

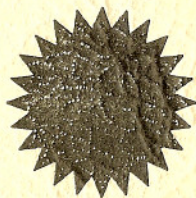
Mary Thompson

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

West Virginia State Meeting of Free Will Baptist



IN SESSION WITH

Kopperston Free Will Baptist Church
Kopperston, West Virginia



June 6, 7, 1952

CONWAY'S PRINT SHOP

Beginning of the 7th session of West Virginia State Meeting which convened with the Kopperston Free Will Baptist Church on June 6, 1952.

9:30 A. M. Devotional in charge of Rev. Lawrence Miller.

Song: "O I want to see Him."

Prayer Rev. J. W. Cooper

Scripture Lesson, 1st Thessalonians 5.

Welcome Address, Rev. Everett Spence.

Response, Rev. Harry Booth.

Since moderator or assistant moderator was not present, Rev. C. E. Pauley was selected as temporary moderator.

Election of officers:

Moderator, Rev. John M. Henson

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Talbert Musick

Clerk, Sister Mary Henson

Treasurer, Deacon Bryan Vance

Motion and second that the chair appoint an auditing Committee to go over the book with Brother Vance.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Rev. Willard Porter

Rev. K. L. Sellards

Rev. Arnold Spence

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Motion to elect as far as we have men; others as they come in.

Q. M.	Member
Brotherhood	Rev. Richard Cremeans
Guyan Valley	Rev Horace Carey
McDowell	Rev. Talbert Musick
Beckley	Rev. C. E. Pauley
Logan	Rev. Oliver Privett
Wyoming	Rev. Arnold Spence
Mingo No. 1	Rev. K. L. Sellards
Fayette	Rev. Phil Manning
Mingo No. 2	Rev. W. H. Godby
Coal River	Rev. C. A. Gunnoe
Tug River	Rev. J. T. Weaver
Elk River	Rev. Jennings Holcomb
Lincoln	Rev. Basil Hodge

CREENTIALS COMMITTEE

Motion and second that the chair appoint this Committee.

Rev. W. M. Speery

Rev. Lawrence Miller

Rev. J. W. Cooper

Motion and second to adopt the program with necessary changes.

Motion and second that the chair appoint the business committee.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rev. Fred Nicholas

Rev. Archie Conway

Rev. Willard Porter

Rev. Everett Spence

Rev. Willie Raines

Motion that the chair appoint someone for devotional at 11:00 A. M.

Rev. Phil Manning in charge

Song, "I'll Fly Away"

Prayer by Rev. Melvin Sanford

Scripture Lesson, Psalm 1

Sermon by Rev. C. E. Pauley Ezekiel 34 "Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord."



FRIDAY 2:00 P. M.

Song "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

Scripture by Rev. Jack Hanks, Lesson 90th Psalm

Prayer by Rev. C. E. Pauley

Welcome handshake given to Rev. and Mrs. Ed Carter from Ohio while Bonnie Lou Henson sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Talk on Foreign Missions by Rev. Horace Carey

Report on Home Missions by Rev. Oliver Privett

Report on Foreign Missions by Rev. Carl Vallance

Song "Send the Light" was sung while an offering for foreign missions was taken. Amount \$49.45.

Report on Superannuation by Rev. Frank Johnson

Motion and second that we have a temperance committee.

Motion and second that chair appoint this committee.

Rev. W. H. Godby
Deacon Glenn Miller
Rev. Jack Hanks

Motion and second that the chair appoint an Obituary Committee.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Roy Lester
George F. Perry
Luther Morgan

Motion and second that Rev. Carl Vallance be recommended to the National Association as State Director for Foreign Missions.

Motion and second that Rev. Thomas Clay be recommended to the National Association as State Director for Home Missions.

Auditing Committee Report

The Treasurer's book shows a balance of \$39.96. We find the book without error. Committee released and the book given to Bryan Vance.

Credentials Committee Report

Motion and second to accept one item at a time.

Item 1. McDowell Q. M.	three-fourths received
Item 2. Guyan Valley	Received
Item 3. Fayette	Received
Item 4. Wyoming	Received
Item 5. Mingo No. 1	Received
Item 6. Elk River	Received
Item 7. Mingo No. 2	Received
Item 8. Lincoln	We pass request to business committee
Item 9. Tug River No. 2	" " "
Item 10. Brotherhood	Received
Item 11. Coal River	Received
Item 12. Beckley	Received
Item 13. Logan	Received


FRIDAY 7:30 P. M. Devotional by Rev. Luther Morgan

Song "I'll Live On"


Prayer by Rev. E. T. Carter

Song "I'll Fly Away"

Special song by Rev. Carl Vallance
Scripture Lesson, 1 Corinthians 13.
Special song "The Love of God" Bonnie Lou Henson
Prayer by Sister Ada Cooper
Sermon by Rev. W. H. Godby, Text: Hebrews 9:22. A
wonderful sermon on "The Blood."



SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M. Devotional by Rev. Jack Hanks
Song "The Homecoming Week"
Prayer by all in own manner
Scripture Lesson, Deuteronomy 21.
Deacon Glenn Miller was placed on the business committee in the absence of Rev. Willard Porter
Rev. R. H. Doan gave the Home Mission report.
\$361.00 received. Report accepted.
Motion and second that we have the report from the Woman's Auxiliary at this time. Carried.
Report: In Beckley Conference there are 9 auxiliaries with 924 members.
Motion and second to receive the report as information. Carried.
Motion and second to receive Logan Q. M. letter and hand protest to the Executive Board. Carried.
Motion and second to receive report of the Executive Board in changing program. Carried.
Motion and second to accept recommendation of the Ex. Board concerning the Logan and Guyan Valley Conferences. Carried.
Motion and second that we hear a partial report of the business committee. Carried.
Talk on Christian Education Bonnie Lou Henson, using as a thought "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus."
Report and talk by Bro. I. L. Stanley on the West Virginia Cottage at the Free Will Baptist Home for Children, Greenville, Tennessee.
Report of State Free Will Baptist League work, by Rev. Luther Morgan The next session of the League Convention to convene at Kilsyth, Saturday before the first Sunday in June, 1953. Motion and second to receive the report as information.



11:00 A. M. Devotional by Rev. E. M. French

Sermon by Rev. George Dunbar of Tennessee. Subject:
"The Need of a Revival"

Offering for Orphanage	\$64.07
Dartmont Sunday School	100.00
Total	- - - 164.07

SATURDAY, 2:00 P. M. Devotional, Rev. T. W. Hampton
Song "Press Along"

Prayer by Rev. D. W. French

Scripture Lesson, Romans 8.

Report of State Secretary: 110 sermons, 3 revivals, 13
Confessions, 13 Baptisms, 2 funerals, 4 Marriages.

Received \$656.64, Paid out \$127.41.

Motion and second to receive the report, and to give
him a rising vote of thanks. Carried.

Motion and second to re-elect Rev. John M. Henson as
State Secretary. Carried.

Motion and second that we give Rev. Henson \$150.00
from the treasury to help pay on expenses. Rev. Hen-
son protested, and the motion was amended to read,
\$50.00 and a free will offering.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Item 1. We approve Rev. Pauley's recommendation that
each conference have their letter and finance sent to
the State Meeting clerk one week before the State
Meeting convenes.
- Item 2. We agreed to accept the Tug River Conference
letter since all finance has been received.
- Item 3. The persons referred to in the report of committee
headed by Rev. Doan are not now members of Kan-
awha conference neither the State Meeting, therefore
we cannot handle this case.
- Item 4. We recommend that the treasurer of the State
Meeting be given authority to visit the churches of
the various conferences and solicit funds for the Or-
phanage, giving each church a receipt for same.
- Item 5. We recommend that the Lincoln County Confer-
ence letter be accepted.
- Item 6. We recommend that there be one more elected to
the orphanage board, making a three-man board.

Item 7. We recommend that there be a call made for volunteers, one person from each conference, to work for the Orphanage, and report through the conference at each quarterly meeting.

Item 8. We recommend that the chair appoint a three-man committee to try to get the National Association to meet in West Virginia next year, and that the request be put in our letter to the National Association. Also that each conference assume an equal share of the advertising expense.

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Motion and second that Bryan Vance be the soliciting member of the orphanage board. Carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

We recommend that Bro. Archie Conway print 500 of the minutes and programs in book form and 300 of the programs in leaf form. Carried.

We recommend that the two ministers in question in the Logan Conference have their cards held up until the problem shall be dealt with by the board, which shall be on the 21st of June at 9:30 A. M. by a joint meeting of the official members of the Logan and Guyan Valley Conferences and the Greenville Church

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Committee to work on National Association shall be:
The Rev. R. H. Doan, G. E. Pauley, Gilbert Adams.

Motion and second that the clerk write all conference clerks concerning the orphanage work, and to send their orphanage money to Bro. Vance. Carried.

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OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your obituary committee, wish to report the following deaths: Rev. Steve Hogg, Bro. Elliot Newton, Bro. Teat Scites, Sister Bertha Neal, Sister Hattie Smith, Rev. C. G. Farmer, Sister D. E. Baxter and Bro. Harvey Mays. We recommend that this body stand for one minute in silent prayer in remembrance of those who have passed on to their reward.

Motion and second that the report be received.

Motion and second that we authorize the treasurer to pay bills. Carried.

The following were selected as delegate to the National Association: Ray Perry, Lawrence Vance, Andrew Crabtree, Ben Stratton, Henry Clay, Glenn Miller, Bryan Vance, Theodore Jeffrey, Sisters Mary Henson and Eulah Nicholas.

Motion and second to adjourn until Friday before the second Sunday in June, 1953. Carried.

Officers and Boards

Moderator, Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurrioane
Asst. Moderator, Rev. Talbert Musick, War, W. Va.
Clerk, Mrs. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, W. Va.
Treasurer, Bryan Vance, Monaville, W. Va.

Executive Board

Rev. G. E. Pauley, Chairman, Bradley, W. Va.	Beckley
Rev. Richard Cremeans, Culloden, W. Va.	Brotherhood
Rev. Horace Carey, Wilkinson, W. Va.	Guyan Valley
Rev. Talbert Musick, War, W. Va.	McDowell
Rev. Oliver Privett, Midkiff, W. Va.	Logan
Rev. Arnold Spence, Justice, W. Va.	Wyoming
Rev. K. L. Sellards, Chauncey, W. Va.	Mingo No. 1
Rev. Phil Manning, Oak Hill, W. Va.	Fayette
Rev. W. H. Godby, Delbarton, W. Va.	Mingo No. 2
Rev. C. A. Gunnoe, Costa, W. Va.	Coal River
Rev. J. T. Weaver, Sprigg, W. Va.	Tag River
Rev. Jennings Holcomb, Clay, W. Va.	Elk River
Rev. Basil Hodge, Kenova, W. Va.	Lincoln

Foreign Mission Board

Rev. Carl Vallance, 524 Baffington St. Huntington, W. Va.	
Rev. Horace Carey, Wilkinson, W. Va.	2 year man
Rev. Archie Conway, Lyburn, W. Va.	1 year man

Home Mission Board

Rev. Thomas Clay, Holden, W. Va.	3 year man
Rev. Ernold Barker, Ashford W. Va.	2 year man
Rev. Oliver Privett, Midkiff, W. Va.	1 year man

Board of Superannuation

Rev. Harry Booth, Davin, W. Va.	3 year man
Rev. Frank Johnson, Route 1, Kermit, W. Va.	2 year man
Rev. Zack Browning, Logan, W. Va.	1 year man

Board of Trustees

Rev. D. W. French, Crab Orchard, W. Va.
Rev. Oliver Privett, 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.

Orphanage Board

Rev. R. H. Doan, Chairman, Bradley, W. Va.
Rev. D. W. French, Treasurer, Crab Orchard, W. Va.
Bro. Bryan Vance, Soliciting member, Monaville, W. Va.

Financial Report

Recd. in letters from	Amount	Total
Fayette Q. M.	\$19.00	
Elk River	13.00	
Logan	43.00	
Mingo No. 1	23.00	
Wyoming	15.00	
Brotherhood	21.00	
McDowell	17.00	
Mingo No. 2	31.00	
Coal River	19.00	
Guyan Valley	43.00	
Beckley	75.00	
Tug River	11.00	
Lincoln County	11.00	
Kanawha	16.00	\$357.00
Recd. from outgoing Treasurer (check)		39.96
Total cash on hand today	- - - - -	\$396.96

Disbursements

Rev. John M. Henson, Moderator	50.00	
Mrs. John M. Henson, Clerk's salary	10.00	
National Association	75.00	
Total disbursements	- - - - -	<u>135.00</u>
BALANCE IN TREASURY	- - - - -	\$261.96

Constitution

Article 1.

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

Article 2.

The object of this organization shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of the Free Will Baptist 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 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 4.

The State Meeting shall have the right to settle any questions of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before from any quarterly or yearly meeting 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 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 5. — Officers

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

Article 6 — Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be composed of the follow-

ing: 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 member will serve for a term of one year, the second two years, and the third three years. Succession to office thereafter shall be as required. Standing Boards include the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, Board of Education, Board of Superannuation, a Free Will Baptist League, 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 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 Meetings or Yearly Meetings 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 may 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 clerk 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. This board shall be permanent unless the body discontinues it.

Article 12 Duties of officers

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings to see that the constitution and by-laws are obeyed and respected, and to exercise all the rights of any other member except the right to vote. He may vote in case of a tie, only. He may speak on any subject, providing the assistant is in the chair. He shall not speak at any other time except by 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 the same rule that effects the moderator.

It shall be the 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. Expense of making and printing such records shall 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 his possession.

Article 13 Licensing and Ordaining

Section 1. No man, having been divorced and re-married, 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

1. A portion of the scripture shall be read and prayer shall be offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session, 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 of the above is present the Executive Board shall elect a moderator pro-tem who shall call the meeting to order.

3. 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 in this manner shall compose the State Meeting.

4. It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings or Associations 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, Missouri.

5. No more than one deacon shall be appointed on any 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 bodies 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

STATE MEETING, JUNE 12-13, 1953

Convening with East Kermit Free Will Baptist Church
East Kermit, W. Va.

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| 9:30 | Devotional by..... | Rev. Everett Spence |
| 9:35 | Prayer by..... | Rev. Harry Booth |
| 9:40 | Scripture reading..... | Rev. Everett Spence |
| 9:45 | Address of welcome..... | by Pastor |
| 9:50 | Response by..... | Rev. John M. Henson |
| 10:00 | Election of officers | |
| 10:30 | Nomination and election of committees | |
| 11:00 | Devotional by..... | Rev. J. W. Cooper |
| 11:10 | Sermon by..... | Rev. Carl Vallance |
| 12:00 | (Noon) Adjournment | |
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| 2:00 | Devotional by..... | Moderator |
| 2:15 | Talk on Foreign Missions | Rev. Archie Conway |
| 2:30 | Report of Home Mission Board | Rev. Thomas Clay |
| 2:45 | Report of Foreign Mission Board Secretary-Treasurer by..... | Rev. Carl Vallance |
| 3:00 | Report Superannuation Board | Rev. Frank Johnson |
| 3:15 | Miscellaneous business | |
| 4:00 | Adjournment | |
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| 7:30 | Devotional by..... | Rev. J. T. Weaver |
| 8:00 | Introductory Sermon..... | Rev. Henry Simpkins |
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SATURDAY

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| 9:00 | Devotional by..... | Rev. Oliver Privett |
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- 9:15 Reports of committees and miscellaneous business
- 10:00 Talk on Christian Education Bonnie Lou Henson
- 10:15 Report on Women's Auxiliary
- 10:30 Report of Board of Education Rev. Wayne Damron
- 10:45 Report of F. W. B. League..... Rev. J. T. Weaver
- 11:00 Devotional by..... Rev. C. Gunnoe
- 11:15 Sermon by..... Guest Speaker
- 12:00 (Noon) Adjournment
- 2:00 Devotional by..... Rev. George F. Perry
- 2:15 Report of State Secretary
- 2:30 Final business session
- 4:00 Adjournment



Program Committee
The State Executive Board

Conway's Print Shop

Lyburn, W. Va.

