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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 denominal 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.

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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  $\rm t_{\rm O}$  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 two year term and able to succeed themselves for an indefinite period of time; the Clerk and treasurer for 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 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. The Mission Board has the authority to organize within themselves, as to Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

- V. 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 organize 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.
- VI. 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.

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.

VIII. Nominating Committee - The Nominating Committee shall consist of five (5) ordained Ministers elected for a term of one (1) year. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to select candidates, who are qualified and available to fill Boards and or Committees. They will begin their search for canidates from time they are elected until they make their report at next scheduled state meeting. They shall meet with the Executive Board semiannually and yearly pre-state meeting.

IX. 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.

X. 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.
- 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 parliamentarian 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 substained or rejected.

#### BY-LAWS CONTINUED

- 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 honoria as follows: Moderator \$50.00. Assistant Moderator \$25.00. Clerk \$300.00.
- 20. The member of the General Board of the National Association, shall receive \$400.00 when the National Association convenes East of the Mississippi River and \$600.00 West of the Mississippi River. The Moderator or the Assisstant Moderator shall recieve \$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.

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#### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the 53rd annual session of The West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist held at the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church, June 12-13, 1998, Inwood, WV, Rev. Russell Wright, Pastor.

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

Welcome by Host Pastor, Rev. Russell Wright Moderator's challenge - Assistant Moderator, Rev. Russell Wright and Moderator, Rev. Luther Morgan

The moderator called the 53rd session of State Association to order. Moderator was given authority to make any changes necessary in program. Recognition of Visitors.

Examining of letters by Executive Board. The Executive Board recommends that we accept the letters from the twenty conferences and seat, delegates, minister's and deacons for voting priveleges. M&S. Carried.

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

Business Committee elected as follows; Rev. Carl Vallance, Rev. Jim Pyles, Rev. Dennis Vance and two deacons, Scotty Erwin and John Bolton.

Program and Placement Committee elected as follows; Rev. W.O. Tolliver, Rev. Edwin Hughes, deacon Marvin Holley, four delegates, Ralph Wilson, George Shirkey, Gary Hamilton and Rose Casto.

Executive Board members who were listed on letters was read by moderator.

Members at Large from Executive Board to serve on Executive Committee. Rev. W.O. Tolliver and Rev. Rickie Holstein.

Scripture Reading from Eph. 4:14, 16.

Audit Committee nominated and elected by acclamation; Rev. Roy Roach, Rev. Alva "Bud" Casto, Rev. George Burns and Dr. Lewis Hall.

Nominating Committee nominated and elected by acclamation; Rev. Ivan Asbury, Rev. Rex Allen Cox, Rev. Tom Blake, Rev. Kenneth Samms and Rev. J.L. Varney.

Time was allowed here for Group Session. Rev. J.L. Varney taught on Sunday School and the women had session with Alice Smith as speaker.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional by Rev. William Okey Tolliver Message by Dr. Lewis Hall. Scripture Luke 9:57, 62. Text -"Keep your eyes on Heaven, Don't look back".

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Russell Wright.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional by Rev. Alva "Bud" Casto. Prayer by Rev. Rickie Holstein. Moderator called session to order.

Delegates to National Association: Jim Hutchison, Tim Roach, Don Bell and Kenneth Marc Lowe.

Visitors recognized.

Obituary Report given by Mary Miller. Stood for moment of silent prayer, closed by Rev. Raybon Cook.

Reports listed below will be in report section. Christian Education Board by Ivan Scarberry. Missions by Rev. Ivan Asbury. Promotional Director, Rev. J.L. Varney. Audit Report given by Rev. Alva "Bud" Casto. Women's Auxiliary Report given by Jody Sullivan.

M&S was made from the floor to give Program and Placement Committee the authority to incert more time for group session. Carried.

Partial Business Committee Report, Rev. Dennis Vance.

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

Item No. 2 That the 1999 March for Missions use theme - Enough is Enough. Business Committee recommends that we don't use Enough is Enough and leave as is, with conferences and churches using their own theme. Original motion failed, business committee passed.

Item No. 3 That more time be allowed to teach. No vote.

Item No. 4 That we accept the place for the State Meeting to be held, Two years in advance. M&S with amendment to read that we also prepare the program two years in advance. M&S to table. Carried to table.

Report of Executive Board by Clerk

Item No. 1 That the state association reinstate the Publication Board. M&S

to table due to Constitution By-Laws change. Carried to table.

Item No. 2 That the State Association accept the number of persons, the amount of time and the duties for the Nominating Committee. M&S to table due to Constitution and By-Laws change. Carried to table.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON CONTINUED

Item No. 3 That we raise the General Board Member to the National Association to be paid \$400.00 when the National convenes East of the Mississippi River and \$600.00 when the National Association meets West of the Mississippi River. M&S to table due to constitution and By-Laws change. Carried to table.

Item No. 4 That the clerks honoria be raised to \$300.00 per year. M&S to table due to the constitution and by laws change. Carried to table.

Item No. 5 That we recieve the same budget we used last year. M&S to table. Carried to table.

M&S to adjourn until Saturday's session. Carried to adjourn. Closing prayer by Rev. Luther Morgan.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

7:00 - Devotional by Rev. Jim Pyles.

Message by Rev. J.L. Varney.
Scripture - Colossians 3:1.
Theme - "Keep Your Eyes on Heaven - Don't Look Back".
Mission offering \$628.41.

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

Listed below is the list of ministers and deacons who were present at the meeting. Those on letters will be in other section.

Carl Vallance	59	Yrs
Luther Morgan		
W.P. Vance		
Dr. Lewis Hall	40	Yrs
Dr. James Cox	40	Yrs
Jim Stanley, Deacon		
George Burns	37	Yrs
George Speck		
Edwin Hughes	33	Yrs
Robert Perry, Deacon	51	Yrs
Norwood Webb	30	Yrs

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional by Rev. Kenneth Samms. Scripture reading by eight year old boy. Moderator called session to order.

Visitors were recognized: Representatives from National Association were; Bible College, Randall House publication, Missions and Contact Magazine. Also Children's Home.

Our Missionary, Alice Smith spoke for Foreign Missions. She has been serving 21 years in Ivory Coast Africa.

#### SATURDAY MORNING CONTINUED

M&S to take all items off table that were placed there Friday. Carried to take off table. All these items were presented to the State Association and all item passed. This portion will be in with reports.

The item by business committee to prepare program and place for state association two years in advance. Passed. With Program and Placement Committee having the second year program by meeting in February, 1999.

Report of Business Committee by Rev. Dennis Vance;

Item No. 5 That this State Association elect a five member committee, consisting of moderator, clerk and three other members to study the Constitution and By-Laws to see if there is any need for change. M&S. Passed.

Members elected - Rev. Roy Roach

Rev. Carl Vallance Rev. Dennis Vance Moderator and Clerk

Item No. 6

Standing vote of thanks for Heritage church hosting the state meeting. M&S all stood in compliance.

Report of program and placement commitee: The 1999 state meeting will be with the Loudendale Free Will Baptist church, Kanawha Conference, June 11-12, 1999. The year 2000 will be with the Cornerstone Free Will Baptist church, Beckley, WV Beckley Conference. June 9-10, 2000.

The program for 1999 was read and approved and is near back of state minute book. Any necessary changes to be made.

Report of Nominating Committee by Rev. J.L. Varney;

Rev. George Burns and Rev. Tom Blake to be the two 4 Yr. men on Mission Board. M&S. Carried.

John Gorrell to replace Henry Damron as five year member on Christian Education Board. M&S. Carried.

Bob McIntire to replace Albert Bolon on Master's Men Board. M&S. Carried.

Jim Williams to replace Jackie Grimmett on Master's Men Board. M&S. Carried.

Betty Cornell as three year member to Obituary Committee. M&S. Carried.

Nominated and elected to Publication Board.

5 Yrs - Richard Nethercutt

4 Yrs - Charline Cameron

3 Yrs - Laura Powell

2 Yrs - Jon McNay

1 Yr - Russell Wright

#### SATURDAY MORNING CONTINUED

Rev. Rex Allen Cox to replace himself as Parliamentarian for coming year. M&S. Carried.

Rev. Carl Vallance to serve as general Board Member to National Association for 1999 through 2000. M&S. Carried.

M&S was made from floor for Christian Education Board to receive

\$1000.00 start up fund from the state general fund. Carried.

M&S was made to adopt proposed budget offered by treasurer and Executive Board Members. Carried.

Budget	
General Fund	20%
Christian Education Board	09%
Promotional Director	27%
State Paper	15%
Mission Board	25%
National Co-op	04%

Plaques were presented from Mission Board to churches of seven conferences, 42 churches participating.

#### Division 1 - 0 to 50 members

1st place, Emmons F.W.B. Church...... \$725.00 2nd place, Bonds Creek F.W.B. Church 3rd place, Maple Lane F.W.B. Church 4th place, Cool Ridge F.W.B. Church 5th place, Crown Hill F.W.B. Church

#### Division 2 - 50 to 100 members

1st place, Evergreen F.W.B. Church	\$859.00
2nd place, Heritage F.W.B. Church	\$830.00
3rd place, Thomas Memorial F.W.B. Chu	rch
4th place, Kistler F.W.B. Church	
5th place, Slaughters Creek F.W.B. Church	:h

#### Division 3 - 100 - Plus

1st place, Parsley Bottom F.W.B. Church \$1500.00
2nd place, Fairdale F.W.B. Church \$1000.00
3rd place, Rockhouse F.W.B. Church
4th place, Victory F.W.B. Church
5th place, 5&6 Holden F.W.B. Church

Checks from Mission Board were presented to Home mission and Foreign Mission in equal amounts of \$6687.35.

#### SATURDAY MORNING CONTINUED

A small scholarship was presented to Jon McNay's son from the Christian Education Board. The Scholarship to Scott McNay was for the truth and peace, part of youth conference from Christian Education Board. Irvin Scarberry, presenting.

Moderator elected for next two years - Rev. Luther Morgan. Assistant Moderator elected for next two years - Rev. Russell Wright.

Devotional by Rev. Rex Allen Cox before adjournment of business for this session.

M&S to adjourn. Carried.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Organization of the Heritage Free Will Baptist church and acceptance into the West Virginia State Association.

Those present to organize the church were members of the State Mission Board. Rev. Ivan Asbury, Chairman, others; Rev. Tom Blake, Rev. Rickie Holstein, Rev. Roy Roach, Rev. George Burns, Dr. Lewis Hall. Others present at this meeting were; Jack Williams, Contact Magazine, David Crowe, National Home Missions, James Cox, Nasville Bible College and Alice Smith our Foreign Missionary to Ivory Coast Africa.

Articles of Faith were read by Rev. Rickie Holstein.

#### Articles of Faith

1. Bible. 2. God. 3. Christ. 4. Holy Spirit. 5. Government. 6. Sinfullness of Man. 7. Work of Christ. 8. Terms of Salvation. 9. Election. 10. Freedom of Will. 11. Free Salvation. 12. Preserverance. 13. Gospel Ordinances. 14. Titheing. 15. Christian Sabboth. 16. Resurection - Judgment and final restitution.

Church Covenant read and presented to Heritage Church by Dr. Lewis Hall.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws by Rev. Tom Blake. The name of this church shall be called, Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. Prayer by Rev. George Burns.

Message by Rev. Carl Vallance. Scripture - Acts 2:36, 47.

The charter members of the Heritage church stood to be recognized and the Heritage Church was given the right to speak, vote and all privilege of fellowship of the West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptist.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONTINUED

Rev. Russell Wright has been pastor of the Heritage church since it started in 1992 and was elected Pastor of the organized church June 13, 1998.

Statistics:	Conferences	20
	Number of Churches	181
	Ministers Ordained	421
	Ministers Licensed	25
	Deacons	360
	Membership	11523
	Ministers present two days	56
	Deacons	15
	Delegates	26
	Visitors	101
	Heritage Church	78
	National Association	05
	Total of two days	281

These are just the numbers taken from registration.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

Items of business presented by Executive Board to State meeting on Friday June 12, 1998, tabled and taken off table Saturday June 13, 1998 and acted upon.

- Item No. 1. To reestablish the Publication Board and use the old Publication Board member and duties found in old minute book which reads as follows; Publication Board The Publication Board shall consist of five (5) members elected for a term of five (5) years and elected sothat one member is elected annually. It shall 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. Passed to reestablish and use old Publication Board members and duties.
- Item No. 2. To have the Executive Board prepare and place in minute book the duties, number of members and years to serve on Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee listed as follows; Nominating Committee - The Nominating Commit tee shall consist of five (5) ordained ministers elected for a term of one (1) year. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to select canidates, who are qualified and avaliable to fill Boards and or Committees. They will begin their search for canidates from time they are elected until they make their report at next scheduled state meeting. They shall meet at least twice a year according to the Communications Committees report to learn more about the canidates. They shall meet with the Executive Board semiannually and yearly pre-state meeting. Passed to accept recommendation and place in minute book.
- Item No. 3 To change By-Law No. 20 to read, that General Board Member to National Association receive \$400.00 when National convenes East of the Mississippi River and \$600.00 when National convenes West of the Mississippi River. Passed.
- Item No. 4 To change By-Law No. 19 to read, that the clerk recieve an honoria of \$300.00 per year. Passed.
  - Item No. 5 To use the proposed budget, same as last year proposed by the state treasurer. Passed to accept propose budget.

General Fund	20%
Christian Education Board	09%
State Paper	15%
Missions	25%
Promotional Director	27%
National Co-op	04%

#### REPORT FROM PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

It has been a tremendous year as far as happenings in our personal life, which naturally has effected the work of our State Association. We have moved to Beckley, WV and in turn that resulted in the relocation of the Messenger Bookstore. The new physical location for the store is:

1454 Robert C. Byrd Drive Crab Orchard, WV 25827

The new mailing address is: Messenger Bible Bookstore P.O. Box 1226 Crab Orchard, WV 25827

New Phone numbers are: 304-253-0241 800-226-9992

The moving of the store was a unanimous decision by the Executive Committee and we certainly want to express our appreciation to each of them, for their support to us in this episode of our life. I want to thank each of the people that helped us move the store, for we certainly could not have accomplished such a monumental task without the support of our brothers and sisters in Christ. The people in the Beckley area have received us very graciously and have been supportive of the store.

During the moving and relocation process, the Lord has blessed us with the following:

Visited 11 Conferences
Time to fellowship with 21 of our churches
Attend the State Leaders meeting in Nashville
Preach three revivals
Teach nine sessions of Soul Winning
Travel more than 3300 miles for the work
Work with Cornerstone FWB Church to become a part or the state
association

I humbly request your prayers and support during the upcoming year. We certainly want to remember "the whiteness of the fields; the number of the laborer's; and the Great Commission of our Lord

Serving Him

Brother Jim Varney

February 2, 1998

My audit of the Messenger Bible Bookstore include checking all receipts, bank statements, check stubs, cashier reports, sales reports in accounts payable and recievables. I found all to be in proper order. You may contact me at 304-523-2131.

Linda Ellison

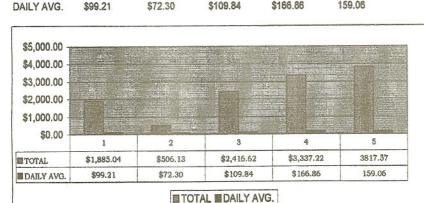
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### 1997 Totals for Messenger Bible Bookstore

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Interest	S	20.00	S	8.00	S	11.00	S	11.00	\$	4.00	S	13.00	S	11.00	S	9.00	s		s	12.00	S	10.00	\$	9.00	S	128.00
Disc/Visa	2	173.00	S	105.00	2	44.00	s	189,00	S	256.00	\$	534.00	S	206.00	Š	313.00	s	Market Bridge	s	174.00	s	232.00	-	1,111.00	s	3,557.00
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Supplies	\$	222.00	\$	227.00	\$	42.00	\$	332.00	\$	224.00	\$	45.00	\$	32.00	\$	176.00	\$	71.00	\$	110.00	\$	61.00	\$	44.00	\$	1,586.00
Wages	\$1	,110.00	\$	1,294.00	\$	1,205.00	\$1	,269.00	\$	1,271.00	\$	1,207.00	\$	918.00	\$	1,386.00	\$	1,048.00	\$	1,758.00	\$	1,320.00	\$	1,294.00	\$	15,080.00
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Gas	\$	90.00	\$	154.00			\$	148.00	\$	174.00					\$	55.00	S	59.00			s	37.00	\$	74.00	S	791.00
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Comp Data	\$	262.00	S	262.00	\$	262.00	\$	202.00	\$	245.00	\$	272.00	\$	322.00	\$	202.00									S	2,029.00
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	\$95.71	\$156.35	\$247.51	\$90.67	\$136.77
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	\$71.41		\$76.59	\$89.38	\$78.12
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	\$54.51		\$61.88	\$171.94	\$165.36
	\$339.04		\$60.00	\$156.37	\$469.07
	\$96.69		\$149.42	\$390.00	\$145.27
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	\$32.65		\$259.60	\$36.85	\$64.23
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#### **Messenger Bookstore Budget for 1998**

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#### WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 1, 1997 - DECEMBER 31, 1997

RECEIVED	
COOPERATIVE GIFTS	
RECEIVED       \$21,747.74         PAID OUT       21,747.74         GENERAL FUND       \$4,349.54         MISSION BOARD       6,137.06         PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR       6,259.13         MESSENGER PAPER       3,262.17         CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD       869.92         NATIONAL COOP       869.92	
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CONTINGENT FUND	
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD       \$2,494.78         RECEIVED       1,087.39         INTEREST NOW ACCOUNT       \$ 1,087.39         CLOSING BALANCE       \$3,582.17	)

#### FINANCIAL REPORT CONTINUED

#### MISSION BOARD

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD       \$ 3,890.55         RECEIVED       6,787.98         COOPERATIVE GIFTS       \$ 6,137.06         DESIGNATED GIFTS       650.92         PAID OUT       10,678.53         FOREIGN MISSION       702.72         WEST VIRGINIA MISSION BOARD       7,549.53         EXPENSES       1,068.48         ALICE SMITH       452.60         JIM COMBS       452.60         JIM STURGILL       452.60         CLOSING BALANCE       \$000.00         PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD       \$982.97         RECEIVED       1,147.53         COOPERATIVE GIFTS       \$869.92         DESIGNATED GIFTS       277.61         PAID OUT       765.28
EXPENSES

## 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 May 9, 1998, to audit the books of the WV State Association. The computer printouts, invoices, receipts, canceled checks, check stubs, bank statements, and the balance sheets for the fiscal year of January 1, 1997 through December 31,1997 were delivered to us by Brother Roger Tolliver.

To the best of our ability, we carefully examined all the information. We matched the checks, the check stubs, the invoices, and the receipts as well as making sure they balanced with the bank statements. We find the books of the State Association to be in proper order.

The Audit Committee also in the same manner examined the books of the Mission Board of the WV Stae Association of Free Will Baptist for Brother Rickie Holstein as he requested. They covered the period of time from September 15,1997 through December 31, 1997. We find the books of the Mission Board to in proper order.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Dry Branch Church for allowing the Audit Committee to meet at the church. Also we would like to thank Brother Roger Tolliver, State Treasurer, and Brother Rickie Holstein, Mission Board Treasurer, for the fine job they are doing.

Audit Committee

Alva Casto George Burns Roy Roach Larry Sanders

## THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 15, 1997 - DECEMBER 31, 1997

INCOM	E;		
W.V. State Association			
Transfer of State Missions funds to The Mission Board \$5,142.18			
	(General Fund \$2,000.00)		
	(State Home Missions \$1,142.18)		
	(Mission Contingent Fund \$2,000.00)		
Co	-Op \$3,203.09		
Home Missions Giving \$ 240.52			
Golf	Tournament		
Designated Giving \$1,217.00			
	TOTAL INCOME \$10,667.79		
<b>EXPENS</b>	ES;		
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions \$ 1,441.80			
Al	ice Smith \$ 631.45		
Jin	n Combs \$ 254.45		
Dave Franks \$ 254.45			
Jim Sturgill \$ 301.45			
NOTE: Total Designated Giving \$ 574.00			
Total Mission Board Giving \$ 867.80			
Free Will Baptist Home Missions \$ 430.00			
Russell Wright \$ 430.00			
Miscellanious Expenses \$ 162.20			
	TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 2,034.00		
BALANCE December 31, 1997 \$ 8,633.79			
NOTE:	Account Balances At The End Of 1997		
	Alice Smith Fund\$ 0.00		
	Dave Franks Fund \$ 0.00		
	General Fund \$5,251.09		
	Jim Combs Fund \$ 0.00		
	Jim Sturgill Fund\$ 0.00		
	Mission Contingent Fund \$2,000.00		
	Russell Wright Fund \$ 0.00		
	State Home Missions Fund \$1,382.70		

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

#### MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

This year has been a great one for our board and missionary's in several way's.

Restructured the board -- with the starting of a mission board treasurer. Rickie Holstein was elected for this position and is doing a tremendous job. George Burns was elected our clerk and is keeping minutes of all our meetings. This is working out real well and is helping us serve you as well as the missionaries better.

Third Missions Golf Tournament -- could not have been on a better day. The weather and fellowship were the best ever. It was enjoyed by

all with trophies and prizes being given.

Success in the Eastern Panhandle -- is an answer to the prayer and support of a lot of people. This state association in the Saturday session an organizational service will be held for this tremendous mission work. Success is a good thing. I know you are as proud of the work in the Eastern Panhandle as I am.

Mission fund - raising -- packets were sent to every church in our state with the hope of bringing our churches to a better awareness of the need to support missions.

March for Missions -- was a success with the reports of souls being saved, lives recommitted to Christ, and over \$20,000.00 raised for missions.

National Missions Conference -- was attended by Ivan Asbury and Tom Blake. It was very informative and challenging. We heard also how and what other states are doing for missions.

The Total Income -- from our state to missions was \$160,759.41. With \$110,543.67 going to Foreign Missions and \$50,205.74 going to Home Missions.

Thank you -- board members for the miles and hours of work that made this year a great one for West Virginia Free Will Baptist.

In His Service,

Ivan Asbury

June 12 - 13. 1998 - To the; West Virginia State Association - Heritage Free Will Baptist 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 Congregation here at 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 gracious fellow labors you have been to Kathy and me. You have shown us your love and support and we do not want to let the Lord, or you down.

From our first official service June 7, 1992 until June 12,1998 the struggle has been a labor of love. Yes, it is hard to believe that the work is six years old. We celebrated our sixth year anniversary in our new church building. When I recall the men who were on the 1991 Mission Board when the work started;

1. Roger Browning -- Chairman

2. Roland Cook 3. Robert Pery 4. W.O. Tolliver 5. Dr. Lewis Hall

6. F.A. Giles 7. Chris Meade 8. Rickie Holstein

Men like Otis Hensley whom as promotional director had a burden to see 3 to 5 churches established in this much needed area, and sometimes at his own expense. Several others who have gone on to their reward, but they will live on in the work they have help established. God has replaced them with men of like character and burden. Our Mission Board today; Rev. Ivan Asbury, Dr. Lewis Hall, Rev. Rickie Holstein, Rev. Carl Lilly, Rev. G.W. Mounts, Rev. Roy Roach, Rev. George Burns, and Rev. Tom Blake. One day our Lord will reward and grade on His righteous measuring stick. All of the finances, sacrifices, traveling the hills of West Virginia in search of prayers and support have paid off. The work has progressed until we are at the brink of the first phase to be completed, the first of many Free Will Baptist Churches in this area. To say the least God has really blessed! You who are here can witness this great event. 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 faith in Russell and Kathy Wright in allowing them to be used.

I will try to bring you up to this present time, and let you know somewhat of our plans; From nothing in June 1992, to all of the following in June 1998. All that you are witnessing today the Buildings, the property and most important the people. We have: 97 charter members that will be the first congregation of the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church; we have a start in this area; we want this Church to be the spring board to move us in the area of starting other Churches in the surrounding communities; and along with the

### MISSION REPORT OF THE EASTERN PANHANDLE CONTINUED

West Virginia Mission Board our desire is to start planning phase two after the organization of this church.

The Mission Board and I, *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 Kathy Wright, Your Missionary to the Eastern Panhandle, West Virginia



June 1998

West Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists Clerk Norwood Webb HC 87 Box 285 Winifrede WV 25214

#### Dear Fellow-helpers:

What a joy it is for me to commend you as "senders." While we thank the Lord for those who are serving in the "regions beyond," their ministry abroad would not be possible apart from the prayer and financial support of God's people stateside.

In 1997 West Virginia Free Will Baptists gave a total of \$110,543.67 to foreign missions. We praise God for your continued faithfulness!

The 10 top-giving churches in West Virginia in 1997 were:

Faith, Lavalette	\$4,686.87
Sophia	3,801.72
Bradley	3,692.26
Sprague, Beckley	3,480.00
Route 60, Kenova	3,374.50
Salem Road, Fayetteville	3,313.00
Kilsyth	2,865.00
McCorkle, Sod	2,339.25
Thomas Memorial, Huntington	2,320.00
Toney's Branch, Comfort	2,200.00

April 25 is the date for our annual World Missions Offering to be received in 1999. Please circle this date on your church calendar. We are asking pastors across the denomination to challenge their congregations afresh with the responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission. This offering, which is the first of four annual Together Way offerings, undergirds Support Services for our missionaries.

Appreciative of your labor of love in the Lord,

Fred Warner

Director of Stateside Ministries

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD WV FREE WILL BAPTISTS

June 12 - 13, 1998

Greetings,

The WV Christian Education Board is pleased to report several very successful events during this past year. Although we would have preferred to report many additional activities, it is with rejoicing in the Master's Grace that we share the following with you:

Training Session/Fellowship with the Sunday School/Children's Church workers at the Heritage Free Will Baptist Church was conducted in the fall of 1997. Sister Linda Hutchison and Brother Irvin Scarberry conducted the session on Saturday, and both stayed over to share in worship services with the fine folks of Heritage. Brother Irvin taught the adult class, and Sister Linda conducted the Children's Church.

Our Annual Bible/Music/Arts Festival was conducted in April 1998 at the Loudendale FWB Church at Charleston. This event was a full day this year with seminars, recreational activities, and completition in Bible, music, and art. Over one hundred youth and adults were in attendance at this event. The attendance award for this event went to the Bradley FWB Church. Nineteen entries were in the completition compared to only four in 1997. We have six entries to the National Youth Conference (NYC) at the National Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Several West Virginia youth represented our state at last year's NYC in Cincinnati, Ohio. One of our young men won first place in his age group and catagory at the 1997 NYC.

PRAY for your board, all our youth, our youth workers, and our Sunday School workers as we minister in the Lord's Kingdom. CONTACT your board, and let them work with YOU and your CHURCH in preparing folks to minister in the local church.

Irvin Asberry



June 6, 1998

WV FWB WNAC are just that - Women Active for Christ! The last year has been a very busy one. Our association hosted three major activities during the past twelve months.

**FALL RETREAT** - There were 144 ladies in attendance at our fall retreat held on September 5 and 6, 1997, at Camp Virgil Tate. Sis. Pat Franks developed the theme, "Growing Together in the Word." There was much time devoted to praise and worship as well as some lighthearted activities. No one left the same as they came.

SPRING LUNCHEON - Sophia FWB Auxiliary hosted our annual spring activity on April 25, 1998. Sixty-three ladies sang praise choruses and gave testimonies of the goodness of God. Sis. Cathy Barr shared with those in attendance on the theme, "Something Beautiful."

STATE CONVENTION - Our yearly convention convened at Bradley FWB Church on Saturday, May 16, 1998. There were forty-six ladies in attendance. Sis. Linda Grimes spoke on the theme, "One Soweth, Another Reapeth...Rejoice Together."

#### SPECIAL MISSIONS PROJECTS ADOPTED FOR 1997-1998

- We raised \$1,400 to purchase a moped for Pastor Jerome in Ivory Coast. The Lord provided a
  moped for approximately \$1,000. The excess funds were used to purchase cooking utensils for
  associational meetings. Previously, the missionaries had been borrowing them from unsaved
  villagers.
- 2. Hundreds of medicine bottles and film containers were collected and sent to the clinic in Ivory Coast.
- 3. We sent a van load of gifts to the missionary Provision Closet at the national offices.
- Bro. Russell Wright's truck was filled to the top with construction paper, scissors, markers, glue and other miscellaneous supplies as well as craft materials for Heritage FWB Church's 1998 Vacation Bible School

#### MISSION PROJECTS ADOPTED FOR THE COMING YEAR

#### FALL RETREAT - September 11 and 12, 1998 at Camp Virgil Tate

- 1. Baby gifts such as baby gowns, layette sets, blankets and cloth diapers are being collected for the missionaries to give as outreach gifts on the field in Ivory Coast.
- 2. We are gathering over-the-counter medicines such as Tylenol, aspirin, antacids and vitamins for Sis. Alice Smith to dispense from her home in Ivory Coast.
- 3. Those who would like to ease the clothing bill for Sis. Alice Smith are encouraged to bring
- 3-1/2 yards, 45" wide all cotton material with matching thread and zipper.

SPRING LUNCHEON - April 17, 1999 at Prince of Peace FWB Church

We will have a "Paper Shower" for Harvest FWB Child Care Ministry in Duffield, Virginia. Items being collected are: paper cups, paper plates, paper towels, napkins, aluminum foil and plastic wrap.

The women in West Virginia have always responded generously and enthusiastically whenever a challenge has been placed before them. The projects adopted for the coming year will be met with no less eagerness to share the blessings and bounties of God.

Pray that the many women's groups in West Virginia that are not members of our association will feel the need to join with us as we continue to share in the responsibility of sharing Christ with the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna (Jody) Sullivan

President



14-May-98

To: The West Virginia State Association:

Dear faithful supporters,

Due to the change in your State agenda this year, I am disappointed that I have not been afforded the opportunity to speak to you in person. Heart felt thanks and appreciation are extended to you for your 1997 giving of \$10,851.32. I trust that because I am out of sight this year I will not be out of mind. Your support is vital to the continuation of this child caring ministry.

Job loss, marital difficulties, and family breakdown are stressors to many homes. When these problems seem overwhelming abuse, neglect, and abandonment can occur. Harvest Child Care Ministries is making strides in combating these negative forces.

Harvest has been successfully dealing with the problems that face youth since 1993. The Departments of Social Services and Court Service Units and pastors have referred more than 300 children to this family setting. Harvest ministers to children, ages 5 to 18, which are victims of their circumstance. While meeting the children's physical needs is a priority, the ultimate goal, if possible, is to restore the original family through counseling, education, and spiritual guidance.

Every successful ministry has its own set of unique growing pains. With Harvest's favorable track record, theirs is a lack of facilities. Presently their homes in the Jasper and Stickleyville communities are full to capacity and children in need are being turned away. A remedy must be made!

The construction documents for a 24-bed Emergency Shelter has been completed. This two-home complex is to be constructed on our Stickleyville campus and will provide a safe haven for boys and girls in crisis situations. The shelter will be available day or night, even holidays and weekends. A complete staff of residential counselors and social workers will provide round-the-clock supervision. The children may remain at the shelter for 30 to 45 days, while an assessment of their needs is prepared. After this initial period, recommendations will be made for an appropriate, permanent placement for the child.

If you were a child who needed an ounce of hope, who needed an opportunity for a better life, who needed to know about the life-changing power of Jesus Christ, how much would you be willing to pay to receive it? Would \$715,000 be too great a cost? No, I think not!

Will you help Harvest Child Care Ministries provide this hope for children by making a contribution toward the Emergency Shelter Project? For your gift of \$1,000 a beautiful, decorative brick will be placed in "The Walkway of Hope" in your name. If you or your church is interested in this project, please contact me at the Advancement Office for more information.

Serving Christ through kids, Martha Stone

Advancement Coordinator

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## MINISTERS WITH THIRTY YEARS OR MORE REPORTED ON LETTERS

Huling Brown	40 yrs
Thomas Shaver	41 yrs
J.W. Cooper	
Lacy Cox, Sr	41 yrs
Clarence Campbell	39 yrs
James Mounts	32 yrs
James Lambert	32 yrs
Arvel Williamson	35 yrs
Elmer Nelson, Jr	41 yrs
A.C. Cox	42 yrs
Clarence Adkins	41 yrs
Joe Lane	32 yrs
Harold White, Sr	31 yrs
George Burns	37 yrs
Ray Taylor	49 yrs
Argil Maynard	33 yrs
Russell Nelson	41 yrs
William P. Vance	47 yrs
Marshall Kelley	38 yrs
Raymond Davis	35 yrs
Bernie Napier	45 yrs
Russell Watts	35 yrs 47 yrs
A.E. Persinger	47 yrs
Charles Donaldson	39 yrs
Darrell McNeeley	31 yrs
Edwin Hughes	34 yrs
Elza Cooper	39 yrs
Earl Pennington	36 yrs
Luther Bolon	34 yrs
Noah P. Adkins	35 yrs
Wentzel Ball	58 yrs
Luther Morgan	
Carl Vallance	59 yrs
W.C. Combs	55 yrs
Jackie Green	31 yrs
A.L. Hines	43 yrs
G.E. Huffman	40 yrs
Roscoe Lilly	35 yrs
Sherman Sizemore, Jr	38 yrs
George Speck	39 yrs
E.R. Tyree	49 yrs

Harold Underwood Wade Webb	
Roger West	45 yrs
Forest Cooper	
Cecil Woods	
W.F. Chapman	
John T. Vance	
Troy Tomblin	41 yrs
Freddie Coleman	45 yrs

## **OBITUARY REPORT**

## Beckley

Mae McNeal	Bethel Church
Sylvia Pettry	Bethel Church
Dennis Simmons	Bethel Church
Mae Black	Coal City Church
Edgar Stillwell	Herndon Church
Harrison Sizemore	Herndon Church
Edith Grey	Herndon Church
Cara Lee Miller	Kilsyth Church
Joanna Crumb Elliott	Kilsyth Church
Colen Angle	Lashmeet Church
James Mullins	Lighthouse Church
Dewey Harvey	Sprague Church
Clancy Mills	Ury Church

## Brotherhood

Mathias Adkins	Thomas Memorial Church
Dempsey Howard	Thomas Memorial Church
Debriel Berry	Central Church
Mae Crum	Central Church
Moline Childers	Central Church
Charlene Adkins	Thomas Memorial Church
Oddie Grizzel	Thomas Memorial Church
Doris Wilcox	Thomas Memorial Church
Virginia Napier	Faith Church
Margret Kale Burgess	Rt. 60 Church
Rubby Watts	
Clara Selby	Rt. 60 Church
Elmer Crrus	Young Chapel Church
Eula Parson	Young Chpael Church
Oral Miller	1st Altizer Church
Gazel Puska	Laurel Church
Nola Maynard	Laurel Church
Deacon Laurel Finley	
Gregory Allen Brown	Spring Dale Church
Lola Akers	Sunshine Church
Glen Ray Pyles	Sunshine Church

## OBITUARY REPORT CONTINUED

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Christian Fellowship Susan Boyd	Bright Star Church
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Alva Myers	Pisgah Church
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Barbara Craddock Mildred Gaylor Pauline Berry Mary Blackburn Tony Edner Other Dunbar Marie Logan Sherrie Williams	Pricehill Church Skelton Church Bradley Church Bradley Church Bradley Church Bradley Church Bradley Church Bradley Church
Freedom	
Roger Browning  Edna Mosley  Goldie Hunter  Mary Moore  Newman Scaggs	Crown Church Crown Church Mt. Carmel Church
Greenbrier County	
None Listed	
Greenbrier Nicholas	
Charles Lester Bertha Ayers Diane DeBoard *Rev. Bert Hoover Everette McClung Laura Thompson Elmer Hellems Chester Winals Jim McMann	Nile Chapel Church Reynolds Street Church Reynolds Street Church Reynolds Street Church Ward Road Church Ward Road Church Gordon Church

#### **OBITUARY REPORT CONTINUED**

Clifford Caldwell ...... Orient Hill Church Guyan Valley Matthew Carter ...... Mudfork Church Norma Conley ...... Mudfork Church Forrest Pridemore ...... Bethlehem Church **Huff Creek** Carolyn Adkins Jimmy Powell Risby Brumfield Gaynell Browning Colsmer Dalton Loyd Frye Fannie Williams Thelma Hager Daisy Stowers Lydia Napier Tennessee Perry Matilda Grimmett Jack Frye Roy Crum Estelle Lucas Eugene Maynard Wayne Tomblin Alice Vance Oley Runyon Kanawha Myrtle Allen ...... Slaughters Creek Church Letha King ...... Winifrede Church Venice Coleman ...... Carbon Church Edith Graley ..... Emmons Church Shilma Adkins ...... Winifrede Church

Jacquline Compton ...... Faith Church
Herman Ashworth ...... Faith Church

## **OBITUARIES REPORT CONTINUED**

## Liberty

None listed

## Logan

Susie Hood	Christian Hope Church
Ruby Tackett	Faith Temple Church
Earnest Dingess	Morning Star Church
Joe McGraw	Victory Church
Shirley Chafin	Victory Church
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Tribute for those who have outstripped us, read by Mary Miller.

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I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun, Of happy memories that I leave behind when day is done.

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Sophia, Sophia, WV	11-12-93
McCorkle, Sod, WV	10-11-94
Sunshine, Huntington, WV	7-8-96
Bonds Creek, Ellenboro, WV	6-7-97
	Bradley, Bradley, WV Loudendale, Rt. 2, Charleston, WV Ward Road, Canvas, WV Parsley Bottom, Lenore, WV Bradley, Bradley, WV Hope, Parkersburg, WV Sophia, Sophia, WV McCorkle, Sod, WV University of Charleston, Charleston, WV Sunshine, Huntington, WV Bonds Creek, Ellenboro, WV Heritage, Inwood, WV Mission Church

(NOTE) If these dates are not correct, contact either the Executive Board Member or the Clerk of conference you are desiring to attend.

#### DATES OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS

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 Meets on fourth Saturday in January, April, July and

Fellowship 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 Meets on Saturday before second Sunday in January, April,

County July and October.

Greenbrier Meets on Saturday before fourth Sunday in January, April,

Nicholas 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

Februray, 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.

#### DATES OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS CONTINUED

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 November.

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 Meets annually Friday & Saturday before second Sunday in

Association June.

## Program for the 54th Annual Session of the West Virginia State Association June 11, 12 1999

Loudendale Free Will Baptist Church Rt. 2, Charleston, WV

## THEME "Come, let Us Reason Together"

#### Agenda - Friday June 11, 1999

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 ministers/2 deacons
	Program Placement Committee - 7 members: 2 ministers, 1 deacon,
	and 4 delegates
	Executive Committee - 2 members at large from Executive Board
	Audit Committee - 5 members
	Nominating Committee - 5 ordained ministers
10:10	Group Session/Fellowship. Possible Committee Time.
11:10	Adjourn for Worship
	Devotional: Host church to choose
	Speaker - Rev. George Burns
12.15	Tomah

### Friday Afternoon Session

1:15	Devotional - Rev. Gary Hamilton
	Moderator calls session back to order
1:30	Obituary Report
1:40	Committee Reports/Questions and Answers
	Christian Education Board
	Missions
	Audit
	Promotional Director
2:00	Partial Business Committee Report
2:15	Executive Board Report
	Adjournment

#### Friday Night Session

7:00 Devotional - Rev. Ivan Asbury
Message - Rev. Tom Blake
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 12, 1999

9:00	Devotional - Rev. Charles Acord
9:10	Moderator calls session to order
9:15	Hand of Fellowship
9:25	National Executive Office Report
9:30	Harvest Child Care Ministeries Representative
9:40	College Report
	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. Roger Tolliver
	Speaker - Guest from National Association
12:00	Lunch
	Saturday Afternoon Session
1:15	Devotional - Rev. Dennis Vance
1:25	Moderator calls session to order
1:30	Program Placement Committee Report
1:35	Final Business Committee Report

Final Business Committee Report

Adjournment

1:50

#### Directions to Loudendale Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Box 275-B, Charleston, WV - Kanawha Conference

Coming from Beckley/Huntington and Logan areas, traveling East or West on I-64, take exit 95 East to MacCorkle Avenue for Motels and places to eat. Take the West off exit 95 to go to Loudendale church. Go down MacCorkle Avenue until you come to Watt Powell Ball Park, take road between Ball Park and McDonalds, go through narrow underpass, continue straight and go over narrow winding mountain road, you will come to another road and stop sign with church sign, turn left on road, church is short distance setting on hill to your left. Coming from I-77 or 79 take 35th street exit bridge turn right on MacCorkle Avenue and use same directions as above.

Motels:		Price:	
Knights INN Days INN	(304) 925-0451 (304) 925-1010	Single \$33.96 Standard	Double \$39.06
,		Double \$54.50	Executive Room \$59.50

Kanawha City Motor Lodge (304) 344-2461 Across from Memorial Hospital Single \$55.59 Double \$61.04 Hampton INN (304) 343-9300 Single \$77.82 Double \$82.87 1 Virginia Street West, Charleston, WV Also Holiday Inn and Marriott in Charleston, WV

Places to eat at Motel area: Bob Evans, McDonalds, Ponderosa, Burger King, Wendy's and a few more.

Camping at Kanawha State Park: (304)	558-3500
Water and Electric	
Without Water and Electric	\$11.00
Senior Citizens Water & Elect	\$13.50
Senior Citizens Without W/E	\$ 9.50

(NOTE) Prices subject to change on all listed above by State Meeting next June.