

MINUTES
of the
52nd Annual Session
of the
West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist
Held at
The Bonds Creek Free Will Baptist Church
Ellenboro, WV
June 13 - 14, 1997

THEME
"Keep Your Eyes On Heaven, Don't Look Back"

This 52nd printing of the West Virginia State minutes of Free Will Baptist, Dedicated to a man who served from the first session to 1979, as a member of the Foreign Mission Board. From time to time served as Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Promotional Director, Parliamentarian and other various boards and committees. For the past twenty seven years he has served as General Board Member from our state to the National Association of Free Will Baptist. "Let us give flowers to the living." We appreciate and thank you, Rev. Carl Vallance.

Submitted by clerk; Norwood Webb

The Next Annual Session
of
The West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist
Will be with
The Heritage Free Will Baptist Church
Mission Church Eastern Panhandle
Inwood, WV
June 12-13, 1998.

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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. 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.

VII. Executive Committee - This committee would be made up of the Moderator, Treasurer, Chairman of Missions Board, Christian Education Board, Editor of Paper, 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.

VIII. 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 protem 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, 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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6/97 to 6/99

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MINUTES

Minutes of the 52nd annual session of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist held at the Bonds Creek Free Will Baptist Church, June 6-7, 1997, Ellenboro, WV. Ohio Valley Conference. Rev. Ronnie Melott, Pastor.

THEME - "Keep Your Eyes on Heaven, Don't Look Back."

Welcome by Host Pastor, Rev. Ronnie Melott

Moderator's challenge - Rev. Luther Morgan

Scripture was read and prayer offered up

The moderator called the 52nd session of State Association to order.

Moderator was given authority to make any necessary changes in program.

Recognition of Visitors

Report of Treasurer - Rev. Roger Tolliver. M&S to receive report and proposed budget. Received as report. Carried.

Report of Audit Committee - Audit of State Treasurer was given by Rev. Rickie Holstein. M&S to receive report. Carried.

Business Committee elected as follows; Rev. Daniel Kelly, Rev. G.W. Mounts, Rev. Carl Vallance, James Stanley and William White. M&S to close on these five and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Program and Placement Committee elected as follows; Rev. Alva (Bud) Casto, Rev. Jay Marcum, Deacon Fred Dempsey, Delegates; Danny Hatfield, Irvin Scarberry, Mary Corbin and Pat Hanshaw. M&S to receive these members and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Item of business from Executive Board: We the Executive Board of the State Association recommend that, we restructure the format of the State Association meeting to include time for workshop or seminar sessions to increase the fellowship as well as increase training among our people. This change to be reflected in the 1998 program. M&S to receive item. Questions, question called for, all in favor of item. Carried.

Report of Promotional Director - Rev. J.L. Varney. M&S to receive report on Messenger Bible Bookstore and audit of Bookstore and also report on Messenger State Paper. Carried.

Report of Women's State Auxiliary - Sheila Williams, President. M&S to receive report and amend to give a rising vote of thanks for her service as outgoing president. Carried.

Obituary Report - By Clerk Norwood Webb. Stood for moment of silent prayer, closed by Rev. Rex Cox.

Names of Executive Board Members who were listed on letters was read by clerk. M&S was made to accept all names except Huff Creek. There was a question about the name on Huff Creek letter. Carried.

Members at Large from Executive Board to serve on Executive Committee. Rev. Thomas Cox, and Dr. Lewis Hall were nominated. M&S to receive these two and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Audit Committee nominated and elected by acclamation; Rev. Alva (Bud) Casto, Rev. Roy Roach, Rev. George Burns and Rev. Larry Sanders.

Nominating Committee nominated and elected by acclamation; Rev. J.L. Varney, Rev. Tom Blake, Rev. Alva (Bud) Casto, Rev. Kenneth Samms and Rev. Rex Cox.

Moderator declared adjournment for preaching service.

Devotional by Rev. Ronnie Melott

Message by Rev. Tom Blake

Scripture 1st Corinthians 9:22

Text - By all means save some

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Kenneth Samms.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional by Rev. Earsel Ray Taylor

Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. J.L. Varney.

Moderator called session to order.

Communication Committee Report - Rev. Russell Wright. M&S to receive as report. M&S to amend to receive report and take action on committee report. Amendment. Carried. Motion carried.

Reports: Rev. Rickie Holstein - Missions
 Rev. Russell Wright - Heritage Church Eastern Panhandle
 Billy Brown - Randall House Publications

Partial Business Committee Report - Rev. Daniel Kelly.

Item No. 1. To delete the listing of the Publication Board in State Minute book, Article No. 3 section VI. M&S to table. Carried.

Item No. 2. That the Executive Board prepare an item to disclose, or determine (1) How many members (2) Their duties and (3) amount of time to serve on Nominating Committee. This item to be placed in minute book with Boards and Committees. M&S. Carried.

Executive Board Report - Clerk Norwood Webb.

M&S was made to keep Communication Committee. Discussion on keeping, called in question. M&S withdrawn.

The Executive Board recommends that we keep last years co-op budget. M&S to table. Carried.

Item from floor; That the Mission board have authority to organize within themselves, as to Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. M&S to table. Carried.

Moderator declared adjournment until Saturday Session.
Dismissed by Rev. Roy Roach.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Devotional by Rev. J.L. Varney
Message by Rev. Daniel Kelly
Scripture - John 3:14,15 "Text - Lift Him Up"
Offering for Missions - \$280.87

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional by Rev. Alva (Bud) Casto
Scripture - Philippians 3:4,8,9
Prayer by Scott Erwin.

Moderator called session to order.

Recognition of Visitors: Newl Dotson - Harvest Child Care Ministries
Martha Stone - Harvest Child Care Ministries
Eddie Payne - Foreign Missions
Aaron Marcum
Ray Lewis - Board of Retirement
Billy Brown - Randall House Publications
David Crowe - Home Missions
Dr. James Cox - Nashville Bible College
Tim York - National Executive Office

Report of Harvest Child Care Ministries - Martha Stone. West Virginia has given over \$10,000.00 to Child Care Ministries through churches and conferences.

Report of Children's Home Greenville, TN - Rev. Roy Roach

Report of Nashville Bible college - Dr. James Cox

Report of Foreign Missions - Eddie Payne

Report of National Home Missions - David Crowe

Rev. Rickie Holstein chairman State Association Mission Board gave checks to Rev. Russell Wright in the amount of \$6,000.00 and \$4,000.00 to Foreign mission to divide between the Franks, Sturgills, Combs and Alice Smith.

Plaques

We wish to thank the following who were the top winners in the March for Missions and all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Division 1 - 0 to 50 average attendance:

Bonds Creek, Pastor Rev. Ronnie Melott	1st place
Dry Branch, Pastor Rev. Rickie Holstein	2nd place
Maple Lane, Pastor Rev. George Burns	3rd place
Crown Hill, Pastor Rev. Carll Pomeroy	4th place
South Ruffner, Pastor Rev. Thomas Williams	5th place

Division 2 - 50 to 100 average attendance:

Evergreen Hills, Pastor Rev. Mark Price	1st place
Heritage, Pastor Rev. Russell Wright	2nd place
Loudendale, Pastor Rev. Roy Roach	3rd place
Slaughters Creek, Pastor Rev. John Hudson	4th place
Rockhouse, Pastor Dr. Lewis Hall	5th place

Division 3 - 100 plus in average attendance:

Parsley Bottom, Pastor Rev. G.W. Mounts

Faith, Pastor Rev. Ray Williams

No 20 Whitman, Pastor Rev. Don Ooten, Skelton, Veto Gospel Tabernacle

(Note) First place winners were given plaques, others were given certificates of appreciation.

Nominating Committee Report - Rev. Tom Blake

Nominated to replace Rev. W.C. Combs on Trustee Board Rev. Daniel Kelly
M&S to receive nomination and vote by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated for General Board Member to National Association, Rev. Carl Vallance
M&S to receive nomination and vote by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated as Parliamentarian Rev. Rex Cox. M&S to receive nomination and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated to replace Fred Dempsey on Mission Board Dr. Lewis Hall. M&S to accept nomination and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated to replace himself on Mission Board Ivan Asbury. M&S to receive nomination and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated to replace Rev. Farrada White, Jr. on Mission Board Rev. G. W. Mounts. M&S to receive nomination and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated to replace Rev. Jennings Shuman as five-year member on Christian Education Board Rev. Jim Pyles. M&S to receive nomination and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated to replace Thomas Myers on Master's Men Board Jim Hutchison. M&S to receive nomination and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated to replace James Stanley on Master's Men Board Marvin Holley. M&S to receive nomination and elect by acclamation. Carried.

Nominated to replace Shirley Dempsey on Obituary Committee Beatrice Mounts. M&S to receive nomination and vote by acclamation. Carried.

Items of business taken off table from Friday 6 session.

Item No. 1 M&S to take item of business to delete Publication Board off table. Item taken off table and acted upon to delete Publication Board in all places listed in minute book.

Item No. 2. To take budget proposal off table and act upon as State Association will adopt. Item taken off table and amended as such;

General Fund	20%
Christian Education Board	09%
State Paper	15%
Missions	25%
Promotional Director	27%
National co-op	04%
M&S to adopt amended budget for co-op. Carried.	

Item No. 3. M&S to take off table for Mission Board to have authority to organize within themselves, as to Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Item taken of table and adopted as such. Carried.

Delegates to National Association: Beatrice Mounts, George Shirkey, Tracy Adkins and Jim Hutchison.

Ministers with thirty years or more was recognized by this State Association

Report of Retirement Board - Ray Lewis.

Moderator declared adjournment for Worship Service

Devotional by Rev. Roger Tolliver

Prayer by Rev. J.L. Varney

Message by Rev. David Crowe

Scripture - John 11:21,23

Text - What do you do when Jesus doesn't do what you asked Him to do?

Dismissed for lunch by Moderator.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional by Rev. G. W. Mounts

Scripture reading - "Give the more earnest heed"

Moderator called session back to order.

Report of Program and Placement Committee - Rev. Alva (Bud) Casto.

The program for the 1998 session was read and approved as read. The 1998 session of the State Meeting will be with the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, Eastern Panhandle. Rev. Russell Wright; Pastor. June 12-13, 1998.

Final Business - Rev. Daniel Kelly.

Item No. 3 That the State Association report to the National Association with proper finance and delegates. M&S to report to National Association with fee of \$4,400.00 176 churches and delegates. Carried.

Item No. 4. That we give a rising vote of thanks to the Bonds Creek Church for hosting the 1997 session of the State Meeting. M&S. Carried.

M&S to adjourn. Carried Dismissed by Rev. Carl Vallance.

Statistics:	Registration	June 6, 1997	June 7, 1997	Total
	Ministers	36	39	75
	Deacons	11	09	20
	Delegates	21	32	53
	Visitors for two days			144
	National Visitors			08
	Total for two day session			300

MINISTERS WITH THIRTY YEARS OR MORE AS A FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTER AT THE STATE MEETING

Rev. Daniel Kelly	39 Yrs
Rev. Carl Vallance	58 Yrs
Rev. George Burns	36 Yrs
Rev. Luther Morgan	47 Yrs
Rev. Carl Cooper	32 Yrs
Rev. Edwin Hughes	33 Yrs

Dr. Lewis Hall	40 Yrs
Dr. James Cox	39 Yrs
Rev. Bill Blackshire	

MINISTERS WITH THIRTY YEARS REPORTED ON CONFERENCE LETTERS;

Rev. Lacy Cox, Sr.	37 Yrs
Rev. Clarence Campbell	38 Yrs
Rev. Farrada White, Jr.	45 Yrs
Rev. Tom Shaver	40 Yrs
Rev. Huling Brown	39 Yrs
Rev. Elmer Nelson, Jr.	
Rev. Joe Lane	
Rev. A.C. Cox	
Rev. Arville Williamson	
Rev. Arley Joe Ball	
Rev. Verlin Epling	
Rev. John Hatfield	
Rev. Joseph E. Peters	
Rev. Roy Lester	45 Yrs
Rev. Lacy Davis	50 Yrs
Rev. Bernard Morgan	30 Yrs
Rev. John T. Vance	45 Yrs
Rev. Troy Tomblin	40 Yrs
Rev. Raymond Dingess	34 Yrs
Rev. Bernie Napier	45 Yrs
Rev. Russell Watts	34 Yrs
Rev. Charles Donaldson	
Rev. Darrell McNeely	
Rev. A.E. Persinger	
Rev. Russell Nelson	40 Yrs
Rev. W.P. Vance	47 Yrs
Rev. Willie August	35 Yrs
Rev. W.C. Combs	54 Yrs
Rev. Jackie Green	30 Yrs
Rev. G.E. Huffman	39 Yrs
Rev. Roscoe Lilly	32 Yrs
Rev. Sherman Sizemore, Jr.	40 Yrs
Rev. George Speck	37 Yrs
Rev. E.R. Tyree	48 Yrs
Rev. Harold Underwood	35 Yrs
Rev. Wade Webb	47 Yrs
Rev. Forest Cooper	
Rev. Cecil Woods	
Rev. W.F. Chapman	

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

for June 6, 7, 1997

The Executive Board met February 22, 1997 at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Huntington, WV. To hear reports of all boards and committees.

Reports were given by: Treasurer - Rev. Roger Tolliver
Missions - Rev. Russell Wright and Rev. Tom Blake
Christian Education Board - Irvin Scarberry
Women's State Auxiliary - Sheila Williams
General Board Member - Rev. Luther Morgan on behalf
of Rev. Carl Vallance
Promotional Director - Rev. J. L. Varney

Items of business at this meeting;

Item No. 1. To establish a Communication Committee consisting of Rev. Russell Wright, Chairman, others, Rev. Ivan Asbury, Rev. Roger Tolliver, Rev. Rickie Holstein and Rev. J. L. Varney. M&S to establish committee. Carried. First meeting to be held March 15, 1997 at Prince of Peace Church, Huntington, WV.

Item No. 2. The Executive Committee request authority from the Executive Board to negotiate and enter into a lease purchase agreement with the property owners, concerning the relocation of the Bible Bookstore. The Executive Committee reports their findings up to this date, that all previous locations have been rented or sold. M&S to give authority. Carried.

The Executive Board met again May 31, 1997 at the Bonds Creek Church, Ellenboro, WV to hear all reports, serve as budget committee and examine conference letters. The same people reporting in the February meeting reported today.

Items of business at this meeting;

Item No 1. A co-op budget was proposed by the state treasurer for 1997 and 1998. M&S to table so it could be discussed before the Friday morning session. Carried to table.

Item No 2. That we restructure the format of the State Association meeting to include time for workshop or seminar sessions to increase the fellowship, as well as increase training among our people. This change to be reflected in the 1998 program. M&S to recommend this item to the State meeting. Carried.

The Executive Board met again Friday morning June 6, 1997 before the State meeting was to convene and made the recommendation to offer last years co-op budget to the State Association. M&S. Carried.

The Executive Board also finished examining the conference letters and makes this recommendation to the state meeting; That we receive the nineteen conferences that reported with proper finance and delegates and seat, ministers, deacons and delegates who are properly registered to have voting privilege in this session. M&S. Carried.

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STATE OFFICE REPORT

The state office may not be a building from which we work, however the function of that office is in existence and I believe we are gaining momentum toward the goals of the 90's. During the course of this past year I have met with all boards and committees and visited with several of our conferences. It seems at times that the function of our state boards is minimal however I would like to encourage all of our churches to take an inventory of the many times these boards and committees meet and the many sacrifices they make to continue the work of Free Will Baptist in the state of West Virginia and around the world. I truly believe that we are heading toward the mark however I am reminded that the Apostle Paul said it was a pressing task. Definite actions have been taken to improve communications and ministry to our people, but none of these actions can be profitable to the cause of Christ unless all the body works together. I keep feeling that we are on the very edge of something great happening and I certainly want to share in the love, labor and lasting benefits that these works will produce.

THE MESSENGER BIBLE BOOKSTORE

This has been a very challenging year for our churches and our people. We have been confronted by so many changes with the new construction going on around us and the flooding of the store itself. However you have remained faithful and the number of churches now buying literature from us has increased from 94 at this time last year to 107 this year. We thank the Lord for this increase and we would certainly like to encourage all of our churches to buy from your bookstore. Our financial report will show that we are some \$4000.00 in the red, however our inventory has increased over \$9000.00 which means we continue to invest profits into the store itself. The audit of the store is included on a separate letter.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE MESSENGER NEWSLETTER

We have published four newsletters since our last session. It seems that this is a constant struggle, however with the formation of the communication committee and their dedication to the task we are very positive about the future of the newsletter. We have ask for several years for help in establishing a chain of prayer and better communication within our state and these brothers have been faithful in their task and I believe we are now working together this cause. As a result of the meetings we have been involved in and the instruction of the Executive Board I am asking for your cooperation in filling out the forms that are attached with this report.

THE VISION DON'T LET IT DIE!

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

MESSENGER BIBLE BOOKSTORE REPORT

May 28, 1997

The accounting files of the Messenger Bible Bookstore from January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996 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
Allied Warehousing, Inc.

MESSENGER BIBLE BOOKSTORE REPORT CONTINUED

Deposits	\$162,709.44	\$13,559.12
Interest	\$155.89	\$12.99
Discover	2,585.09	\$215.42
Ret. Checks	(\$193.82)	(\$16.15)
Bank Fees	(\$99.12)	(\$8.26)
Total Rev.	\$165,157.48	\$13,763.12
Inventory Purch.	\$52,204.67	\$4,350.39
Randall House	\$70,394.67	\$5,866.22
Payroll	\$12,817.25	\$1,068.10
Emp. Tax	\$439.41	\$36.62
941 Tax	\$2,712.03	\$226.00
Work. Comp.	\$262.91	\$21.91
Futa. Tax	\$111.62	\$9.30
Rent	\$3,600.00	\$300.00
Supplies	\$1,517.00	\$126.42
Electric	\$735.11	\$61.26
Telephone	\$2,759.78	\$229.98
Gas	\$918.17	\$76.51
Water	\$340.62	\$28.39
Sewer	\$160.87	\$13.41
Office Exp.	\$617.31	\$51.44
Advertising	\$2,640.53	\$220.04
Postage	\$917.96	\$76.50
Freight-Literature In	\$587.83	\$48.99
Shipping In	\$1,723.87	\$143.66
Shipping Out	\$2,783.97	\$232.00
Misc.	\$103.23	\$8.60
Fees	\$438.44	\$36.54
Sales Tax	\$2,025.30	\$168.78
Off. Equip.	\$2,708.41	\$225.70
State Assoc.	\$5,200.00	\$433.33
Consign.	\$218.16	\$18.18
Insurance	\$179.00	\$14.92
Donation	\$50.00	\$4.17
Comp. Data	\$2,477.07	\$206.42
Delivery Exp.	\$450.00	\$37.50
Property Tax	\$84.31	\$7.03
Total Exp.	\$49,580.16	\$4,131.68

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

Roll Call Reporting - March 31, 1997

1. Total number of associations in your state 21
2. The total number of churches in your state 181
3. The grand total of attendance in your state 13,293
4. The grand total of saved reported in state 36
5. List top ten churches in your state:

CHURCH	CITY & STATE	PASTOR	ATT.	SAVED
1. Victory	Pecks Mill, WV	Roscoe Chafin	355	0
2. Heritage	Inwood, WV	Russell Wright	352	3
3. Central	Huntington, WV	Ivan Asbury	287	0
4. Herndon	Herndon, WV	W.O. Tolliver	276	0
5. Parsley Bottom	Lenore, WV	G.W. Mounts	257	0
6. McCorkle	McCorkle, WV	Roe Smith	250	0
7. Sunshine	Huntington, WV	Carl Lilly	245	0
8. Chapman Memorial	Harts, WV	Kit Meade	237	3
9. Prince of Peace	Huntington, WV	Phillip Warren	233	0
10. Oceana	Oceana, WV	Tim Brewster	222	0

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

JULY 1997 - JUNE 1998

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- 25 Unity
- 26 Christian Fellowship
- Fayette
- Greenbrier-Nicholas
- Upper Ohio Valley

August

- 1 Beckley
- Wyoming
- 2 Beckley
- Logan
- Wyoming
- 9 Mingo
- Tug River
- Wayne
- 16 Elk River
- Guyan Valley
- Huff Creek
- Kanawha
- 22 Liberty

September

- 5 Ladies' Retreat
- 6 Ladies' Retreat
- Trinity
- 13 Executive Committee

October

- 2 Men's Retreat
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- 3 Men's Retreat
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PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTINUED

JULY 1997 - JUNE 1998

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WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

To The West Virginia State Association,

We the Audit Committee, met at the Dry Branch Free Will Baptist Church, on April 5, 1997, 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, 1996 through Dec. 31, 1996.

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.

NOTE: Check #2714, written on 6-8-96, in the amount of \$29.00, made out to the National Youth Conference, has not cleared the bank.

We would like to express our appreciation to Brother Roger, as our State Treasurer.

Audit Committee:	Rickie Holstein
	Alva (Bud) Casto

MISSION BOARD REPORT

1996 - 1997

June 1997

Dear Friends Of Missions,

I would like to begin my report, by personally thanking each and every person, church and conference, that has faithfully prayed and supported missions this past year.

The members of the State Mission Board have spent many a Saturday, traveling hundreds of miles, actively visiting conferences, sharing the needs and conditions of our state missionaries, and promoting the overall work of missions. We also have met, as a board, numerous times in different parts of the state.

On May the 10, the Mission Board met with brother Russell Wright, at the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, in Inwood, WV. We were all excited at what we saw, and we are pleased to announce that the Mission work in the Eastern Panhandle is progressing extremely well. It was a great joy to see the folks there, laboring together, as they worked to finish the sheetrock, and grade the parking lot.

Brother Russell shared with us, that they are planning to move into a portion of the church and start conducting services some time in June. The new church is quite beautiful, and something, that every Free Will Baptist, in West Virginia can be thankful for.

On the Foreign front: Alice Smith, in Ivory Coast Africa, is doing fine; Jim and Shirley Combs, Jim and Vickie Sturgell, and Dave and Pat Franks, all in Brazil, need financial help. Jim and Vickie Sturgell have returned to Brazil, and Dave and Pat Franks are coming in on furlough, June 19, 1997.

This year's March For Mission was a time of great fellowship, preaching, and fund raising. Through Mission Revivals, Offerings, and Fund Raisers, March For Missions brought in around \$9,000 in regular giving and about \$3,000 in designated giving, for a total of about \$12,000.

The Mission Board is looking ahead with much excitement to the 3rd annual Friends Of Mission Golf Tournament, which will be held on September 13, 1997 at the Beaver Creek Golf Course in Beaver, WV (Just outside of Beckley). The tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m. Format: Best Ball Scramble...with a shotgun start.

Let me close with a prayer list: Alice Smith; Jim and Shirley Combs; Jim and Vickie Sturgell; Dave and Pat Franks; Russell and Kathy Wright; and the members of your State Mission Board.

Rickie Holstein
Chairman

TO THE 1997 SESSION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS:

June 6-7, 1997 To the; West Virginia State Association

Bonds Creek FWB Church

Mission Report of the Eastern Panhandle project; Russell W Wright, Missionary.

We send you greetings from the West Virginia Mission Work in the Eastern Panhandle and the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. It is always a special privilege for me to be a part of the work in our great state. "The Mountain State". What a gracious fellow labors you have been to Cathy and me. You have shown us your love and support and we do not want to let you down.

From our first official service June 7, 1992 until June 1, 1997 the struggle has been a labor of love. Yes, it is hard to believe that the work is five years old. We celebrated our fifth year anniversary in our new church building. It is not completed but we were close in reaching our goal of occupying the facilities by on our fifth anniversary date. In one way five years is a long time, but in another it has gone by so fast. When I recall the men who were so helpful in getting a work established in that area. Several have gone on to their reward, but they will live on in the work they have help established, and God has replaced them with men of like character and burden. One day our Lord will reward and grade on His righteous measuring stick. All of the finances, sacrifices, traveling the hill of West Virginia in search of prays and support have paid off. Although the resistance and demonic influence in that area is great. The work still progressed. Until we are close to having the first of many Free Will Baptist Churches in that area. To say the lest God has really blessed! Without the help of our state and the supporters we would have died a slow measurable death. So a big *Thank You* once again for having the confidence in Russell and Cathy Wright in allowing them to be used.

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

Our Status for the last 60 months are;

From nothing in June 1992, to all of the following June 1997. 61 First time decisions, then following the Lord in Baptism. 58 Charter Members (dismissed 13, 5 deceased), 53 Average Sunday School attendance, 93 Average AM Worship, 352 Roll Call Sunday in 1997 with almost 200 new prospects. We have traveled over 211,000 miles from the time we have started. Trying to raise funds and support for the cause of Christ and Free Will Baptist. I am very fortunate in having met

so many of you. I have always gotten more than I have been able to give. Sometimes we forget the names but we can never forget the warm Spirit and the smiling faces.

At the present time we have property, church supplies, some church furniture, a building and greater still a congregation and are close to moving in that building. In a few months we hope to be settled in and on a budget that will help us determine our organizational status. We hope to start phase *two* at this time. We have borrowed \$ 50,000.00 from our National Home Mission Loan Program. We will have to borrow an additional \$50,000.00 to complete the remaining work that will be in need to comply with county regulations.

We want to invite you to our grand opening of the new Church (to be announced in the Messenger) at that time we have 7 new converts to baptize. Precious souls that you have had a part in winning to Jesus. If you could just meet our people and see the love they have for their Savior and the thanks they have to you for sending and planting a Gospel preaching, soul winning, Free Will Baptist Church in this area. Then you would realize you have invested wisely.

The Mission Board and myself, *more than anything* want the Lords leadership in the work that still needs to be done in the Eastern Panhandle. Thank God, He is not done with us yet. He still wants to use us both. The area is still growing and souls still need Jesus and Free Will Baptist have a great opportunity to be there because of the work that we have! **Don't let the Vision die!**

Yours In Christ

Russell and Cathy Wright

Your Missionary to the Eastern Panhandle, West Virginia.

FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD

June 1997

Dear Fellow-senders:

The Lord of the harvest continues to bless the ministry of Free Will Baptists around the world. Because of your faithfulness in prayer and giving, souls are being saved, lives are being changed, and churches are being planted. In 1996 gifts from the State of West Virginia totaled \$115,912.04. We do praise God for your faithfulness!

We are very grateful for each church which participates in the missions effort. Below are the top 10 in West Virginia in 1996:

Sophia	\$4,536.92
Faith, Lavalette	3,497.88
Sprague, Beckley	3,491.85
Salem Road, Fayetteville	3,433.00
Thomas Memorial, Huntington	3,060.00
Bradley	2,894.36
Chesapeake	2,883.00
McCorkle, Sod	2,727.54
Toney's Branch, Comfort	2,400.00
Cranberry Community Church, Beckley	2,223.02

We are excited about how several states have responded to totally underwrite their missionaries' support. On behalf of Jim and Shirley Combs, Dave and Pat Franks, Alice Smith, and Jim and Vicki Sturgill, I want to thank you for all that is being done in West Virginia to underwrite their prayer and financial support.

An important aspect of our foreign missions effort is the Laura Belle Barnard offering which is received annually under The Together Way Plan. The purpose of this offering is to undergird stateside ministries provided in behalf of our missionaries. Please mark Sunday, April 26, on your 1998 calendar. I hope all the churches in West Virginia will give a generous offering on that day.

In His service,



Fred Warner
Director of Stateside Ministries

TO THE 1997 SESSION OF THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

June 13 and 14, 1997

Dear Friends,

When someone comes to visit me here in Cote d'Ivoire, custom dictates that I follow certain procedures. First, I bring him (or her) onto the porch or into the house and offer him a place to sit. Without making conversation, I serve him a glass of water. After he has finished drinking and has given me the empty glass, I am at liberty to shake his hand and say "Hello" and "Welcome". I must then sit down and ask, "What news do you have for me?" The real meaning of the question is "Why have you come to see me?" There are always two or more "answers" or "items of news". My visitor will assure me that he is well and that he has come to wish me a good day. After we exchange a few pleasantries, discuss the weather, etc., he will proceed to his second item of news - that is, the real reason for his visit.

Would you like to hear my news? The biggest news is that I survived the month of April 1997! It was one of the busiest months of my 22 years of overseas missionary service. On April 1-3, 70 youth from our Free Will Baptist Churches came to Agnibilekrou for an evangelistic campaign during their Easter school break. They did door-to-door witnessing and tract distribution, as well as inviting people to come to the showing of the JESUS film. Approximately 1000 people came to see the film and 37 prayed to receive Christ as personal Savior. Of that number, about 10 are now coming to our church. Most of the others are Catholics and refuse to leave their church. We praise the Lord for these precious souls who have been added to His Kingdom.

The next big event was the dedication of our new church building on April 12th. It was indeed a day for rejoicing and praising our Wonderful Lord. Approximately 300 people were on hand for our celebration. This number included government and town officials. We are thankful for this opportunity to share the Gospel with those who are in authority. That evening Pastor Jerome Kambou asked, "Sister Alice, have you ever been numb with fatigue?" I replied, "Yes, but isn't our God good - He has answered our every prayer for this dedication service". He replied with a hearty "AMEN"!

Now, are you ready to hear the real reason for my visit (or letter)? It's to tell you that I love you and am grateful for your enduring prayer and financial support. Without you, I couldn't be here doing this work which I dearly love. May the Lord be lifted up during your meeting. The good Lord willing, I shall be there with you in June 1998. God bless you one and all!

Yours in His Service,



Alice F. Smith

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

June 6 & 7, 1997

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The West Virginia Free Will Baptist Christian Education Board greet you in the name of our Lord. Praise God for His many blessings to us throughout this past year. OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

During this past year, the Christian Education Board has attempted to be available to meet with each conference on request. This was not a productive venture for us. We set up a couple of appointments, but we had no success with these.

We have offered Basic Bible Series as a correspondence course to our people. We awarded our first certificate to one of our ministers for completing the entire coursework. We congratulate Rev. Larry Sanders of Huntington for his accomplishment.

We sponsored a very successful Youth Workers Seminar with Dean Jones from Nashville in March. A statewide Youth Rally was sponsored in April. The Bible, Music, and Arts Festival was also conducted in April. The interest in this competitive event has decreased in recent years, and we are looking at combining our events with our brethren in Kentucky.

Sincerely, In His Service,



West Virginia Free Baptists
Christian Education Board

MINUTES

HERITAGE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

May 10, 1997

Present: Brothers; Chairman Russell W Wright, Ivan Asbury, Rick Holstein, J. L. Varney.

Recommendations to be handed to Moderator at Pre State meeting to be held May 31, 1997 at Bonds Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

I. Jim Varney will draw up the 1997 & 1998 State Association Activity Calendar. To be passed out at the 1997 State Association.

II. *Goals;*

1. To keep Information accessible to our Free Will Baptist Churches.
2. Recommend a Executive Board meeting Four times a year. August, November, February, and May would constitute the Pre State meeting.
3. To influence the nominating committee, recommend candidates, and that they meet twice a year to learn more about candidates. To meet with the Executive Board semiannual and yearly pre State meeting.
4. To help our Moderator and Promotional Director and all boards to do there jobs better through the area of communication.
5. Publish a paper Bi-Monthly, and that be given;

A report from the Moderator to the State Paper.

1. Executive Committee report to Executive Board Members.
Update!
2. Executive Committee report to State Paper.
3. Executive Board report.
4. His Itinerary and schedule.

A report from the Promotional Director.

1. Report an article of the State Messenger Bible book Store
2. His Itinerary and schedule.

Treasurers report.

Report from each Board.

1. Mission Board;
2. Christian Education Board;
3. Master's Men.
4. Women's Auxiliary.

Churches needing Pastors - Pastors needing Churches

III. *Program Change;* Each person reporting to the State Association must have there report in print and be placed in a portfolio. All state reports are to be in at the pre State meeting. Each speaker is to be limited to 3 to 5 minutes. This will make it fair for all reports and all will be able to speak.

This Concludes the work given the Committee on Communication. 5/31/97

Yours In Christ, Russell W Wright, Chairman, Committee on Communication
Ivan Asbury, Rickie Holstein, Roger Tolliver, J.L. Varney.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

TO: WEST VIRGINIA STATE MEETING AT BOND CREEK, WV

June 6-7, 1997 Woman's Auxiliary Report

"Thou wilt show me the path of life, in thy presence is fullness of joy, and at thy right hand there are pleasures forever more." Psalm 16:11

Greetings and may God continue to bless you richly as He has in the past year. I am blessed as I recall open doors to share woman's auxiliary during 1996-97 year. We have two new auxiliaries organized and others which have come back together again as a group.

Our yearly theme "Expanding Our Knowledge" was effective in many ways. During the Fall Prayer Retreat in September, 97 we became aware of who we are as women of God. Attendance was encouraging and the messages were inspirational, as well as workshops and prayer groups. Jodi Sullivan challenged us in each message and fellowship was rich as we visited in the lodge.

The spring luncheon, held at Herndon Free Will Baptist, was well attended and we learned how to be blessed and encouraged through the mode of music. I was especially pleased to see the teens come and challenge us with their instrumentals. Thanks to the Herndon ladies for wonderful day!

Another open door to knowledge and learning in auxiliary has been through the District meetings in Beckley. A closer bond has been developing among the auxiliaries who co-operate and we have completed several projects by working together. It is my prayer that other auxiliaries will band together in their Conferences and form other District meetings.

As we look back and give thanks, we must always look forward to new challenges in world-wide missions. Our primary focus in Woman's Auxiliary is missions: locally, state and also in and around the world as we share in prayer, giving, and in service. Our Auxiliary gifts to special projects during the year need to increase greatly. God is also waiting to bless us as we give to others.

Auxiliary Projects for 1997-98 year have been chosen and we need you to help us.

1. Purchase a Mo-ped bike for Pastor Jerome in Ivory Coast, W. Africa so he can travel to the villages to preach. We must raise \$1,000.00 by September, 1997. Send your gifts To Velma Gunnoe, treasurer of WNAC in WV.
2. Home mission VBS at Heritage FWB in Panhandle. Collect all VBS supplies: glue, crayons, markers, scissors, pencils, construction paper, craft supplies. Project begins now and ends at Spring Luncheon, 98 for their VBS that summer.
3. Save empty pill bottles to mail to missions.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT CONTINUED

saving film containers(plastic ones) for pills. Contact drug companies and distributors for free samples of medicines which can be distributed by our missionaries in rural villages.

It is important that each local Auxiliary work together to help with State projects, for there is power in numbers. As we look together as a state auxiliary toward a new year of study and service, working together with the officers of the State, our goals should be built on God's Word and our desires should be directed by the Holy Spirit.

WNAC State meeting will meet on May 16, 1998 at Bradley Free Will Baptist Church at 9am. Let's serve till we see you there-unless Christ returns.

Thank you for your willingness to serve together during my two years and may you continue to serve willingly with the new President.

Shelia Williams
State president
(6-95-6-97)

WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1996 - DECEMBER 31, 1996

Received	\$108,152.40
Cooperative Gifts	\$21,432.56
Interest NOW Account	974.13
Designated Gifts	85,745.71

COOPERATIVE GIFTS

Received	\$21,432.56
Paid Out	21,432.56
General Fund	\$4,284.30
Christian Education Board	856.86
Mission Board	5,998.03
Promotional Director	6,223.26
National Co-op	856.86
State Paper	3,213.25

GENERAL FUND

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,050.25
Received	16,524.30
Co-op	\$4,284.30
Designated Gifts	12,240.00
Paid Out	14,172.73
Expenses	7,272.73
Roger Tolliver - Treasurer	2,400.00
National Association	4,500.00
Closing Balance	\$5,401.82

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Balance Brought Forward	\$684.50
Received	1,205.41
Cooperative Gifts	\$856.86
Designated Gifts	348.55
Paid Out	906.94
Expenses	602.94
T. Armertrout	100.00
K. Davis	100.00
National Youth Conference	104.00
Closing Balance	\$982.97

STATE PAPER

Balance Brought Forward	\$5,004.98
Received	5,084.56
Cooperative Gifts	\$3,213.25
Designated Gifts	1,871.31
Paid Out	4,676.88
Messenger Paper	4,676.88
Closing Balance	\$5,412.66

PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 6,076.09
Received	15,648.97
Designated Gifts	\$9,425.71
Cooperative Gifts	6,223.26
Paid Out	9,600.00
Jim Varney	9,600.00
Closing Balance	\$12,125.06

MISSION BOARD

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 7,041.16
Received	6,120.39
Designated Gifts	\$ 122.36
Cooperative Gifts	5,998.03
Paid Out	9,271.00
Alice Smith	752.00
Jim Combs	752.00
Jim Sturgill	3,252.00
Jim Cox	200.00
National Home Missions	1,715.40
State Paper	1,000.00
Expenses	1,599.60
Closing Balance	\$3,890.55

CONTINGENT FUND

Balance Brought Forward	\$6,520.65
Received	974.13
Interest in NOW Account	\$ 974.13
Paid Out	5,000.00
Messenger Book Store	5,000.00
Closing Balance	\$2,494.78

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Mary Hand	Bethel Church
Naoma Martin	Bethel Church
Sadie McKinney	Coal City Church
Louise Baldwin	Ghent Church
Robert Dials	Herndon Church
Elmer Shelton	Herndon Church
Frances P. Conner	Herndon Church
Russell Cardwell	Herndon Church
John Clay	Kilsyth Church
Clyde Kincaid	Kilsyth Church
Thelma Shrewsbury	Lashmeet Church
Conrad Tedder	Old State Road Church
Cleetus Brown	Sprague Church
Lillian Saddler	Sprague Church
B.B. Henson	Sprague Church
Oather Rushbrook	Ury Church

Brotherhood

Ralph Robertson	1st Altizer Church
Qual Miller	1st Altizer Church
Fred McClung	Camp Creek Church
Charles Booth	Central Church
Catherine Nagg	Central Church
Ada Justice	Laurel Church
Diana Bradshaw	Laurel Church
Verlie Brooks	Laurel Church
Opal Steele	Laurel Church
Keith Thompson	Faith Church
Joe Boyd, Sr.	Faith Church
Dora Fletcher	Faith Church
Albert Mitchel	Mt. Zion Church
Carl M. Ross	Sunshine Church
Earl McCoy	Sunshine Church
George Finley	Sunshine Church
Zipporal Dalton	Pleasant Valley Church
Carol McGloan	Trinity Church
Hilda White	Thomas Memorial Church
Durma Sargent	Thomas Memorial Church
Ruth Mathews	Thomas Memorial Church
Agness Cyrus	Young Chapel Church

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Christian Fellowship

Pedith Sizemore	Bright Star Church
Vida Donahoe	Bright Star Church
Ruth Isom	Full Gospel Church

Freedom

Garland Simpkins	Greenville Church
Belva Glandon	Lyburn Church
Herbert Colston	Crown Church

Greenbrier County

Wade Lovell	Laurel Branch Church
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Greenbrier Nicholas

Ida McMann	Orient Hill Church
Clara Woodridge	Gordon Church
Orie Burkholder	Ward Road Church
Arthur Saxon	Ward Road Church
Maynard O'Dell	O'Dell Town Church
Buck Skidmore	O'Dell Town Church

Guyan Valley

Isacc Collins	Mud Fork Church
Roy (Peanut) Grimmett	Landville Church
Helen Pennington	Mt. Olive Church

Huff Creek

Joe Coreso
Millard Maynard
Albert Morris
Charles Goodman
Lewis Vance
Maggie Justice
Dickey Norman
Fanny McGuire

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Kanawha

Linda Jackson.....	South Ruffner Church
Elbert Stover.....	Winifrede Church
Lydia Turley.....	Ruthdale Church
Vernon Allen.....	Chesapeake Church
Roy Welch.....	Loudendale Church
Delcie Dunlap.....	McCorkle Church
Lee Graley.....	McCorkle Church
Gerturde Byrd.....	Meadowbrook Church
Charles Buckland.....	McCorkle Church
Lloyd Atkins.....	Crown Hill Church
Edith Pomeroy.....	Dry Branch Church

Liberty

Alice Haga Hall
 Arizona Farley
 Essie Preston
 Jack Martin
 Rebecca Ervin
 Alice Chafin
 Glen Carey

Logan

Nelma Dempsey.....	Good Hope Church
Glenna Lucas.....	Guyan Church
Ray Nelson.....	Holden 5-6 Church
* Rev. Arville Browning.....	Mona Hill Church
Pat Daugtery.....	Whitman No 14 Church
Ina Hill.....	Whitman No 14 Church
Garnet Adkins.....	Greenshoals Church
Reda Mullins.....	Holden No 5-6 Church
Deacon Kenneth Farmer.....	Morning Star Church
Harold Kelly.....	Chapman Memorial Church
E.T. (Red) Hale.....	Faith Church
Minnie Lucas.....	Guyna Church
John Brewster.....	Lake Church
J.D. Long.....	Mt. Zion Church
Amil Richmond.....	Union Church
Thelma Byrd.....	Union Church
Omer Burns.....	Victory Church
Bernie Carter.....	Whitman No 14 Church
Betty Brumfield.....	Chapman Memorial Church

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Clifton McCoy	Faith Church
Sadie Frame	Kistler Church
Russell Kent	Meadow Fork Church
Ada Elkins	Mona Hill Church
Earl Workman	Mona Hill Church
Frank Davis	Trinity Church
Lincoln Bragg	Trinity Church
Teresa Bailey	Victory Church

Mingo

Fannie Farmer
Altha Pierson

Wayne

Irene Ferguson	Dunlow Church
* Rev. James A. Pinson	Dunlow Church
Ruby Queen	Dunlow Church
Julie Stepp	Dunlow Church

Wyoming

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Edna Clark	Oceana Church
Opie Bolen	Oceana Church
Dina Day	Oceana Church
Lucille Plaster	Oceana Church
Dorthy Coleman	Oceana Church
Rebecca Browning	Ikes Fork Church
W.J. (Jiggs) Waugh	Ikes Fork Church
Jack Hanks, Jr.	Kopperston Church

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Beckley	Meets on Friday and Saturday before first Sunday in February, May, August and November.
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.
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.
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.

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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.

**Program for the Fifty-Third
Annual Session of the West Virginia State Association
June 12, 13, 1998
Heritage Free Will Baptist Church
Eastern Panhandle
"THEME"**

"Keep Your Eyes On Heaven - Don't Look Back"

Agenda - Friday June 12, 1998

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| 9:30 | Welcome by Host Pastor |
| 9:35 | Moderator's Challenge |
| 9:40 | Recognition of Visitors |
| 9:45 | Executive Board Report of Letters |
| 9:50 | Treasurer's Report |
| 9:55 | Election of Committees |
| | Business Committee - 5 Members: 3 preachers/2 deacons |
| | Program Placement Committee - 7 members: 2 preachers, |
| | 1 deacon, and 4 delegates. |
| | Executive Committee - 2 members at-large |
| | Audit Committee - 4 members |
| | Nominating committee - 5 members |
| 10:10 | Group Sessions/Fellowship |
| | Possible Committee Time |
| 10:55 | Adjourn for Worship |
| | Devotional: Host church to choose Devotional Leader |
| | Speaker: Dr. Lewis Hall |
| 12:00 | Lunch |

Friday Afternoon Session

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| 1:15 | Devotional: Rev. Alva (Bud) Casto |
| | Moderator calls session back to order |
| 1:30 | Obituary Report |
| 1:40 | Committee Reports/Questions and Answers |
| | Christian Education |
| | Missions |
| | Audit |
| | Promotional Director |
| 2:00 | Partial Business Committee Report |
| 2:15 | Executive Board Report |
| | Adjournment |

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Friday Night Service

Devotional: Rev. Marvin (Bud) Corbin
Message: Rev. J.L. Varney
Offering for Missions
After Friday Night Service - Recognition of Ministers
and Deacons serving thirty years or more as a Free
Will Baptist.

Saturday Morning June 13, 1998

9:00	Devotional: Rev. Kenneth Samms
9:10	Moderator calls Session to order
9:15	Hand of Fellowship
9:25	National Executive Office Report
9:30	Harvest Child Care Ministries Report
9:40	College Reports
	National Missions Report
	National Master's Men Report
	National Women's Auxiliary Report
10:00	Initial Nominating Committee Report
10:10	Partial Business Committee Report
10:25	Fellowship
10:35	Adjournment for Morning Worship
	Devotional: Rev. Carl Vallance
	Speaker: Guest from National Association
12:00	Lunch

Saturday Afternoon Session

1:15	Devotional: Rev. Rex Cox
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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