

MINUTES  
of the  
51<sup>st</sup> Annual Session  
of the  
West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist  
Held at  
The Sunshine Free Will Baptist Church  
Huntington, WV  
June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 1996

THEME  
"Lift Him, Love Them, Win Them"

*We must lift Him (Jesus)  
For none other should be lifted high  
We must love them, for many are unlovable  
We must win them at all cost.*

*Lord, make us instruments of peace;  
Lord, where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Lord, where there is doubt, faith;  
Lord, where there is despair, hope;  
Lord, where there is darkness, light;  
Lord, where there is sadness, joy.*

The Next Annual Session  
of  
The West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist  
Will be with  
The Bonds Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Ellenboro, WV  
Upper Ohio Valley  
June 6-7, 1997.

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS PREAMBLE

Having received salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, 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 Baptist 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 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 of 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 to 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 guidelines 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 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 serve as a deacon any man having two living wives. No man having married a divorced woman shall be licensed or ordained to preach or ordained as a 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 eighteen cents (\$.18) 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**

Section 1. The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Each of whom shall be nominated from the floor. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator for a two year term and able to succeed themselves for an indefinite period of time; the Clerk and treasurer for a three year term: The Parliamentarian for a one year term. The Promotional Director is hired by the Executive Committee.

Election shall be determined by a majority vote. Those persons and officers thus elected shall hold their office until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings to see 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 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, minutes and distributed to various quarterly 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 membership of the West Virginia State Association. To promote the works of this State Association first and 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. The office of Promotional Director shall be filled, supported and governed by the Executive Committee of the State Association. The Promotional Director shall be paid eighteen cents (\$ .18) per mile, and that he be given \$300.00 annually to attend the National Association and \$300.00 annually to attend the National Leadership Conference.

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

III. Program Committee - 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 prepare to report to the State Association by 1:45 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

IV. The Mission Board - This board is to be an eight member board, with expiration to be two at four years, two at three years, two at two years, and two at one year terms. It shall be the duty of this board to work to promote Foreign and Home Missions work throughout the State of West Virginia. This missions board shall cooperate with the National Association, and endeavor to raise funds for the missions board and our denomination. This board shall arrange missionary conferences throughout the state work as it feels necessary. Also to promote new churches and conferences through the State of West Virginia where we do not have established Free Will Baptist Work.

V. Christian Education Board - This board shall consist of five (5) members elected for a term of five (5) years and elected as so that one member be elected annually. It shall organize within itself a chairman, secretary and treasurer. It shall be the duty of this board to generally oversee the educational efforts of this Association. This would include but not be limited to (A) organize and conduct a State Bible Institute; (B) Establish Sunday Schools; (C) Promote Church Training Services (CTS) and generally oversee competitive events on the state and district levels.

VI. 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. Also, that the news publication include a News Letter Format. This board shall be limited to new purchases of \$300.00 per year without approval of the Association or the Executive Board.

VII. Trustee Board - The duties of this board shall be to hold titles to all real property belonging to this body; the maintenance and upkeep of all such properties; the planning and supervision all developments; and the expansion of these properties as directed by the West Virginia State Association.

It is agreed, in this connection, that the Board of Trustees shall at no time sell or encumber these properties by mortgage, lien, or otherwise without the express consent of this body given in regular session of this Association.

The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to receive, in behalf of and for the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists, gifts, grants, monies, real estate, or other valuable assets.

The Board of Trustees shall act for and in behalf of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists in any and all transactions involving any of it's properties, but shall do so strictly in accordance with instructions given by said State Association in regular or called session.

In as much as the Publication Board may require an occasional replacement of certain mechanical items, costing more than the present set limit, it shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to determine the validity of such a need, approve and implement or disapprove the requested purchase at their discretion.

VIII. Executive Committee - This committee would be made up of the Moderator, Treasurer, Chairman of Missions Board, Christian Education Board, Publication Board, and two members at large from the Executive Board to be chosen by this body to supervise and oversee the Promotional Director, Bible Book Store, State Office and News Paper. The duties of this board would be Executive and Promotional.

IX. Master's Men Board - The purpose of the Master's Men Board shall be to promote and encourage the men of Free Will Baptist churches in West Virginia to become active in the Master's Men program and to assist in starting chapters in the local churches or conferences, and will be responsible for maintaining and dispersing the West Virginia Master's Men fund.

This Board shall coordinate work projects to assist the churches of West Virginia to build and remodel as needed on a volunteer basis. This Board shall also coordinate programs for fellowship and spiritual growth for the men in the churches throughout the state. These programs may be in the form of retreats, workshop and seminars, etc.

All members of this Board shall serve as corresponding messengers to the conference and churches of West Virginia and give report to chairman who will then give report to the West Virginia State Association.

The Master's Men Board shall consist of seven (7) members serving from one seven member to a one year member, with one new member elected annually. The Board will have the right to replace any member that resigns with another man to serve pro-tem until the next State meeting.

#### **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.

Section 3. At a regular scheduled session, 10:00 a.m. the Saturday before the State Meeting, this board shall hear the reports of all standing boards and officers. It shall serve as a budget committee and make recommendations as deemed pertinent to State Association. This board will also examine the Conference letters and report findings at State Meeting.



## **Article No.5 - Boards**

The standing boards shall be the following, Mission Board, Christian Education Board, Publication Board, Master's Men Board, and the Board of Trustees.

## **Article No.6**

Annual Dues from conference to State Association shall be as follows: Churches with 0 to 25 membership will pay \$25.00. Churches with 26 to 50 membership will pay \$50.00, Churches with 51 to 75 membership will pay \$75.00, Churches with any additional membership above 75 members will pay an additional \$25.00 per each additional twenty five membership.

Section 2. All ministers, deacons, and delegates shall pay Five Dollars (\$5.00) registration fee, with the exception of those ministers who are Sixty-five years old, and older or disabled. One Dollar (\$1.00) to go to the church, Three Dollars (\$3.00) to go to the State Association, and One Dollar (\$1.00) to help pay the annual dues to the National Association.

Section 3. Any minister receiving a good standing card must pay his Five Dollars (\$5.00) 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 meeting 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 to 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 nor 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 Auxiliaries Convention report to the State Association and their report be received as information.

7. In case of 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 cannot 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 on or before May 24th, that the Executive Board may examine them the week prior to the State Meeting.

11. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the body and by a 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 two year session on Saturday, and shall serve until his successor is elected at the same time the following two years.

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 persons known to be as such.

19. The Officers of The State Association shall receive an honoraria as follows: Moderator - \$50.00. Assistant Moderator - \$25.00. Clerk - \$200.00.

20. The member of the General Board of the National Association, the Moderator or the Assistant Moderator of the State 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 changed or revised at any regular session of the State Association provided that they be plainly written and stated one day before vote is taken.



# OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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CHAIRMAN-	Mission Board
EDITOR-	Publication Board
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1 Yr. - Rev. Jennings Shuman

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# MINUTES

Minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> annual session of The West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist held at Sunshine Free Will Baptist Church, Huntington, WV  
June 7-8, 1996.

THEME - "By all means, save some."

Welcome by Host Pastor, Rev. Carl Lilly  
Moderator's challenge - Rev. Daniel Kelly  
Scripture was read by Moderator  
Prayer by all present

The moderator called the 51<sup>st</sup> session of State Association to order.  
Recognition of Visitors  
Report of State Executive Board

The State Association accepted the Freedom Conference that was formed from the, Crown, Mt. Carmel and Lyburn churches into fellowship of the West Virginia State Association and unanimous vote. All the Executive Board report was given and will be listed on separate page.

Report was given by Executive Board on examination of Conference letters. After examining the Conference letters, we the Executive Board recommend, that we accept the letters with proper finance, ministers, deacons and delegates, who are properly registered, to be seated by Moderator to conduct the two day session of business.  
M & S Carried.

Report of Treasurer - Rev. Roger Tolliver. M & S to receive report. Carried.  
Budget for coming year was read, M & S was made to accept proposed budget.  
Carried.

Report of Audit Committee. Report of the State Audit and the Bible Book Store were given and accepted. State given by Rev. Rickie Holstein and Book Store by Rev. J.L. Varney.

Business Committee elected as follows; Earl White, Bill Blackshire, George Burns, N.P. Adkins and Bob Kessinger.

Placement Committee elected as follows; Rev. Ernie Crabtree, Rev. Farrada White, Jr., William White, Loyd Holstein, George Shirkey, Lisa Melott and Irvin Scarberry.

Women's Auxiliary Report by Sheila Williams.

Audit Committee elected as follows; Rev. Rickie Holstein, Rev. G.W. Mounts, Rev. Roy Roach and Rev. Alva (Bud) Casto.

Nominating Committee elected as follows; Rev. Carl Cooper, Rev. Tom Blake, Rev. Kenneth Samms, Rev. Ronnie Melott and Rev. Ivan Asbury.

Report of Christian Education Board by Irvin Scarberry.

M & S to recess for worship Service. Carried.

Devotional by Rev. Roger Tolliver

Prayer by Dr. Lewis Hall

Message by Rev. G.W. Mounts

Scripture - 137 Psalms

Text - At a standing point.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Thomas Cox.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional by Rev. Thomas Cox

Scripture - John 17

Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Samms

Moderator called session to order.

Reports;       Southeastern F.W.B. Bible College  
                  Children's Home Greenville, TN  
                  National Home Mission  
                  Randall House Publications  
                  State Missions by Rev. Tom Blake

(Note) A check in the amount of \$7,000.00 was presented to National Home and National Foreign Missions by the State Missions Board. A Plaque was presented to Rev. F.A. Giles for his Twenty Five years of service on the Missions Board.

Report of Promotional Director, Rev. J.L. Varney.

Partial Business Committee Report; We the business committee recommend the following item to the State Association for their consideration.

Item No. 1 That we prepare letter with proper finance and delegates to the National Association. M & S. Carried.

Item No. 2 That Article No. 3 section 1, be changed to read; The officers of the State Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Each of whom shall be nominated from the floor. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator for a two year term, and able to succeed themselves for an indefinite period of time; the clerk and treasurer for a three year term: The Parliamentarian for a one year term. The Promotional Director is hired by the Executive Committee. M & S to table Carried to table.



Item No. 3 That we change the registration fee for Ministers and Deacons in Article No. 6 section 2,3 from \$5.00 to \$20.00 per year. M & S to table. Carried to table.

Delegates to National Association: Beulah Morgan, Beatrice Mounts, Debbie Varney.

The Executive Board of the State Association met with the Executive Committee of the State Association and makes this recommendation after their meeting. Also met with Promotional Director. We the Executive Board recommend, that through the Executive Committee, we hire a full time Promotional Director by January 1, 1997, with full benefits set forth by the Executive Committee. \$36,000 was offered per year package. M & S to accept. Carried.

An offering in the amount of \$402.00 was given for the start of the full time Promotional Director.

M & S to adjourn. Carried.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Devotional by Rev. Tom Blake  
Message by Rev. Ivan Asbury  
Text - "By all means, save some."  
Offering for Missions - \$352.00

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional by Scotty Erwin  
Singing by Quartet from Nashville Bible College  
Free Will Baptist Covenant was read by Scotty Erwin.

Moderator called session to order.

Visitors from National Association Friday and Saturday.  
Dr. Melvin Worthington - National Executive Office  
Dr. Tom Malone - Nashville Bible College  
Dr. James Cox - Nashville Bible College  
Eugene Waddel - Foreign Missions  
James Vallance - Master's Men - National Representative from Harves  
Children's Home

Dr. Lewis Hall was elected Parliamentarian pro-tem for the remainder of the session.

A plaque was given to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry.

Report of State Master's Men was given by Tom Myers.

Prayer was offered in behalf of Rev. F.A. Giles and sister Myrtle Samms.  
Led by Rev. J.L. Varney.

Report of Nominating Committee.

Elected to serve as four year members to Mission Board, Rev. Rickie Holstein and Rev. Carl Lilly.

Rev. George Burns replaced Rev. Robert Legg as the two year member Mission Board.

Rev. Roy Roach replaced Rev. F.A. Giles as the three year member Mission Board.  
Irvin Scarberry was elected five year member to Christian Education Board.

Rev. Jennings Shuman replaces Rev. Carl Lilly as one year member, Christian Education Board.

Rev. Henry Damron replaces Jimmie Mitchell as two year member, Christian Education Board.

Thomas Myers was elected seven year member to Master's Men Board.

George Shirkey replaces Ray Altizer as the four year member to Master's Men.

Ministers with thirty years or more as a Free Will Baptist Minister were recognized.

#### MINISTERS WITH THIRTY YEARS OR MORE AS A FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER

Luther Morgan .....	46
George Burns .....	35
Farrada White, Jr. ....	44
Russell Nelson .....	39
Roy Adkins .....	30 Plus
Dr. Lewis Hall .....	39
Wetzell Ball .....	56
Daniel Kelly .....	38
James Cox .....	38
Carl Cooper .....	31
Edwin Hughes .....	32
Ralph Dean .....	56
Dr. Melvin Worthington .....	30 Plus
Dr. Tom Malone .....	30 Plus
Y.V. Steele .....	40

## MINISTERS REPORTED ON LETTERS

A.C. Cox	
Elmer Nelson	
Tom Shaver	39
Huling Brown	38
Luther Bolon	34
Eliza Cooper	36
Roy Lester	44
Lacy Davis	
Bernard Morgan	
Ray Taylor	45
Raymond Dingess	33
James Mounts	30
Russell Watts	33
Lacey Cox, Jr.	36
Clarence Campbell	37
Alton Hines	40
W.C. Combs	53
G.E. Huffman	38
E.R. Tyree	47
Roger West	40
Roscoe Lilly	33
Sherman Sizemore, Jr.	38
George Speck	30
Wade Webb	47
John T. Vance	44
Troy Tomblin	39

M & S to adjourn for worship service. Carried.

Devotional by Rev. Ivan Asbury

Message by Dr. Tom Malone

Scripture - Eph. 1:7

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Daniel Kelly.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional by Norwood Webb

Session called to order by Moderator

Report of Program Placement Committee:

M & S to receive program and theme for next year. Carried.

M & S to receive where next state meeting to be held, Bonds Creek church at Ellenboro, WV - Upper Ohio Valley Conference. Carried.



The Executive board made this request of all our churches, to send a gift offering to Randall House Publications to help relieve the \$10,400.00 debt of Roy's Bible Book Store.

Item No. 2 of yesterday's business was taken off table to change the reading of Article No. 3 Section 1. M & S was made to accept Article No. 3 Section 1 in its changed form. Carried.

Final report of Nominating Committee:

Nominated and elected as clerk for next three years - Norwood Webb  
Nominated and elected as Parliamentarian for one year - Rev. Rex Cox  
Nominated and elected as Assistant Treasurer - Larry Light  
Nominated and elected as Treasurer - Rev. Roger Tolliver  
Nominated and elected as Assistant Moderator - Rev. Russell Wright  
Nominated and elected as Moderator - Rev. Luther Morgan

Offering was given for singers in the amount of \$146.84

Two more delegated to National Association - Paula Roach and Theresa Asbury.

M & S was made to give our outgoing Moderator a hand of thanks for his service. Carried.

M & S to adjourn. Carried

Dismissed by James Vallance

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board of the West Virginia State Association met February 24, 1996 at the Sunshine church for Leadership meeting.

Reports were given by:

Rev. Carl Vallance - General Board Member to National Association

Rev. Roger Tolliver - Treasurer

Rev. Tom Myers - Missions

Irvin Scarberry - Christian Education Board

Barbara Samms - Women's Auxiliary

Tom Myers - State Master's Men

Rev. J.L. Varney - Promotional Director and Book Store

Items of business conducted at this meeting were;

Item No. 1 To form a prayer and fellowship committee to promote communication and fellowship across our state by forming a prayer chain. This committee will consist of Executive committee, Rev. Okey Tolliver and Rev. Rickie Holstein. M & S to accept. Carried.

Item No. 2 To allow the Promotional Director to purchase an overhead projector for the State Office. Purchase to be limited to \$400.00. M & S to receive. Carried.

Item No. 3 M & S was made that due to the growth of the state book store, the state audit committee requested that the State Promotional Director be given the authority to obtain an independent auditor, to audit the Messenger Bible Book Store, with the audit to be presented with the state audit committee report. Carried.

The State Executive Board met again April 20, 1996 at Mt. Carmel F.W.B. church, Logan, WV. They met to unite the, Crown, Mt. Carmel and the Lyburn churches, to form the Freedom Conference and asked the Executive Board to recommend them to the State Meeting. M & S to recommend to state. Carried. Rev. Charles Vance, Rev. Linzell Walls and Rev. Roger Vance of the newly formed conference were questioned, as to doctrine and reason why they left the Guyan Valley Conference.

The Executive Board met again June 1, 1996 at the Sunshine church to hear reports and serve as a Budget Committee.

Reports were given by;

Rev. Alva Casto - Audit Committee  
Thomas Myers - Master's Men  
Ray Altizer tendered his resignation from the  
Master's Men Board. Resignation accepted.  
Rev. George Burns - Mission Board  
Rev. Roger Tolliver - Treasury Report

The proposed budget offered by the State Treasurer, Rev. Roger Tolliver, was accepted by the state meeting after going tabled to consider any other possible changes.

The proposed budget accepted;

General Fund .....	20%
Christian Education Board .....	04%
Missions .....	28%
State Paper .....	15%
Promotional Director .....	29%
National Co-op .....	04%



## PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Since June of 1995 we have tried to serve you in the following areas:

> The management of the Messenger Bible Bookstore:

I would like to express our gratitude to all the support you and your churches have given to what we believe can be a good ministry for Free Will Baptists in our state. We currently have 94 of 191 churches, which are part of our State Association currently doing business with the Messenger. We thank the Lord and you for this in an increase of 19 Free Will Baptist Churches over last year. We would like to encourage the rest of our churches to purchase your Sunday School and church supplies from your own bookstore.

I would especially like to thank my wonderful wife Debbie, sister Linda Hutchison, and brother Irvin Scarberry for their dedicated and faithful support of this ministry. They will be at the store booth here at the State Meeting. Why don't you take the opportunity to thank them by going by and shaking their hand.

> The publication of the Messenger Newsletter:

We have published four papers since last June. It seems this is one of our greatest struggles. We ask you to pray for us that we may organize this ministry to be a most effective means of communication for our state association.

We have travelled in excess of 16,000 miles visiting several of our conferences, travelling to Nashville, TN for the National State Leaders Meeting, Charlotte, NC for the National Association of FWB. We have assisted in the forming of one new conference and are currently working to enlist other churches into our association.

Our greatest burden and sincere desire is to establish a fellowship and prayer line among our pastors. God has dealt with me for some time and the pastors I have talked to seem to express great interest. We have ministers who are not currently pastoring who have expressed a desire to help in this effort. Please be much in prayer about this for until we come together spiritually we can not be effective physically.

Bro. Jim

## MESSENGER BIBLE BOOKSTORE REPORT

June 6, 1996

The accounting files of the Messenger Bible Bookstore from January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995 that consist of monthly files, bank statements, canceled checks, check stubs, accounts payable receipts, daily sales deposits were examined by month with computer printouts. I have audited these files by month and find them to be in proper order to the best of my ability.

I am available to be contacted at 523-2131

Linda Ellison,  
Account Manager

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

To The West Virginia State Association,

We the Audit Committee, met at the South Ruffner Free Will Baptist Church, on March 9, 1996, to audit the books of the WV State Association. Brother Roger Tolliver delivered unto us the State Books, including; The computer printouts, invoices, receipts, canceled checks, check stubs, bank statements, and the balance sheets for the fiscal year of Jan. 1, 1995 through Dec. 31, 1995.

We carefully examined all the information, matching invoices and receipts with checks, and matching the checks to the check stubs and to the bank statements. And after a long and thorough examination, we the Audit Committee (*to the best of our ability*), find the books of the State Association to be in proper order.

We would like to express our appreciation to Brother Roger for the fine job that he is doing.

Audit Committee:      Rickie Holstein  
                                 Alva (Bud) Casto



## MISSION BOARD REPORT

### 1995 - 1996

In 1995-96 the Mission Board has logged thousands of miles and hundreds of hours reporting to conferences, expressing appreciation for past accomplishments and encouraging continued support for our missionaries.

We are pleased to report that the account of Rev. Russell Wright, (our State Home Missionary in Inwood, WV), has remained in the black. Because of this he has been able to stay on the field with the church. We rejoice with Heritage Free Will Baptist Mission as they grow numerically and spiritually. Construction has begun on their own building after years of planning, praying and patience.

In our January meeting we were able to allot \$4,000 to the Sturgill's, (our foreign missionary to Brazil). Though their account remains in the red they have benefited greatly from the giving of West Virginia Free Will Baptist. Alice Smith and the Combs accounts remain healthy. However, June 1 finds the Franks a little over \$1,000 in the red.

The first annual Missions Golf Tournament was held June 24, 1995 at Beaver Creek Golf Course in Beckley, WV. Nearly \$2,000 was raised at this event. This year's tournament will be held September 7 at Sugarwood Golf Course in Lavalette, WV.

March for Missions was a success. Having raised approximately \$10,000. In our May meeting we were able to give \$5,850 to Rev. Russell Wright's account, \$5,850 to Rev. Jim Sturgill's account and \$200 to the accounts of Sis. Alice Smith, Rev. Dave Franks and Rev. Jim Combs.

We welcome Rev. George Burns to the Mission Board as he fills the unexpired term of Rev. Bobby Legg who resigned due to illness.

We the Mission Board would like to express our appreciation to our missionaries and their families for their faithfulness and sacrifice in bringing many souls to Christ and to West Virginia Free Will Baptist's for their generous gifts and unending prayers for their missionaries and mission board members.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Tom Blake,  
Chairman

**HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT**  
**of the National Association of Free Will Baptists**

June, 1996

Greetings from the National Home Missions Department to the **West Virginia State Association**. I trust that your meeting will be a time of spiritual refreshing and great fellowship with unity and harmony as you conduct God's business as it relates to your work.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts to National Home Missions and our home missionaries. *Last year West Virginia gave \$56,710.76* for which we are extremely grateful. Your state has also given \$18,429.01 this year (as of May 31st.) Listed below are the top ten giving in 1995:

Loudendale FWB Church	\$2,657.60	Roy Roach
Route 60 FWB Church	2,012.07	Jerry Casteel
Fairdale FWB Church	1,587.10	Wayne Peters
Ruthdale FWB Church	1,425.00	David Cooper
Heritage FWB Church	1,401.00	Russell Wright
Faith FWB Church	1,256.50	Ray Williamson
Herndon FWB Church	1,200.00	William Tolliver
Odell Town FWB Church	1,023.00	
West Virginia St. Assoc.	1,000.00	
Sprague FWB Church	880.00	Freddy Lovell

Thank you! May God bless you as you labor in your mission field.

In His service,

Trymon Messer  
General Director

## FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD

June, 1996

Dear Fellow-helpers:

Because of you and many others like you, the Lord continues to build His church with people from every nation, kindred and tribe on earth.

I want to thank West Virginia Free Will Baptists for the part your people have played in worldwide evangelization. First and foremost, I want to thank you for holding our missionaries up before the Lord in prayer. And then I want to thank you for the financial support you have given to undergird their ministries abroad. Gifts from the West Virginia State Association totaled \$104,715.78 in 1995. Praise God for your faithfulness! Your faith goal for 1996 is \$115,188.09.

You have sent some of your finest people to work overseas: Alice Smith to Agnibilekrou, Cote d'Ivoire; Jim and Shirley Combs to Araras, Brazil; and Dave and Pat Franks and Jim and Vicki Sturgill to Belo Horizonte, Brazil. At the end of April 1996, their accounts stood as follows:

Alice Smith	\$39,628.03
Jim and Shirley Combs	7,402.44
Dave and Pat Franks	<135.98>
Jim and Vicki Sturgill	<14,461.10>

The annual Laura Belle Barnard offering in April continues to be a great blessing in undergirding our missions endeavors. I hope all of your churches will take part in the *Together Way* program by receiving a special offering on April 27, 1997, for foreign missions.

Again, thank you for your obedience to the Great Commission. If any of us in the office can help you, be sure and contact us.

In His service,

Fred Warner  
Director of Missionary-Church Relations



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The Christian Education Board has been involved in several activities during the past year in an attempt to educate and uplift our Free Will Baptist friends. We have attempted to make ourselves available to you and your church for Christian Education activities.

We sponsored ETA (Evangelical Training Association) classes in the fall in the Logan and Huntington areas. A state Youth Workers Seminar was cosponsored with the Messenger Bible Bookstore in October 1995 at the Central Church in Huntington.

Sponsorship was provided to the YET - Youth Evangelistic Team. These young folks and their coordinators, Jim and Linda Hutchison, developed and presented a powerful program with the message of Christ through music and drama. If you did not avail yourself of these young folks and their ministry, you missed an opportunity to receive a blessing.

Other events for youth were sponsored throughout the past year. These include the following: a fall youth rally, a district Bible, Music, and Arts festival, a spring youth rally, and a state Bible, Music, and Arts festival. We are indeed grateful to all who participated in each of these events, but we are somewhat disappointed that we were unable to have more in attendance.

It was wonderful to see our young folks excited about the cause of Christ. Again, we regret that more of our folks were not involved. A special thank-you is extended to the Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College for their assistance with our spring youth rally and our state Bible, Music, and Arts Festival.

Pray for the Christian Education Board. Please contact us if we can help or support your church in any endeavor in the realm of Christian Education.

Respectfully in the Master's Service,

Linda Hutchison  
Kenneth Samms  
Jimmy Mitchell  
Carl Lilly  
Irvin Scarberry

1995/1996 Christian Education Board

## STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

June, 1996

I greet you on behalf of all the Free Will Baptist women across the state of West Virginia, and encourage you to continue to walk and serve our Lord, as "laborers together".

The State Auxiliary has been very busy this year and praise the Lord for new members and a few new auxiliaries during 95-96. Our year has brought spiritual fruit.

The annual fall prayer retreat reached over 175 women who came to learn from Mrs. Laura Thigpen, retired professor from Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn. She was very inspirational and there were several re-dedications. That was followed by our planning meeting in October, 95 at McCorkle church with the officers.

In the late fall a training workshop was held at Bradley FWB with our field workers and other officers attending. Glenna Murphy and Ilene Barr challenged each one to go out and win other women.

March, 96 at Central FWB, was our Spring luncheon with more than 70 women in attendance. Central ladies hosted the lunch and we were blessed by the message of Peggy Huffman. Workshops followed.

May 18, 96 was our State Convention at Bethel FWB in McArthur, WV. Although we only had 39 women in attendance, the worship service was wonderful as we focused on "Celebrate the Wonder" and finished with a parade of banners, bearing the various names of Jesus. Sis. Glenna Murphy blessed us with her message. A Committee was appointed to meet and review our State Constitution and By-laws and make recommendations at the up-coming Fall Retreat.

The State missions project was completed in May, which goes to the WV Brazil missionaries. The total collected was \$3,484.00 and was divided among the four missionary couples. Our 1996-97 Project will be for the Home mission couple, Bob Lewis family, in Colorado. We hope to raise \$1,000.00 to furnish the nursery in the new church. Each Auxiliary is encouraged to support the State Auxiliary with \$25.00 each quarter which will help us have operating funds.

WV has one District Auxiliary (Beckley Conference District) and this group of 45-50 women meet each quarter to worship and learn how to reach out to other FWB women in WV. It is our goal to form other District Auxiliaries across WV.

God bless you,

Shelia Williams  
State President

## AUXILIARY TREASURER'S REPORT

### 1995-96 Annual Report

Beginning balance	\$3,414.89
Income	<u>12,017.56</u>
	\$15,432.45

Co-Laborers	335.00
FWBC	260.00
Jim Combs	1,489.86
D. Franks, Sr.	1,449.66
D. Franks, Jr.	275.00
Alice Smith	1,333.30
Jim Sturgill	1,495.01
Russell Wright	487.01
Ea. PanHandle Bld.	
Fund	<u>500.00</u>
WV State Paper	<u>25.00</u>
	\$7,782.61

Paid out National Dues in 1995	\$1,490.00
Retreat/Luncheon Expenses.	3,928.80
Stamps, checks	<u>160.11</u>
Ending Balance	\$2,203.70

Jodi Sullivan  
Treasurer

## TO THE 1996 SESSION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS:

May 9, 1996

To the 1996 Session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists:

Greetings to one and all. Sometimes folks say to me, "Alice, I'm sure there are hardships in being a missionary, but perhaps the rewards outweigh the hardships." I would say that's true. Just this week I received one of my many rewards.

I was visiting in the home of Sie (pronounced See-ay) and Marie Pale (pronounced Pa-lay). In their mid-thirties, this couple has known the Lord for about two years. They are committed Christians who are at church every time the doors are open. With them are their four young children who always fall asleep and have to be carried home. The two youngest children were recently hospitalized with malaria. The day one was released, the other one was admitted. Both were critically ill and near death. Needless to say, this was a trying time for Sie and Marie. But, God in His goodness heard our prayers and intervened. The lives of these little ones were spared. They are well and at home now. Both were at church last night.

Back to my story. Sie told me what happened to him one day at the hospital. He was in his child's room, watching to make sure he didn't pull the I.V. out of his arm. Suddenly a feeling of peace, calm, and joy came over him. Sie doesn't know if he actually spoke or not, but over and over he thought, "Halleluia, Praise God, God is good, all is well!" He asked me, "Sister Alice, don't you think that was the Holy Spirit Who came to comfort and strengthen me?" I assured him that I agreed and we rejoiced together. He went on to say that if he were to tell his pagan relatives what had happened, they would think he was crazy. How true. Those who don't know the Lord cannot understand the peace He gives in the midst of a storm. Jesus said it in these words, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14:27).

It is a privilege to be a part of Sie's life-to teach his wife and children, to pray for them, to witness their spiritual growth, to see and hear their witness to the lost. Thank you for your long-standing prayer and financial support which enables me to be here.

Last Sunday 11 men and women came to the altar in response to our pastor's invitation for people to rededicate themselves to the task of following the Lord and winning the lost. By the time you receive this letter, we should be putting the roof on our new church building. Our goal is to be having services in it before this year ends.

The good Lord willing, I will be home mid-July through mid-August for my medical checkup and vacation. Wish it could have been scheduled during this time but my work schedule wouldn't permit it. Have a good time during your meetings. Keep in touch and I'll do the same.

God loves you and so do I,



## WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

We send you greetings from your Mission Work in the field of the Eastern Panhandle, West Virginia. It is a special privilege for us to share with you the work on our fourth year anniversary of the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church Mission.

Starting in 1991, West Virginia was seeking a man for the vision they had for a Mission Church in the fastest growing area of the State. The Mission Board contacted Cathy and I. At that time we were waiting for direction from the Lord. West Virginia State Association and the National Home Mission Department hired us. Starting in June of 1992 the Church was underway. Finances, sacrifices, running the road for support, fighting the building committees, cold hearts, and a liberal generation, capped off with people who resist the calling of God is really not important when soul and eternity are at stake.

We will try to bring you up to date on where we stand at present.

### **Our Status for the last 48 months are;**

From nothing in June 1991, to all of the following in June 1996. **51.** First time decisions, then following the Lord in Baptism, **47.** Charter Members (dismissed 13, 5 deceased), **52** Average Sunday School Attendance, **74** Average A.M. Worship, **152** Roll Call Sunday in 1996. We have traveled over 179,000 miles since February 1991. Trying to promote the work and raise funds for the Eastern Panhandle and the cause of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the present time we are in our building program, we have the footers poured and blocks laid on the foundation. Even as we speak the plumbing and heating ducts are being installed. We hope to pour the concrete floors next week. We hope to be in the new building by late fall. We have a lot to do at a tremendous expense. The cost is mind boggling. The cost of permits alone was around \$10,000.00 and a waiting period of 2 years for those, \$50,000.00 for property. 10 1/2% interest rate from our National Home Mission Department and thankful to get that.

This report is given with a desperate plea for help we need for you *first to pray*. Our area is as wicked and sinful as they come. Not only are we close to the Capitol but it is also known as the sin capitol. The needs there are tremendous. We are fighting the spiritual battle of our lives. *Second* we must have you to *stand with us* financially, to keep our account in the black. Our building campaign " *A Square Foot Of Faith*" has given us a little money to start but we need your help. Make this a matter of prayer. (please see me at any time I would be glad to show you how you can be a part of that building).

I want to be a blessing to my State. I want to live so people will know what West Virginia Free Will Baptist stand for. I want to be compassionate, friendly and helpful. I want to see a successful work completed in West Virginia, to see the vision of 3 to 5 churches in that area, to see the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church become that mother church. I have a burden to see these things accomplished.

**Don't let the Vision die!**

**Your West Virginia Missionary to West Virginia;  
Russell W. Wright**

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**JANUARY 1, 1995 - DECEMBER 31, 1995**

Received .....	\$111,198.77
Designated Gifts .....	\$90,754.59
Cooperative Gifts .....	19,492.12
Interest NOW Account .....	952.06

COOPERATIVE GIFTS

Received .....	\$19,492.12
Paid Out .....	19,492.12
General Fund .....	\$3,898.41
Christian Education Board .....	779.69
Mission Board .....	5,457.79
State Paper .....	2,923.84
Promotional Director .....	5,652.71
National Co-op .....	779.68

GENERAL FUND

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$6,590.92
Received .....	11,683.41
Cooperative Gifts .....	\$3,898.41
Designated Gifts .....	7,785.00
Paid Out .....	15,224.08
Expenses .....	8,224.08
Roger Tolliver - Treasurer .....	2,400.00
National Association .....	4,600.00
Closing Balance .....	\$3,050.25

CONTINGENT FUND

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$5,568.59
Received .....	952.06
Interest NOW Account .....	952.06
Closing Balance .....	\$6,520.65

STATE PAPER

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$4,091.03
Received .....	4,684.57
Cooperative Gifts .....	\$2,923.84
Designated Gifts .....	1,760.73
Paid Out .....	3,770.62
Messenger Paper .....	3,770.62
Closing Balance .....	\$5,004.98

## PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$3,084.93
Received .....	11,871.16
Designated Gifts .....	\$6,218.45
Cooperative Gifts .....	5,652.71
Paid Out .....	9,600.00
Jim Varney .....	9,600.00
Closing Balance .....	\$6,076.09

## MISSION BOARD

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$6,567.28
Received .....	7,335.79
Cooperative Gifts .....	\$5,457.79
Designated Gifts .....	1,878.00
Paid Out .....	6,861.91
Expenses .....	615.40
Alice Smith .....	1,182.17
Jim Combs .....	682.17
Jim Sturgill .....	682.17
Dave Franks, Sr. ....	2,000.00
Russell Wright .....	1,700.00
Closing Balance .....	\$7,041.16

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Balance Brought Forward .....	\$987.20
Received .....	1,694.75
Cooperative Gifts .....	779.69
Designated Gifts .....	915.06
Paid Out .....	1,997.45
Expenses .....	1,542.45
National Youth .....	\$455.00
Closing Balance .....	684.50

## OBITUARY REPORT JUNE 1995

### Beckley

Virgie Reed .....	Bethel Church
Pansye Whillaker .....	Bethel Church
Okla Allen McKinney .....	Bethel Church
Calvin Logan .....	Good Hope Church
Thelma Cole .....	Good Hope Church
Dorothy Ellison .....	Herndon Church
Jimmy Thomas .....	Herndon Church
Nino Veramessa .....	Kilsyth Church
Leona Godbey .....	Kilsyth Church
Robert West .....	Kilsyth Church
William Caruso .....	Lashmeet Community Church
Earl Basham .....	Lashmeet Community Church
Paul Shrewsbury .....	Lashmeet Community Church
Dasil Mullins .....	Lighthouse Church
Oral Farley .....	Lillybrook Church
Rodney McComas .....	Sophia Church
Goldie Vass .....	Sprague Church

### Brotherhood

Francis Fry .....	Laurel Church
Fannie Marshall .....	Laurel Church
George Deuley .....	Cedar Grove Church
George Potter .....	Faith Church
Homer Ward .....	Faith Church
* Rev. Harold Black .....	Trinity Church
Louise Ross .....	Trinity Church
Iris Plybon .....	Trinity Church
Deacon Bob Carter .....	Camp Creek Church
Loretta Trimble .....	Camp Creek Church
* Rev. Herman Parson .....	Young Chapel Church
Ora Burns .....	Young Chapel Church
Garland Lemmons .....	Thomas Memorial Church
Scott Ross .....	Thomas Memorial Church
Grethol Noble .....	Thomas Memorial Church
Alice Smith .....	Sunshine Church
Ervin "Cheese" Lucas .....	Sunshine Church



## **Christian Fellowship**

Hazel Webb .....	21 Holden Memorial Church
Lillie Dingess .....	Peach Creek Church
Nettie Tomblin .....	Bright Star Church

## **Fayette**

* Rev. Howard Lee Dilly	
* Rev. Phil Manning	
Beatrice McGraw .....	Ansted Church
Manuel (Pete) Bennett .....	Bradley Church
Henry Monk .....	Bradley Church
Robert Redden .....	Mount Calvary Church
Oather Bragg .....	Salem Road Church
Basil Ramsey .....	Salem Road Church
Louise Tincher .....	Salem Road Church
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Brotherhood	Meets on Saturday before second Sunday in January, April, July and October.
Christian Fellowship	Meets on fourth Saturday in January, April, July and October.
Elk River	Meets on Saturday before third Sunday in May, August, November and February.
Fayette	Meets on third Saturday in January, April, and fourth Saturday in July and October.
Freedom	No dates.
Greenbrier County	Meets on Saturday before second Sunday in January, April, July and October.
Greenbrier Nicholas	Meets on Saturday before fourth Sunday in January, April, July and October.
Guyan Valley	Meets on Saturday before third Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Huff Creek	Meets on Saturday before third Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Kanawha	Meets on Friday and Saturday before third Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Liberty	Meets on fourth Friday in February, May, August and November.
Logan	Meets on Saturday before first Sunday in February, May, August and November.

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Mingo	Meets on Saturday before second Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Trinity	Meets on Friday and Saturday before first Sunday in March, June, September and December.
Tug River	Meets on second Saturday in February, May, August and November.
Unity	Meets on Friday before fourth Saturday in January, April, July and October.
Upper Ohio Valley	Meets on fourth Saturday in January, April, July and October.
Wayne	Meets on first Saturday before second Sunday in February, May, August and November.
Wyoming	Meets on Friday & Saturday before first Sunday in February, May, August and November.
WV State Association	Meets annually Friday & Saturday before second Sunday in June.

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Annual Session  
July 6-7, 1997  
Bonds Creek Church, Ellenboro, WV  
Upper Ohio Valley  
"THEME"  
"Lift Him, Love Them, Win Them"**

*Agenda - Friday June 6, 1997*

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| 9:30  | Welcome   |
| 9:35  | Moderator's Challenge                                 |
| 9:40  | Recognition of Visitors                               |
| 9:45  | Executive Board Report of Letters                     |
| 9:50  | Treasurer's Report                                    |
| 9:55  | Audit Committee Report                                |
| 10:05 | Election of Committees                                |
|       | Business Committee - 5 Members: 3 preachers/2 deacons |
|       | Program Placement Committee - 7 members: 2 preachers, |
|       | 1 deacon, and 4 delegates.                            |
| 10:10 | Promotional Director's Report                         |
| 10:20 | State Women's Auxiliary Report                        |
| 10:25 | Obituary Report                                       |
| 10:35 | Election  |
|       | Executive Committee - 2 members - at large            |
|       | Audit Committee - 4 members                           |
|       | Nominating Committee - 5 members                      |
| 10:45 | Adjourn for Worship                                   |
|       | Devotional: Rev. Ronald Melott                        |
|       | Message: Rev. Tom Blake                               |
| 12:00 | Lunch   |

*Friday Afternoon Session*

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| 1:15 | Devotional: Rev. Earsel Ray Taylor |
| 1:25 | West Virginians for Life           |
| 1:30 | Christian Education Report         |
| 1:35 | State Missions Report              |
| 1:45 | WV Book Store                      |
| 1:50 | State Master's Men Report          |
| 1:55 | Partial Business Committee Report  |
| 2:05 | Executive Board Report             |

Adjournment

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*Friday Night Service*

7:00            Devotional:    Rev. Jim Varney  
                  Message:      Rev. Daniel Kelly

*Saturday Morning*

9:00            Devotional:    Rev. Alva Casto  
9:10            Moderator calls Session to order  
9:15            Hand of Fellowship to Visitors  
9:25            National Executive Report  
9:30            Harvest Child Care Ministries  
9:35            Children's Home - Greenville, TN  
9:40            College Reports  
                  Free Will Baptist Bible College - Nashville, TN  
                  Southeastern F.W.B. Bible College - Wendell, NC  
9:50            National Missions Reports  
                  Home and Foreign Missions  
10:00           National Women's Auxiliary Representative  
10:05           National Master's Men Report  
10:10           Initial Nominating Committee Report  
10:15           Partial Business Committee Report  
10:30           Recognition of Ministers with 30 years or more of  
service as a Free Will Baptist Minister  
10:50           Morning Worship  
  
                  Devotional:    Rev. Roger Tolliver  
                  Message:      Guest from National Association  
12:00           Lunch

*Saturday Afternoon Session*

1:15            Devotional:    Rev. Gene Goodman  
1:25            Moderator calls session to order  
1:30            Program Placement Committee Report  
1:35            Final Business Committee Report  
1:50            Final Nominating Committee Report  
                  Adjournment



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