virginia
Hugh Arrington, Church Hill, Tenn.
Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.
Donald McDavid, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, Virginia
Willie Jennings, Route 4, Gate City, Virginia
Lonnie Townsend, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Billy Dingus, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
Leonard Begley, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

William Bise, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia
Walter Brickey, 113 Beason Well Road, Kingsport, Virginia
Eckle Carter, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
Eritt T. Darnell, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
Orsen Jenkins, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Luther Lane, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
Joe Osborne, Route 1, Dungannon, Virginia
John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace Street, Kingsport, Tenn.
J. B. Quillen, Route 2, Independence Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
L. W. Sallings, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
Robert Mathis, Route 1, Dungannon, Virginia

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
of the
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VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
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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 homoegetical 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.

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 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 (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.

