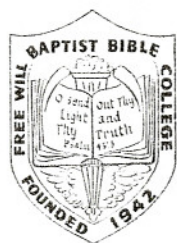


MINUTES
6th Annual Session
The West Virginia
State Meeting



OF THE
Free Will Baptist Church

IN SESSION WITH
Anstead Free Will Baptist Church
Anstead, W. Va., June 1951



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. E. M. French

9:00 A. M. — Devotional in charge Rev. Herold Dunlap. Song, "I Am Going That Way," prayer by Rev. Thomas Clay. Scripture lesson Hebrews 13th chapter, verses 1 to 9. Welcome address by Rev. J. W. Cooper, host pastor. Response by Rev. James M. Herrald.

9:40 — Election of officers. Moderator elected, Rev. James M. Harrold; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Thomas Clay; Clerk, Sister Mary Henson; Treasurer, Rev. Herold Dunlap.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. Rev. Carl Vallance
2. Rev. Jessie Blankenship
3. Rev. Kenneth Brown
4. Rev. Ernold Barker
5. Rev. Elden Pauley

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Rev. Horace Carey
2. Rev. J. W. Cooper
3. Rev. J. M. Henson

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

1. Rev. Joe Thomas
2. Rev. Walter Raines
3. Rev. Frank Johnson

Motion and seconded all ministers having good standing cards of 1950 session be eligible to vote in 1951 session.

Motion and seconded to amend the previous motion any minister in good standing with his Quaterly Meeting shall have a voice or vote. Carried.

While singing by congregation all delegates and ministers registered and paid their fee of \$1.00. Adjourned for preaching at 11:00 A. M.

Devotional by Rev. Elden Pauley. Lesson, 1st Timothy. prayer by Bro. Kuff Gunnoe. Sermon by Rev. Kenneth Brown, subject, "The Seven Annointments," Psalm 23. A wonderful message was enjoyed by all

2:00 P. M. — Devotional in charge of Moderator. Song, "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessings." Lesson 17th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Rev. R. H. Doan. We now had some wonderful testimonies from our visitors from Ohio, Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Carter and sister, Zella Jacobs.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Item 1.—We, the Credential Committee, report that the following letters be received:

Guyan Valley, Mingo No. 2, Mingo No. 1, McDowell, Coal River, Wyoming. Accepted Beckley by letter of Recommendation. Those accepted pending letters from W. Va. Yearly Meeting are Elk River, Brotherhood, Fayette, Tug River. Accepted. Pending letters be mailed to W. Va. State Meeting. Clerk, Logan accepted under question of two ministers, Rev. Horace Daniels, Rev. E. P. Lester. Kanawha accepted to be put in hands of Business Committee. Committee:—Rev's. Melvin Sanford, Brocks Spurlock, Henry Danron.

Moved and seconded that we seat delegates with such funds finance in letters. Carried. Talk on Foreign Missions by Rev. Kenneth Brown. Report of Foreign Missions by Rev. Carl Valance. Paid \$1,164.83. Expense \$45.15. Behind \$500.00. A wonderful report for the year. Motion and seconded we accept report. Carried.

Rev. Oliver Privett report on Home Missions with \$66.44 in treasury. Motion and seconded that we accept re-Carried.

Super-Annuation Board member reports that they had not had any success in the past year, report given by Rev. Frank Johnson. Motion and seconded we accept report. Carried. Report of Rev. James Harrold that not any work has been done in way of publication. Motion and seconded that we accept the report. Carried.

Motion and seconded we discontinue the Board of Publication. Motion and seconded we amend the motion to pay half owed to Mr. C. K. Quillian for state paper. Amended motion carried, but motion proper lost, 9 - 15.

Motion and seconded that we lay the item of Business of the Publication Board and their indebtedness in the hands of Business. Carried. Motion and seconded we defer election of Executive Board until Saturday session. Carried.

Motion and seconded if the Board is needed that the Moderator and those present be allowed to fill vacancy. It was carried.

Motion and seconded we put the matter of the two ministers of Logan Quarterly Meeting in the hands of the Business Committee as to their good standing cards.

Motion and seconded we adjourn for supper. Carried.

Friday, 7:30 — Songs, "Stand Up For Jesus," "Love Lifted Me." "Where the Soul Never Dies," and "I'll Live On" Devotional by Rev. Wayne Damron. Prayer Rev. Carl Vallance. Song, "Standing On the Promises." Lesson Psalm 27:6. Special singing by the Anstead Five, a spiritual service and enjoying the entire devotional period. We then had another special by a colored man, Bro. R. V. Pepper, "How About You?" Rev. Kenneth Brown gave us another special "The Jerico Entrance." Rev. E. T. Carter from Ohio brought the message. 11-12 verses, 3rd chapter of James. Subject—"Who Is A Wise Man?" Closed with singing and an old-fashioned hand-shake was enjoyed by every one. Dismissed service for the night.

Saturday, 9:00 A. M.:—Song, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arm." Devotional led by Rev. Samuel Clay. Prayer by Brother Lacy Kidd. Lesson—1st chapter book Psalms.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Item No. 1. — We resolve that the program committee plan this program for each session of the State Meeting start on Friday at 9:30 A. M. instead of 9:00 A. M.

Item No. 2. — We resolve that all committees be elected by motion and second. Carried.

Item No. 3. — We resolve that all letters coming into this meeting be turned to the credential committee to be reported on in the Friday afternoon session. Carried.

Item No. 4. — We resolve that the Credential Committee be on the alert for Quarterly Meeting coming in out of order. Carried.

Item No. 5. — We resolve that an offering be taken at each State Meeting of the Saturday A. M. session for the building of our orphanage at Greenville, Tennessee, this to be turned over to our orphanage treasurer. Carried.

Item No. 6 — We resolve that the name, Free Will Baptist Orphanage be inserted in our minutes of Greenville, Tennessee. Carried.

Item No. 7. — We resolve that any business of a controversial nature be handled by our Executive Board before being presented to the body proper. Carried.

Motion and seconded to amend Article No. 11 of By-Laws by adding it shall be a permanent board instead of electing each year and may be disposed of at the decision of State Meeting. Carried.

Talk on Christian Education by Sister Bonnie Lou Henson, a message of truth on the "I Am's." Also a wonderful testimony and determination to go to the Bible College by Sister Edna May Pritt of the Anstead church.

Report of Christian Education by Rev. Herold Dunlap as Rev. D. E. Bias was not present. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Carried.

Bro. R. A. Halstead made a report of Sunday School work in our state. Motion and seconded receive the report. Carried.

Motion and seconded all letters be received with the finance in them and that there be a committee to handle the Logan and Guyan Valley letters as to the charge and the good standing of two ministers. Carried.

At this time we had a talk from Bro. I. H. Stanley from the orphanage in Greenville, Tennessee, as to the progress of our building and the great progress being made through our state board. Motion and seconded we adjourn business for the preaching service at 11:30 A. M. Song—"Amazing Grace." Prayer and lesson by Rev. Thomas Clay. Message by Rev. R. H. Doan, subject "Be Thou Fruitful Unto Death." Revelation 2:10. Dismissed for noon.

Saturday, 1:15 P. M.

Song—"In the Cross." Prayer by Rev. J. W. Cooper. The service was then turned over to Bro. I. L. Stanley, who in turn, turned the service to Sister Margaret Johnson, a house mother at the orphanage. She, with several of the children from 12 years to 3, put on a program that will never be forgotten by anyone present. There was not a dry eye in the building. People enjoyed it so much. We made an offering to the amount of \$43.75 for their expense to our meeting. Also, we had another offering to the amount of \$136.10 for the building fund to help finish our building there.

Report of State Secretary, Rev. J. M. Henson. 175 sermons, 8 revivals, 86 confessions, pastor of 3 churches, traveled for 3 weeks for the Foreign Mission Board. Received about eleven hundred dollars for services rendered. Motion and seconded we accept report. Carried.

Motion and seconded we elect State Secretary. Rev. J. M. Henson was elected.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Item 1—We, your committee, recommend that we receive letter from the Kanawha Conference and that State Meeting elect from the floor seven ministers who are not interested to meet with the Chesapeake Church and the Kanawha Conference Board to hear their case, time and place to be set by committee chairman.

Item 2—We recommend that we receive the Guyan Valley Conference letter of protest, that the article of business in the letter be heard by a special committee. (Business committee vote 4 to 1.)

Item 3—We recommend that we receive the Fayette Conference pending letter from W. Va. Yearly Meeting.

Item 4—We recommend that we receive the Elk River Conference pending letter from W. Va. Yearly Meeting.

Item 5—We recommend that we receive the Logan County letter. (Conference vote 4 to 1.)

Item 6—We recommend that we receive the Mingo No. 1 Conference letter.

Item 7—We recommend that we receive the Wyoming County Quarterly Meeting letter.

Item 8—We recommend that we receive Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting pending letter from W. Va. Yearly Meeting.

Item 9—We recommend that we receive McDowell Quarterly Meeting letter.

Item 10—We recommend that we receive Mingo Co. No. 2 Quarterly Meeting.

Item 11—We recommend that we receive Fayette Co. Conference pending letter from W. Va. Yearly Meeting.

Item 12—We recommend that we receive the Coal River Conference letter.

Item 13—We recommend that we receive letter from W. Va. Free Will Baptist League.

Item 14—We recommend that we, the State Meeting of W. Va., approve the Trustees of the orphanage.

Item 15—We recommend that we discontinue the publication Board and pay the bill owed by it to the amount of \$29.90.

Item 16—We recommend that the state appoint an organizing committee to organize a State Woman's Auxiliary.

Item 17—We recommend that \$4.58 for postage due Sister Henson be paid.

Item 18—We recommend that we, the W. Va. State Meeting, request that the next National Association be held at Beckley in 1952 and that we help with the expense. Committee: Rev. D. W. French, Rev. I. W. Hampton, Rev. Elden Pauley.


Item 19—We recommend a Nominating Committee be elected. Rejected.

Item 20—We recommend that we report to the National by letter. Delegates and finance.

Item 21—We recommend that we receive Beckley Conference by letter from W. Va. Yearly Meeting.

Item 22—We recommend that a board of Arbitration meet with the Logan and Guyan Valley Quarterly Meetings, Executive Boards, and the Free Will Baptist Church at Greenville.

Item 23—We recommend that we give the church and pastor of Anstead a standing vote of thanks for their fine way of caring for our State Meeting. The seven-man committee to act as an arbitration board to labor with the Chesapeake Church and the Kanawha Conference are as follows: Reverend R. H. Doan, Chairman; Elden Pauley, Wayne Damron, D. W. French, Brooks Spurlock, Lawrence Miller and T. W. Hampton.



Motion and seconded the Executive Board act as the Board of Arbitration, except those involved, in the case of the Logan and Guyan Valley Conference. Carried.

The Chairman appointed the following to organize the Women's State Auxiliary: Rev. R. H. Doan, Rev. John M. Henson, Rev. Wayne Damron.

Delegates to go to the National: Charles (Chuck) Smith, Sister Eula Nicholas, Bro. Ray Perry, Sister Laverne Volance, Bro. Arnold J. Gillispie and Sister Bonnie Lou Henson.

The next session of State Meeting will be held at Kopperston Free Will Baptist Church in Wyoming County. Carried.

The new By-Laws for the W. Va. Free Will Baptist State Meeting read and accepted as in printed minutes.

Motion and seconded we stand adjourned until Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1952, at 9:30 A. M.

OFFICERS AND BOARDs

Moderator Rev. James M. Herrald, Tad, W. Va.
Clerk Mrs. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.
Treasurer Rev. Harold Dunlap, Rt. 7, So. Charleston, W. Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Don Workman, Kenova, W. Va., Brotherhood
Rev. Herbert Pack, Box 337, Peach Creek, W. Va., Guyan Valley
Rev. Kenneth Brown, Rt. 1, North Tazwell, Va., McDowell
Rev. R. H. Doan, Mt. Hope, W. Va., Beckley
Rev. W. M. Sperry, Ferrelsfurgh, W. Va., Logan
Rev. Lawrence Miller, Marriaman, W. Va., Wyoming
Rev. C. A. Gunnoe, Casta, W. Va., Coal River
Rev. W. E. O'Connor, Malden, W. Va., Kanawha
Rev. Johnny Miller, Rt. 1, Kermit, W. Va., Mingo No. 2
Rev. Frank Willis, Edmond, W. Va., Fayette
Rev. Frank Johnson Rt. 1, Box 98-B, Kermit, W. Va., Tug River
Rev. James Holcomb, Bickmore, W. Va., Elk River

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. Horace Carey, Henlawson, W. Va., 3-year man.
Rev. Kenneth Brown, N. Tazwell, Va., Rt. 1, 2-year Man
Rev. Carl W. Vallance, 524 Buffington St., Huntington, 1-year Man

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Ernold Barker, Enmons, W. Va., 3-year Man
Rev. Oliver Privett, Rt. 1, Midkiff, W. Va., 2-year Man
Rev. Jesse Blankenship, Box 470, Holden, W. Va., 1-year Man

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. Wayne Damron, Henlawson, W. Va., 3-year Man
Rev. D. E. Bias, Dry Creek, W. Va., 2-year Man
Rev. Herold Dunlay, Rt. 7, South Charleston, W. Va., 1-year man.

BOARD OF SUPER-ANNUATION

Rev. Frank Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 98-B, Kermit, W. Va., 3-year man.
Rev. Zack Browning, Logan, W. Va., 2-year Man
Rev. Thomas Clay, Holden, W. Va., 1-year Man

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. D. W. French, Crab Orchard, W. Va.,
Rev. Oliver Privett, Rt. 1, Midkiff, W. Va.
Rev. Harry Booth, Davin, W. Va.
Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.
Rev. F. A. Giles, Emmons, W. Va.



Constitution and By.Laws of the State Meeting

Article No. 1

This Association shall be known as the West Virginia State Meeting of Free Will Baptist.

Article No. 2

The object of this organization shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of the Free Will Baptist of the state of West Virginia and to advise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ and for the salvation of souls in connection with the various Quarterly Meetings comprising this state meeting.

Article No. 3

The membership of this State Meeting shall consist of the Quarterly Meetings and district association or yearly meetings that from time to time upon approval shall become members of this body.

Article No. 4 — Discipline

The State Meeting shall have the right to settle any questions of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from time to time, from any quarterly meetings or yearly meetings composing the said State Meeting, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any of the bodies that belong to the State Meeting. The said appeal shall have been written and signed by the Association making the appeal, then forwarded by mail or in person to State Meeting and Quarterly Meeting.

Article No. 5 — Officers

The officers of this State Meeting shall be a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, each of whom shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote, from the floor, at each regular meeting provided, however, that the Moderator shall not be elected two years in succession from the same quarterly meeting or yearly meeting except in case of necessity. Election shall be determined by a majority vote of those persons and officers thus elected who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed. (Vote unanimous).

Article 6 — Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be composed of the following: The Moderator, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the State Meeting, and one representative from each Quarterly Meeting.

Article 7 — Boards and Committees

All Standing Boards shall be composed of three members to be elected as follows: The first named for the term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third named for a term of two years, the third named for a term of three years in succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order required. Standing Boards include the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, the Board of Education, the Board of Superannuation, a Free Will Baptist League, and a Woman's Auxiliary Board and a Sunday School Board.

Section 2 — The duties of the various boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the State Meeting.

Section 3 — This State Meeting shall have as many committees as it is necessary to carry out the program that it may determine to promote.

Article 8 — Dues

Annual dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per each Quarterly Meeting that is represented to this State Meeting plus (\$2.00) for each church belonging to the Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting composing this body.

Article 9

Section 1 — All ordained ministers shall voice and vote that are represented by their Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting to this body.

Section 2 — Each Quarterly Meeting shall have one delegate for each church belonging to it.

Article 10 — Meetings

This State Meeting shall hold its regular meetings annually at a time and place fixed by the regular session and made known before adjournment. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board when extreme necessity demands, provided that the clerks of each Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting has been properly notified fifteen days before the date of the meeting. Twenty-five legal representatives shall constitute a quorum for any special or regular meeting of this organization.

Article 11 — Trustees

This State Meeting shall have a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members, each of whom shall be nominated from the floor, elected by a standing vote, two-thirds of all voting members shall be final. This Board shall receive property only at the order of the State Meeting, be permanent Board unless body sees fit to discontinue.

Article 12 — Duties of Officers

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings to see to it that all the Constitution and the By-Laws are obeyed and respected, and to exercise all the rights of any other member except the right to vote. The right to vote shall only be given the Moderator in case of a tie. He shall be allowed to speak on any subject provided the Assistant is in the chair. He shall not speak at any other time except in way of explanation. It shall be the

duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator in any way that he can in the discharge of his duty. This duty shall not be construed to abridge his right to vote when in the chair, in which he shall be governed by same rule as effecting the Moderator.

It shall be duty of the clerk to keep a complete record of all meetings, to publish same in book form, minuted and distribute to the various Quarterly Meetings or Yearly Meetings composing this State Meeting. All expenses of such records and printing to be defrayed by the treasury.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold and keep all such money as may come into the State Meeting and disburse it only at the direction of proper authorities. He shall make a bond of not less than all funds coming into this possession.

Article 13 — Licensing and Ordaining

Section 1 — No man, having been divorced and remarried or having married a divorced woman, shall be ordained to preach or for deacons.

Section 2 — No woman shall be ordained or licensed to preach or usurp authority over men.

Article 14 — Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the State Meeting by a two-thirds vote of all members present provided the changes are recommended in writing at least one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

A portion of the scripture shall be read and prayer shall be offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the State Meeting, and prayer shall be offered at the close of each session.

2—The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the meeting to order at the hour designated by the program committee. When neither the Moderator or Assistant is present the Executive Board shall elect a Moderator pro tem who shall call the meeting to order.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll delegates to the Meeting who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the State Meeting.

4—It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting or Associations so composing this Organization to send a letter to it giving as accurately as possible the information requested by the National Association. In their letter forms published by the Free Will Baptist Gem Monett Mo.

5—Not over one deacon shall be appointed on any one committee.

6—Only ordained ministers shall be allowed to moderate this meeting.

7—All Sunday Schools and young people's leagues and Women's Auxiliaries shall work in their own body's and report to same.

8—In case of any controversy regarding parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall be considered as final authority.

9—All business except routine shall be brought before this body by committee but should the committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given it by any member of this State Meeting, then such business may be presented by any member of the body, but cannot be discussed unless by vote of this body.

10—No one shall speak for more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

PROGRAM FOR STATE MEETING, JUNE 13-14, 1952

9:30—Rev. Lawrence Miller in charge of devotional.

9:35—Prayer by Rev. J. W. Cooper.

9:40—Scripture read by Rev. Lawrence Miller.

9:45—Address of welcome by pastor.

9:50—Response by Rev. Brooks Spurlock.

10:00—Election of officers.

10:30—Nomination and election of committees.

11:00—Devotional by Rev. Frank Willis.

11:10—Sermon by Rev. G. E. Pauley.
Alternate, Rev. Don Workman.

12:00—(Noon) Adjournment.

- 2:00—Moderator in charge of devotional.
- 2:15—Talk on Foreign Missions by Rev. Horace Carey.
- 2:30—Report of Home Mission Board. Chairman Rev. Ernold Barker.
- 2:45—Report of Secretary and Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board. Rev. Carl Vallance.
- 3:00—Report of Super-Annuation Board by Rev. Frank Johnson.
- 3:15—Miscellaneous business.
- 4:00—Adjournment.
- 7:30—Devotional by Rev. H. P. Pack.
- 8:00—Introductory sermon by Rev. Harold Dunlap.

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1952

- 9:00—Devotional by Rev. John Henson.
- 9:15—Report of various committees and miscellaneous business.
- 10:00—Talk on Christian Education by Sister Betty Wall.
- 10:15—Report on Woman's Auxiliary.
- 10:30—Board of Education report by chairman, Rev. Wayne Damron.
- 10:45—Report of Free Will Baptist League by Bro. J. W. Bauer.
- 11:00—Report of the State Sunday School work by the president, W. M. Booth.
- 11:15—Sermon by Rev. Wayne Damron.
Alternate, Rev. Jessie Blankenship.
- 12:00—(Noon) Adjournment for lunch.
- 2:00—Devotional by Rev. Oliver Privett.
- 2:15—Report of the State Secretary.
- 2:30—Final business session.
- 4:00—Adjournment.

Program Committee:

State Executive Board

