

M I N U T E S

of the

34TH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSN.

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH
IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING
LIFE.

held at

THE McCORKLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SOD, WEST VIRGINIA

JUNE 8 -- 9, 1979

CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

Having received salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and having been baptized as an outward sign of our separation from the world, and realizing the necessity of being identified with and sharing the fellowship of other believers, have joined ourselves to a local visible church, we do ordain this Constitution to unify the work of Free Will Baptists in the State of West Virginia, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ and for the salvation of souls in cooperation with the various quarterly or yearly meetings comprising this State Association. May God bless our labor.

Article No. 1

Section 1. All ordained ministers and deacons belonging to member quarterly meetings and district Associations shall make up the standing delegates to this State Association. Each quarterly meeting shall be permitted to send three lay delegates to the State Association plus one delegate from each Church composing that quarterly meeting.

Section 2. The membership of the State Association shall consist of the quarterly meetings and district Association or yearly meetings from time to time upon approval shall become members of this body.

Section 3. Any minister, deacon, or delegate voting in State Association, must be a member of a church in good standing with the quarterly meeting recommending them from the State Association.

Section 4. This State Association shall be affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America, and recognize the Treatise of faith and practice as our guideline for denominational fellowship, as long as they remain an independent denomination.

Article No. 2 — Discipline

Section 1. The State Association 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 Association or act upon any appeal that may be made by any of the bodies that belong to the State Association. The said appeal shall have been written and signed by the Association making the appeal then forwarded by mail or in person to State Association and Quarterly Meeting.

Section 2. No quarterly meeting shall license or ordain to preach or to serve as deacon any man having two living wives. No man having married a divorced woman shall be licensed or ordained to preach, or ordained as deacon in this State Association.

Section 3. No quarterly meeting shall license or ordain a woman to preach.

Section 4. No quarterly meeting shall be accepted or retained as a member that license or ordain Women to preach.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall investigate any charges, after they have been properly presented to the quarterly meeting of which the grieved party or parties are a member. Any charges presented to this State Association Executive Board for consideration must be presented in writing and signed by the person or persons, making the charges.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall be paid the rate of fifteen cents (15c) per mile from home to destination and return to home when traveling on State Association official business. The party or parties requesting the Executive Board to meet with them, shall be responsible to pay their expenses.

Article No. 3

The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Promotional Secretary and Parliamentarian. Each of whom shall be nominated from the floor, and elected by a standing vote from the floor, at each regular session, except the treasurer, who shall be elected for a three-year period, beginning with the 23rd session, providing 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. Those persons and officers thus elected shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings to see to it that all the Constitution and By-Laws are obeyed and respected, and to exercise all the right to vote.

The right to vote shall be given the Moderator only in case of a tie. He shall be allowed to speak on any subject provided the assistant is in the chair. 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 to the same rule as that affecting the Moderator.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a complete record of all meetings to publish in book form, minuted and distributed to various quarterly meetings or yearly meetings composing this State Association. All expenses of such records and printing are 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 Association 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. An Assistant Treasurer will be elected to act in any absence of the Treasurer, or act of emergency.

I. Promotional Director — It shall be the duty of the Promotional Director to strive for the enlistment of new conferences and associations into memberships of the West Virginia State Association. Also to promote the work of Free Will Baptist in new fields. The office of Promotional Director shall not be used to settle disputes between brethren and conferences. This office shall be supported by the Executive Department.

II. The Executive Committee — The Executive Board shall act as the State Association when State Association is not in session, action subject to approval by State Association.

III. That a Program Committee be elected on Friday Morning to prepare the program for the coming year. This committee shall act as a placement committee and shall comply with the Constitution in making their choice for the Church, where the State Association is to be held. This committee shall consist of two ordained ministers, one deacon, and four members of duly seated delegates. This committee shall be prepared to report to the State Association by 1:45 P.M. Saturday afternoon.

IV. Foreign Mission Board — It shall be the duty of this board to cooperate with the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and to endeavor to raise funds for the Foreign Mission work of our denomination. This board shall arrange the missionary conferences throughout the state work as it feels necessary.

V. Home Mission Board — It shall be the duty of the home Mission Board to promote the establishing of new churches and conferences through the State of West Virginia where we do not have established Free Will Baptists work. Sixty percent of all money raised by the Home Mission Board shall be used in the promotional work of our state and forty percent shall be channeled to the National Home Mission Board.

VI. Children's Home Board — This Board shall maintain a relationship with the Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Greenville, Tennessee, and help provide for its support. The member of this board shall be a trustee of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Home for Children at Greenville, Tennessee.

Expenses of this trustee shall be provided for each official visit to the Home, not to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). This Board shall raise money for and relate its work with a Treasurer, Soliciting Members and Director, and a Trustee.

VII. Christian Training Service — This board shall promote the Free Will Baptist C.T.S. in our State and endeavor to get District and State C.T.S. into their proper place in our churches and conferences.

The enlightenment of Free Will Baptists of West Virginia to the causes of the denomination and the publishing of tracts to help in the financial support of the students at Free Will Baptist College itself. This Board shall endeavor to meet the quota set for the Bible College for our State. All funds raised for this work shall be divided 40 percent to the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee and 20 percent for operating expenses.

This board shall provide funds only as they are available to support of students. Any student willing to receive support from this board must be a Free Will Baptist and be in good standing in some church within the bounds of the State Association. They must also be recommended by their church and Pastor.

VIII. Sunday School Board—This board shall organize within itself and have a chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. This board shall endeavor to co-ordinate the Sunday School work in West Virginia and try to bring our Sunday School up to the National Standard for Sunday Schools. This board shall endeavor to establish a worker conference in our Sunday School literature and to help in establishing Teachers' Training Courses in our Schools.

These Schools shall be taught by those who have Evangelical Teachers' Training Association Certificate or are otherwise qualified. This board shall seek to establish a Sunday School Board in each Conference and shall be responsible for the overall planning of Sunday School work in the State Association.

IX. Publication Board — The Publication Board shall consist of five (5) members, elected for a term of five (5) years and elected so that one member is elected annually. It shall be organized with an Editor, Associate Editor-Treasurer and three Associate Editors. It shall be the duty of this board to publish a regular news publication concerning the various ministries of Free Will Baptist in West Virginia and in the world. This board shall be limited to new equipment purchases of \$300.00 per year without the approval of the Association or the Executive Board.

Article No. 4 — Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be composed of one ordained minister from each Quarterly Conference that is in good standing with the State Association.

Section 2. If any member of the Executive Board is unable to attend, he must send a proxy in his place.

Article No. 5 — Boards

The standing boards shall be the following, Foreign Mission, Home Mission, Children's Home Board, C.T.S. Board, Publication Board and the Board of Trustees.

Article No. 6

Annual dues shall be Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) per each Quarterly Meeting that is presented to the State Association, plus Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each church belonging to the Quarterly Meeting composing this body.

Section 2. All ministers, deacons and delegates shall pay Three Dollars (\$3.00) registration fee, with the exception of those ministers who are Sixty-Five years old, and older or disabled. One dollar to go to the church, one dollar to go to the State Association, and one dollar to help pay the annual dues to the National Association.

Section 3. Any minister receiving a good standing card must pay his three dollar (\$3.00) registration fee. Each quarterly meeting is requested to collect this fee and send to State Association with their letter.

Article No. 7

The State Association shall hold its regular meetings annually on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in June at a place and date 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 of this organization.

Section 2. Any Quarterly Meeting or Church desiring the State Association meet with the body shall present in writing the seating capacity, the facilities for feeding, sleeping and parking.

Article No. 8

This Constitution may be revised or changed at any regular session of the West Virginia State Association provided the change is presented in writing and stated one day before vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

1. A portion of the Scripture shall be read and prayer be offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the State Association 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 Moderator or assistant is present, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and elect a Moderator-protem.

3. It shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meeting or Yearly Meeting or Association so composing this organization to send a letter to it giving accurately as possible the information requested by the National Association.

4. Not over one deacon shall be appointed on any one committee. Except in case of emergency.

5. Only ordained ministers shall be allowed to moderate this meeting.

6. All Sunday School Conventions and State Women's Auxiliary Convention report to the State Association, and their report be received as information.

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

8. All business except routine shall be brought by committee but should the committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given it by any member of this State Association, then such business may be discussed unless by vote of this body.

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

10. Each conference shall have its letter and finance report sent to the State Association Clerk one week before the State Association convenes.

11. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the body and by two-thirds majority of all members present, thereon. This decision shall be sustained or rejected.

12. No one shall leave the body without the consent of the Moderator. Anyone deciding to speak shall arise and say "Brother Moderator" shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian Spirit, or think it will lead to discord or division.

13. This State Association shall correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

14. The same person or group of persons shall not serve on more than one standing board or committee as long as it can be supplied otherwise.

15. Not less than three (3) Gospel Sermons shall be preached at any one session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

16. No person shall be elected to any office without being present, except the Executive Board. (The member is recommended by the Quarterly Conference.)

17. The Moderator shall be elected at the close of each session on Saturday, and shall serve until his successor is elected at the same time the following year.

18. No Ministers, Deacons or Delegates shall be permitted to vote that is a known Homosexual, Bi-Sexual or Lesbian in this State Association. The State Association will not retain any person or persons known to be as such.

19. The Officers of the State Association shall receive an honoraria as follows: Moderator—\$15.00. Assistant Moderator—\$7.50. Clerk—\$85.00. Treasurer—\$30.00.

20. The member of the General Board of the National Association shall receive \$250.00 when the National Association convenes East of the Mississippi River and \$350.00 West of the Mississippi River.

21. These By-Laws may be revised or changed at any regular session of the State Association provided that they be plainly written and stated one day before vote is taken.

MINUTES

Minutes of the 34th annual session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, held at the McCorkle Free Will Baptist Church, Sod, W. Va., June 8-9, 1979.

Friday Morning Session

9:30 A.M.—Devotional By Rev. Robert Hobbs

Prayer—by Rev. Billy Samms

Scripture—ECC: "Cast Bread upon Water"

Address of Welcome—Rev. Billy Samms

Response—Rev. F. A. Giles

Moderator then took charge.

Motion and second was made to accept program with any changes to be made by the Moderator. Carried.

Credential Committee Report—The Credential Committee makes the following recommendations;

Item No. 1. That we accept the letters of the 17 quarterly meetings which were presented to this body by letter and proper finance. The ministers, deacons and delegates to be seated to conduct the business of the West Virginia State Association. M & S. Carried.

Item No. 2. That we accept the Beckley Ministerial Conference letter with proper finance, but that no delegate can be seated until letter is received from Beckley General Conference. M & S. Carried.

Treasurer's report was given by Rev. T. C. Morgan.

Paid out from June, 1978 until December, 1978, when Jerry McGraw resigned.

National Association of Free Will Baptists.	\$ 310.00
A. E. Persinger	22.65
Kilsyth Free Will Baptist Church	100.00
Clerk Expenses	50.00
Clerk Fee	85.00
Moderator	15.00
Assistant Moderator	7.50
General Board Member	200.00
Parsley Bottom Church	447.00
Home Mission	125.66
Foreign Mission	125.66

Over Payment Huff Creek	39.00
Free Will Baptist Home for Children	135.11
Billy Samms (Promotional Work)	257.50
W. Va. State Paper — Minutes	750.00
Total	\$2,670.08
Balance, June 10, 1978	\$ 832.79
Deposited, June 12, 1978	3,212.43
Received June 20, 1978 from LaPorte Free Will	
Baptist Conference	69.00
Huff Creek Conference, Additional Ministers Card	3.00
Greenbrier County Conference Dues	48.00
Promotional Work	
Brotherhood Conference	\$ 212.50
Elk River Conference	25.00
Kanawha Conference	20.00
Total	\$4,422.72
Paid Out	\$2,670.08
Leaving Balance of	\$1,752.64

Treasurer's report from December 8, 1978 to June 8, 1979

Money received for Promotional Director Paid	\$ 385.35
Money received from Ansted Free Will Baptist Church	\$ 367.50
Paid out at their request in equal amounts to following departments:	
Promotional Director, Alice Smith Account, Wheeling Project, W.Va.	
State Paper, Mt. State Bible College Fund, Children's Home.	
Total paid out from Ansted Church	\$ 367.50
Postage	4.20
Additional for printing State Minutes	300.00
Total Paid Out	\$1,057.05
Balance in Treasury, June 8, 1979	\$1,492.27
Rev. T. C. Morgan—Treasurer	

M & S was made to receive reports of Rev. Jerry McGraw and Rev. T. C. Morgan. Carried.

Rev. T. C. Morgan was nominated and elected as Treasurer for the State Association.

Larry Evans was nominated and elected as Assistant Treasurer.

M & S was made to accept the resignation of Rev. Jerry McGraw as Treasurer of the State Association. Carried.

Election of Officers:

Business Committee elected — Chairman: Rev. F. A. Giles, other members, Rev. Alfred Cook, John Young, Rev. Don Ellis, Rev. Arlie Joe Ball and Rev. Tom Cox.

Program Placement Committee: Chairman, Rev. Michael Kidd, other members, Rev. Ottie Burke, Junior Gillespie, Earl Robinson, Francis Hoffman, Sandy Kessinger and Charlotte Burns.

Election for Clerk for coming year — Rev. Norwood Webb.

Russie Morgan was elected as 1 year member to the Obituary Committee, and Vickie Evans was elected as the three year member to the Obituary Committee.

Report of Home Mission—by Robert Kessinger and Rev. H. B. Hall. M & S to receive report and have a standing vote of thanks. Carried

Robert Kessinger was elected as three-year member on the Home-Mission Board.

National Home Mission Report — by Brother Messer.

M & S was made for worship and preaching service. Carried.

Devotional—by Larry Evans

Prayer—by Rev. John Henson

Message—by Rev. Moss Craddock

Scripture—1st King 10:7

Dismissed for lunch by Jerry Lindvale.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional—by Rev. Ulysess Holstein

Prayer—by Rev. Carl Vallance

Scripture—Luke 4:18, 19

Song by Carl Sullivan

Moderator took charge of service

Rev. Bill Adkinson Home Missionary from Iowa gave report on his mission work. M & S to receive as information. Carried.

Rev. W. P. Vance offered his resignation as Two year member on the Foreign Mission Board. M & S was made to accept resignation. Carried.

Report of Executive Board — The Executive Board of the State Association met three times during June 9, 1978 to June 8, 1979.

The Executive Board met July 29, 1978 at 5 & 6 Holden F.W.B. Church, to discuss with the parties concerned about two churches having the name of the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church. Article 2—Discipline of Constitution and By-Laws were read by Moderator. After listening to discussion of parties of both groups involved, motion and second was made that the Executive Board let both churches involved meet and try to resolve their differences and report back to the State Executive Board. Amend, that both pastors of both churches report back to the State Executive Board. Amend, that both pastors of both churches calling themselves the Calvary Church meet with the Executive Board to report their progress. Amendment and Motion passed.

While waiting for a progress report the Executive Board took care of two other items of business.

Item No. 1. Discussion was made on the \$3.00 registration fee for Ministers to receive their good standing card. Recommendation of the Executive Board, since this is a part of our Constitution and By-Laws, the only course is to submit a request to have this item removed from the Constitution and By-Laws at the June 8, 1979 session of the State Association. M & S was made to receive recommendation. Carried.

Item No. 2. The Greenbrier County Conference by letter asked to be reinstated as a member of the West Virginia State Association, and cards be sent to Rev. John Walker and Rev. Huling Brown. Their money to be accepted as late dues. M & S. Carried.

The Executive met again with the Christian Fellowship Conference and both pastors to hear their report. After listening to the report the Executive Board of the State Association made the following recommendations:

That the Christian Fellowship Conference allow Rev. Robert Belcher and his congregation to meet and be recognized in their location and bear the name of the Calvary F.W.B. Church, and be allowed to apply for membership in any conference of their choice. Amendment to this recommendation, that of this date, July 29, 1978, all property remain as is. Amendment and recommendation. Passed.

The Executive Board met again December 8, 1978 at the Chesapeake F.W.B. Church, to discuss the proposed Bible College with the Bible College Committee, the Trustee Board and the Executive Board of the State Association and the Trustee Board of the Beckley Conference. The subjects discussed were:

(1) The name of the Bible College (2) The means of raising funds; (3) The hiring of a Promotional Director for Bible College.

The Beckley Conference gave the State Association until May 1, 1979 to make a decision and a tentative agreement. The Executive Board excused themselves to make recommendation back to Bible College Committee.

The Executive Board made the following recommendations:

Item No. 1. That the Beckley campground be leased to the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists for a Christian Bible College.

Item No. 2. That the College be named: The West Virginia Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Item No. 3. That the Bible College Committee be encouraged to hire a full time promotional man, to try and raise as much finance as possible by April 1, 1979, and the Bible College Committee report back to the Executive Board on April 13, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Chesapeake, W. Va. M & S was made to accept these recommendations. Carried.

The Executive Board met again on April 13, 1979 with the Bible

College Committee, to receive their report. The Bible College Committee gave their report and stated as of this date they have not hired a full time promotional man. The man the Bible College Committee had in mind was not sufficiently qualified for the position. A couple of other names were mentioned as a possible man to fill the promotional man's position. The Committee also stated that they were having a great deal of opposition against the Bible College.

No further recommendations were made to the Bible College Committee.

Members of the Beckley Conference who were present said they would make a decision when they met in May, to keep or withdraw their offer to lease the Beckley Camp Ground to the West Virginia State Association.

Rev. Tommy Blake was nominated and elected to the Executive Board from the Fayette Conference.

Rev. Henry Damron was nominated and elected to the Executive Board from the Guyan Valley Conference.

Report was given on the Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College by Bailey Thompson.

Report of the Children's Home was given by Rev. James E. Raper. Four of the boys were there from the Children's Home. Their names are Chris Rutherford, Ivan and Joe Kennedy and Wayne Hunnicut.

Rev. Charles Donaldson was elected as three year member to the Children's Home Board.

Partial Business Report:

The Business Committee made the following recommendations:

Item No. 1. That the West Virginia State Association report to the National Association with proper finance and delegates. M & S. Carried.

Item No. 2. **Constitution and By-Laws Changes.**

That we delete that portion of Article IV "This board shall organize within themselves as to chairman and secretary.

Item No. 3. That the item on the table concerning the Promotional Director, be taken from table. We recommend that this be left as is stated in our present Constitution.

Item No. 4. That we delete in Article 6, Section 3, the word must and insert the words is requested to. That we add to Article 6 Section two and three, the words, with the exception of those ministers who are sixty-five years old, and older.

Item No. 5. That we delete Article 6, Section 4. Each quarterly meeting shall have one delegate for each church belonging to it.

Item No. 6. That we add to Article 2, Section 6, that the party or parties requesting the Executive Board to meet with them, shall be responsible to pay their expenses.

Item No. 7. By-Law Change: That By-Law No. 20 be changed to

read \$250.00 when the National Association convenes East of the Mississippi River and \$350.00 West of the Mississippi River.

M & S was made to table these Constitution and By-Law changes until tomorrow. Carried.

Report of Promotional Director by Rev. Billy Samms. Brother Billy reported that the Beckley Conference withdrew their offer of the Camp Ground to the State Association.

Report if the C.T.S. was given by Rev. Y. V. Steele.

Report of National Sunday School and C.T.S. was given by Harold Harrison.

Rev. Y. V. Steele was nominated and elected as three year member of the C.T.S. Board.

Report of Women's Auxiliary was given by Sandy Kessinger.

Report of State Paper was given by Carl Sullivan. In 1972 the paper was being sent to about 1700 people. Today our mailing list totals almost 4800, almost triple the original list. We also printed and mailed the minutes of the State Association. In the last year we printed seven issues, the last two contained the first two articles of series on the Ordinances of the Gospel. We regret to report that no paper has been printed since March. The main reason for this has been due to the lack of financial support needed for this ministry. In light of our financial position we were unable to print a paper for this Association Meeting. We still oppose a subscription fee, but we urge every church in this Association to send a regular monthly contribution for the support of this ministry.

Carl Sullivan tendered his resignation as a member of the Publication Board. M & S was made to accept resignation. Carried.

Lois Vallance offered her resignation as a member of the Publication Board. M & S was made to accept resignation. Carried.

M & S was made to wait until tomorrow the filling of the Publication Board. Carried.

Report of Foreign Mission by Rev. Carl Vallance. Rev. Carl Vallance read a letter from Sister Alice Smith.

Rev. Carl Cooper was nominated and elected as two year member of the Foreign Mission Board. Carried.

Rev. Robert Koontz, Jr., was nonminated and elected as three-year member to the Foreign Mission Board. Carried.

Partial Business. The Business Committee recommend that we change the name West Virginia Free Will Baptist Bible College to West Virginia Free Will Baptist Bible Institute. M & S to table until tomorrow. Carried.

Obituary Report was given by Aunilee Hughes. All stood for moment of silent prayer.

Rev. John Henson read letter concerninng Rev. Floyd Dove. A free will offering was lifted for Rev. Floyd Dove in the amount of \$115.00.

M & S was made to adjourn. Carried.
Dismissed by Rev. John Henson.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Devotional—by Rev. Billy Samms

Message—by Rev. Harold Harrison

Offering for Home and Foreign Missions \$184.26.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional—by Dr. J. D. O'Donnell

Song—"Standing On The Promises"

Scripture—2nd Timothy 1:8, 12

Moderator took charge of service.

Rev. Dan Kelly was nominated and elected as Assistant Moderator for today's session.

Report of Sunday School Convention was given by Rev. Mike Kidd.

Rev. George Smith was nominated and elected as three year member to the Sunday School Board.

Rev. Herman McFaddin representing the Bluefield Free Will Baptist Church at 1924 Walton Avenue, Bluefield, W. Va., was given time by the Moderator to speak about his work in Bluefield. M & S to receive report and do what we can to help through our Home Mission Board. Carried.

Offering was taken for the church in Bluefield in the amount of \$219.55.

Rev. Paul Kettermann, Rev. Harold Harrison, Rev. Billy Adkinsson and Thymon Messinger were recognized by the Moderator as visitors from the National Association.

Election of members to the Publication Board:

Rev. Luther Morgan was nominated and elected as three-year member to the Publication Board.

Larry Evans was nominated and elected as four-year member to the Publication Board.

Rev. John Henson was nominated and elected as five year member to the Publication Board.

Rev. Paul Kettermann gave report on Bible College at Nashville, Tenn.

M & S was made to take items of business concerning the Constitution and By-Laws change that were tabled on Friday's session off table and act upon them. Carried.

Item No. 2. that we delete that portion of Article IV "This Board shall organize within themselves as to chairman and secretary, M & S. Carried.

Item No. 3. The item on table concerning the Promotional man only being allowed to serve three years at one time was taken from table and acted upon. This item failed. M & S was made to leave promotional Director as is stated in Constitution. Carried.

Item No. 4. That we delete in Article 6, Section 3, the word must and insert the words "is requested to". This item failed. M & S was made to leave as is. Carried.

That we add to Article 6, Section 2 and 3 the words, with the exception of those ministers who are sixty-five years old, and over, or disabled. M & S was made to accept this item of business. Carried.

That we delete that part in Article 6, Section 4, the portion which reads, each quarterly meeting shall have one delegate for each church belonging to it. Item No. 5. M & S to accept this item of business. Carried.

Item No. 6. That we add to Article 2, Section 6, That the party or parties requesting the Executive Board to meet with them, shall be responsible to pay their expenses. M & S to accept this item of business. Carried.

Item No. 7. By-Laws change: That By-Law No. 20 be changed to read \$250.00 when the National Association convenes East of the Mississippi River and \$350.00 West of the Mississippi River. M & S to accept this item of business. Carried.

M & S was made to adjourn for worship service and preaching. Carried.

Devotional—by Rev. Bernard Thrash

Message—by Tymon Messer

Scripture—Book of Joshua

Text—Why the church must succeed, and how.

Dismissed for lunch by Jack Treadway.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional—by Rev. Carl Vallance

Scripture—I Thess. 1:1, 10

Prayer—by Ed Dempsey

Song—by Carl Sullivan

Women's Auxiliary report was given by the newly-elected president, Glenna Murphy.

Final Business

Item No. 8. That the item of business concerning changing the name West Virginia Free Will Baptist Bible College to West Virginia Free Will Baptist Bible Institute. M & S was made to take this item off table and adopt it. Carried.

Item No. 9. That this State Association elect a nominating Com-

mittee of three members to help select those people who will be serving on our standing boards. Names should be submitted by each Conference of their members, who would be willing to work and serve on these various boards. M & S to adopt this item of business. Carried. Those elected to the nominating committee were: Rev. John Henson, Rev. Alfred Cook and Rev. Luther Morgan.

Item No. 10. That the West Virginia State Association give the McCorkle Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for the superb way they provided the needs of this Association. M & S. Carried.

Rev. Daniel Kelly and Rev. Russell Wright gave report on Bible Institute. They spoke on behalf of the Cooperative plan, and that we needed a budget of \$60,000.00

Rev. Mike Kidd gave report on Placement Committee. The next State Association meeting will convene with the Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, June 6-7, 1980. M & S was made to accept the report and place for next meeting. Carried.

Program for the 1980 session was read. M & S was made to accept the program for the 1980 session. Carried.

Delegates to the National Association were: Carl Sullivan, Jody Sullivan, LaVerne Vallance, Clifford Lester and Sandy Kessinger. Alternate Delegates: Marjorie Cunningham, Earl Green and Freda Hall.

Rev. Russell Wright was elected as Assistant Moderator for the coming year.

Rev. Donal Ellis was elected as our moderator for the coming year.

Carl ~~Nelson~~ ^{Sullivan} was elected as Parliamentarian for the coming year.

Rev. Billy Samms was elected as our Promotional Director for the coming year. Rev. Kermit Cunningham spoke on behalf of the Home Mission work in Wheeling, and said they were raising Rev. H. B. Hall's salary \$80.00 more on the week.

Carl Sullivan gave report on the Master's Men.

Rev. John Henson spoke on behalf of the State paper and said that Larry Evans would be their treasurer.

M & S was made to adjourn until next session. Carried.

Dismissal prayer—by all present.

OBITUARY REPORT

Beckley

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Rev. Andrew Crabtree	Rev. Clyde Tabor
Rev. Henry Dingess	Rev. Ernest Vance
Rev. Charles Ferguson	Rev. Russell Watts
Rev. Willis Justice	Rev. John Wentz
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Rev. Colen Angle, Fan Rock, W. Va.

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GREENBRIER, Panther, W. Va.—

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Clerk, Gene Cline, Mohawk, W. Va.

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Rev. Donald Ellis, Hanover, W. Va.

Clerk, Clifford Lester, North Spring, W. Va.

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Rev. Roger Riffe	Hensley, W. Va.
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Rev. Roland Vance	Hanover, W. Va.
Rev. Jim Vaughn	Sidney, W. Va.
Rev. John Wingler	Fanrock, W. Va.

A special tribute to the men listed below who have served thirty years or more in Ministry of Free Will Baptist.

Rev. John Henson	Rev. Luther Morgan
Rev. Carl Vallance	Rev. Robert Vance
Rev. F. A. Giles	Rev. Leonard Hewlett
Rev. T. C. Morgan	Rev. Ralph Dean

And to all others who did not list their names. May God bless you for your faithful service.

Norwood Webb

PROGRAM FOR THE 1980 SESSION
West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists

June 6 — 7, 1980

Thomas Memorial Free Will Baptist Church
522 Buffington St., Huntington, W. Va. 25702

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

- 9:30 Opening Devotional *Rev. F. A. Giles* Rev. F. A. Giles
9:45 Welcome *Rev. Michael Kidd* Rev. Michael Kidd
9:50 Response *Rev. Tommy Blake* Rev. Tommy Blake
10:00 Credential Committee's Report .. Rev. Kermit Cunningham ✓
10:05 Treasurer's Report ✓ Rev. T. C. Morgan ✓
10:10 Election of Committees and Officers ✓
10:35 Recognition of Visitors by Moderator ✓
10:45 State Home Mission Board Report Rev. A. E. Persinger
National Home Mission Department Representative *Roy Thomas*
11:00 Worship Service Devotional *John Henson* Rev. John Henson
Message *Rev. Charles T. H. P. M.* Rev. Burt Hall

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 Devotional *Rev. Carl Cooper* Rev. Danny Cooper
1:15 Foreign Mission—State Board Report Rev. Carl Vallance
1:30 Executive Board Report *Carl Sullivan* Clerk-Norwood Webb - *MORNING*
1:45 Report of Free Will Baptist ✓
Colleges and Institutes Representatives ✓
2:00 Promotional Director's Report *Billy Samms*
2:10 State Children's Home
Board Report *Brs. Radice* Rev. Ulysess Holstein
Children's Home Report Representative
2:25 State C.T.S. Board Report Carl Parsley
Natl. Sunday School and C.T.S. Report Representative *Ray Trice*
2:40 W. Va. Women's Auxiliary Report Glenna Murphy, Pres. ✓
W.N.A.C. Report Representative
2:55 Obituary Committee Report *Vickie Evans* Chairman ✓
3:05 W. Va. State Paper Report *Rev. John Henson* Editor ✓
3:15 Partial Business Committee Report Chairman

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

- 7:30 Opening Devotional *Norwood Webb* Deacon Clifford Lester ✓
Special Music and Offering for Home and Foreign Missions ✓
Message *Roy Thomas* Rev. Roy Thomas ✓

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:00 Opening Devotional *Eddie McHenry* Deacon Wm. Chapman ✓
Hand of Fellowship
9:15 Recognition for Natl. Representatives and all Visitors ✓
9:45 Sunday School Convention Report 1980 President - *Myrtle Kidd*
9:55 Partial Business Committee Report Chairman ✓
11:00 Worship Devotional *Russell Wright* Rev. Russell Wright ✓
Recognition of all Ministers with 30 years or more service
in Free Will Baptist by Clerk Norwood Webb
Message *Dr. M. L. M. M.* Speaker Chosen by Moderator

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:00 Devotional Rev. Daniel Kelly
1:15 Final Business Committee Report Chairman
Adjournment

**DATES OF MEETINGS OF CONFERENCES
COMPRISING THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION**

BECKLEY—Meets on Saturday before the first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

BROTHERHOOD—Meets on Saturday before the first Sunday in January, April, July and October.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP—Meets on Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October.

COAL RIVER—Meets on Saturday before the second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

ELK RIVER—Meets on Saturday before the third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

FAYETTE—Meets on the third Saturday in January, April, July and October.

GREENBRIER COUNTY—Meets on Saturday before the second Sunday in January, April, July and October.

GREENBRIER-NICHOLAS—Meets on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.

GUYAN VALLEY—Meets on Saturday before the third Sunday in January, April, July and October.

HUFF CREEK—Meets on Saturday before the third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

KANAWHA—Meets on Saturday before the third Sunday in January, April, July and October.

LOGAN—Meets on Saturday before the first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

McDOWELL—Meets on Saturday before the second Sunday in March, June, September and December.

MINGO—Meets on Saturday before the second Sunday in February, May, August, and November.

TUG RIVER—Meets on Saturday before every fifth Sunday.

UPPER OHIO VALLEY—Meets on ^{4th} Saturday of each quarter in January, April, July and October.

WAYNE—Meets on Saturday before the second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

WYOMING—Meets on Saturday before the first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

The West Virginia State Association — Meets annually on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in June.

